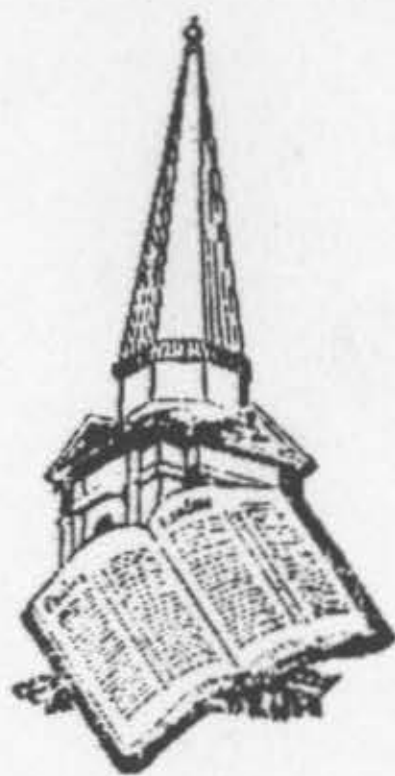


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*East Alabama Association*  
*of*

*Free Will Baptist*



*Minutes 1990-1991*

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## 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.

### Officers for Year 1992-93

Moderator — Rev. Charles Corley  
Asst. Moderator — Rev. Rodger Milling  
Clerk — Patricia Milling  
Asst. Clerk — Martha Caswell  
Mission Fund Treasurer — Martha Caswell

### Board of Christian Education

5 Year — Phillip Riley  
4 Year — Robin Caswell  
3 Year — Donnie Blackmon  
2 Year — Rev. Rodger Milling  
1 Year — Rev. Charles Corley

### Ordination Council

- 5 Year — Donnie Blackmon
- 4 Year — Robert Caswell
- 3 Year — Rev. Frank Fagan
- 2 Year — Rev. Rodger Milling
- 1 Year — Rev. Donnie Hussey

Member of Board of Trustees to Children's Home - Donnie Blackmon

### Schedule of Meetings

May 16, 1992 — Unity Free Will Baptist Church  
August 8, 1992 — St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church  
November 7, 1991 — First Free Will Baptist, Montgomery  
February 13, 1993 — Unity Free Will Baptist Church  
1992 Alabama State Association will meet November 5 & 6, 1992, at First Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan, Alabama.  
All meetings being 10:00 Central, 11:00 Eastern Time.

May 13, 1989 at St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church

The meetings opened with a congregational song, *"Dwelling in Beulah Land"*, led by Bro. Mark Milling. Rev. Frank Fagan requested special prayer for Bro. O. A. Gibson, who is in the hospital, and the prayer was led by Bro. Jimmy Hodge. After another congregational song, *"Want To See Him"*, Bro. Fagan welcomed the people to the church. The combined reports were read by the clerk, and the delegates were seated. The clerk read the minutes of the previous meeting, and they were approved as read. The moderator, Bro. Fagan, strengthened the Board of Christian Education: Sis. Shelia Taylor, Bro. Kenny Brown, Sis. Ruth Stowe, Sis. Mildred Knighton, and Sis. Martha Caswell. The Business and Finance Committee was appointed: Bro. Clark Adair, Bro. Mark Milling, Bro. Gary Knighton, and Sis. Sarah Adair. The Ordination Council was strengthened: Rev. Rodger Milling, Bro. Jimmy Hodge, Bro. Charlie Barnett. Special music was given by Bro. Clark Adair, Sis. Sarah Adair, and Sis. Frances Blackmon, entitled *"God On The Mountain"*. Bro. Rodger Milling brought the morning message, entitled *"Satan Hinders"*. He talked about trying to please God rather than men. Paul thanked the people for listening to him as if his message was coming from God. If people pay attention to the Word of God it will straighten out the problems in the church, home, and community. His text was I Thessalonians 3. He also stated that the tempter, Satan, can raise up temptations to frustrate and hinder the work of God. If a person yields to the temptation placed by Satan he will undo all the Christian work he or she has ever done. Satan can only hinder the work when the worker yields to the temptation. If we don't choose the evil, Satan loses all his power.

The afternoon session was opened in prayer by Bro. Mark Milling, followed by congregational songs, *"What A Day That Will Be"*, and *"When We All Get To Heaven"*. Bro. Blackmon and Bro. and Sis. Adair sang a special entitled *"Just Like You, Lord"*. Bro. Mark Milling sang *"Beulah Land"*. Bro. Fagan sang, *"Finally Home"*. Bro. Jimmy Hodge brought the afternoon devotion from Romans 8:35-37 on Steadfastness. He said if we love Christ, nothing will move us or take us away from God's love. He also referred to Colossians 2:5, I Corinthians 15:58, and I Peter 5:9, saying if we stay steadfast we can resist any temptation. By standing steadfast we are free from things of the world. Self can keep us from getting into Heaven.

Bro. Kenny Brown gave a report on the Board of Christian Education: Competitors from the district will be Brandy Bailey, Solo; Kelly Blackmon, Solo; Becky Perkins, Solo; David Milling and Becky Perkins, Duet; Becky Perkins, Instrumental, Ronnie Wailey, Sword Drill, Amanda Hodge, Sword Drill; Jennifer Jordan, Bible Memorization; and Kevin Hussey, Keith Blackmon, Anthony Blackmon, and Destiny Moore, Puppets. The next Youth Rally will be October 16, 1989 at Unity Free Will Baptist Church



at 5:00 Central, 6:00 Eastern Time. The members of the Board of Christian Education are asked to contact Kenny Brown at Route 2 Box 332, Smiths, Alabama 36877, to get organized. This report was received as information.

The Ordination Council met, but could not conduct business. They requested that Rev. Henry Shellman be sent a letter by the clerk requesting he meet with them at the next association meeting in August.

#### Business and Finance Committee Report

Church	Fees	Children's Home	Bd of C Ed
St. James	35.00	25.00	10.00
Unity	30.00	25.00	10.00
1st-Montgomery	30.00	25.00	10.00
St. Mark	30.00	—	10.00
Faith	30.00	—	10.00
Bethel	No letter or fees	—	—
Totals	155.00	75.00	30.00

\*St. James was reported as paying 30.00 fees, but check was for \$70.00. \$5.00 extra was applied as fees.

The Committee asked the churches to try to get a little more enthusiasm stirred up. The report was accepted as read.

#### Children's Home Report:

Bro. Milling reported there are currently 31 children in the Home - 16 State and 15 private kids. The Home had a bad case of virus at the last board meeting. The gas company which is drilling on the property has donated \$1200 to the home, and erected a new fence and gate. There are still problems with EEOC; the Board voted to come out from under EEOC. We will need to furnish insurance for the kids and the cheapest Bro. Corey has found is \$38.00 per child per month. This report was received as information.

#### East Alabama Missions Report

January 1, 1989

Old Balance .....	\$407.82
Received .....	00.00
Paid Out .....	00.00
New Balance March 31, 1989 .....	\$407.82

(Signed Martha Caswell, Treasurer)

Bro. Fagan, Moderator, asked anyone who knows of churches who need help to let him know. We could possibly visit the churches who are down

and try to encourage them. He also asked for suggestions or complaints (with solutions) for our association. Bro. Charles Barnett moved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for their hospitality. This was moved and seconded and carried. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Mark Milling.

(Signed Pat Milling, Clerk)

August 12, 1989 at Unity Free Will Baptist Church

The meeting opened with Rev. Donnie Hussey leading the singing, and Pat Milling at the piano. The congregation sang "*Love Lifted Me*". Bro. Carlos Perkins led in prayer. The congregation sang "*At The Cross*", "*Where The Soul Never Dies*", and "*Amazing Grace*". Bro. Hussey gave the Welcome and had prayer. The clerk called the meeting to order, the delegates were read and seated, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and the combined letters were given out. It was moved to accept the minutes as read with no additions or corrections, and this was seconded and carried. The Moderator, Rev. Frank Fagan, strengthened the committees as follows: Board of Christian Education: Sis. Betty Hussey, Sis. Etta Jones, Sis. Martha Caswell, Sis. Cathy Hughes. The Ordination Council was strengthened with Rev. Rodger Milling. The Business and Finance Committee was appointed: Sis. Becky Perkins, Bro. Barry Chane, Sis. Lois Hibbs, Rev. Mark Milling, and Bro. Charlie Jones. Sis. Sarah Adair and Sis. Frances Blackmon sang a special entitled "*What A Friend we Have In Jesus*". The congregation sang another song entitled "*That Glad Reunion Day*". Rev. Johnny Cook, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church in Watts-ville brought the morning message from Job 1:20-22. He entitled his message "*Victory Over All*". He stated that we live in a time when churches and professing Christians are defeated. People don't care any more if people are lost or saved. Job had the right attitude toward money, land, cattle, and neighbors. He had the victory because he drew nigh to God. He stated there is nothing worse than a hypocrite standing in the door of the church so that the unsaved **can't** or **won't** come in. We can have victory over every circumstance in our lives by standing and staying close to God. After his message, the morning session was closed with an altar prayer and song, "*Have Thine Own Way*". An offering of \$51.00 was received for Bro. Cook.

