

East Alabama Association

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Free Will Baptist



MINUTES 1982

Order of Business of Quarterly or Yearly Association

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 miscellaneous 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 business.
7. Program by host church.
8. Election of officers at the yearly association.
9. Dismissed by prayer.

OFFICERS FOR YEAR 1983-1984

Moderator - Rev. David E. Kemper
 Assistant Moderator - Rev. Ronnie Knighton
 Clerk - Sis. Patricia Milling
 Assistant Clerk - Sis. Guynette Barnette
 East Alabama Mission Fund Treasurer - Bro. Jimmy Hodge
 Trustee to Children's Home - Rev. Rodger Milling
 (elected in August)
 Youth Camp Director - Rev. Ronnie Knighton
 Assistant Youth Camp Director - Rev. Henry Shellman
 General Board - This board is to be made up of the pastors
 in the East Alabama Association.

<u>Executive Committee</u>	<u>Ordination Council</u>
5 year - Charles Barnett	5 year - Rev. Henry Shellman
4 year - Rev. Ed Dukes	4 year - Rev. Don Hartzog
3 year - Rev. Danny Ryals	3 year - Rev. Ronnie Knighton
2 year - Rev. B.P. Hayes	2 year - Rev. Danny Ryals
1 year - Bro. John Molina	1 year - Bro. John Molina

Board of Christian Education

5 year - Martha Caswell
 4 year - Beulah Walsh
 3 year - Sandra Hinton
 2 year - Carolyn Wills
 1 year - Gary Knighton

Calendar of Meetings

1st Quarterly - May 14, 1983 - Unity F W B in Sylacauga
 2nd Quarterly - August 13, 1983 - Faith F W B in Opelika
 3rd Quarterly - November 5, 1983 - Weems Road F W B Church
 in Columbus, Georgia
 Annual - February 11, 1984 - St. Mark F W B Church in
 Phenix City
 Youth Rally - March 10, 1983 at Unity F W B Church in
 Sylacauga; September 10, 1983 at First Free
 Will Baptist in Opelika; December 10, 1983 at
 St. Mark F W B in Phenix City.

All youth rallies will begin at 5:30 Central;
 6:30 Eastern Time.

PASTORS AND CLERKS

FIRST F W B CHURCH

415 Perry Mill Road
 Montgomery, AL
 (Currently no pastor)
 Ruth Postlewait, Clerk
 254 West Wilding Drive
 Montgomery, AL 36116

ST. MARK F W B CHURCH

1012 - 11th Street
 Phenix City, AL 36867
 Rev. David E. Kemper, Pastor
 1215 - 23rd Court
 Phenix City, AL 36867
 Lazelle Brown, Clerk
 P.O. Box 2373
 Phenix City, AL 36867

UNITY F W B CHURCH

804 West Pine Street
 Sylacauga, AL 35150
 Rev. Ed Ledlowe, Pastor
 1015 Magnolia Drive
 Sylacauga, AL 35150
 Kathy Holmes, Clerk
 Rt. 7, Box 845 B
 Sylacauga, AL 35150

ST. LUKE F W B CHURCH

914 - 17th Avenue
 Phenix City, AL 36867
 Rev. O.C. Snow, Pastor
 Rt. 2, Box 164 C
 Phenix City, AL 36867
 Nellie Harrelson, Clerk
 927 - 16th Street
 Phenix City, AL 36867

WEEMS ROAD F W B CHURCH

3400 Weems Road
 Columbus, Georgia 31904
 Rev. George D. Ryals, Pastor
 Rt. 6, Box 413 G
 Phenix City, AL 36867
 Bernice Skinner, Clerk
 3824 Lyn Drive
 Columbus, Georgia 31904

FIRST F W B CHURCH

103 - 19th Street
 Opelika, AL 36801
 Rev. Johnny Cook, Pastor
 1914 Second Avenue
 Opelika, AL 36801
 Marcel Lynn, Clerk
 2502 Second Avenue
 Opelika, AL 36801

BETHEL F W B CHURCH

Rt. 5, Box 764
 Phenix City, AL 36867
 Rev. B.P. Hayes, Pastor
 Rt. 5, Box 133
 Phenix City, AL 36867
 Evon Kinney, Clerk
 1704 Auburn Road
 Phenix City, AL 36867

ST. JAMES F W B CHURCH

2009 Second Avenue
 Phenix City, AL 36867
 Rev. George T. Wade, Pastor
 903 Gateway Drive
 Phenix City, AL 36867
 Dorothy Jones, Clerk
 2313 Midway Drive
 Phenix City, AL 36867

FAITH F W B CHURCH

1406 Marvyn Highway
 Opelika, AL 36801
 (Currently no Pastor)
 Carolyn Harris, Clerk
 2106 S. Long Street, Lot 25
 Opelika, AL 36801

LICENSED & ORDAINED MINISTERS IN GOOD STANDING

Rev. Ed Ledlowe	Rev. David E. Kemper
Rev. Henry Shellman	Rev. Rodger W. Milling
Rev. B.P. Hayes	Rev. Ronnie Knighton
Rev. Sanford Hale	Rev. G.T. Halliman
Rev. George T. Wade	Rev. H.T. Shiver
Rev. O.C. Snow	
Rev. Don Hartzog	LICENSED
Rev. P.E. Dukes	James E. Allen, Feb. 82
Rev. George D. Ryals	Mark S. Milling, Feb. 82

ORDAINED DEACONS IN GOOD STANDING

Bro. Frank Chappell	Bro. Hurtis Carr
Bro. Otis Lynn	Bro. O.A. Gibson
Bro. Robert Caswell	Bro. L.B. Skinner
Bro. Horace Jackson	Bro. Andrew McNeal
Bro. Charlie Jones	Bro. James Brown
Bro. Herbert Jones	Bro. Charles Barnett
Bro. J.A. Richburg	Bro. Clyde Blanchard
Bro. John Molina	Bro. J.W. Thomason

