
East Alabama Association

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Free Will Baptist

MINUTES 1981

1. The body called to order by the Clerk if present, if not, the Assistant Clerk, if he be present, if not the body may select some other suitable member to act as Clerk.
2. Call for corresponding letters.
3. Invite visiting brethren to seat.
4. Appoint committees.
5. Morning Message.
6. Adjourn for Lunch.
7. Call for committee report.
8. Call for micellaneous or new business.
9. Election of officers at yearly association and appointing time and place for quarterly meeting.
10. Adjournment.

Order of Business of Women's Auxiliary Convention

1. Call to order by President.
2. Call for corresponding letters.
3. Have letters read and adopted and seat the delegates.
4. Have reading of previous meeting.
5. Old business.
6. New businesss.
7. Program by host church.
8. Election of officers at the yearly association.
9. Dismissed by prayer.

OFFICERS FOR YEAR 1982 — 1983

Moderator — Rev. David Kemper
Assistant Moderator — Rev. Ronnie Knighton
Clerk — Patricia Milling
Assistant Clerk — Guynette Barnett
East Alabama Mission Fund Treasurer — Ronald Olson
Youth Camp Directors — for Children — Rev. Ed Dukes
for Teens — Rev. Ronnie Knighton

TRUSTEE TO CHILDREN'S HOME

(Elected in August) — Rev. Roger Milling

GENERAL BOARD

This board is to be made up of pastors in the East Alabama Association. Rev. David Kemper, Rev. Jimmy Youngblood, Rev. B. P. Hayes, Rev. Huey Lacy, Rev. Ed Dukes, Rev. Henry Shellman, Rev. G. T. Wade.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5 Yr. — Rev. Ed Dukes	3 Yr. — Rev. B. P. Hayes
4 Yr. — Rev. Danny Ryals	2 Yr. — Bro. John Molina
1 Yr. Rev. Charles Allen	

ORDINATION COUNCIL

5 Yr. — Rev. Don Hartzog 3 Yr. — Rev. Danny Ryals
4 Yr. — Rev. Ronnie Knighton 2 Yr. — Bro. John Molina
1 Yr. — Rev. Charles Allen

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

5 Yr. — Rev. Danny Ryals 3 Yr. — Bro. Len Blanchard
4 Yr. — Sandra Hinton 2 Yr. — Bro. Gary Knighton
1 Yr. — Martha Caswell

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

1st Quareterly — May 8, 1982 — St. Mark
2nd Quarterly — August 14, 1982 — Opelika
3rd Quarterly — November 6, 1982 — First, Montgomery
Annual — February 12, 1983 — Unity

PASTORS AND CLERKS

First F W B Church

415 Perry Hill Road
Montgomery, Ala. 36109
Rev. Ed Dukes, Pastor
3810 Robbin Road
Montgomery, Ala. 36109
205-272-1419
Ruth Postlewait, Clerk
254 West Wilding Drive
Montgomery, Ala. 36106
205-288-3617

St. Mark F W B Church

1012-11th Street
Phenix City, Ala. 36867
Rev. David Kemper, Pastor
1215-23rd Court
Phenix City, Ala. 36867
205-297-5558
Lazelle Brown, Clerk
P.O. Box 2373
Phenix City, Ala. 36867
205-298-3783

Faith F W B Church

1406 Marvyn Highway
Opelika, Ala. 36801
Rev. Henry Shellman, Pastor
109-23rd Place
Phenix City, Ala. 36867
Diana Shellman, Clerk
109-23rd Place
Phenix City, Ala. 36867

St. Luke F W B Church

927-16th Street
Phenix City, Ala. 36867
Rev. O. C. Snow, Pastor
Route 2, Box 164-C
Phenix City, Ala. 36867
Nellie Harrelson, Clerk
927-16th Street
Phenix City, Ala. 36867
205-297-2681

First F W B Church

2502 Second Ave.
Opelika, Ala. 36801
205-745-7114
Marcel Lunn, Clerk
2502 Second Ave.
Opelika, Ala. 36801
205-745-5985
Rev. Huey Lacy, Pastor
1914-Second Ave.
Opelika, Ala. 36801
205-745-7114

Bethel F W B Church

Route 5, Box 764
Phenix City, Ala. 36867
Rev. B. P. Hayes, Pastor
Route 5, Box 1133
Phenix City, Ala. 36867
205-298-0790
Evon Kinney, Clerk
1704 Auburn Road
Phenix City, Ala. 36867
205-298-0362

St. James F W B Church

2009 Second Ave.
Phenix City, Ala. 36867
Rev. G. T. Wade, Pastor
903 Gateway Drive
Phenix City, Ala. 36867
205-297-3040
Dorothy Jones, Clerk
2313 Midway Drive
Phenix City, Ala. 36867
205-297-2664

Unity F W B Church

804 West Pine Street
Sylacauga, Ala. 35150
Rev. Jimmy Youngblood, Pastor
1015 Magnolia Drive
Sylacauga, Ala. 35150
205-245-4520
Kathy Holmes, Clerk
Route 7, Box 845-B
Sylacauga, Ala. 35150
205-249-3644