The afternoon session opened with Rev. Mark Milling leading the singing. Songs were "*He Set Me Free*", "*The Glory Land Way*," and "*I'm Living In Canaan Now*". Rev. Rodger Milling led in prayer, and Rev. Henry Shellman brought the afternoon devotional. His text was Haggai 1:3. He mentioned how God called Haggai in to stir the people to rebuild the house of God. The people lived in fine houses, but God's work lay unfinished. We do the same today, and are satisfied with the status quo — things remaining the same. We need to put Jesus Christ first and come together to serve him.



Bro. Robert Caswell and Sis. Martha Caswell sang a special entitled "Where Could I Go But To The Lord?"

#### Business and Finance Committee Report

Church	Fees	Children's Home	Bd of C Ed
St. James	35.00	35.00	—
Unity	30.00	25.00	10.00
1st-Montgomery	30.00	25.00	—
St. Mark	30.00	—	10.00
Faith	30.00	—	10.00
Bethel	No letter or fees	—	—
Totals	150.00	85.00	30.00

The Committee recommended that the clerk send a letter to Bethel concerning their intention toward the association. This was accepted as read.

#### Ordination Council Report

The Ordination Council recommended that Rev. Henry Shellman be accepted in full fellowship with the association. This was moved, seconded and carried. The committee also recommended that Bro. Carlos Perkins be ordained as deacon. This was moved, seconded and carried. Rev. Rodger Milling brought the charge from I Timothy 3:1 and 8-13, and Acts 6:1-7. The ordained men laid hands on Bro. Perkins and Bro. Hussey led in prayer.

Bro. Milling gave the Children's Home Report, which was received as information. There was no old business. It was moved to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality, which was seconded and carried. It was moved to re-elect Rev. Rodger Milling as Trustee to the Children's Home Board. This was seconded and carried. Bro. Milling was also nominated and elected to replace Bro. Parker on the Ordination Council. Delegates to the Alabama State Association in November were selected: Sis. Betty Hussey, Sis. Sarah Fagan, Sis. Guynette Barnett, Sis. Pat Milling, and Sis. Martha Caswell. We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Mark Milling.

(Signed Pat Milling, Clerk)

November 4, 1989 at First Free Will Baptist Church, Montgomery

The meeting opened with Sis. Peggy Miller leading the singing, with Sis. Lois Hibbs at the organ, and Sis. Bessie Carr at the piano. After congregational song, "There Is Power In The Blood", Rev. Rodger Milling led in prayer. Bro. Hurtiss Carr gave the welcome to the churches. After congregational songs, "Sunlight" and "What A Day That Will Be", Sis. Miller sang a special entitled "A Hill Called Mount Calvary". There was a

brief testimony service, and Sis. Frances Blackmon and Sis. Sarah Adair sang a special entitled, "God On the Mountain". The clerk called the meeting to order, the delegates were read and seated. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read, and the combined reports were passed out. The moderator, Rev. Frank Fagan, strengthened the Board of Christian Education: Bro. Donnie Blackmon, Sis. Beatrice Austin, Sis. Peggy Miller, and Sis. Martha Caswell. The Business and Finance Committee was appointed as follows: Bro. Rodger Milling, Bro. Charlie Barnett, Bro. Sammy Robinson, and Bro. Robert Caswell. Rev. Mark Milling brought the morning message from Numbers 21:1-5 and 20-27. His message was entitled "Accountability: A Value We Cannot Live Without." He stated that we have responsibility to go into all the world — the highways and hedges and compel people - sinners - to come hear the gospel proclaimed. The tribes of Reuben and Gad had a choice - they were disciplined to go all the way. What they saw was pleasing and they did not want to cross over Jordan. Many churches are satisfied with what they have and as a result they remain small. We have a choice whether to stay still and not help or go out and help give spiritual satisfaction to people. Their choice showed a lack of faith. God would hold them accountable for the choice they made. The message closed with an invitation song "Have Thine Own Way, Lord", and an altar prayer. Bro. Fagan made the announcements and we were dismissed for lunch after the song, "Rescue the Perishing", while an offering of \$21.00 was received for Bro. Milling. Rev. Donnie Hussey dismissed in prayer.

The afternoon session opened with congregational song, "Victory In Jesus", and Bro. Charlie Barnett led in prayer. Bro. Fagan sang a special entitled "Hello, Mama", and brought a devotion from Psalms 128. He talked of how important marriage and family life are as God's Word teaches. He spoke of how the world needs us to love it - the people in the world. We need closeness in our relationships with our spouses, family and church people, and we need to show love to the people of the world. Board of Christian Education Report: The committee mentioned that no one on the official board was at the meeting today or last quarter. They asked that the churches be prayerful about this committee and try to get something going for the youth. We need to teach our children and set examples. This was accepted as information.

#### Business and Finance Committee Report

Church	Fees	Children's Home	Bd of C Ed
St. James	30.00	25.00	10.00
Unity	30.00	35.00	—
1st-Montgomery	30.00	25.00	10.00
St. Mark	30.00	—	10.00
Faith	30.00	—	10.00
Totals	150.00	85.00	40.00



The committee discussed the association membership decline. They stated they hope that we will build the association back up. If we don't grow, we will have to consider raising the fees again or other means to help with the financial situation. This report was received as information.

#### *Missions Fund Report*

Sis. Martha Caswell reported nothing had been received or paid out. The balance remains the same. This was received as information.

Bro. Milling gave the Children's Home Report. The Home is in excellent shape. They have 29 children and are expecting one more. 21 are private children, and 8 are state kids. The state has no place to put them and has apologized for their actions and are allowing those eight to stay at the home. Private children are coming from all over the United States. The home has purchased hospital insurance for the children for \$38.00 per month per child. A stake body truck was given to the home and the home bought a \$45,000 bus for \$10,000. Contributions and the balance in the bank have constantly increased since Bro. Corey has been at the home. This was received as information. It was moved to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality; this was seconded and carried. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Fagan.

(Signed Pat Milling, Clerk)

March 10, 1990 at St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church

The meeting opened with song, "Heavenly Sunlight", and prayer by Rev. Donnie Hussey, followed by congregational song, "Heaven's Jubilee". Rev. Frank Fagan brought the morning devotion from Philipians 2:1. He talked about the unity of the believer being based on the new birth, indwelling Spirit, fellowship with Christ, and resulting in oneness of mind, spirit, fellowship, and concern. He stated that when this happens we will be united physically, socially and mentally.

The clerk called the meeting to order and the delegates were seated. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and the combined reports were read. It was moved to accept them as read. This was seconded and carried.

Bro. Fagan, Moderator, appointed the Committees: Board of Christian Education: Sis. Betty Hussey, Sis. Virginia Tatum, Sis. Martha Caswell, and Sis. Ruth Stowe. The Ordination Council did not need strengthening. Business and Finance Committee: Rev. Mark Milling, Bro. Charlie Barnett, Sis. Lois Hibbs, Sis. Ruth Rash, and Sis. Sandi Wiggins. Resolutions Committee: Sis. Sarah Fagan, Bro. Clark Adair, Bro. Carlos Perkins, Bro. Hurtiss Carr. After this, Bro. Fagan sang a special entitled, "I Claim The Blood". Bro. Fagan introduced Dr. Dan Ireland from ALCAP. He is a lobbyist in the state of Alabama against abortion and drug use and abuse. He is director of the Alabama Organization of ALCAP and President of the

national organization of thirty-seven states. He, as well as others, goes into our schools and teaches total abstinence from all drugs. His message was from Deuteronomy 30:15-19. He said that there are two ways to go: life or death. We must choose life. It is important for us to cultivate and establish the way of life for your children and grandchildren. He stated that the number one drug killer is tobacco, yet the government supplements the prices for tobacco growers. Liquor is the number one cause of death in teens. To choose life is to choose the good, and we will receive blessings from God. To choose the good life is also to choose to live for Jesus, to love God and others. After an altar prayer, an offering was received for Dr. Ireland of \$38.83.

The afternoon session opened with songs, "Come Unto Me" and "Until Then". Sis. Sarah Adair, Bro. Clark Adair, and Sis. Frances Blackmon sang a special entitled "Payday". Rev. Donnie Hussey gave the Mission Board Report. He stated they are in the process of building a new church in Madison (Huntsville). He apologized about last year's Walk-A-Thon. He stated they changed officers and the records were confused and this resulted in delays. He asked this year's report go to Bro. Roger Lucas. Bro. Hussey brought a devotion from Matthew 28:18 entitled "The Four All's". All power of creation, salvation and resurrection is given to Christ. All nations - Jesus died for the sin of the whole world. All things - we need all of God's Word and we need to teach it to all. Always - Jesus will be with us.

The clerk read her financial report and it was approved as read. Board of Christian Education Report: It was announced that the Youth Rally and Competition will be April 21 at St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church, beginning at 5:30 Central, 6:30 Eastern Time. There are Youth Camps being held at the Vernon and Progressive Associations, and one in Mississippi. The one in the Progressive Association charges about \$25.00 to \$35.00 per camper, and they ask that at least one man and one woman to act as helpers. The one in Mississippi is new, and they charge about \$30.00 per camper. Their ministers and teachers are all Free Will Baptist, and about 125 professions of faith were made last year. It is in the Waynesboro and Hattiesburg area. It was moved to accept this as information.