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING - St. Mark F W B Church

The meeting opened with prayer and two congregational songs entitled, "At Calvary," and "When We all Get to Heaven." The clerk called the meeting to order. The minutes and combined reports were read, approved as read, and the delegates seated. The Moderator, Rev. David Kemper, brought a short devotional from Philipians 3:13 and 14. His thoughts were about three keys to accomplishing God's will. They were: keeping evangelistic fervor, unified goals and consistent living. The moderator appointed the committees as follows: Business and Finance - Bro. Gene Pitzer, Bro. H.L. Parker, Sis. Elizabeth Landers, Sis. Nellie Harrelson, Bro. Otis Lynn, Bro. Joe Hayes, Sis. Etta Jones and Bro. James Brown. Rev. Mickey Kirkland, new home Missionary to Montgomery, Alabama, sang a special entitled "Going Home," and then brought the morning message from I Samuel 3:1. His message was entitled, "The Lamp of God is dying." He spoke of the values and morals that America was founded upon, and how much these values and morals are still needed. We were dismissed for lunch in prayer.

Afternoon Session:

The afternoon session opened with congregational songs, "Where The Soul Never Dies," "My Jesus, I Love Thee," and "Land Where Living Waters Flow." Becky Milling sand a special entitled "He Was There All The Time." There was a very inspiring testimony service, after which the clerk explained the errors in the new minutes.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE REPORT:

CHURCH	FEES	CHILDREN'S HOME
St. Luke	20.00	-----
Unity	20.00	25.00
Montgomery	20.00	25.00
Bethel	20.00	-----
St. James	20.00	25.00
St. Mark	20.00	25.00
Faith	20.00	25.00
1st-Opelika	20.00	5.00
TOTALS	\$160.00	\$130.00

The financial report was received as information. The Business Report mentioned a problem of having clear copies of the combined reports brought to the meetings. After discussion, it was moved and seconded for the clerk to have forms printed for the combined reports. Carried. It was moved and seconded for the clerk to send three extra forms to each of the churches so they would have plenty to make copies for their records. Carried. The Business Committee mentioned that they were sure the new church, Weems Road Free Will Baptist, would be welcomed, but the matter would be handled by the Mission Board. It was moved and seconded to receive a love offering for Bro. Mickey Kirkland. Carried. Bro. Kirkland gave some information about the mission field after the love offering was received. Board of Christian Education Report: There was a reminder that the children's youth camp would be the last full week of June, and the teen's camp would be the last full week of July. Move to accept as information. Carried. It was moved and seconded to send Rev. Grady Holder a letter of good standing if he is uniting with an association. Carried. (Address - 145 Beech Street, Columbus, Mississippi 39701)

Children's Home Report: The home currently has 17 children; 11 girls and 8 boys. The home hooked up with the city water line, at a cost of about \$1,160. This will probably save on the repair of the well pump, etc. The home is currently averaging paying out about \$14,500 per month and the average receipts are about \$8,500 per month. (Signed, Rev. Rodger Milling) Received as information. General Board Report: (1) We recommend that we find our piano and 50 chairs and bring them home for Rev. Mickey Kirkland to use at the new mission in Montgomery. This was moved, seconded, carried. (2) We recommend that we accept Weems Road Free Will Baptist Church as a mission church, and that we pledge \$50.00 per week for one quarter to supplement the pastor's salary out of the East Alabama Mission Fund. Moved, seconded, carried. (3) We understand that Leroy Forlines is teaching false doctrine at the F W B Bible College by making statements to the effect that Jesus made and drank alcoholic or fermented wine. We hereby let it be known that we do not approve and we suggest that the East Alabama Association write to the college and recommend that they take whatever measure necessary to

correct this problem if it exists. Moved, seconded, carried. It was moved, seconded, and carried that we send the \$10.00 extra per church to the State Association as they voted at the State Meeting. It was moved, seconded, and carried to extend the right hand of fellowship to the Weems Road Free Will Baptist Church.

East Alabama Missions Report:

Balance in Bank 1st report: 31 Jan. 1982	\$2,751.03
Received	<u>00.00</u>

Balance carried forward as of 30 April, 1982 \$2,751.03

(signed) Ronald H. Olson, treasurer. Moved and seconded to receive as information. Carried. It was moved to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Seconded, carried. We were adjourned by having prayer.

Pat Milling, Clerk

May 2, 1982

TO: East Alabama Association of Free Will Baptist

RE: Membership

We, the Weems Road Free Will Baptist Church (formerly known as 1st Congregational Methodist Church), having adopted the treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and the By-Laws of the East Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists, as a duly organized church, do hereby petition the East Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists for membership in the association in Mission Status. We also respectfully request that the association aid us financially in supporting a full time pastor until we become financially able to support a full time pastor on our own, at which time we will be out of mission status.

Yours in Christ,

Wren Hall, Deacon

Sis. Bernice Skinner, Secretary
Weems Road Free Will Baptist Church

Special Meeting - August 10, 1982

On August 10, 1982, Bro. Len Blanchard was ordained as a minister of the Gospel, at St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. David Kemper, Moderator of the East Alabama Association, was in charge. After examination of Bro. Blanchard, Rev. Jimmy Youngblood brought the charge to Rev. Blanchard, from Acts 20:28 and I Timothy 4:16. Members of the association who were present were Bro. James Allen, Rev. Danny Ryals, Rev. Rodger Milling, and Sister Patricia Milling, Clerk.

