

MINUTES

Of The

EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

Of

Southeastern Free Will Baptist Association

Which Convened With

NEW PROSPECT CHURCH

Friday

and

SARDIS CHURCH

**Saturday before the 3rd Sunday
in October, 1960.**



OFFICERS—1961

REV. DURWARD ADKINSON	Moderator
REV. W. T. HUTTO	Vice Moderator
EVELYN SUTTON	Clerk
BRO. GENE CARR	Treasurer



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bro. W. E. Beasley, Bro. J. H. Oates, Mrs. Aletha Deese,
Rev. Cleve Stanley and Rev. Durward Adkinson.



The next session will convene with Pleasant Hill, Headland,
Alabama on Friday before the 3rd Sunday and with Chester
Chapel, Abbeville, Alabama on Saturday before the 3rd
Sunday in October, 1961.



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Damon Dodd

To The Southeastern Free Will Baptist Association

Greetings in the Name of Lord Jesus Christ from the
State Line Association:

We send as delegates—Rev. Trim Finch, Bro. Wayne Love, Rev. Leo Curtiss, Rev. Madison Taylor, Rev. John Edwards and Rev. Ralph Bell.

We are happy to report to your Association that we feel we have had a successful year and much has been accomplished. The Union Hill Association with 6 Churches has joined the State Line Association. Hoping this will be a blessing to them and us too.

RALPH L. BELL, Moderator

WAYNE LOVE, Clerk

PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHEASTERN FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FRIDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER, 1961 (Which Will Convene With Pleasant Hill)

10:30	CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.....	Bro. G. D. Calloway
	DEVOTIONAL.....	Sister Clara Belcher
	WELCOME ADDRESS.....	Edward Givens
	RESPONSE.....	Sister Betty Turner
11:00	CALL FOR CHURCH LETTERS.	
	SEATING OF DELEGATES.	
11:30	SERMON.	
12:00	LUNCH.	
1:00	CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.....	Bro. G. D. Calloway
1:15	SERMON.	
1:45	CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.....	Bro. G. D. Calloway
2:00	BUSINESS SESSION.	
2:30	ADJOURNMENT.	

EDWARD GIVENS

Clerk of Pleasant Hill F.W.B. Church

PROGRAM OF THE SATURDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER 1961 CHESTER CHAPEL

10:00	SINGING.....	Brother Jack Calhoun
10:10	DEVOTIONAL.....	Reverend John Golden

10:30	WELCOME ADDRESS.....	Brother Chester Calhoun
10:35	RESPONSE.....	Sister Eloise Commander
10:45	CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.....	Brother Jack Calhoun
	BUSINESS.	
11:10	SPECIAL SINGING.	
11:15	MESSAGE.....	Rev. Homer Willis
	(Nashville, Tennessee)	
12:00	LUNCH.	
1:00	SONG SERVICE.....	Song Leader
1:15	MESSAGE.....	Rev. Paul Long
	(Eufaula, Alabama)	
2:00	MEMORIAL SERVICE.....	Rev. Will Hutto
		and Sister Blondell Hartzog
	BUSINESS SESSION.	
	SINGING.	
	ADJOURNMENT.	

PROCEEDINGS FRIDAY MORNING

Minutes of the Southeastern Free Will Baptist Association which met with New Prospect Church, Abbeville, Alabama.

The Association opened with songs led by Bro. Jack Calhoun, "Send The Light," and others.

Rev. Durward Adkinson, Acting Moderator, led the Association in prayer asking God's blessing on the meeting.

More congregational singing. Bro. Roy McKnight led the body in prayer. Rev. Taylor brought the devotional for the morning. 10th Chapter Luke, 2nd Verse. A real good message.

Rev. Durward Adkinson brought a warm hearted welcome to everyone present at New Prospect Church. Sister Clara Belcher gave a nice response.

The Moderator, Rev. Durward Adkinson, asked for the letters from different churches to be turned in at this time.