#### *Business and Finance Committee Report*

Church	Fees	Children's Home	Bd of C Ed
St. James	30.00	25.00	10.00
Unity	30.00	35.00	—
1st-Montgomery	30.00	25.00	10.00
St. Mark	30.00	—	10.00
Faith	30.00	—	10.00
Totals	150.00	85.00	40.00



We recommend that we hold our association meetings every six months, in February and in August, and have Youth Rallies in May and November. Fees would be \$60.00 every six months. After a motion and second, this was discussed. This motion failed to pass. The meetings will remain the same. We recommend that the minutes be printed every two years, one the even year, and one the odd years the clerk will type a list of officers and a schedule of meetings to add to the front of the minutes. Also to be included are the addresses and phone numbers of all officers and board members. After a motion and a second, and discussion this item carried.

Rev. Rodger Milling gave the Children's Home Report: The home has 30 kids, 6 state and 24 private. Eight are of driving age. December was the best ever - over \$89,000 was received. The home needs many repairs 0 to the roof, water tank, main furnace, etc. The repairs are costing a small fortune. Bro. Corey found some different insurance for the children, which costs \$55.00 per month per child, instead of the \$38.00 previously reported, but the new insurance has much better coverage, and will automatically cover any new kids. They are asking all who will to adopt a kid to help with the insurance expenses. There is also a project to purchase a mobile home. A company will donate \$2500 if we can raise the other \$2500 to match it. This would give us the room to increase the capacity to 36-38 kids. The board is asking each association to raise \$150.00. This report was received as information.

The Resolutions report given by Bro. Clark Adair: From First Free Will Baptist Church of Montgomery - Bro. Albert Harpe died February, 1989. From Unity - Mrs. Wilene Blackmon died January 3, 1989. From St. Mark - Sis. Mae Grimes died July, 1989, and Bro. Johnny Kincaid died November, 1989. From St. James - Sis. Doris Richburg died in December, 1989, and Sis. Vicie Bently died, date of death unknown. We recommend that we remember those who have deceased with a minute of silent prayer.

The Missions Fund Report was given by Sis. Martha Caswell. She reported that nothing had been paid out or received, and that the balance is still \$407.82. This report was received as information. There was a move and second to elect the Board of Christian Education on a five-year rotation basis. This was carried. It was moved and seconded that we give \$400.00 that is in the Mission Board Fund to the Montgomery Church, and then work to build the fund back up. This motion carried. The Ordination Council met with Rev. Charles Corley, who comes from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Augusta, Georgia. The Council recommends that we accept him in full fellowship. This was moved, seconded and carried.

#### Officers for Year 1990-91

Moderator — Rev. Donnie Hussey  
Asst. Moderator — Rev. Rodger Milling  
Clerk — Patricia Milling  
Asst. Clerk — Martha Caswell  
Mission Fund Treasurer — Martha Caswell  
Children's Home Trustee — Rev. Rodger Milling (elected in August)

#### Board of Christian Education

5 Year — Bro. Donnie Blackmon  
4 Year — Bro. Carlos Perkins  
3 Year — Rev. Charles Corley  
2 Year — Rev. Mark Milling  
1 Year — Bro. Kenny Brown

#### Ordination Council

5 Year — Rev. Frank Fagan  
4 Year — Rev. Rodger Milling  
3 Year — Bro. Jimmy Hodge  
2 Year — Bro. Donnie Blackmon  
1 Year — Rev. Rodger Milling

#### Schedule of Meetings

May 12, 1990 — Unity Free Will Baptist Church  
August 11, 1990 — First Free Will Baptist Church, Montgomery  
November 3, 1990 — St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church  
February 9, 1991 — Annual - Unity Free Will Baptist Church  
May 12, 1990 at Unity Free Will Baptist Church

The meeting opened with Rev. Donnie Hussey welcoming everyone to the meeting and by prayer by Bro. Donnie Blackmon. Bro. Rodger Milling led the singing. The clerk called the meeting to order. Bro. Hussey brought the morning devotional from Psalms 119:33, and his topic was "*Our Need of Daily Devotion*". He said that our walk with Jesus is seven days a week, not just Sunday. We have a great need to have a quiet time with the Lord. We need to acknowledge who He is - the Creator. He is the Son of God and He is our Savior. He will one day be the judge. We need to seek his direction in our daily lives, in decisions, Bro. Hussey closed the devotion with prayer. The delegates were read and seated. The minutes were read and accepted as read. The moderator appointed the Business and Finance Committee: Rev. Frank Fagan, Bro. Sewell, Bro. Caswell, and Bro. Donnie Blackmon. The Board of Christian Education did not need to meet and was



not strengthened. Rev. Rodger Milling gave the Children's Home Report:

The Home has 35 children; 29 private and 6 state kids. Three of these are staying at the superintendant's home. In the last twenty-eight days, Bro. Corey has turned down thirty kids. Twenty-three of the children are teens. The home has received its first minority child, who is about nine years old. He is mixed Black, White, Mexican, and Indian, and came to us from a Free Will Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas. Bro. Corey raised about \$8,000 for the mobile home. He was able to purchase a 24 x 48 double width, and a 14 x 65 single wide for that amount. This will enable us to increase our number of kids to about 40 or 45. The Board approved the starting of a private school for our kids, using the A.C.E. Curriculum. We have five teens ready to graduate, some who may not, without this special help. The Cahaba River Association of Free Will Baptist leased us their Youth Camp - 40 acres and buildings and pool for \$1.00 per year. We are looking at a possible second home at this location. This report was received as information.

After more congregational singing, prayer requests were mentioned, and Bro. Curtis Sewell led in prayer. Bro. Hussey introduced Rev. Charles Corley, who is the new pastor at First Free Will Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. Bro. Corley's message was entitled, *"Only One Winning Team"*. His text was Psalms 65:1-13. He stated that Satan knows he only has a short time to destroy good homes and good people. Too many people are rooting for the wrong team. Every Christian can reap the benefits of being on God's side. Too many people don't recognize that they are supposed to be doing God's work in God's way. He mentioned four benefits: 1) God satisfied; 2) God controls; 3) God visits, and 4) God provides. He cares for us more than he does the animals. We are the apple of His eye. He closed with prayer. Bro. Charles Barnett offered the prayer for the offering for Bro. Corley, which was 36.00. We were dismissed for lunch in prayer by Rev. Mark Milling.

The afternoon session opened in prayer by Bro. Robert Caswell.

#### Business and Finance Committee Report

Church	Fees	Missions	Bd of C E	Ch Home	Trailer
St. James	30.00	—	10.00	25.00	—
Unity	30.00	—	—	35.00	30.00
1st-Mont	30.00	10.00	10.00	25.00	—
St. Mark	30.00	—	10.00	—	—
Faith	30.00	—	10.00	—	—
Totals	150.00	10.00	40.00	85.00	30.00

We, the Business and Finance Committee recommend to the churches that they consider contributing to the East Alabama Missions Fund by

either placing into their church budget at least 1% of their income to go into the Mission Fund, or that they take up a Free Will offering on a regular basis.

This was received and the committee was released. Bro. Mark Milling gave the Board of Christian Education report: In April the Youth Rally and competition was held at St. Mark. The winners were: Timothy Knighton, Bible Memorization; Amanda Hodge, Solo; Becky Perkins, Solo and Creative Writing. The play she wrote goes to the National to be judged. Other competitors were Gina Wiggins and Jennifer Jordan. After the fees were paid to the State for Competition, there is a balance of \$11.83 in the account. There will be a Board meeting at Faith Church on June 16th at 10:00 Central, 11:00 Eastern Time. The State Youth Rally will be June 1 and 2 at Forestdale Free Will Baptist Church beginning at 7:00 P.M. Youth Camp will be the second week in June in Mississippi. It is approximately 268 miles from Columbus, Georgia. If anyone wants to go, contact Bro. Fagan. This report was accepted as read.

#### East Alabama Missions Fund Report:

Beginning Balance January 1, 1990 .....	\$407.82
Nothing Received .....	—
Paid out to 1st F W B. Church .....	400.00
New Balance brought forward (March 31, 1990) .....	7.82
(Signed, Martha Caswell, treasurer)	

This report was received as information. Bro. Hussey gave the State Mission Board report. The Board is in process of getting a loan for \$275,000 for construction of a new church in Huntsville. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Hussey.

#### August 11, 1990 at First Free Will Baptist Church, Montgomery

The meeting opened with songs, *"Just Over In Glory Land"*, and *"Where The Soul Never Dies"*, with Sis. Bessie Carr, Pianist, Sis. Lois Hibbs, Orgainst, and Sis. Peggy Miller leading the singing. Prayer by Rev. Charles Corley. Rev. Rodger Milling filled in as Moderator for Rev. Donnie Hussey. The clerk called the meeting to order. Rev. Frank Fagan brought the devotion from Mark 13:1-9.13. entitled *"A Troubled World"*. He said that when a person is without Christ, he has trouble, but with Christ there is hope. He talked of the current affairs in the world — Americans in Iraq who may never come home. We as Christians are to have strength and reach out and touch those with whom we come in contact. The delegates were seated, the minutes and combined reports were read and approved as read.