(signed) Pat Milling, Clerk.

Second Quarterly Meeting - August 14, 1982 at First F W B Church, Opelika

The meeting opened with some songs, "Deeper, Deeper," and "Redeemed," led by Bro. Otis Lynn, with Sis. June Hayes, pianist. Prayer by Rev. David Dollar. The clerk called the meeting to order. The minutes were read and approved as read. The combined report was read and approved. Delegates were seated. The Moderator, Rev. David Kemper, brought a devotional from Psalms 126:6. His message was about soul winning--going forth and weeping, bearing precious seed. He said if a person is not a soul winner, something very basic is missing. The moderator appointed the committees as follows: Executive Committee: Chairman - Rev. Danny Ryals; Business and Finance Committee - Bro. Gene Pitzer, Bro. H.L. Parker, Sis. Elizabeth Landers, Bro. Greer, Bro. Frank Chappell, Bro. J.D. Keeter, Bro. J.A. Richburg, Bro. Donnie Blackmon, and Bro. Wells. After more congregational singing, and prayer by Rev. Jimmy Youngblood, Rev. Huey Lacy introduced Rev. David Dollar, new pastor of White Rock Free Will Baptist Church, who brought the morning message. His text was Acts 9:31 - "There had to be a Oneness." He mentioned that the early church was edified, established, and walked in the fear of God and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, and, lastly, that they were multiplied. The service was closed with altar call and song, "Is Thy Heart Right With God." After a testimony service we were dismissed in prayer for lunch.

Afternoon Session:

The afternoon session opened with songs, "Come Unto Me," and a special by Becky Milling entitled, "My House is Full." Prayer by Rev. Ed Dukes. Rev. Danny Ryals brought a devotional from

1 Corinthians 1:18 about soul winning. He said the preaching of the cross saves souls and builds churches. Bro. Ryals also gave a report on the status of the Weems Road Free Will Baptist Church.

Reports:

1. Children's Home Report: The home currently has 19 children - 7 boys and 12 girls. Due to the economic situation, it is expected that the number of children at the Home will increase. It is time to renew the Foster Parents Cards. This report was accepted as information. Rodger Milling, Trustee

2. Mission Fund Report:

Balance in Bank Last Report	\$2,751.03
Paid to Rev. George D. Ryals	600.00-
Received from Interest while in savings account	52.92
Received from St. Mark FWB Church	80.51
Balance in Bank as of July 31, 1982	\$2,284.46

(signed) Ronald H. Olson, Treasurer. Move to accept as information. Second, carried.

3. Board of Christian Education: Youth Rallies will be held September 11, at Montgomery, December 11 in Sylacauga, and in March at Weems Road F W B. We suggest that we replace Bro. Len Blanchard on the Board of Christian Education. Moved, seconded and carried to receive as information.
4. The General Board recommends that we continue support of \$50.00 per week for another quarter to the Weems Road FWB Church. Move, second, carried.
5. Business and Finance Report:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Children's Home</u>
St. Luke	20.00	--
St. Mark	20.00	25.00
Bethel	20.00	--
1st-Opelika	20.00	5.00
Weems Road	20.00	--
Unity	20.00	25.00
1st-Montgomery	20.00	25.00
Faith	20.00	25.00
St. James	20.00	25.00
Totals	\$180.00	\$130.00

Moved to accept this report as information. Second, carried.

- Item 2. We suggest that the following two items be place in By-Laws: A. Delegates allowed to each quarterly meeting - 6 for 1st 100, 1 for each 50 after 1st 100; B. All ministers and deacons in good standing must be listed on back of annual letters in order for each to receive cards of good standing. Move, second, carried to place these in By-Laws. Item 3. We move that we receive a love offering for our guest speaker. Second, carried. Received 57.20.

Bro. Kemper read the letter in response to our letter to the F W B Bible College. He also gave his personal feelings that he did not believe our Lord would make or drink anything that would or could make a man drunk. It was moved that we reply to the Bible College that we absolutely disagree with Leroy Forlines' belief, that we believe his teaching is not consistent with F W B Beliefs and is against our covenant. We believe the college is side-stepping the issue. We are not satisfied and are asking that Mr. Forlines' public promise that his personal views will not be taught or if that can't be done, that the Board remove him and anyone who favors his position from the staff of the college. Seconded and carried.

The Executive Committee has suggested that a job description be written out for each officer of the East Alabama Association. They are requesting that each officer draw up his/her own job description and job guidelines. Moved, seconded to accept as information. The body voted to replace Bro. Len Blanchard with Sis. Carolyn Wells as member of the Board of Christian Education.

It was moved to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Carried. Delegates to the State Association: Gene Pitzer, James Allen, Guynette Barnett, Preston Hinton, Bro. Wells, Pat Milling, Erma Brown, Bro. Wren Hall, and Beatrice Austin. We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Huey Lacy.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING - November 6, 1982 at F W B, Montgomery

The meeting opened with two songs, "Christ Receiveth Sinful Men," and "To God Be the Glory," led by Rev. Ronnie Knighton, with Sister Pat Milling, pianist. Sis. Milling, Clerk, called the meeting to order. After prayer, Rev. David Kemper, Moderator, brought a devotional from I Thessalonians 5:16-24. The clerk read the minutes and combined reports. These were approved as read, and the delegates seated. The Moderator appointed the committees as follows: Ordination Council - Bro. Charles Barnett; Executive Committee - Bro. Robert Caswell and Bro. Don Hartzog; Business and Finance Committee: Gene Pitzer, Otis Lynn, Wanda Moore, Rodger Milling, Wren Hall. Rev. Ed Dukes gave the welcome and introduced the morning speaker, Rev. Danny Ryals from Weems Road Free Will Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia. Bro. Ryals' text was taken from Isaiah 38:1-3. He said that we should (1) Set God's house in order; (2) Set our homes in order; and (3) Set our own personal/individual houses in order. The morning service was closed with an altar call and song, "Have Thine Own Way."