First Quarterly Meeting — May 9, 1981 — White Rock

The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Huey Lacy and a congregational song, "My Redeemer", led by Bro. Otis Lynn with Sis. Martha Thornton, pianist. After another song, "I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian", was sung, Rev. Danny Ryals welcomed everyone to White Rock Church. The meeting was called to order by the clerk. The minutes were read by the clerk, and there was a move and second to accept as read. This was carried. The combined report was read and approved as read. The assistant clerk, Sis. Martha Thornton read the list of delegates from the churches. It was moved to seat the delegates as corrected. This was seconded and carried. Rev. Jimmy Youngblood brought the moderator's message from II Chronicles 5:1-6, and verse 14. His topic was "House Full of Glory". Bro. Youngblood said that we need to have reverence for the house of God and have a new spirit of dedication and direction. After the message, Bro. Youngblood appointed Bro. Huey Lacy to sit in on the Ordination Council. For the Business & Finance Committee he appointed Bro. H. L. Parker, Bro. James Brown, Bro. Lester Thornton, Sis. Lora Cagle, Bro. J. D. Keeter, Bro. Charlie Jones, Bro. David Terry, Bro. Curtis Greer, Bro. Gene Pitzer. After the appointment of the committees, the meeting was dismissed in prayer for lunch.

Afternoon Session:

The afternoon session opened with a congregational song, "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story". After prayer, Rev. Danny Ryals introduced Rev. J. W. Poole from Live Oak Baptist Church, who preached the message. His text was II Chronicles 7:14, and his main thoughts were that America needs healing from their number one sickness - pride. Bro. Danny Ryal brought a devotional from II Timothy 1:7. He said that the church needs to have: (1) Salvation, (2) Strength, (3) Separation, (4) Study, and (5) Surety.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Children's Home Report:**

parents on a long — term basis and an assistant superintendent. There are five students who want to attend Liberty Christian Academy this next year. Tuition will increase by \$100.00 this year. It will be \$700 per student.

Weems Rd 2WB
3400 Weems Rd
Columbus, Ga 31904
Rev. Danny Ryals, Pastor
298-2016

The home needs several sponsors who will help in this need. Report received as information.

East Alabama Mission Report:

Bro. Ron Olson gave the report as follows:

Balance in bank last report	\$2,610.34
Received since last report00

Balance in Bank as of April 30, 1981	\$2,610.34
(signed) Ron Olson, Treas.	

Board of Christian Education:

The board is to meet at First F W B Church of Opelika on May 23 at 6:30 Ala. Time, 7:30 Ga. Time. There is not a definite date set yet for youth camp. We are looking for another camp. Will let the churches know at a later date where it will be and when. Move and seconded to accept this report as read, carried.

Business and Finance Report:

Church	Fees	Children's Home	Youth Camp
St. Mark	20.00	(sent 25.00 directly)	
1st Montgomery	20.00	25.00	
1st Opelika	20.00	5.00	
Faith	20.00	25.00	
Bethel	20.00	—	
White Rock	20.00	25.00	
St. James	20.00	12.00	
Unity	20.00	25.00	
St. Luke	20.00	—	
Totals	\$180.00	\$117.00	00

We recommend that we take up a love offering for the speaker. Move, seconded, carried. (Offering was \$41.00).

Sis. Wanda Moore asked the ladies to get her address and to consider starting a woman's auxiliary. This was accepted as information.

Ordination Council Report:

We recommend that we give Rev. Kenneth Driggers a letters of good standing to the Florida State Line Association. Moved, seconded, carried.

It was moved to change the November District Association Meeting up to October 31st due to the State Association

being held November 5, 6, and 7. Seconded, carried. It was moved to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Seconded, carried. Bro. Poole gave in testimony just prior to adjournment. Move, seconded to adjourn, carried.

1981 FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Brought Forward	\$36.13
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Received for fees:

Montgomery	\$15.00	
Sylacauga (Unity)	33.00	
St. James	9.00	
		57.00

Received for District Project

Montgomery	25.00	
Sylacauga	25.00	
St. James	25.00	
		75.00

Received for State Project

Montgomery	20.00	
Sylacauga	20.00	
St. James	20.00	
		60.00

Offering for Speakers

Montgomery	5.00	
Sylacauga	5.00	
St. James	5.00	
		15.00

Special morning offering received at District meeting	23.00
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President's and Secretary-Treasurer's mailing expense

St. James	2.00	
Unity	2.00	
Montgomery	2.00	
		6.00

Total in Bank	\$272.13
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Paid Out

District Project (Home Mission)	75.00
State Convention for fees	47.50
Cost for printing minutes	10.00
Gift for speaker of the day	15.00
State Project	60.00
Special offering - Children's Home	23.00
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Total Disbursed	\$230.50
Total money received	236.00
Total money in bank	272.13
Total money disbursed	230.50
Balance in bank	41.63

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Appreciation Committee:**

We the appreciation committee would like to say that we do appreciate the hospitality and Christian fellowship that we shared today. We have all received a blessing from the talks, songs and the message that was brought today. We enjoyed the good meal that was prepared and would like to give Montgomery a rising vote of thanks.

Wanda Moore
Deloris Moore
Maggie Barriett

We the Business Committee recommend the following:

1. Accept the letter of withdrawal from Opelika Auxiliary and ask the field worker if she would contact them by letter.
2. Special offering received today goes to the Children's Home. \$23.00 accepted.
3. President-Dimple Carden, Vice-President-Nita Pitzer, Secretary-Treasurer-Lois Hibbs, Field worker-Dee Moore.
4. District meeting 2nd Saturday in April (April 10, 1982).