The Business and Finance Committee was appointed by Bro. Milling; Chairman - Bro. Clark Adair; Sis. Peggy Miller, Sis. Mavis Wages and



Bro. David Terry. After congregational song, *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*, and *"A Shelter in the Time of Storm"*, Sis. Miller sang a special entitled *"Brand New Touch"*. Rev. Corley introduced the morning speaker, Rev. Donnie Hussey. Bro. Hussey's message was from Luke 18:1-7 and Colossians 4:12, and was entitled *"The Effects of Prayer"*. Epaphrys was a servant in Christ, and had one of the highest honors paid to him when it was said he was a prayer warrior, or laborer in prayer. He made an impact on the church and the people he knew. Bro. Hussey asked if we know what agonizing prayer is. We need to pray for a definite purpose. Prayer affects our relationships with one another. We need discipline, high standards, Godly living. But we also need to love the people and be in one mind and one accord. Prayer affects our service to God. If we are a born again child of God we are a servant of Christ. If we are an officer, pastor, deacon, teacher or just a Christian we ought to be faithful in service for the Lord. Prayer will affect our walk with God. Sometimes we go through the motions of being faithful, but our heart is not in our relationship with God. If we pray fervently, the Holy Spirit will direct us and develop us into what we ought to be. The message was closed out with an altar call, and prayer by Bro. Fagan. Bro. Donnie Blackmon led in prayer for the offering for Bro. Hussey, which was \$20.43. Bro. Corley made the announcements before lunch.

The afternoon session opened with songs, *"Little Is Much When God Is In It"* and *"His Grace is Sufficient"*. Prayer by Bro. Hurtiss Carr. Sis. Sarah Adair and Sis. Frances Blackmon sang a special entitled, *"Till The Storm Passes By"*.

#### Business and Finance Committee Report

Church	Fees	Ch Home	Bd of C E	Missions
St. James	No letter	- no fees		
Unity	30.00	35.00	—	—
1st-Mont	30.00	25.00	10.00	10.00
St. Mark	30.00		10.00	—
Faith	30.00		10.00	
Totals	120.00	60.00	30.00	10.00

It was moved and seconded to accept this report. Carried. Board of Christian Education Report: There will be a Youth Rally October 20 at Unity Free Will Baptist Church. The board talked about having set times to have the Youth Rallies and other activities. The next Rally will be January 26, 1991 at St. Mark, then the Youth Competition will be April 20, 1991. The Board has made some new rules. The competitors in singing competition must also compete in Bible. The exception will be if the church does not have a group to compete. For example, if the church does not have Bible

Bowl Competition for the appropriate age, those in that age may still compete in the singing. Or if a person competes in Bible, but does not win, he/she can still compete in the singing competition. The exceptions will be up to the pastor's discretion. This report was given by Bro. Mark Milling and accepted as information.

The Children's Home Report was given by Bro. Milling: The Home has purchased a 14 x 70 trailer, and the teen-age boys have been placed in it. This is working out very well. A double wide was given to us. We just need to move it and set it up. It is in Tallahassee, Florida. The dining hall has been painted and has new curtains. We need new chairs. A go-cart track has been built, and we have two go-carts. A church in Jasper donated a large swing set, with nine swings. We have 50 laying hens. The home is doing real well. This report was received as information. There was a move and second to re-elect Bro. Milling as Trustee to the Children's Home. This was carried. Bro. Hussey gave a report on State Home Missions. The Huntsville Church hopes to be in their new building by October or November. This report was received as information. It was moved and seconded to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. This was carried. Sis. Martha Caswell gave the Missions Report: April 1, 1990, the Balance was \$7.82. Nothing received, nothing paid out. New balance is \$7.82. (Signed, Martha Caswell, treasurer).

There was an announcement that there will be a spend-the-night retreat for the Ladies Auxiliary on August 24. Delegates to the State Meeting in November were appointed: Sis. Sarah Fagan, Sis. Guynette Barnett, Sis. Betty Hussey, Sis. Barbara Ellison, and Sis. Pat Milling. We were dismissed in prayer.

(Signed Pat Milling, Clerk)

November 3, 1990 at St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church

The meeting opened with songs *"Victory in Jesus"* and *"Stand Up for Jesus"*, with Sis. Martha Caswell at the piano and Rev. Rodger Milling leading the singing. Prayer by Bro. Charlie Barnett. Bro. Milling welcomed the people to St. Mark. Rev. Donnie Hussey brought a devotional from Romans 8:1-14. The clerk read the delegates and there was a move and second to seat the delegates, which was carried. The clerk read the minutes and passed out the combined reports and they were approved as read. Bro. Hussey, Moderator, appointed the Business and Finance Committee: Bro. Robert Caswell, Sis. Peggy Miller, Bro. Charlie Barnett, and Sis. Sarah Fagan. After congregational song, *"I Am Thine, O Lord"*, and *"Do You Know My Jesus"*. Robert and Martha Caswell sang specials entitled *"In the Garden"* and *"What a Day That Will Be"*.

Rev. Mark Milling brought the morning message from Matthew 27:45, and it was entitled, *"It's Friday, But Sunday's A Coming"*. He spoke of the



dark time in the life of Christ, especially his death. Then he spoke of the very best time - his resurrection, which he contrasted as happy and bright. He said that we have lived so long in our life with "Fridays" — dark, gloom and despair, that we need to remember that Sunday is coming. He spoke of Moses when he was trying to lead the Hebrew children out of Egypt; of Shadrack, Meshack, and Abednego when they were thrown in the furnace, and Daniel when he was thrown in the lion's den. They all had Fridays in their lives but continued to pray and obey God. He reminded us of Galatians 6:9 which says, *"Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."* He closed with an invitation. After prayer, an offering of 24.05 was received for Bro. Milling. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Donnie Blackmon.

#### Business and Finance Committee Report

Church	Fees	Ch Home	Bd of C E	Missions
St. James	No letter	or fees		
Unity	30.00	35.00	—	—
1st-Mont	30.00	25.00	10.00	10.00
St. Mark	30.00	—	10.00	—
Faith	30.00	—	10.00	—
Totals	120.00	60.00	30.00	10.00

Bro. Barnett read a letter concerning pews for Huntsville Church. He recommended that the association consider buying a pew. He suggested each church try to raise \$125.00. Bro. Milling moved that each church bring it to their church and see if they can raise it and if they can, send the money to the clerk. This was seconded and carried. The report was received as information. The Board of Christian Education Report was given: The East Alabama Association has not had a youth camp in several years, and the board was to have one this year. They are leaning to the one in Mississippi. The distance is some problem, but they feel we have to sacrifice this to get other benefits. There will be a Youth Rally on January 26, 1991 at St. Mark, and April 20 will be the Competition at 6:30 Eastern, 5:30 Central Time, at First Church in Montgomery. This report was received as information. Mission Fund Report: The old balance was 7.82; 20.00 received and leaving a new balance of \$27.82. (Signed Martha Caswell). It was moved, seconded and carried to accept this report as information.

The Children's Home Report was given by Bro. Milling: The Home had fifteen children five years ago and now has 38. Two weeks ago, eight kids were saved. The home had a fire inspection, and the necessary things would cost into the thousands of dollars. There was no way we could afford these. Bro. Corey went to the Fire Marshall, then to someone higher than him in Montgomery. A few days later the inspector gave us 100 percent on the

follow-up inspection. A new central air and heat system was installed in the superintendents home. The old stove blew up and caused burns, and a new stove was donated. The double-wide mobile home in Tallahassee still has not been moved. Bro. Corey will look at it and see if it is worth moving, or if we should try to sell it there. Cahaba River Youth Camp has been deeded to the Children's Home, with all property and approximately \$6,000 cash. The average cost per child is \$8395, and in 1985 it was about 10,000 per child per year. At the last audit, the balance was \$37,527. This report was received as information.

Bro. Hussey gave the State Home Mission's Report: Tomorrow, November 4, 1990, will be the first service in the new building in Huntsville. The old building cost \$2350 per month. The new building costs \$3100 per month. The land was 275,000. The new church was build for \$17 per square foot, which is very cheap. Much of the labor was donated. We are in competition as far as buildings go with other churches. We need good buildings to draw the people. We will be starting a new work within the next year on the West Side of Mobile. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept this report as information.

There was no old business and no new business. It was moved to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. This was seconded and carried. We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Charles Corley.