Afternoon Session:

The afternoon session opened with prayer by Rev. Mickey Kirkland, and congregational song, "Standing on the Promises." Bro. Kirkland sang a special entitled "Beulah Land," and Bro. John Molina sang "He."

Ordination Council Report:

Mark Milling has come before the Ordination Council for license to Preach the Gospel for one year. We have questioned him and found him sound and present him to you for Ordination. Move, second, and carried.

Business and Finance Committee Report:

Church	Fees	Children's Home	E. AL Missions
Bethel	20.00	--	--
St. Luke	20.00	15.00	10.00
St. James	20.00	25.00	--
St. Mark	20.00	25.00	--
Montgomery	20.00	25.00	--
Unity	20.00	25.00	--
Weems Road	20.00	22.00	22.00
1st Opelika	<u>20.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>
Totals	160.00	142.00	82.00

Faith sent no letter.

Moved, seconded, carried as read, committee released.

It was moved to present a letter to the State Association Meeting in November concerning the teaching at the Free Will Baptist College by Bro. Leroy Forlines. This was seconded, and carried. Rev. Rodger Milling was re-elected to the Board of Trustees of the Children's Home. This should have been done in August, but was overlooked. It was moved to receive a love offering for Rev. Mickey Kirkland. Seconded, carried. The offering received was \$31.18. Bro. Kirkland gave a report on the status of his new mission work in Montgomery.

It was moved to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Moved, seconded, carried. Dismissed in prayer. Bro. Don Hartzog gave a report of State Master's Men and asked if anyone desired, they could have a representative come meet with them. He challenged the congregation to examine their lives and see where they stand morally and spiritually. He brought out the Scripture, Hebrews 13:8 - Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

Reports:

Children's Home Report: We have 21 children at the home. We have cared for 31 this year. Rev. Ray Ritch, State Clerk, reported that the Executive Board is recommending to continue operation of the Children's Home. We cared for children at an average of about \$5800 per child, in other comparable homes the cost averages \$8200-\$8700 per child. (Signed) Rev. Rodger Milling
It was moved to accept this report as read. Carried.

Mission Fund Report:

Balance in Bank Last Report:	\$2,284.46
Money received (St. Mark)	98.78
Money paid out - Weems Road - Rev. Danny Ryals	650.00
Balance in Bank as of October 31, 1982	\$1,733.24

(Signed) Ronald H. Olson, Treasurer

The Board of Christian Education announced that there would be a Youth Rally on December 11, 1982, at Unity F W B Church in Sylacauga.

Items of interest presented by the Business and Finance Committee:

(1) The number of boards to which a member should be considered. We feel that some of our members are unduly burdened by the Number of boards and committees he is assigned. The number of jobs may restrict his effectiveness on any one function. In other words his talents may be spread too thin.

(2) The Business and Finance Committee discussed the development of duties and guidelines to assist the committee in performing their mission. Note: These items were suggestions only. They were accepted as information only. (signed, Pat Milling, Clerk)

25th ANNUAL MEETING - February 12, 1983, held at Unity F W B Church in Sylacauga

The meeting opened with songs, "Heaven's Jubilee." Prayer by Rev. Mickey Kirkland, followed by song, "That Glad Reunion Day," led by Mike Dew, with Sis. Ledlowe at the piano. Welcome by Bro. Charles Bennett. The clerk read the list of delegates and called the meeting to order. The delegates were seated. The clerk read the minutes, and they were approved as read. The Moderator, Rev. David Kemper, strengthened the committees as follows: Executive Committee - Bro. Donnie Blackmon, Bro. Robert Caswell, and Rev. Ronnie Knighton. Ordination Council - Bro. Otis Lynn, Bro. Charles Barnett. Board of Christian Education - Bro. Bill Packer and Bro. Walter Walsh. The Moderator appointed the Business and Finance Committee as follows: Sis. Lois Hibbs, Bro. Irvin Raines, Bro. Jimmy Hodge, Sis. Erma Brown, Bro. Dave Roberts. The Temperance Committee: Bro. Jim Alpline, Bro. James Allen, Sis. Lora Cagle. Sabbath Day Observance Committee: Sis. Barrett, Bro. Mike Richards, Sis. Elizabeth Landers. Deceased Committee: Sis. Betty Olson, Sis. Peggy Miller, Sis. Mary Homan. Bro. Barnett introduced Rev. and Mrs. Ed Ledlowe, new pastor and wife of Unity Free Will Baptist Church. They sang a special entitled, "The Son's Coming Up." Rev. Ledlowe brought the morning message. His topic was entitled "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" His text was II Kings 2:1-14. He asked the pointed question, "Would you want anyone to have a double portion of your spirit?" Prayer by Rev. David Kemper. After Rev. Ledlowe's message, there was a very inspiring testimony service.

Afternoon Service:

The afternoon session opened with song, "Victory in Jesus," led by Kenneth Ray. Special by Becky Milling entitled, "You Should Have Come Sooner," and a special by Rev. Mickey Kirkland entitled, "The Apple Tree Story." Bro. Kirkland brought the afternoon devotional from Ecclesiastes 9:10 - "Don't Loosen Your Garments." He stated that some of the reasons why people let up are (1) Old Age; (2) Laziness; (3) People don't feel appreciated; and (4) People are going to reap what they sow. He also gave a report on his new church in Montgomery.