Motion was made and seconded to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

All Ministers were recognized and Rev. W. T. Hutto gave the right hand of Christian fellowship to them.

Congregational singing. Rev. W. T. Hutto led in prayer. A special Nominating Committee was appointed to select different people to serve on various committees: Bro. Jack Calhoun, Bro. Roy McKnight and Sister Eloise Commander.

Rev. Ralph Bell brought the sermon for the morning. Taken from Daniel 12th Chapter, 3rd Verse.

"Put God First in Our Lives." We have been given talents and God expects us to do something in return for them. We have been given wisdom, light and guidance so we may be better people.

An offering was taken at this time for our Orphanage at Eldridge, Alabama. Amount \$33.12.

Rev. Paul Long dismissed for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Song Service led by Bro. Thomas Kirkland, "Blessed Redeemer."

Bro. Thomas Kirkland led the Congregation in prayer.

"Praise Him," was sung by Congregation and "Trust and Obey."

Rev. John Edwards from the First Baptist Church in Dothan brought the afternoon sermon, "Soul Winning." Psalms 126 Chapter. The Word of God will win people and mend hearts if we will only tell people about God. A wonderful message.

Congregational singing. "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

COMMITTEES

Report from Committee on Committees was made as follows:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—Sister Mattie Coates, Sister Reba Barr, Sister Linnie Stokes, Sister Clara Belcher and Bro. Daniel Calhoun.

FINANCE COMMITTEE — Bro. Gene Carr, Sister Ruth Oates and Bro. W. H. Gilmore.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE—Sister Effie Givens, Sister Blondell Hartzog and Sister Irene Wise.

The Moderator, Rev. Durward Adkinson called on different Ministers present to make a short talk and tell where they were from. The following ministers were present:

Rev. Houston, Rev. Adkinson, Rev. Hutto, Rev. Taylor, Rev. Golden, Rev. Edwards, Rev. Bell, Rev. Long,

Rev. Taylor.

Everyone present stood and gave a rising vote of thanks to the people at New Prospect Church for a wonderful day with them.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Association opened with Congregational singing. Rev. Curtis led the Congregation in prayer.

Rev. Durwood Adkinson brought the morning devotional. A wonderful message.

Rev. George Stephens brought a warm welcome to everyone present at Sardis Church.

Bro. Roy McKnight gave a nice response.

More time was extended to the Committee to work on the History of the Association.

The Church Clerk extended the right hand of Christian fellowship to the following Ministers: Rev. Curtis, Rev. Golden, Rev. Hall, Rev. Henderson, Rev. Hutto, Rev. Adkinson, Rev. Long and Rev. Stephens.

Rev. W. T. Hutto spoke on superannuation. Things we should do for our older Ministers who no longer are able to pastor churches but have the loving spirit of God.

Motion was made and seconded to appoint a Committee to work out some plan for a fund to help any older Minister who isn't able to serve Churches. This Committee is to report before this 1960 session ends. Bro. J. H. Oates, Bro. Roy McKnight and Rev. Paul Long.

Congregational Singing. Rev. John Golden led the Congregation in prayer. Rev. W. W. Hall brought the sermon for the morning, "One Accord." We should be of one mind and in accord in our life. A wonderful message.

An offering was taken for our Orphanage at Eldridge —\$29.24. Rev. Henderson dismissed for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Bro. Gilmore led the Congregation in prayer. Rev. Randell Miller asked God's blessings on the remaining part of Association.

Rev. George Stephens brought the afternoon sermon. Luke 10th Chapter, 25-27 Verse. "The Three Fold Meaning of Love." Love God First, Our Neighbors Second and Ourselves Last. A good message.

IN MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED

Memorial Services for our deceased Brothers and Sisters.

Rev. W. W. Hall and Sister Kate Braswell gave a nice talk in memory of our deceased.

"Precious Memories" was sung.