#### Clerk's Report

Old Balance March 10, 1990.....	491.08
Received Fees .....	540.00
Children's Home — Mobile Home .....	30.00
Children's Home .....	50.00
Board of Christian Education .....	20.00
Total on hand.....	1131.08
Paid out	
Children's Home .....	50.00
Children's Home — trailer.....	30.00
Kwik Copy .....	3.78
C & C Printers .....	321.00
Board of Christian Education .....	10.00
Typewriter Ribbon .....	14.95
Alabama State Association Fees .....	150.00
Total paid out .....	579.73
New balance February 8, 1991	551.35

#### Officers for year 1991-1992

Moderator — Rev. Charles Corley  
Asst. Moderator — Rev. Rodger Milling



Clerk — Patricia Milling  
Asst. Clerk — Martha Caswell  
Mission Fund Treasurer — Martha Caswell

#### Board of Christian Education

5 Year — Robin Caswell  
4 Year — Donnie Blackmon  
3 Year — Carlos Perkins  
2 Year — Rev. Charles Corley  
1 Year — Rev. Mark Milling

#### Ordination Council

5 Year — Robert Caswell  
4 Year — Rev. Frank Fagan  
3 Year — Rev. Rodger Milling  
2 Year — Rev. Donnie Hussey  
1 Year — Donnie Blackmon

#### Schedule of Meetings

May 11, 1991 — Unity Free Will Baptist Church, Sylacauga  
August 10, 1991 — Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Opelika  
November 2, 1991 — St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church, Phenix City  
February 8, 1992 — First Free Will Baptist Church, Montgomery

February 9, 1991, at Unity Free Will Baptist Church

The meeting opened with congregational song entitled *"Heaven's Jubilee"* and prayer by Rev. Charles Corley. After other congregational songs, *"Are You Washed in the Blood?"*, and *"Redeemed"*, the clerk called the meeting to order. Rev. Donnie Hussey brought a devotional from I John 4:7-13. He said that we need to have love for the brethren - 1) because we are brothers and sisters in Christ; 2) because we are subjects of the same government; 3) because we are travelers on the same road, 4) because we are partakers of the same hope through Jesus; 5) because we are to live together in the same home. Bro. Hussey closed with prayer. The clerk read the list of delegates and the delegates were seated. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and it was moved and seconded to accept the report with one correction - to add the Women's Auxiliary figure to the reports. This was carried. The Business and Finance Committee was appointed: Rev. Frank Fagan, Chairman; Bro. Hurtiss Carr, Bro. Robert Caswell, Bro. Clark Adair. The Resolutions Committee was appointed: Sis. Pat Price, Sis. Sarah Fagan, and Sis. Peggy Miller.

Bro. Rodger Milling gave the Children's Home Report: We have 35 children in the home; we sent five home last week. We are short-handed in

staff. Sis. Corley had knee surgery, and was out about six weeks. Ruth Huddleston had a baby two or three weeks ago. The home had a good Christmas - giving was up \$11,000 over last year. The home passed all inspections and was licensed for two more years. A John Deere tractor was given by someone from Mississippi. It was valued at over \$4,000. We will need a low-boy to move it. Two small mules were given to the home. The same officers were re-elected, and a 7% pay raise was given to all employees except State employees. Bro. Ronnie Davis from Birmingham wants to build and improve the property at the Youth Camp. This report was received as information.

Bro. Hussey gave the State Missions Report. He stated that they are not starting a new work as soon as they thought, and the area may change. It depends on a man being led to a particular area. The payment on the building in Madison changed from \$3100 to \$3200 per month. The National Association let us pay interest, and it now totals 280,000, which caused the payments to go up to approximately \$3200. The Walkathon will be for April or as soon as possible for the churches. The goal is \$30,000. The money is divided in the following manner: Madison - 30%; New Work - 20%; Alabama General Fund - 10%; Bro. Mark Riggs (Spain) - 10%; Bro. Larry Reynolds (Arizona) 10%; Bro. Louis Nix (Hawaii) - 10%; Bro. Dave Franks Jr. 10%. They are changing the status of giving. They will give a shirt or cap to everyone who participates, a shirt and cap to everyone who raises \$100, to the preacher, pastor or person who raises \$500 their will be a Randle House set of Pulpit Commentaries. To the church that raises \$1000 they will give a nice plaque. The money needs to be turned in by June 1, 1991. Roll Call Sunday is co-ordinated through Bro. Roger Lucas at the East Side Free Will Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa. His address is #10, Crescent Lane E., Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35404. His phone is 553-7377. It was moved and seconded to accept this report. Carried.

After a congregational song entitled *"In The Shadow of the Cross"*, Sis. Becky Perkins sang a special entitled *"The Judgement"*. Bro. Hussey introduced Bro. Wayne McDaniel from First Church in Sylacauga. His message was from Matthew 16:24-25. He entitled his message *"Christ Came Down"*. He brought out the points that Christ came as an example. he emptied himself. He does not tell us to do something we cannot do. He was tempted as we are but He was successful in resisting that temptation without sin. He had to study and prepare for his ministry, to do and be what God wanted him to be, he did not take short-cuts. We have to do it the same way. Jesus obeyed, prayed, and the heavens opened. If we want heaven to open, we need to pray. Christ came to reveal God to us, to preach deliverance, to heal broken hearted, to cast out demons, and to destroy the works of Satan, as well as to pay for our sins. An invitation was given, with the song *"Jesus is Calling"*, and we were closed in prayer for lunch. An offering of \$33.00 was received for Bro. McDaniels.



The afternoon sessions opened with a song by Sis. Sarah Adair and Sis. Frances Blackmon entitled "*Jesus is the Best Thing That Ever Happened to Me*". Bro. Donnie Blackmon brought a devotional from II Peter 3:1-18. He asked, "Why is God so long-suffering toward the wickedness, sin, and everything that goes on in the world"? The answer is love - everyone in the world will not be saved, but He is giving all who will the opportunity to come to Him. Bro. Donnie stated that he hopes that one result of the ward is that our nation would turn to God. Because we believe He is coming soon, we should strive more to be Godly and live holy lives.

#### Business and Finance Committee Report

Church	Fees	Bd of C E	Ch Homes	Missions
St. Mark	30.00	10.00	—	—
Unity	30.00	—	35.00	—
Faith	30.00	10.00	—	—
First	30.00	10.00	25.00	10.00
St. James	No letter - no fees			
Totals	120.00	30.00	60.00	10.00

We recommend that the clerk send a letter to St. James asking intentions concerning the association and report at the next meeting. This report was received as information. It was moved, seconded and carried. The Board of Christian Education Report was given by Carlos Perkins. It was recommended to go to camp the first week in June (1-7). They need to know as soon as possible who might be going. This item was received as information.

#### Missions Report

Old balance .....	27.82
Received .....	10.00
New balance .....	37.82

It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept this report as given by Sis. Martha Caswell. The Resolutions Report was given: Deceased, from Unity Church; Sis. Effie Jones, Sis. Annis McClure, Bro. Larry Lawson. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept his report and have a moment of silent prayer. This was followed by prayer by Rev. Rodger Milling. It was announced that April 6 would be the Woman's Auxiliary Meeting. The clerk read the financial report, which was accepted as information. Bro. Milling moved to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. This was seconded and carried. For elections of officers, see copy of separate sheet. There was a move to adjourn, second and this was carried. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Corly.

(Signed, Pat Milling, clerk)

May 11, 1991, at Unity Free Will Baptist Church

The meeting opened with Rev. Rodger Milling leading the congregation in "*I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*", followed by prayer by Rev. Mark Milling. After song, "*Victory in Jesus*", the clerk called the meeting to order. A devotion was given by Rev. Charles Corley from II Peter 3:19. He stated that things have not changed a lot since the days of Peter. The signs foretold in the scriptures are being fulfilled. We need to pay attention to what the Word says. We need to stir up the mind into knowing what the Lord said is true, and to be all we can be. After devotional it was moved, seconded and carried to seat the delegates.

Bro. Milling gave the Children's Home Report: The Home has 33 children - only three are state supported. The rest come from within the denomination. Two of these are graduating this year. Jason, who has been at the home for 11 years, hopes to enroll at the University of Montevallo, and Lisa will enroll in Faulkner University. The property transfer has been settled, and now the place needs a lot of work. They are asking anyone who can to donate time to help. The big Silver Eagle bus broke down and was considered unrepairable. A bus collector bought the bus for more than what the Home paid for it. Property and furniture that belonged to former members of the Sunrise Church have been donated to the Home. The Board has been considering whether to sell or rent this property. It was also suggested they contact the missions board and see if they are interested. The boys bathroom is in urgent need of major repair, since the concrete floor began to fall through into the offices below. Bro. Corey is getting estimates on what it would cost to fix it. The board figured a minimum of \$10,000. If it is not fixed, the State of Alabama could close the home down. Each trustee is asked to raise \$1,000 from his association. Bro. Milling asked each Church to raise 4250, and send right away. It was moved to accept this report as information. Seconded and carried. Bro. Hussey gave the Home Missions Report: The property Bro. Milling mentioned was offered to the Missions Board and they are going to look at it. Another man is considering the Huntsville area; the Board does not know how this will be worked out, but the board can only support one work. Bro. Hendrix' work is doing well, and they are trying to get into Day Care. His wife qualifies as a Day Care Director. They are planning a meeting in July with the heads of the State Boards and Committees to revamp the financial structure of the State. The idea is to support the program instead of the personalities, and he hopes we can go forward. It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept this report as information.