Committee Reports:

Temperance Committee Report: I Corinthians 9:27: "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." As Christians we need to abstain from all appearances of evil, in any form. We can be sin conquerors - I John 3:9. Proverbs 23:20 and 21: "Be not among winebibbers: among riotous eaters of flesh: For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags." Accepted as read (signed) Sis. Cagel, Bro. Apline, and Bro. Allen.

Deceased Committee: From First Free Will Baptist Church of Opelika - Rev. Huey V. Lacy, January 6, 1916 to December 31, 1982. Weems Road Free Will Baptist Church - Willie Wells, November 1982. First Free Will Baptist, Montgomery - Billy Hoots, October, 1982. Unity Free Will Baptist Church - Sis. Payne, April 9, 1982. (signed) Sis. Olson, Sis. Peggy Miller, and Sis. Mary Homan.

Accepted as read. This was followed by a moment of silent prayer. Sabbath Day Observance Committee Report: Mark 2:27 - "And he said unto them, 'The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath.'" (signed) Maggie Barrett. Accepted as read.

East Alabama Missions Report:

Balance in Bank last report:	\$1,733.24
Monies received from:	

St. Mark	\$102.67
1st Opelika	50.00
Weems Road	22.00
St. Luke	10.00

+ 184.67

Monies Paid Out:

Rev. G.D. Ryals	300.00
New Checks	8.25
	308.25

Balance in Bank January 31, 1983	\$1,609.66
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(signed) Ronald H. Olson, Treasurer. It was moved and seconded to accept this report as read. Carried.

Board of Christian Education: The Board of C.E. made an announcement that on March 5, 1983, the Weems Road Church would sponsor the Youth Rally. It will begin at 5:30 Central, 6:30 Eastern time. Accepted as information.

Children's Home Report: We now have a total of 21 children. We had a good Christmas; December receipts were \$41,484.00. But even with this, the December income was down by about \$3,000.00. A.J. Lambert, Carlton's father who was superintendent of the home from April 1958 through September, 1958, passed away December 29, 1982. He had been a member of the Board of Trustees for twenty-four years. (signed) Rev. Rodger Milling.

Executive Committee Report: We recommend that the clerk run copies of the job description proposal, and spend whatever is necessary to do so, and send copies to each church. This is to be brought back to the next Quarterly Meeting to be voted on. Moved, seconded, carried.

Ordination Council Report: We recommend that we receive Rev. Henry Shellman, who is coming from the Twin Cities Association and has brought his letter of recommendation. Moved, seconded, carried. We recommend that the license to preach for James Allen be renewed for one year. Moved, seconded, carried.

Business and Finance Committee Report:

Church	Fees	Children's Home	E. Ala. Miss.
1st, Opelika	20.00	5.00	--
St. James	20.00	25.00	--
Bethel	20.00	--	--
St. Mark	20.00	25.00	--
Unity	20.00	25.00	--
1st, Montgomery	20.00	25.00	--
Faith	20.00	--	--
Weems Road	20.00	20.00	30.00
St. Luke	<u>20.00</u>	<u>45.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
Totals	180.00	170.00	60.00

Move to accept this report as read. Second, carried.

(1) It was moved to send \$200.00 to the Pastors and Workers Conference. Second, carried.

(2) It was moved that the clerk is authorized to write a check when it is approved by the Executive Committee or when individual churches send their approval unanimously. Second, carried.

(3) It was moved to send a resolution to the Federal Communications Commission concerning Television programs. Seconded, carried.

General Board Report: The Board recommends that the East Alabama Mission Fund be used to support Faith Free Will Baptist Church in the amount of \$50.00 per week. It was noted that the Weems Road Church would no longer be receiving this support. There was a

About \$15,000.00 was received and \$13,000.00 was spent out. A plaque was presented to Carlton and Betty Lambert for 25 years of service to the home. They came April 15, 1958. A plaque in honor of Bro. A.J. Lambert was given to Sis. Lambert. Received as information. (signed) R.W. Milling

Ordination Council Report:

We, the ordination council recommend that Bro. Johnny Cook be accepted as a minister in good standing in the East Alabama Association pending his letter from the Cuyahoga-Lorian Quarterly Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. Moved, seconded and carried.

(2) We, the Ordination Council, recommend that Bro. E.B. Ledlowe be accepted as a minister in good standing in the East Alabama Association. Moved, seconded, carried. (Signed) Ronnie Knighton
The Board of Christian Education announced that July 31 through August 5th would be Youth Camp at the Cahaba River Association. The cost would be \$25.00 or maybe more. Youth Rallied will be: September 10 at First F W B of Opelika, March 10 at Unity. There was a move to accept this as information.

Home Missions Report:

Old Balance	\$1,609.66
Received	171.44
Paid Out	<u>- 400.00</u>
New Balance	\$1,381.10

(signed) Jimmy Hodge This was received as information.

Executive Committee Report:

It was moved to remove the job specifications from the table. Seconded, carried. It was moved to place the names and addresses of funds handled in the minutes. Seconded, carried. It was moved to keep the general board as is and if necessary to rearrange the Executive Board to represent all matters. Seconded, carried. There was a motion to dissolve the executive committee and incorporate the duties into the General Board. Seconded, carried. There was a move for the General Board to meet and elect an Executive Committee out of the General Board if they desire. This was seconded, carried. There was a move to adopt the job specifications with the changes as specified above and to put them into the By-Laws. Seconded, carried.