Betty Youngblood, Chairman
Kay Pursell
Etta Jones

Finance Committee:

	Fees	State	District	Speaker	Mail. Ex.
Montgomery	15.00	20.00	25.00	5.00	2.00
St. James	9.00	20.00	25.00	5.00	2.00
Sylacauga	33.00	20.00	25.00	5.00	2.00
Special offering received at meeting: 23.00.					
TOTAL RECEIVED: \$236.00.					

DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY**1981 Officers**

President	Dimple Carden
108 21st lnce, Phenix City, Alabama 36867	
Vice-President	Juanita Pitz
2758 Argyle Road, Montgomery, Alabama	
Secretary-Treasurer	Lois Hibbs
1213 Devonshire Drive, Montgomery, Alabama 36116	
Field Worker	Deloris Moore
P. O. Box Sylacauga, Alabama 35150	

The morning message was brought by Bro. John Molina of Montgomery Church. Scripture reading Genesis 14, 18 & 20. If you want to be Blessed just be used by the Lord. God changes people when they accept Him. Bro. Molina said the auxiliary is Blessing and fellowship. The Lord desires His people to get together and enjoy God's Blessing and fellowship. Jeremiah 7:23 - Obey my voice and I shall be your God and you shall be my people. Nothing is complete without accepting the Lord. Bro. John dismissed for lunch with prayer and asked God's Blessing on the food.

After lunch the body met back in the auditorium with congregational singing "Showers of Blessing" led by Regina Hartzog. Prayer by Sis. Etta Jones.

Special music "Thanks To Him" by Regina Hartzog and Bessie Carr. Skit was given by Host Church and enjoyed by all.

The banner was presented to St. James Auxiliary with the highest percentage of members present.

Committee reports given. (See attached sheets).

Delegates to the State meeting as follows:

Mary Payne
Betty Youngblood
Dee Moore
Nita Pitzer
Lois Hibbs
Carolyn Malina
Dimple Carden
Etta Jones

A motion was made and carried to have each auxiliary

send offering for the money tree to the State meeting.

The installation of new officers by Dorothy Jones.

This District meeting was changed to be held on the 2nd Saturday in April. (April 10, 1982).

Special offering received today, 23.00 will be sent to the Children's Home.

The field worker was asked to contact Opelika Church about their letter of resignation.

Dismissed with Prayer by the President Sis. Dimple Carden.

THEME: "Blessed To Be A Blessing". Scripture Genesis 12:2B.

The East Alabama District Convention met at First Free-will Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama, April 19, 1981.

The meeting began with congregational singing and prayer. The meeting was called to order by the President, Sister Dimple Carden. Welcome by Host Church.

The Presidents message, Genesis 12:2B "I Will bless thee and thou shalt be a blessing". Sister Dimple Carden named some personal blessings, that she is thankful for. She also gave some thoughts on what each letter in the word "Blessing" meant to her. If we are faithful to God, people will see it and we can be an inspiration or blessing to them.

Letters were read by Nita Pitzer and Dorothy Jones. The delegates were seated by the President. The secretary and treasurer's report was read by the secretary, and accepted by the body.

Appointment of Committees by the President:

Business Committee

Sisters: Betty Youngblood - Chairman
Kay Russell — Etta Jones

Finance Committee

Lois Hibbs - Chairman
Mary Payne — Lillie Mae Jones

Appreciation Committee

Sisters: Wanda Moore - Chairman
Mattie Barret — Delores Moore

Old Business:

Sister Dimple Carden reminded everyone of the State meeting to be held May 2, at Red Bay, Alabama.

New Business:

The prayer retreat, on May 15-16 was announced.

The East Alabama District Woman's Auxiliary meeting will be held with Unity Freewill Baptist Church in 1982. The meeting will be held with 1st Freewill Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama in 1983.

Speakers:

Topic I - Blessed to Be A Blessing in the Church-Nita Pitzer-Montgomery.

Topic II - Blessed to be A Blessing in the Home - Etta Jones-St. James.

Topic III - Blessed to be A Blessing in the Community and at work - Dee Moore - Unity.

Dismissed in Prayer for a short break.

After break we met back in the auditorium.

Special music: Sis. Wanda Moore of Sylacauga sang "And Mary Cried". Prayer by Sister Dorothy Jones. The morning offering was taken at this time by Brother Herbert Jones and Charlie Jones.

Second Quarterly Meeting — August 8, 1981

First F. W. B., Opelika

The meeting opened with prayer, and Rev. Huey Lacy welcomed the people and gave information about the church. Rev. Ronnie Knighton led in congregational singing, with Sis. June Hayes at the piano. The songs were "At The Cross", and "There is Power in the Blood". Rev. Don Hartzog introduced Rev. Ed Dukes, new pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church in Montgomery. The clerk called the meeting to order, after which there was a brief testimony service. The minutes were read and approved as read, and the corresponding letters were read and approved and the delegates seated. Rev. Jimmy Youngblood, Moderator, brought an inspirational message from Revelation 2:10: He said we should be faithful in (1) time; (2) talent; (3) tithes. The Moderator appointed the following committees: Ordination Council - Bro. Carlton Killingsworth was appointed to sit on the Ordination Council.