Rev. Frank Fagan sang a special entitled "*He Chose Me*". After this he brought the morning message from John 15:18-23 entitled "*Why I Serve Him*". He stated that if the people who should be in the churches are not there, I should consider it my fault. The Holy Spirit reveals the things God wants us to know. He offers us an alternative - Christ. The world has an



attitude of ignorance towards sin, and acceptance of sin. It believes that a person should do what feels good. The world recognizes a true Christian. A lot of Christians take on too much of the world. The problem is within the leadership of the church. Not all deacons are nice people. Not all Christians act like Christians. Satan won't stay with us when we pray and do what we are supposed to do. God knows how to put you on the mountain or in the valley. A pastor must realize that he lives in his hands. It is quite a responsibility to "Be ye therefore perfect" — we are not excused from any phase of God's work. Bro Fagan closed with prayer. Bro. Donnie Blackmon had prayer for a special offering for Bro. Fagan. \$32.00 was received.

#### Business and Finance Committee Report

Church	Fees	Board of C E	Ch Home	Missions
St. Mark	30.00	10.00	—	—
Unity	30.00	—	35.00	—
1st-Mont	30.00	10.00	25.00	10.00
Faith	<u>30.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>10.00</u>
Totals	120.00	30.00	60.00	20.00

It was recommended to change the meetings to the third Saturday in may because of Sunshine Saturday in Sylacauga. It was moved and seconded. After discussion, this was tabled. Bro. Carlos Perkins mentioned Youth Camp. He stated that each church needs to do what is best for that church. The Youth Rally will be in August or September. He talked about doing something to get the interest back up, such as a trip to Six Flags as an association. It was moved to accept this as information.

#### Missions Fund Report

Old Balance .....	37.82
Received .....	<u>10.00</u>
New Balance .....	47.82

(signed, Martha Caswell, treasurer)

The Ordination Council met with Jerry Sewell and recommended that he be ordained into the East Alabama Association. This was moved and seconded, and carried. Bro. Hussey presented the charges from I Timothy 3:1 and I Corinthians 4:2. He challenged Bro. and Sis. Sewell to be faithful - in studying, in prayer, in love, and in living a life that is true to God. After laying on of hands, the consecration prayer was led by Bro. Sewell's father, Bro. Curtis Sewell. It was moved and seconded to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. We were dismissed in prayer.

(Signed, Pat Milling, Clerk)

August 10, 1991 at Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Opelika

The meeting opened with Bro. Robert Caswell leading the singing, with Sis. Martha Caswell at the piano. After congregational song, "Just Over In The Gloryland", Rev. Frank Fagan opened in prayer. Rev. Charles Corley gave a devotional from Romans 8:12-17. He reminded us that we are privileged to have a King of Kings, Lord of Lords and have comfort as children of God from the cares of the world. The clerk called the meeting to order, the delegates were read and seated. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read, and the combined reports were passed out. The moderator, Rev. Charles Corley appointed the Business and Finance Committee as follows: Bro. Robert Caswell, Sis. Betty Jo Gunter, Bro. Charles Barnett, and Sis. Lois Hibbs. After a congregational song, "I'll Fly Away", a special was sung by Mark and Robin Milling entitled "Saved To The Uttermost".

Rev. Rodger Milling gave the Children's Home Report. The home currently has 31 children - none are state-supported. They are possibly expecting four more, averaging 35. The Cahaba River property has had no repair work done yet, except to cut weeds. The case donations have not been turned over. The former caretaker, who was responsible for the money, can not be located. The association is looking for him. The Bay Minette property (Sunrise) was declined by the Mission Board. A Baptist group has rented the property. The staff and 6 children went to the National Association and they felt like they gained a lot of new support. The kids have made a lot of crafts, which they carried to the national, and sold \$1,800 worth and received orders for more. The \$1,800 was going to be used to carry the kids to Opryland. The deal on the bus, which had been sold to the collector did not go through, but the man had repaired it. Bro. Corey got the bus back and gave the man his check back, because it would not clear. The State of Alabama has a new Commissioner who took Andy Hornsby's place, Gen. Chick Cleveland. Bro. Corey had been summoned to Montgomery to meet with the new Commissioner, EEOC, and Civil Rights people. With regards to the bathroom renovation, six contractors looked at the problem and said they would not touch the bathroom. The entire building is in danger of collapsing. They offered ideas on shoring up the building temporarily until the building can be abandoned or cleared. New plumbing and bathroom fixtures have been donated. The board is looking at other options. 1) The school next door is being considered, which would be the simplest and cheapest way to go. 2) Cottages, minimum of four to six. The board will decide at the next meeting. \$6,297.15 was raised to help on expenses of shoring up the building. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept this report as read.

Bro. Mark Milling welcomed everyone to the church and introduced Rev. Rodger Milling who brought the morning message from Leviticus 6:8-13. His message was, "The Fire Shall Ever Be Burning, It Shall Never



*Go Out*". God gave very specific instructions concerning the sacrifices. Garments were changed and the priest carried the ashes out. The phrase "Would not burn, would not be consumed" represents sin - everything that is not pleasing to God has to be gotten rid of: corruption, dross, hindrances won't work themselves out. He stated that a few years ago, we had nine churches in our association. We made rules and regulations backed up by the Bible. Churches don't want to live by rules and standards. Are we supposed to change our standards? No. The purer we strive to be, the freer the Holy Spirit is to do His work. Unless we removed the dross, we won't be able to have the heat. The steady burning fire was to never go out. The fire needs to continually be burning in our hearts, churches, association. We need to have a longing in our hearts for the Lord. We Want Christ to be our Saviour but not our Master. We want to make our own rules as we go. Few people want to worship anymore. We can't meet without having hot dogs and hamburgers. We don't pray. We don't praise the Lord. One interesting thing to note is that Moses. Aaron or no one else put the fire to the altar. God lit the fire. The people had to refuel it. They had to use fresh wood, not rotten. We are giving the easiest, cheapest to God, not the best. The whole process teaches a principle, we need to be obedient. We can't leave a fire unattended. We need to be taught and rekindled. God says "*By My Might, By My Power*". This is what it takes to draw a crowd. Let's don't let the fire go out. Fire kindles other fires. Bro. Milling closed with prayer and an altar call, with song, "*Is Your All On the Altar?*" Bro. Mark Milling gave the instructions for lunch.

The afternoon session opened with song, "*I Want To Know More*". Bro. Frank Fagan sang a special, "*I Can't Even Walk Without You Holding My Hand*". It was moved, seconded and carried to remove one item from the table concerning the May Association date. It was moved and seconded to change the date to the third Saturday in May. After discussion, the motion was carried.

#### Business and Finance Committee Report

Church	Fees	Ch Home	Bd of C E	Missions
1st Mont	30.00	25.00	10.00	10.00
Unity	30.00	35.00	—	—
St. Mark	sent later			
Faith	<u>30.00</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>—</u>
Totals	90.00	60.00	20.00	10.00

Bro. Rodger Milling asked to be replaced on the Children's Home of Trustees. Bro. Donnie Blackmon was selected as replacement. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the report as read. Move, seconded and carried to replace Bro. Milling with Bro. Donnie Blackmon.

The State Home Missions report was given by Bro. Donnie Hussey. He reported that Bro. Richard Hendrix had 93 in attendance. The city required him to have the parking lot paved, and he had to borrow the money to do it. The state boards are going to come up with a plan so that we can support all works without having to get multiple letters asking for money. He asked our prayers for the boards as they attempt to lead in these changes. This report was received as information.

Bro. Charles Corley reported for the Board of Christian Education that there would be a trip to Six Flags on October 12, 1991 for the association. We will meet in the parking lot at 9:30 Eastern Standard Time, by the picnic tables. Bro. Mark Milling has discount tickets - \$16.00 each. We will have T-shirts with East Alabama on them for \$4.00 each. This report was accepted as information.

Delegates were appointed to the State Association meeting, to be held November 7, 8, 9, at Madison F W B Church in Madison, Alabama. The delegates are: Unity - Sis. Betty Hussey, St. Mark - Sis. Sarah Fagan, Faith - Sis. Robin Milling, Montgomery - Sis. Lura Corley. It was moved, seconded and carried to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality today. The State Auxiliary Retreat will be held in September in Shelby County. The cost will be \$55.00 per person for motel, and \$45.00 for the dorm. We were dismissed in prayer.

(Signed, Pat Milling, Clerk)

November 2, 1991, at St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church

The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Mark Milling. Bro. Kenny Brown led the congregational singing on a song entitled "*My Sins Are Gone*", after which he gave the welcome. Rev. Charles Corley brought a devotional from Luke 17:11-19. Jesus told the lepers what to do and it was up to them to respond. We can't do what we want to do - we have to do things God's way. Only one person took the time to show gratitude. The Lord saved us to be faithful. Bro. Corley stated he believes the other nine probably had a relapse. We need to show our gratitude. The clerk read the delegates and they were approved and seated. Deacons and Ministers were recognized by the Moderator as Standing Delegates. The clerk read the minutes of the previous meeting. It was moved, seconded and carried to receive them as read. Bro. Corley appointed the Business and Finance Committee: Sis. Martha Caswell, Bro. Clark Adair, Sis. Peggy Miller, and Sis. Barbara Woods. Bro. Hurtis Carr was appointed to sit on the Ordination Council. After another congregational song, "*Living By Faith*", Sis. Anna Allen sang a special entitled "*When He Was On The Cross, I Was On His Mind*".