Business and Finance Report:

Church	Fees	Children's Home	E. AL. Miss.
St. Luke	20.00	45.00	30.00
Montgomery	20.00	25.00	--
St. James	20.00	25.00	--
St. Mark	20.00	25.00	--
1st Opelika	20.00	5.00	--
Unity	20.00	25.00	--
Bethel	<u>20.00</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
Totals	\$140.00	\$150.00	\$30.00

move and second, and after discussion, the motion was withdrawn. There was a move to change the Mission Fund so that it could be used at the discretion of the association. Second, carried. The Clerk's financial report was read, and accepted as read. Election of Officers. Moved to give the host church a rising vote of thanks. It was moved to receive an offering for Bro. Ledlowe. Seconded, carried. (50.00) It was moved to postpone the printing of the minutes until after the May meeting due to the report on the job description guidelines. Seconded, carried. We were dismissed in prayer.

FIRST QUARTERY MEETING - May 14, 1983 at Unity F W B Church. The meeting opened with songs, "Joy Unspeakable" and "I Shall Not Be Moved," led by Rev. Ronnie Knighton with Sis. Ledlowe at the piano. Scripture reading was from II Timothy 2:15-19, followed by prayer by Rev. David Kemper, Moderator. He emphasized studying the word of God, and departing from iniquity. The clerk called the meeting to order. There was no letter from two churches - Faith and Weems Road. The Moderator appointed the committees as follows: Ordination Council - Frank Chappell, James Brown, Rev. Rodger Milling, Donnie Blackmon, and Otis Lynn. Delegates name were read and the delegates were seated. It was noted that only three churches were represented. Rev. Ledlowe introduced Rev. James Walden, missionary pastor in Alabaster, Alabama. After songs, "I am Bound for the Promised Land" and "At the Cross," Bro. Walden brought the morning message. His text was I Kings 17:1-24. The title was, "The Word Manifested or Backed Up By a Life." He said the greatest need today is Men of God. There was an announcement that Rev. O.C. Snow's son and daughter were in a serious accident in Virginia; it would cost over \$100,000.00 just for surgery alone. An emergency fund is being set up at First Federal Savings and Loan in Phenix City. Bro. Wade asked the churches to consider this need. After this there was a testimony service.

Afternoon Session:

The afternoon session opened with songs, "Come Unto Me" and "God is Calling the Prodigal." The clerk read the minutes of the previous meeting. After a move and second to accept as read, this was carried.

Reports:

Children's Home Report: Bro. Milling stated that there are 21 children at the home now - 11 boys and 10 girls. There have been several rededications - three have been saved and four are going to be baptized. March was a record month in giving and spending.

This report was approved as read. It has been brought to our attention that there are five acres of land in Harris County. We can obtain a lease for 35 years at \$1.00 per year. At the end of the 35 years we could renew the lease or buy the land. This land would be used only for Youth Camp. It was moved to appoint a committee to look into the legalities and report back to the next association meeting. It was noted that any buildings would belong to the association. The move was seconded and carried. It was moved to change the starting time of the association to 10:00 Central; 11:00 Eastern Time. Seconded and carried. There was a move and second to receive a love offering for Bro. Walden. Carried. It was moved to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. This was seconded and carried. The three men who were appointed to be on the committee to look into the land opportunity were Jimmy Hodge, Rodger Milling, and Otis Lynn. This was done by acclamation. After no further business, we were dismissed in prayer. (Signed) Pat Milling, Clerk.

1983

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EAST ALABAMA DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY THEME: "GIVE YOURSELF AWAY"

Scripture: II Corinthians 8:5

The East Alabama District Convention met at First Freewill Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama, April 9, 1983.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Sister Dimple Carden. Congregation singing, "Victory in Jesus" and "Jesus Saves."

Prayer: Sister Deloris Moore

Welcome by Host Church, Ruth Postlewait

Response by St. James, Etta Jones

The President's Message: "Give Yourself Away." Good example today of giving yourself away is to "Give Yourself Thin." Give our hearts completely to the Lord. Giving ourselves to neighbors, to friends. Get involved with the Auxiliary. Give ourselves to win souls for God.

Letters were read by Secretary. 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

Sisters: Ruth Postlewait
Etta Jones
Wanda Ray

FINANCE

Sisters: Peggy Miller
Wanda Moore
Bessie Carr

APPRECIATION:

Sisters: Deloris Moore
Donna Tidwell

OLD BUSINESS:

Sister Carden reminded everyone of the State Meeting, May 7, 1983 at Vinemont, Alabama. Also, maps were passed out giving directions.

send monies for love offering and/or money tree. Also, a mattress cover from each auxiliary will be taken for the Provisional Closet.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Prayer Retreat May 20-21, Winfield, Alabama (Yamper Town), Mrs. Willey will be guest speaker. Registration fee: \$15.00. National Retreat also was mentioned. The East Alabama District Woman's Auxiliary Meeting will be held with St. James, Phenix City, April 14, 1984.

INTRODUCTION OF PROGRAM:

Dimple Carden mentioned that the Guest Speaker of the day would be Rev. Mickey Kirkland. Previous engaged speaker. Rev. Ed Ledlowe could not attend due to health of his wife's sister.

PROGRAM SPEAKERS:

Topic I - "Give Yourself Away: In Spirit and Mind" - Peggy Miller, Montgomery

Topic II - "Give Yourself Away: In Body" - Deloris Moore, Sylacauga

Dismissed in prayer for a short break.

After break, assembled back in auditorium.

Special Music by Teresa Alston, Montgomery. She sang "Statue of Liberty" with Bessie Carr at piano.

Morning Offering was taken.

Bro. Mickey Kirkland sang, "Now I Have Everything." His wife, Cathy, played the piano.

Our morning devotion was brought by Bro. Kirkland from Montgomery Lighthouse. Scripture reading was from I John 4:10, "To Be Like Jesus." As He is, so are we. Romans 8:11, Holy Spirit of God, To Yield Yourself Daily.