GOODWATER—Bro. Wade Thomley, Bro. Joe Thomley and Bro. D. M. Starling.

MT. ZION—Sister Connie Clenney and Sister Eqince Turner.

NEW PROSPECT — Bro. Huey Bedsole and Sis. Maggie Adams.

CHESTER CHAPEL—Bro. S. J. Calhoun.

FRIENDSHIP—Bro. L. C. Sanders.

UNION—Bro. William Bodiford.

EVERGREEN—Sister Annie Paulk, Sister Lizzie Baker, Bro. Huey McKnight.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

Motion was made and passed to receive the Superannuation Report.

We recommend that the Association appoint or elect a Superannuation Board. This board in turn will elect a treasurer to handle all money and establish a set of by-laws to govern the board and handle all requests of superannuation.

Respectfully submitted in Christ's Name,

REV. PAUL LONG

BRO. J. H. OATES

BRO. ROY McKNIGHT

Motion was made and passed that the Moderator appoint a Committee to serve on the Superannuation Board.—Bro. J. H. Oates, Bro. Walter Owens and Bro. Roy McKnight.

Motion was made and seconded to give the Executive Committee power of attorney to fix deed for Chester Chapel Church so it can be deeded back to Chester Chapel.

Matron was made and seconded to accept the Nominating Committee.

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	DELEGATES	Enrollment in S. S.	Pastor's Salary	Dismissed by Letter Received on Confes'n.	Died	Present Membership	Paid Association and Minutes	Other Donations
Goodwater	S. T. Shutes	Grace Whitaker Newton, Ala.	Aletha Deese, Grace Whitaker, W. C. Mathews and Loyd White	62	\$235.00	2	3	53	\$12.50	\$ 977.63
Chester Chapel	Durwood Adkinson Ariton, Ala.	Mattie Coates Abbeville, Ala.	Jack Calhoun, Mattie Coates, Chester Calhoun, Lottie Hudspeth, Paulie Coates and Billy Hudspeth	25	362.48	2	1	49	15.00	1,072.70
Mt. Zion	W. T. Hutto Midland City, Ala.	Mary Cox Eufaula, Ala.	Clara Belcher, Irene Vickers and Lowell Vickers	60	498.23	2	2	99	15.00	2,236.42
Holmes	Durward Adkinson Ariton, Ala.	Eloise Commander Ariton, Ala.	Blondell Hartzog and Reba Barr	26	562.81	2		37	15.00	1,906.86
Pleasant Hill	Randell Miller Midland City, Ala.	Edward Givens Headland, Ala.	Mable Farmer, Daniel Calloway, C. E. Watson, and Effie Givens	21	345.00	3		88	15.00	778.88
Union	Paul Mallory Ozark, Ala.	Wynell Howell Abbeville, Ala.	Pat Gilbert, Sam Mason, Roy McKnight, Francis Bodiford and Emory Hamilton	42	724.50	3	5	1 245	20.00	2,238.36
Sardis	George Stephens Dothan, Ala.	W. H. Gilmore Clayton, Ala.	Edd Clark, W. W. Bush, W. H. Gilmore and R. L. Cody		679.15			110	15.00	133.00
Pilgrim Rest	W. W. Hall Dothan, Ala.	Gene Carr Abbeville, Ala.	Kathleen Wilson, Alice Money, Earl Money and Albert Money	48	400.87	3		118	15.00	826.75
Evergreen	Stanley Outlaw Ozark, Ala.	Lloyd Beasley Ariton, Ala.	Jennie Dosten, Mrs. Gilbert Garner and Sharon Skinner	28	320.55		3	57	15.00	772.03
New Zion	Paul Mallory Ozark, Ala.	Ruth Oates Headland, Ala.	Ruth Oates, Mauline Oates, Shirley Peel, Martha Shelley, Lucy Roney and Sallie Mae Wood	100	890.00	1	4	152	20.00	3,439.08
Friendship	W. T. Hutto Midland City, Ala.	Irene Wise Eufaula, Ala.	Abe Norton, Mildred Dasinger, Mary Wilson and Irene Wise	20	370.00	1	3	1 61	15.00	509.56
New Prospect	Durward Adkinson Ariton, Ala.	Mrs. Givens Sowell Abbeville, Ala.	Long Sowell, Thomas Kirkland, and Ara Carroll	41	704.35	1	3	2 86	15.00	1,330.09
Hickory Grove	John Golden Eufaula, Ala.	Matha Weddle Abbeville, Ala.	Coleman Blalock, Kenneth Blalock and Juanita Hickman		583.00	2	2	42	5.00	250.00