Bro. Donnie Blackmon gave the Children's Home Report. He said there are 34 kids at the home now, and they have averaged 36 in the past year. Five of the boys are on the football team. They are receiving a good educa-



tion and spiritual training. Bro. Corey's goal is to be a home to the children. They never hear anything bad about their parents. Two eighteen year old girls recently came to the home. One had been thrown out of the house. An eleven year old girl had been severely sexually abused. One of the eighteen year olds has gotten saved and hopes in the near future to be able to go home. The home needs a house parent - a single or widow lady. Bro. Corey met with Gen. Chick Cleveland, EEOC, and the Civil Rights people, and he said the meeting was a good one. The state could not understand why the kids stay so long at the home, and Bro. Corey stated because it is considered a home, not a prison. The Bay Minette church was rented but now is empty. It has been sixty years since the home has had to borrow money. The killing of the goats has been connected with Satan worship. The old furnace played out, and would have cost \$8,000 to \$10,000 to replace, but a local man came and rebuilt the furnace for free. It is believed the school property will be empty after this school year. Two architects are willing to draw up plans for cottages for free, but the cost would be about \$70,000 per cottage. It was moved and seconded to accept this report as information, and it was carried.

Rev. James Allen, who is now pastoring Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Phenix City, and has pastored in Georgia for five years, brought the message. His text was I Timothy 1:12-17. He stated we are supposed to promote the cause of Christ. The world needs Free Will Baptist witness. We are one of the denominations to still preach the Bible as the infallible Word of God. If man had been in control, we would have salvation by works. But instead, salvation comes through the Holy Spirit. He stated that we have to remain faithful and be unchanging before the world. If a preacher is not preaching, he needs to be shored up or shipped out. We need to get into the old-fashioned Gospel. He closed in prayer, and with an invitation song, "I Surrender All". An offering of \$24.17 was received for him. We were dismissed for lunch, and the blessing was asked by Rev. Donnie Hussey.

The afternoon session opened with congregational song, "Tell It To Jesus", and specials by Sis. Adair and Sis. Blackmon entitled "I Need You More Than I Did Yesterday", and By Rev. Mark and Sis. Robin Milling entitled, "When God Calls My Name", and "I Believe".

#### Business and Finance Committee Report

Church	Fees	Ch Home	Missions	Bd of C E
Unity	30.00	35.00	—	—
St. Mark	60.00	—	—	—
1st Mont	30.00	25.00	10.00	10.00
Faith	30.00	—	10.00	10.00
Totals	150.00	60.00	20.00	20.00

It was moved and seconded to pay the \$42.00 for the plaque for Bro. Milling for his service to the Children's Home. This was carried. Bro. Hussey gave the Alabama Missions Report: In September 91, the state had an All Boards meeting. They felt it would be helpful to try to run the different programs in the state more efficiently. Their purpose was to present a more modern program to support all phases of the state work. They plan to look at the membership, budget, and divide the income and expenses per member. This would amount to \$22.00 per year and would support the state work. The Madison Church is going well, but is not ready to go self-supporting yet. They had to borrow \$15,000, but now they have a Day Care Facility which will help financially. A new work has not been started yet, the finances are not there. The Board feels to start a new work now would hurt Bro. Hendrix in Madison. The 1992 Walkathon will be in April. It was moved to accept his report as read. Seconded and carried.

Bro. Mark Milling gave the Board of Christian Education report: The trip to Six Flags went well, with 47 people going. It was a time of good fellowship. They intend to have another at least one time per year. The Youth Competition will be held in April. He urged everyone to keep supporting the youth. It was moved, seconded and carried to receive this report as information.

#### Missions Fund Report

Old Balance 7-1-91 .....67.82  
Nothing Deposited, Nothing Withdrawn

New Balance.....67.82  
(Signed, Martha Caswell)

#### Ordination Council Report

They met with Bro. Carlos Perkins, and he came before the association and made acknowledgments for the wrongs he had done. It was moved and seconded to receive this report. Carried. Sis. Becky Perkins moved that the association consider adding youth to the board of Christian Education, not as official members, but to sit with the board, to try to get teenagers involved. There was discussions, and a recommendation for each church to try to bring the teens voluntarily. It was moved and seconded to table the motion. Carried. It was moved to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality, and this was seconded and carried. it was moved to adjourn, seconded and carried. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Mark Milling.

(Signed, Pat Milling, Clerk)



### Officers for Year 1992-93

Moderator — Rev. Charles Corley  
 Asst. Moderator — Rev. Rodger Milling  
 Clerk — Patricia Milling  
 Asst. Clerk — Martha Caswell  
 Mission Fund Treasurer — Martha Caswell

### Board of Christian Education

5 Year — Phillip Riley  
 4 Year — Robin Caswell  
 3 Year — Donnie Blackmon  
 2 Year — Rev. Rodger Milling  
 1 Year — Rev. Charles Corley

### Ordination Council

5 Year — Donnie Blackmon  
 4 Year — Robert Caswell  
 3 Year — Rev. Frank Fagan  
 2 Year — Rev. Rodger Milling  
 1 Year — Rev. Donnie Hussey

Member of Board of Trustees to Children's Home - Donnie Blackmon

### Schedule of Meetings

May 16, 1992 — Unity Free Will Baptist Church  
 August 8, 1991 — St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church  
 November 7, 1991 — First Free Will Baptist, Montgomery  
 February 13, 1993 — Unity Free Will Baptist Church  
 1992 Alabama State Association will meet November 5 & 6, 1992, at First Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan, Alabama  
 All meetings being 10:00 Central, 11:00 Eastern Time.

### Clerk's Report

Old Balance February 9, 1991 .....	551.35
Received	
February 1991 Fees .....	120.00
May 1991 Fees .....	120.00
August 1991 Fees .....	90.00
November 1991 Fees .....	150.00
(Rev. F Fagan) Alabama Home Missions .....	32.00
Board of Christian Education .....	30.00

East Alabama Home Missions .....	30.00
Children's Home .....	75.00
Total on Hand .....	1198.35
Paid out	
Alabama State Association .....	120.00
Board of Christian Education .....	30.00
Board of C Ed (for 3-90) .....	10.00
East Alabama Missions .....	30.00
Free Will Baptist Children's Home .....	75.00
Bro. Rodger Milling Travel — Children's Home .....	100.00
Alabama State Home Missions .....	32.00
AAA Engraving .....	42.00
Total Paid Out .....	439.00
New Balance February 8, 1992 .....	759.35

February 8, 1992, at First Free Will Baptist Church, Montgomery

The meeting opened with song "*Heaven Came Down*", and prayer by Bro. Donnie Blackmon. The clerk called the meeting to order. The moderator asked us to remember St. James Church. They hope to be back with us soon, and asked us to keep them in our prayers. The clerk read the combined reports, and there was a move and second to accept them as read. The Moderator, Rev. Charles Corley, appointed the Resolution Committee: Sis. Guynette Barnett, Sis. Betty Jo Gunter, Sis. Linda Caswell, and Sis. Virginia Tatum. He also appointed the Business and Finance Committee: Bro. Charles Barnett, Sis. Robin Milling, Bro. Phillip Riley, Sis. Lois Hibbs. He strengthened the Board of Christian Education with Bro. Phillip Riley. Sis. Teresa Austin brought a special entitled "*He Touched Me*".

Bro. Donnie Blackmon gave the Children's Home Report: At the present time there are 36 children at the Home. Since the last meeting one child had to be sent home because he could not adjust. Eleven kids had returned home, but had to come back because of their home situations. One teenager was involved in a situation that involved a contract on his life. They are working with one family who already has three brothers at the home. The grandmother kidnapped another child and took them to mobile. Bro. Corey was supposed to go to Mobile and try to get the child, so he could come to the home, too. The electrical wiring is faulty and must be rewired. A restaurant in Jasper closed and donated a commercial dish washer, freezer, table, chairs, stoves, grills and all the food they had left. They are currently using the old church building as a school. The trailer could not accommodate them. The school next door may be closing. We have a letter on file stating that we still want the property if it becomes available. Bro. Corey has been made an honorary member of the Sheriff's Department. This past year, there was approximately 60 people who came to the reunion of the



former residents of the home. Bro. Jeff Fleming was elected as assistant secretary to replace Bro. Rodger Milling. The board agreed to give the staff a 7% cost of living raise. Income for January was up \$4000 this year. This is the 50th year of the Children's Home operating.

The \$6,000 taken from the Cahaba River Youth Camp has been recovered and given to the home. Bro. Corey plans to rent out the property this summer for youth camps. Anyone interested should contact him. They are planning on having work days to do the work that needs to be done. A representative from the Drummond Coal Company came out and brought the well-known golfer, Jerry Pate with him. Mr. Pate gave a donation of \$13,000 to the Home. This report was received as information.

Rev. Donnie Hussey gave the Alabama State Home Missions Report. He said that Bro. Hendrix is making good progress. They hosted the 1991 State Association and will host the Mid-South Pastors Conference. They are in process of trying to refinance the loan, due to the dropping interest rate. The Walkathon theme will be "New Vision - Walk for Alabama Mission". They are using the pro-life format. All proceeds stay home this year - 60% goes to the Madison work and Bro. Hendrix, 20% will go to the new work, and 20% will go to the General Fund. It was moved, seconded, and carried to receive this report as information. The Missions Board Report was given by Sis. Martha Caswell.