Etta Jones dismissed for lunch and blessed the food.

Returned after lunch, congregation singing, "Where He Leads I'll Follow."

Special Music, Bro. Mickey sang, "Going to Live in Green Pastures" and "I am a Child of the King" with Cathy at the piano.

Skit was given by Host Church, "Let Me Go." Bessie Carr reading Luke 18.

The Banner was presented to St. James Auxiliary, having the highest percentage of members presented and traveling further miles.

COMMITTEE REPORTS GIVEN: (See Attached Sheet)

DELEGATES TO THE STATE MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

Dee Moore	Wanda Ray	Dimple Carden	Peggy Miller
Odessa Ledlowe	Wanda Moore	Etta Jones	Lois Hibbs
Donna Tidwell	Guynette Barnett	Carolyn Molina	

Installation of Officers by Wanda Ray

Sister Dimple dismissed our meeting with prayer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:

We the Appreciation Committee are proud of our West Alabama Association. We are praying for our Churches that don't have Auxiliaries that they will organize one soon. We have truly enjoyed this day, the fellowship, the wonderful message and good food.

Deloris Moore

Donna Tidwell

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

1. Recommend \$22.80 of the morning offering be sent to help with the airplane ticket to bring Mrs. Willey to our State Prayer Retreat. (Accepted.)
2. We have two Co-Field Workers to travel together to encourage Churches to organize an Auxiliary, or to be more active in our district, and our district to help pay expenses. (Accepted.)
3. Each Auxiliary has a bake sale or something to raise \$100.00 per year to build up our general fund so we can invite Missionaries to speak at our district meetings, or send more offerings to Missionaries. (Accepted.)
4. The following women for officers for the next two years:

President.....	Dimple Carden
Vice President.....	Peggy Miller
Secre. & Treas.....	Lois Hibbs
Co-Field Work.....	Deloris Moore & Donna Tidwell (Accepted.)

Ruth Postlewait

Wanda Ray

Etta Jones

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

	FEES	STATE	DIST.	SPEAKER	STATE DINNER
Montgomery	16.00	20.00	25.00	10.00	3.50
Unity	48.00	20.00	25.00	10.00	3.50
St. James	16.00	20.00	25.00	10.00	3.50

Special Offering received at meeting: \$33.80

TOTAL RECEIVED: \$289.30

Since the State has recommended we send \$100.00 to Rodney Outlaw, we take \$60.00 received today and \$40.00 from general fund in bank to make up the \$100.00. (Accepted.)

Peggy Miller
Wanda Moore
Bessie Carr

1983 FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Brought Forward		\$ 46.88
Received for Fees	\$16.00	
Unity	48.00	
St. James	16.00	80.00
Received for District Project		
Montgomery	25.00	
Unity	25.00	
St. James	25.00	75.00
Received for State Project		
Montgomery	20.00	
Unity	20.00	
St. James	20.00	60.00
Offering for Speaker		
Montgomery	10.00	
Unity	10.00	
St. James	10.00	30.00
Special Morning Offering received at District Meeting		33.80
Received from each Auxiliary \$3.50 for State dinner		<u>10.50</u>
	TOTAL IN BANK	\$336.18

PAID OUT

District Project (Rodney Outlaw)	\$100.00
State Project	60.00
Cost for printing Minutes	10.00
Speaker of the Day	30.00
State Convention for Fees	80.00
Airplane Fare, Mrs. Willey	22.80
State Dinner	<u>10.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSED	312.80
TOTAL MONEY RECEIVED	290.30
TOTAL MONEY IN BANK	336.18
TOTAL MONEY DISBURSED	<u>312.80</u>
BALANCE IN BANK	\$ 23.38

CLERK'S REPORT

Old Balance	\$1191.77
Received:	
Fees - May 1982	160.00
August	180.00
November	160.00
February '83	180.00
May 1983	140.00
Woman's Auxiliary '82 & '83	20.00
Children's Home	60.00 St. Luke
East Ala. Missions	40.00 St. Luke
James Walden	<u>35.00</u>
Total on Hand	\$2166.77
Paid Out:	
Pastor's & Worker's Conference	200.00
Cook Printers-1982	185.50
State Association	
1981	90.00
1982	180.00
Clerk	
May '82	25.00
Aug.	25.00
Nov.	25.00
Feb. '83	25.00
May '83	25.00
Postage	11.46
Letter Forms	3.25
Kwik Kopy-Various Printing	27.78
East Ala. Missions	40.00 St. Luke
Children's Home	60.00 St. Luke
Flowers - Bro. Lacy	28.45
James Walden	<u>35.00</u>
Total Paid Out	986.44
Total on Hand	2166.77
Less Paid Out	<u>- 986.44</u>
New Balance as of May 31, 1983	<u>\$1180.33</u>

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 an 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 Chariman 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. Acknowledgements. 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 acknowledgement 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 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 unreasonably 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.

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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 its 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. Licenced Free Will Baptist preachers may be ordained after having been licensed for one year. The only exception shall be when a properly 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.

26. (passed August, 1962) We recommend that each church enclose with their letter a list of ministers and deacons to receive certificates of standing and that each church have 6 delegates for the first 100 members and one delegate for each 50 added members.

RE: Job specifications for officers, boards committee and councils

27. LIST OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COUNCILS:

1. Moderator
2. Assistant Moderator
3. Clerk
4. Assistant Clerk
5. East Alabama Mission Fund Treasure
6. Trustee to Children's Home
7. General Board
8. Board of Christian Education
9. Ordination Council
10. Executive Committee
11. Business and Finance Committee
12. Temperance Committee
13. Sabbath Day Observance Committee
14. Deceased Committee

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the By-Laws be amended to include the following governmental statement: No officer, board, committee, or council has any authority over any other officer, board, committee, or council except that which has been specifically described by the associational

body in its By-Laws.