Board of Christian Education — it was decided that the three members present would do for that meeting. Business and Finance: Sis. Sandra Hinton, Bro. Charlie Barnett, Bro. Lester Thornton, Bro. Robert Caswell, Bro. J. D. Keeter, Bro. Charlie Jones, Sis. Gayle Robertson, Bro. Alvin Greer, and Bro. Gene Pitzer. After a congregational song, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms", Sis. Martha Caswell and Bro. Otis Lynn sung a special, "Had It Not Been". Bro. Lacy introduced Rev. Randy Guyton, who brought the morning message. His text was Ephesians 4:29, and his thoughts were based on the subject, "Confessions You Never Ought To Make." These three confessions were infirmities, weaknesses, and to say that we can't. Bro. Lacy told the church about the eating and restroom facilities, and we were dismissed in prayer by Rev. David Kemper.

The afternoon session opened with a special by Becky Milling entitled "I Will Meet You In The Morning", and a special by Lee, Len, and Joe Hayes and a friend of theirs entitled "The Wedding Invitation".

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East Alabama Missions Report:

Balance last report	\$2,610.34
Received - Interest	68.85

New Balance	\$2,679.19
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Report given by Ronald Olson, Treasurer. This report was received as information. Seconded, carried.

Board of Christian Education Report:

We have no written report. The Youth Rally will be September 12 at 6:30 Alabama Time, 7:30 Georgia Time at White Rock Free Will Baptist Church. Approximately 80 youth intend to go. The Youth Camp Evangelist will be Wayne Best. Move and second to receive this report as information. Carried.

Business and Finance Report:

Church	Fees	Children's Home
St. James	20.00	50.00
White Rock	20.00	25.00
St. Mark	20.00	25.00
Unity	20.00	25.00
Bethel	20.00	—
Faith	20.00	5.00
First - Montgomery	20.00	25.00
First - Opelika	20.00	5.00
St. Luke	20.00	—
Totals	\$180.00	\$160.00

The Financial Report was read and approved as read with a move, and second. Carried. The Business Committee recommended that everyone support the Children's Home as much as possible. We appreciate the raise from \$5.00 per quarter to \$25.00 per quarter by the churches. We encourage the churches to sign the petition to help keep the Children's Home open.

There was a move and second to receive a love offering for the guest speaker. Carried. (The offering was 61.32.) Bro. Pitzer asked the blessing on this offering.

Church	Fees	Children's Home
Unity	20.00	25.00
Bethel	20.00	
1st Opelika	20.00	
St. Mark	20.00	25.00
Faith	20.00	25.00
St. James	20.00	25.00
St. Luke	20.00	
Montgomery	20.00	25.00
White Rock	20.00	25.00
	\$180.00	\$150.00

It was moved to receive this report as read. Seconded, carried.

4. Mission Fund Report:

Balance last report	\$2,679.19
Received	0.00

New Balance as of October 31, 1981	\$2,679.19
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It was moved to adjourn. Seconded, carried. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Robert Cawell.

Children's Home Report:

We have 7 children who will go to Liberty Christian Academy this year, at a cost of \$700.00 per child. We will have two in Free Will Baptist College, at a cost of about \$4,000. They have been working during the past summer to help and will work at college. The financial condition is the lowest in several years. July 1980 Balance - \$9,407.95; July 1981 - between \$4,000 and \$5,000 in the red. (Need that much to break even). The cost per child at our home is approximately \$7,000 per child per year, and the average at the Children's Home in Greenville, Tennessee is \$10,000. Report given by Rev. Roger Milling. Move to accept as information. Seconded, carried.

Ordination Council Report:

(1) We recommend that we give Rev. Henry Shellman of Landmark F. W. B. Church a letter of good standing to the Twin Cities Association. Move, second, carried. (2) We recommend that we accept Rev. Prentice Edward Dukes pending a letter in good standing from his association. Move, second, and carried. (3) We recommend that the following requirements for the offices of Deacon and Minister be adopted:

1. Cannot have but one living wife.
2. Must tithe. (10% of their income).
3. Must attend all services of their local church faithfully.
4. Cannot use or handle alcohol or use tobacco.
5. Must read his Bible faithfully.
6. Must pray faithfully.
7. Cannot use off-color language.
8. Must have a good reputation concerning his financial obligation.

It was moved and seconded to adopt this item. Carried by a two-thirds majority of 34 for; 17 against.

The Clerk's report was read. It was moved and seconded to accept as read. Carried. Rev. Rodger Milling was re-elected to the Board of Trustees to the Children's Home. Delegates to the State Association are James Allen, Dee Moore, Elsie Mae Hale, Gene Pitzer, Juanita Pitzer, Martha Caswell, Guynette Barnette, Pat Milling and alternates June Hayes, David Mill-

ing, and Betty Youngblood.

It was moved and seconded to have a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality shown by the host church. Carried. It was mentioned that the State Association will furnish dinner Thursday and Friday. Everyone else will have to furnish everything else for themselves. August 20, 21, and 22 there will be a Christian Film Festival at St. Mark sponsored by the young people. It will be held at 7:30 Thursday and Friday nights, and 7:00 on Saturday night. After no other business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn. Carried. Dismissed in prayer.