Old Balance .....	67.82
Nothing Received or Paid .....	—
New Balance as of December 31, 1991 .....	67.82

(Signed, Martha Caswell, treasurer) This report was received as information.

Bro. Mark Milling presented a plaque from the East Alabama Association to Rev. Rodger Milling for approximately 20 years of service to the Children's Home as a member of the Board of Trustees. The clerk read the minutes of the previous meeting. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept them as read.

Bro. Corley recognized the Ministers and Deacons and welcomed them. Bro. Corley introduced Rev. Donnie Hussey who brought the morning message. His text was I Samuel 3. He stated he believes that a lot of people are sick and dying, and people today need comfort. Samuel answered God by saying, "Speak, for thy servant heareth." The Lamp of God went out because there was no open vision. We need to be on fire and be a light to the world. We should do our best to do good works to honor Christ. Many people have not learned how to start a fire, spiritually. Many try to use recreation instead of dedication. Some try to use socialism instead of evangelism. Many use evaluation instead of consecration. The church on fire must be a caring church for people who are hurting, and a crying church

for difficulties in winning battles against sin and because of the lack of zeal. He believes our task is to educate - teach new church members according to Matthew 28. There is a need for good Bible teaching. Paul was excited when he told of his conversion. We need some excitement. If we are excited about what the Lord has done for us, we will tell others. He closed in prayer and an invitation song entitled "Is Your All on the Altar?". An offering of \$37.42 was received for Bro. Hussey.

The afternoon session opened with a congregational song, "His Grace is Sufficient", led by Bro. Rodger Milling. Bro. Sammy Robinson, Sis. Becky Perkins, Bro. Phillip Riley and Bro. Scruggs played a flute, fiddle and guitar quartet, and sang "Amazing Grace", and "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow". Bro. Mark Milling gave the Board of Christian Education Report. He stated we will have youth Camp this year, the board hopes. It will be possibly Cahaba River camp, now owned by the Children's Home. Also they are talking about another outing. It was moved, seconded and carried to receive this report as read.

#### Resolutions Committee Report

Deceased: Sis. Flossie Grim, Bro. Ralph Hibbs, Sis. Helen Gentry. A silent prayer was held, and closed out by Rev. Rodger Milling. The committee encouraged getting the young people involved in the Association. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept this report as read.

#### Business and Finance Committee Report

Church	Fees	Bd of C E	Missions	Ch Home
1st Mon	30.00	10.00	10.00	25.00
Faith	30.00	10.00	10.00	
St. Mark	30.00	—	—	—
Unity	30.00	—	—	—
Totals	120.00	20.00	20.00	25.00

We recommend that we change the annual meeting of August to coincide with the National and State. It was moved, seconded and carried to table this and for the clerk to check with the state on which periods are covered so we can coincide with them.

For election of officers see page 1. The clerk gave the financial report which was received as information. The Women's Auxiliary will be March 28, 1992. It was moved to adjourn. This was seconded and carried. We were dismissed in prayer.

(Signed, Pat Milling, Clerk)



## CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

### FAITH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

3920 Marvyn Highway, Opelika, AL 36801 - Phone 749-8213

Pastor — Unknown at this time

Clerk — Unknown at this time

### FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

415 Perry Hill Road, Montgomery, AL 36109 — Phone 272-9677

Pastor — Rev. Charles J. Corley

3810 Robbins Road, Montgomery, AL 36109 — Phone 244-2142

Clerk — Sis. Lois Hibbs

1213 Devonshire Drive, Montgomery, AL 36116 — Phone 288-9456

### ST. MARK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

1012 11th Street, Phenix City, AL 36867 — Phone 298-8015

Pastor — Rev. Frank Fagan

2200 26th Street, Phenix City, AL 36867 — Phone 298-3817

Clerk — Sis. Barbara Woods

1910 13th Avenue, Phenix City, AL 36867 — Phone 297-7841

### UNITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

501 Morris Avenue, Sylacauga, AL 35105 — Phone 249-3980

Pastor — Rev. Donnie Hussey

1015 Magnolia Drive, Sylacauga, AL 35105 — Phone 245-4520

Clerk — Sis. Pat Price

Route One Box 278 — H, Sylacauga, AL 35105 - Phone 378-7611

### OTHER OFFICERS

Rodger and Patricia Milling - 502 30th Street, Phenix City, AL 36867 — Phone 298-9879

Martha Caswell — 285 Lee Road 166, Opelika, AL 36801 — Phone 745-7597

Donnie Blackmon — 414 Merkle Avenue, Sylacauga, AL 35150

### 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 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 unreasonsable 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 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.
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 ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) 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 and inactive roll until he return 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 Baptist 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 to 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 ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) 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 ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) 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 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 ( $\frac{1}{5}$ ) of the members present.
16. No members 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 a business session.
18. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of the Association by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of the members present.
19. Minutes of the last Association meeting shall be read and adopted at the beginning of each session.
20. Licensed Free Will Baptist preachers may be ordained after having been licensed for one year. The only exception shall be when a properly



licensend 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 must 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. (pass 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 1st 100 members plus 1 delegate for each 50 thereafter.

RE: Job specifications for officers, boards, committees 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, are councils of equal authority, and are servants of the body of the association. Hence they are answerable to the body of 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-laws shall be subject to dismissal and any appropriate discipline decided by the body.

2. The list of officers and their job description be included as part of the By-Laws of the East Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists.

## JOBS 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 Treastise 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 Baptist 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 a honest account of the association's 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. **Trustees 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 officer 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 dispute 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 Resolution 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 ment 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 Submittee  
David E. Kemper  
Moderator

TO: All members of the East Alabama Association of Free Will Baptist  
FROM: Requirements for ordination into the officers or acceptance into the officers 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 officers 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 principal. 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



## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. *The Holy Bible.* The Scriptures of the Old Testament were give by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rules of faith and practice. 2 Peter 1:18-21; 2 Timothy 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. Deuteronomy 6:4; I Corinthians 8:4; Jeremiah 10:10; John 7:28; 2 Corinthians 1:19; I Timothy 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 over ever-present Savior and Lord. Isaiah 45:21; John 4:42; Revelations 22:13; I John 5:20; I Timothy 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. John 16:13; I Corinthians 2:11; Acts 13:2; John 16:8.
5. *The Government of God.* God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all begins 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. Psalm 19:12; Psalm 145:10; Acts 1:28; Psalm 22:28.
6. *The Sinfullness 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 year of accountability, sin and become guilty before God. Deuteronomy 30:19; Ezekiel 33:11; Jeremiah 44:4; Psalm 5:15; John 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. II Cor. 2:8-10; John 3:3; Col. 2:8-10; John 16:30; John 3:13; Isaiah 9:6.
8. *The Terms of Salvtion.* 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. Romans 10:10; Acts 16:31; Hebrews 11:16; Revelations 2:10; John 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. Romans 11:5-7,28; Romans 9:11.

10. *Freedom of the Will.* Human will is free and sefl controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the spirit or to resist them and perish. Revelations 22:17; John 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 Cor. 13:14; Matthew 11:28; Isaiah 45:22; Revelations 22:17; I Timothy 2:4.
12. *Gospel Ordinances.* **Baptism** or the immersion of believers in water, and the *Lord's Supper* are ordinances to be prepetuated under the Gospel; Feet Washing, is an ordinance of teaching humility of universal obligation, and is to administered to all true believers. Matthew 28:19; Col. 2:12; Acts 8:36-39; Mark 1:5; Romans 6:4; Matthew 26:26-28; I Corinthians 10:16-21; John 13:17.
13. *Tithing.* God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament. Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matthew 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 Corinthians 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. Genesis 2:3; Mark 2:27; Exodus 20:8-11; Nehemiah 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." Ecclesiastes 12:7; Philippians 1:23; Like 23:43; Matthew 17:3 Matthew 10:28; Acts 1:11; Matthew 28:6; John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15; I Corinthians 15:22; Revelations 20:12; Romans 2:16; Matthew 25:46; II Thessalonians 1:8-10; Romans 2:23; II Peter 1:11; Mark 3:29; Matthew 13:41-43; Romans 2:6-10; Acts 17:31.



CHURCH	FAITH	UNITY	FIRST MONTG.	ST. MARK	TOTALS
Total Members	55	131	32	61	324
Members Received	5	6	5	11	27
Members Dismissed	1	7	4	7	18
Sunday School Enrollment	21	85	19	56	181
Average Attendance	13	63	15	42	133
CTS Enrollment	21	41	9	40	111
Average Attendance	10	28	7	23	68
Master's Men Enrollment	—	—	—	—	—
Average Attendance	—	—	—	—	—
Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment	—	14	10	—	24
Average Attendance	—	8	8	—	16
Pastor's Salary	6,500	16,575	22,000	14,700	59,775
Building and Repair	658	4,709	2,385	434	8,186
Total Local Expenses	12,789	43,684	30,702	16,459	103,644
Foreign Missions	424	682	340	350	1,796
Home Missions	369	188	73	585	1,215
Children's Home	1,103	140	100	300	1,643
Total Outside Causes	2,074	1,012	828	1,235	5,159
Value of all Property	80,000	270,000	175,000	200,000	725,000