All officers, boards, and committees, and councils of equal authority, and are servants of the body of the association. Hence they are answerable to the body for their performance of duties and conduct.

No officer, board, committee, or council shall assume any responsibilities other than that which has been expressly assigned to it by the body. Any officer, board, committee, or council which does not abide by the above stated by-law shall be subject to dismissal and any appropriate discipline decided by the body.

2. That the List of officers and their job descriptions be included as part of the By-Laws of the East Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS:

1. Moderator: The moderator will be responsible to conduct the business meetings of the association according to Roberts Rules of Order. The moderator is an ex-officio member of all boards committees and councils. The moderator will be responsible to know the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. The Church Decorum and the By-Laws of the East Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists.
2. Assistant Moderator: The assistant moderator will be equally qualified in his knowledge of Free Will Baptists as the Moderator. He will be responsible to do the job of the moderator in his absence.
3. Clerk: It will be the duty of the clerk to keep accurate minutes of all associational meetings. Also keep all records orderly and up-to-date. It is also the duty of the clerk to handle all correspondence reports, and letters to all other levels in the denomination. It will also be the duty of the clerk to keep accurate and honest account of the associations' general fund and disburse the money according to the will of the association.
4. Assistant Clerk: It will be the responsibility of the assistant clerk to work closely enough with the clerk's duties that she may efficiently take her place when unable to perform said duties.
5. East Alabama Mission Fund Treasurer: It will be the responsibility of the mission fund treasurer to receive all contributions to the mission fund, keep accurate and honest account of them and disburse them at the will of the body.
6. Trustee to Children's Home: It will be the responsibility of the Trustee to the Children's Home to attend all meetings of the board of trustees for the Children's Home. While there he will take notes of the meetings and give brief but accurate reports of said meetings to the body. It will be the duty of the trustee to reflect the opinion of the body when voting on all matters concerning the Home when said opinion has been expressly stated. Otherwise he will vote appropriately.

7. Board of Christian Education: It will be the responsibility of the Board of Christian Education to act in an advisory capacity concerning the educational activities of the association. They will be responsible to recommend the structure of youth camp(s) and recommend qualified directors for the camps. It will be the responsibility of the board to set dates, times and places for associational youth rallies. It will be the responsibility of the board to recommend whatever steps and activities they deem beneficial and practical to the association for the furtherment of our association.
8. Ordination Council: The Ordination council will act as the credentials committee when needed. The ordination council will be responsible for the thorough examination of all candidates for ordination to the office of deacon or preacher in the association. The council shall not recommend any candidate who does not meet the requirements of the association as reflected in our minutes (most recent) This includes any who have never been ordained, as well as those who come from another denomination or association. Only ordained men can serve on this council.
9. General Board - Executive Board: The General Board shall be made up of the pastors of the East Alabama Association, who are in good standing. The General Board may meet, and if they desire, elect an Executive Board out of the General Board. The Executive Board shall act in an advisory capacity in cases of church disputes and/or associational disputes. The Executive Board will act in an advisory capacity in regards to the disbursements of the assets of the Home Mission Fund. The Executive Board shall act as the association's representative in the organization of new churches (when requested), and in the commissioning of home missionaries under the association's support. (Only ordained men can serve on either Board).
10. Business and Finance Committee: It will be the responsibility of the Business and Finance Committee to consider and examine all major items of business that will come upon the floor of any business session. The committee will make known all items of business which come before it whether they recommend them or not. The business and finance committee may refine or alter any item of business that is presented before it to make it more practical.
11. Resolutions Committee: (Be it recommended that the "Temperance, Sabbath Day Observance, and Deceased Committee be dissolved and consolidated into this one committee for the sake of convenience and efficiency.) It will be the responsibility of this committee to formulate and present resolutions concerning important moral and doctrinal issues when instructed to do so by the body. It is also the responsibility of the resolutions committee to give a report in the form of a resolution concerning those in our churches who have died during the previous year. This committee will be appointed and function only during the yearly meeting in February.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

It is not my purpose by presenting these recommendations to

interfere where I am not wanted. But to help accomplish a duty that has been assigned to the executive committee six months ago. These recommendations are not meant to be exhaustive by any means but are presented as merely guidelines for the executive committee to go by in presenting their recommendations to the association. May God bless you in your work and if I can be of any future help in this matter please call on me.

Respectfully Submitted

David E. Kemper
Moderator

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 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 everpresent 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 attributes 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; Ps. 145:10; Acts 1:28; Ps. 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; Ps. 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; I 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." (I 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; Luke 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 25:15; I Cor. 15:22; Rev. 20:12; Rom. 2:16; Matt. 25:46; II Thess. 1:8-10; Rom. 2:23; II Pet. 1:11; Mk. 3:29; Matt. 13:41-43; Rom. 2:6-10; Acts 17:31.

TO: All members of the East Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists

FROM: Requirements for ordination into the offices or acceptance into the offices of Deacon and Preacher

We, the Ordination Council for the East Alabama Association of Free-Will Baptists wish to make the following requirements necessary for the ordination of any individual to the offices of deacon or preacher. We do not wish to impose any of the following requirements on any ordained individual who presently holds credentials, but we do encourage our presently ordained men to abide by the requirements for the sake of consistency. We feel that all of the following requirements are based on scriptural precept or principle. Please pray about this and voice your opinion by exercising your right to vote at the next quarterly meeting of our association.

REQUIREMENTS:

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 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.

Respectfully submitted, Ordination Council for
the East Alabama Association of Free-Will Baptists.

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 all 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 bonds 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.