Third Quarterly Meeting — October 31, 1981**Unity F.W. B. Church**

The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. David Kemper, and congregational songs led by Rev. Ronnie Knighton, with Myrna Owens, pianist. The welcome was given by Rev. Jimmy Youngblood. The minutes and combined report was read and approved as read, and the delegates seated. Rev. Youngblood, moderator, brought a devotional from Romans 13:11-14. His thoughts were based on the question, "What time is it? It is time to wake up for Christians". He said the number one priority for Christians is to win souls. Bro. Youngblood appointed Bro. Ronald Olson and Bro. Robert Caswell to sit in on the Ordination Council. The Business and Finance Committee was appointed as follows: Sis. Alice Wood, Chairperson, Bro. H. L. Parker, Bro. James Brown, Bro. J. D. Keeter, Sis. Carolyn Harris, Bro. Gene Pitzer. After the congregational song, "Glory To His Name", Bro. Pitzer introduced Rev. Ed Dukes from First F. W. B. Church of Montgomery, who brought the morning message. His text was Psalms 28:1-3, and his thoughts were based on praying to Jesus for our needs and desires, and not having anything to do with the wicked. We were dismissed for lunch in prayer by Bro. Youngblood.

Afternoon Session:

The afternoon session opened with specials by the Unity Youth Choir singing "He Was There All The Time", "I'm Gonna Wear A Crown", and "Tell Me Why Did Jesus Die On

Calvary" by Danny Hughes and Becky Milling "I Am Loved". Rev. Huey Lacy Brought the afternoon devotional from I Peter 5:3 entitled "Feeding the Flock". It was moved, seconded and carried to receive an offering for the guest speaker. The amount received was 35.00. There was a moment of silent prayer in memory of Rev. Pickett Knighton.

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Children's Home Report:

The licensing board for the social workers has ruled that the social workers must have a master's degree or that the Children's Home social worker must consult with a worker who has a master's degree. The Children's Home hired a consultant for \$50.00 per month (two hours twice a month). The financial condition is still bad. We hope giving will increase in November and December. About 200 names were turned in on a petition to keep the Home open, (from East Alabama) and several petitions were received from other Districts. None were for closing the home. However, when the Board of Trustees were polled, taking into consideration the financial condition, the vote was split down the middle. Please keep in mind this was only a straw vote in order to get the opinion of those present at the Board Meeting. It carried no official action.

This report was given by Rev. Roger Milling, Trustee, and received as information.

Board of Christian Education:

There will be a youth rally at St. Mark F. W. B. Church on December 12 at 6:00. No other business to report. This item received as information.

Business and Finance Report:

We recommend that the rules concerning ordination of ministers and deacons that were adopted at the last meeting be incorporated into the By-Laws. Second. 27 for, 18 against. This item failed to pass because the By-Laws requires a 2/3 majority vote. Item 2. Sis. Sandra Hinton was nominated to replace Sis. Barbara Meadows on the Board of Christian Education. Carried. Item 3. It was moved to give the host church a rising votes of thanks for their hospitality. Seconded, carried.

24th Annual Meeting — February 13, 1982

Frist F. W. B. Church, Montgomery

The meeting opened with song, "Have Faith in God", with Sis. Bessie Carr, pianist, and Lois Hibbs, organist. Prayer by Bro. Len Blanchard. Welcome by pastor of the Montgomery Church, Rev. Ed Dukes. After a song, "Blessed Assurance", the clerk called the meeting to order. The combined report and the previous minutes were read, and approved as read, and the delegates seated. Rev. Ronnie Knighton brought a devotional from Psalms 32:1-11. He said people whose sins are forgiven are happy people. We have something to be happy about. The committees were appointed by the moderator (assistant-Ronnie Knighton) as follows: **Business & Finance:** J. D. Keeter, Ron Olson, Gene Pitzer, Charles Barnett, and Robert Caswell. **Ordination Council:** Bro. Knighton appointed Otis Lynn and Ed Dukes to sit on the Ordination Council. The members of the Board of Christian Education were all present. **Deceased Committee:** Jackie Kemper, Gynnette Barnett, and June Hayes. **Sabbath Day Observance Committee:** Juanita Pitzer, Lora Cagle, and Beatrice Austin. **Temperance Committee:** Wanda Moore, Elsie Hale, and Deloris Moore. There was a special by a group from Montgomery Church entitled "Standing On The Rock". The group included Bro. John Molina, Angie Dukes and Mia Molina, assisted by Sis. Carr. Bro. Knighton introduced Rev. Jimmy Youngblood, who brought the morning message. His text was Nehemiah 2:6, and he asked the question, "How long is the journey?". He compared this life with the life-span of Christ, and the journey for Christians.

Afternoon Session:

The afternoon session opened with congregational singing, after which Bro. John Molina sang "He". A testimony service followed.

REPORTS

Business & Finance Report:

Church	Fees	Children's Home
Bethel	20.00	
St. James	20.00	25.00
St. Mark	20.00	25.00
Unity	20.00	25.00
Montgomery	20.00	25.00
Faith	20.00	25.00
1st Opelika	20.00	5.00
St. Luke	20.00	
Totals	\$160.00	\$130.00

We the Business Committee, recommend that we take a love offering for our speaker today. Moved, seconded, carried. (32.75) **Sabbath Day Observance Report:** We, the Sabbath Day Observance Committee believe Leviticus 16:31: "It shall be a sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls, by a statute forever. Forget not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is." **Temperance Report:** We, the Temperance Committee submit before this body that we should abstain from all strong drink and set an example to our brethren and the lost. Proverbs 23:20,21. **Deceased Report:** E. V. Boone and Nolan Ryals from White Rock; Masie Lunsford from First F. W. B. of Opelika; Hattie Wilder from Unity; Mae Hathaway and Elmer Everidge from St. Mark; Olive Thomason from Bethel; and Rev. P. E. Knighton from St. James. It was moved and seconded to have a moment of silent prayer in memory of the deceased. Prayer by Rev. Danny Ryals. **Christian Education Board Report:** It was announced that ages 6-12 would be allowed to attend Youth Camp the last week of June, and that ages 13 and up would attend the last of July.

March 13th at 5:00 P.M., Sylacauga time, there will be a Youth Rally at Unity F. W. B. Church in Sylacauga. It was suggested that each church post a list of types of workers needed for the Youth Camp. Children who might attend are encouraged to raise money for their expenses. **Ordination Council Report:** 1. We would like to recommend that the rules that were adopted for Licensing or Ordinaing preachers or deacons be put in the minutes each year. Move, seconded, carried. 2. After examination by the Ordination Council, we recommend that James Earl Allen and Len Blanchard be licensed to preach the Gospel. Move and seconded, carried. **Mission Fund Report:** Balance in bank last report: \$2,679.19. We received in interest: 71.84. Total on hand as of January 31, 1982: \$2,751.03. (Signed Ronald H. Olson. **Children's Home Report:** Bro. Milling reported that December was a record month for giving to the home (\$40,000), and was also a record month for spending (17,000 & the \$11,000 from savings). Mrs. Brock, social worker, took a position at a methodist Home in Louisiana. She was replaced by Wanda Lowery, who only works three days per week. This will save over \$3,000 per year. At the State Association Meeting in November the body voted for the State Executive Board to do more in-depth study and report its findings at the next State Meeting in November, 1982. This report was received as information. A motion was made for the Moderator to appoint a committee to study each officer's duties and give a job description outline. Move, seconded, carried. **Election of Officers:** see page 1. There was a move and second to give a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality shown by the Montgomery Church. Carried. Dismissed in prayer.

CLERK'S REPORT

Old Balance - November, 1980	\$794.97
Received, Fees, — Feb. 81	200.00
May 81	180.00
Aug. 81	180.00
Nov. 81	180.00
Love Offering Feb. 81	27.03
Children's Home	5.00
District Auxiliary - Minutes, 80 & 81	20.00
Total Received	\$1,587.00
Paid Out	
Love Offering - Bro. Ed Ledlowe	102.03
Children's Home	5.00
Clerk Feb. 81	25.00
May 81	25.00
Aug. 81	25.00
Nov. 81	25.00
Cook Printing Co. (Minutes)	206.70
Flowers for Rev. E. P. Knighton	26.50
State Association - ees	90.00
Total Paid Out	\$530.23
Total on Hand	\$1,587.00
Less Paid Out	— 530.23
Balance on Hand - Nov. 30, 1981	\$1,056.77

CHURCH DECORUM

1. The church may choose a pastor annually or as determined necessary by the church, or if they prefer they may call a pastor for in indefinite length of time.

2. The pastor, if he is an ordained Free Will Baptist minister, shall be moderator of all church conferences. When he is absent or does not serve, the Chairman of the Board of Deacons shall serve in his place, and in his absence some other suitable brother may be selected by majority vote of the congregation.

3. There shall be one or more deacons in the church whose duty it shall be to assist the pastor in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

4. Some suitable member shall be appointed clerk and it shall be his duty to do all the recording and other writing pertaining to the business of the church and to preserve a file of minutes of the church.

5. When a new clerk is appointed, all books, etc. belonging to the clerk shall be immediately delivered to him by his predecessor.

6. It shall be the duty of every member, male and female, to attend each conference meeting if they can, for on that day the pastor is expected to instruct the church in spiritual manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine, discipline and the rule of holy living.

7. Conference shall be opened and conducted as follows: 1. Prayer (unless divine service has been conducted). 2. Invite visiting brethren to sit with us. 3. Open door of church for reception of members. 4. Acknowledgments. 5. References or deferred business. 6. Matters of dealing which are in order to come before the church. 7. Miscellaneous business. 8. Adjournment.

8. Visiting brethren who are called in as helpers from sister churches shall be allowed to speak and make motions or second motions, but will not be allowed to vote.

9. Any orderly member of another church who does hold this church in membership, may be received into the church without a letter, when it is made apparent that his Christian character is unimpeachable, and that he has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he desired to join this or some sister church. All other members must join by letter or baptism.

10. No member shall be received without the majority of the members present, but unreasonable objections shall not be valid and unless withdrawn the member who makes them shall be liable to be taken under dealing by the church.

11. No member shall be expelled unless he has been cited verbally or in writing to attend this trial provided his residence be known to the church.

12. The evidence in every case of dealing and acknowledgment shall be recorded in the minutes in the church books.

13. Members dismissed from the church by letter, who become disorderly or continue to hold their letter without a good reason, shall be cited to the conference to answer for their conduct.

14. Expelled members may be restored to fellowship on their petition, if their walk since expulsion has convinced the church that they have sincerely repented of their former evil.

15. A vote shall not be taken on any question without being moved and seconded and all important questions must be moved and seconded and the vote taken by members rising to their feet, and all votes taken by count.

16. No other motion shall be considered while a previous motion and Second is before the conference.

17. It shall be considered disorderly for a member to be absent from conference when an important question is to be decided; but a member, upon his request, may be excused by the church from voting on either side in particular cases.

18. No member shall leave the house during conference without a sufficient cause nor engage in conversation or whispering without being subject to being called by the moderator.

19. All discussion in conference must be conducted with calmness and good faith; those who speak must rise to their feet and address the moderator, and keep to the point in debate.

20. No one shall speak more than three times on the motion without permission of the moderator, nor shall the remarks of anyone be unreasonable long.

21. When the moderator speaks he must nominate some other brother in his stead.

22. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it is necessary to call the speaker to order.

23. It shall be the rule of the church to attend to the administration of the Lord's Supper and feet washing at least once a year and the expenses are to be paid by the church.

24. Members not in good standing shall not commune, but the administration shall not be deferred on account of any.

25. Public fasting, humiliation and prayer shall be observed on proper occasions.

26. This Decorum may be amended or altered by the vote of two thirds of the members present at any two successive monthly conferences.

27. Any member who is absent from his church for six months shall be placed on inactive roll until he returns and proves himself to the satisfaction of the church.

BY-LAWS

1. The East Alabama Association of Free Will Baptist and its members adopt the treatise of the national association of Free Will Baptists in faith and practice.

2. The clerk and assistant clerk, or in their absence, the senior minister in years shall call the association into conference, and if a quorum is present the moderator or in his absence, the assistant moderator shall take charge; and if neither of these is present, the senior minister in years shall act as moderator.

3. It shall be the duty of the clerk to enroll the delegates to the association. These delegates shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to their seats therein, and those enrolled by the clerk shall compose the association. In case of questionable representation, however, the cases under question shall be referred to the credential committee.

4. It shall be the duty of every body belonging to this association to send a letter to every annual session of this association reporting in the same spiritual condition, benevolent work and statistics. Any body belonging to this association which fails to report itself for two successive sessions may be dismissed from the association by a two thirds vote of all members present.

5. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer and shall be closed with prayer.

6. By a two thirds vote of all members present a ruling of the moderator can be overruled.

7. This association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

8. This association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go in a committee as a whole.

9. Any person not a member of this association may be allowed to take part in it discussion by obtaining permission from the moderator.

10. It shall be the duty of all members of the association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting.

11. No member shall absent himself from the association during its meeting without first obtaining permission from the moderator.

12. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.

13. The moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

14. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation "Brother Moderator", but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.

15. The "yeas" and "nays" may be counted on any question by request of one fifth of the members present.

16. No member of this Association shall be allowed to speak more than five minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission from the moderator.

17. It shall be the duty of the moderator to seat delegates in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of the business section.

18. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

19. Minutes of the last Association meeting shall be read and adopted at the beginning of each session.

20. Licensured Free Will Baptist preachers may be ordained after having been licensed for one year. The only exception shall be when a pro-

perly licensed preacher (FWB) is called to pastor a Free Will Baptist Church then he may be ordained before the year is completed.

21. Any church desiring the service of the Ordaining Council between conferences must bear the expenses of the council.

22. Any minister coming to this association bring letter of recommendation from his association.

23. This association shall not consider for ordination any man who does not pay tithes, or any man who has been divorced and remarried, if first wife is still living.

24. Each pastor shall be accepted by the ordination council before being placed on any board of permanent committee.

25. A minister coming to this association for the first time shall bring a photostatic copy of his ordination papers, or some proof of his having been ordained as a Free Will Baptist. Such papers shall be kept by the clerk.

A minister coming from a local church not a member of an association be examined by the ordination council.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Holy Bible. The Scriptures of the Old Testament were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rules of faith and practice. 2 Peter 1:18-21, 2 Tim. 3:16-17.

2. God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the Universe; and in the Scripture as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey. Deut. 6-4; 1 Cor. 8:4; Jer. 10:10; Jun. 7:28; 2 Cor. 1:19; 1 Tim. 6:17.

3. Christ. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified. He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever-present savior and Lord. Isa. 45:21; Jn. 4:42; Rev. 22:13; 1 Jn. 5:20; 1 Tim. 3:16.

4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attribute of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men. Jn. 16:13; 1 Cor. 2:11; Acts 13:2; Jn. 16:8.

5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace not otherwise provided for as the highest welfare of man requires. Ps. 19:12; Psa. 145:10; Acts 1:28; Psa. 22:28.

6. The Sinfulness of Man. Man created innocent, but in disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore, inherit a fallen nature of tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God. Deut. 30:19; Ezek. 33:11; Jer. 44:4; Psa. 5:15; Jn. 6:44.

7. The Work of Christ. The son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full, free and is the ground of salvation by faith. 2 Col. 2:8-10; Jn. 3:3; Col. 2:8-10; Jn. 16:30; Jn. 3:13; Isa. 9:6.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death. Rom. 10:10; Acts. 16:31; Heb. 11:16; Rev. 2:10; Jn. 15:9.

9. Election. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect. Rom. 11:5-7-28; Rom. 9:11.

10. Freedom of the Will. Human will is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the spirit or to resist them and perish. Rev. 22-17; Jn. 11-12.

11. Salvation Free. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely. 2 Col. 13:14; Matt. 11:28; Isa. 45:22; Rev. 22:17; 1 Tim. 2:4.

12. Gospel Ordinances. BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; Feet Washing, is an ordinance teaching humility of universal obligation, and is to be administered to all true believers. Matt. 28-19; Col. 2:12; Acts 8:36-39; M. 1:5; Rom. 6:4; Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16-21; John 13:1-17.

13. Tithing. God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament. Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." (1 Cor. 16:2).

14. The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from the secular employments and amusements for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God. Gen. 2:3; Mk. 2:27; Ex. 20:8-11; Neh. 9:14; Lk. 24-1-6.

15. Resurrection. Judgment and final Retribution. The Scripture teaches the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to all the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." Eccl. 12:7; Phil. 1:23; Lk. 23:43; Matt. 17:3; Matt. 10:28; Acts 1:11; Matt. 28:6; Jn. 5:28-29; Acts 24:15; 1 Cor. 15:22; Rev. 20:12; Rom. 2:16; Matt. 25:46; 2 Thess. 1:8-10; Rom. 2:23; 2 Pat. 1:11; Mk. 3:29; Matt. 13:41-43; Rom. 2:6-10; Act 17:31.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ORDINATION OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS

1. Cannot have but one living wife.
2. Must tithe (10% of their income).
3. Must attend all services of their local church faithfully.
4. Cannot use or handle alcohol or use tobacco.
5. Must read his Bible faithfully.
6. Must pray faithfully.
7. Cannot use off-color language.
8. Must have a good reputation concerning his financial obligations.

Church	Members Added	Members Lost	Total Membership	Sunday School Membership	Average Attendance	Members	Avg. Attendance	Woman's Aux. Members	Average Attendance	Master's Men Members	Average Attendance	Total Receipts	Pastor's Salary	Const. & Remodeling	Other Local Expend.	Total Local Expend.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Children's Home etc.	Total Outside Causes	Value of Parsonage	Value of all Church Prop.
St. Mark	3	17	137	48	55	46	35	—	—	—	—	23,920	9,360	1,500	11,965	13,465	19	—	—	245	40,000	200,000
St. James	10	5	147	35	22	—	—	7	6	5	4	8,700	1,910	—	4,700	9,400	—	—	—	—	—	150,000
Bethel	1	3	55	24	—	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,530	3,672	810	5,012	60	—	—	6,978	30,000	
Unity	28	6	254	99	93	56	43	22	10	—	—	40,000	14,560	4,255	15,849	37,248	—	—	227	227	80,000	180,000
1st Montgomery	4	0	43	39	30	34	26	12	9	6	6	20,565	4,050	629	4,296	18,585	381	310	180	1,261	35,000	155,000
1st Opelika	12	1	129	67	49	48	38	—	—	—	—	13,249	3,224	1,355	1,763	6,617	—	—	—	—	75,000	
Faith	89,000	—	1	87	34	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	12,341	3,120	4,430	4,569	12,119	109	862	1,962	—	
St. Luke	15,000	10	2	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	931	—	1,353	—	—	—	—	—	
Totals	874,000	68	35	818	346	274	208	142	41	25	11	10	118,775	38,841	15,841	45,305	102,446	560	310	1,851	10,678	155,000

CHURCH	ST MARK	ST JAMES	BETHEL	UNITY	1ST METHUEN	1ST OPHELIA	FAITH	ST LUKE	TOTAL
MEMBERS ADDED	3	10	1	28	4	12	-	10	68
MEMBERS LOST	17	5	3	6	0	1	1	2	35
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	137	147	55	254	43	129	37	16	818
SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP	48	35	24	99	39	67	34	-	346
AVG ATTENDANCE	55	22	-	93	30	49	25	-	274
WOMEN'S MEMBERS	46	-	24	56	34	48	-	-	208
AVG ATTENDANCE	35	-	-	43	26	38	-	-	142
WOMAN'S AUX MEMBERS	-	7	-	22	12	-	-	-	41
AVG ATTENDANCE	-	6	-	10	9	-	-	-	25
MASTER'S MEN MEMBERS	-	5	-	-	6	-	-	-	11
AVG ATTENDANCE	-	4	-	-	6	-	-	-	10
TOTAL RECEIPTS	23,940	8,700	-	40,000	7,565	13,249	12,341	-	118,775
PASTOR'S SALARY	9,760	1,910	1,530	14,560	1,450	3,204	3,130	951	38,685
CONSTRUCTION & REMODELING	1,500	-	3,672	4,255	637	1,355	4,430	-	15,841
OTHER LOCAL EXPENDITURES	11,965	4,790	810	15,849	1,296	1,763	4,569	1,553	45,305
TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES	15,465	9,400	5,012	37,348	13,585	6,617	12,119	-	102,446
FOREIGN MISSIONS	19	-	60	-	3.1	-	100	-	560
HOME MISSIONS	-	-	-	310	310	-	-	-	310
CHILDREN'S HOME, ETC.	26	225	141	227	180	-	862	-	1,851
TOTAL OUTSIDE CAUSES	26	-	6,973	227	1,061	-	1,962	-	10,673
VALUE OF PARSONAGE	42,000	-	-	20,000	55,000	-	-	-	155,000
VALUE OF ALL CHURCH PROPERTY	20,000	150,000	31,000	100,000	250,000	20,000	20,000	15,000	556,000

NOTES

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearances of evil, to abstain from sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanctions of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scripture, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ."

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and so far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday School, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.