We your Nominating Committee ask that the following Churches entertain our next Association. We ask that Pleasant Hill Church have it on Friday and Chester Chapel on Saturday.

We also ask that Rev. Durward Adkinson act as Moderator and Rev. W. T. Hutto as Vice Moderator. Sister Evelyn Sutton, Clerk and Bro. Gene Carr, Treasurer. Also to keep our same Executive Committee.

Mt. Zion will entertain the Sunday School Convention the second 5th Sunday in April.

The League Convention at New Zion in January, 5th Sunday.

Holmes Church the Women's Auxiliary, Friday night after the 5th Sunday in July.

BRO. DAN CALLOWAY
SISTER MATTIE COATES
SISTER LINNIE STOKES
SISTER REBA BARR
SISTER CLARA BELCHER

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion was made and seconded to accept the Finance Report.

We the Finance Committee recommend to the Association that the Moderator be paid \$10.00 for his expense. The Clerk \$35.00 for preparing the manuscript. The Association be responsible for all the expense in preparing the program. Leave \$50.00 in the Treasury and divide the balance between the Children's Home and the Cooperative Program after the Minutes and other expenses have been paid.

BRO. GENE CARR
BRO. GILMORE
SISTER OATES

RESOLUTIONS REPORT

Motion was made and seconded to accept the Resolutions Report.

We resolve that every Church send \$15.00 to the Association.

We wish to ask that the officers of the Association be responsible for a guest speaker for the Association to be paid by the Association.

Resolved, that the clerk of this association secure the uniform report blank used by the Alabama State Association for each local church to use in reporting to this association, and that the association in turn use the same uniform report blank in reporting to the Alabama State Association.

Respectively Submitted,

SISTER IRENE WISE
SISTER EFFIE GIVENS
SISTER BLONDELL HARTZOG

STATE ASSOCIATE DELEGATES

Delegates appointed to the State Association were: Sister Eloise Commander and Sister and Rev. Durward Adkinson.

State Line Association Delegates

Sister Clara Belcher, Sister Eloise Commander, Sister Jessie McKnight, Bro. Roy McKnight and Bro. Pat Gilbert.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Old Balance	\$ 12.68
Received at 1959 Session	170.00
Received for Children's Home	57.17
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	\$239.85

Paid Out:

Moderator	\$ 10.00
Clerk	35.00
Children's Home	60.00
State Association	26.00
Postage (Mailing Minutes)	2.07
Minutes	54.08
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	\$187.15

NEW BALANCE\$ 52.70

Respectfully submitted,

GENE CARR, Treasurer

Rev. W. W. Hall dismissed the Association. Rev. Durward Adkinson thanked all the people at Sardis Church for a wonderful day with them.

ORDER OF CONFERENCE

Conference after prayer and divine service shall be opened and conducted as follows: (1) Inviting brethren to seats; (2) Opening door of church for reception of

members; (3) Calling for absentees; (4) Acknowledgements; (5) For reference of deferred business; (6) For new matters of debating which are to come before the body; (7) For miscellaneous business.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **THE BIBLE.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. **GOD.** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in Scriptures 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.

3. **CHRIST.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

4. **THE HOLY SPIRIT.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

5. **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the construction and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

6. **THE SINFULNESS OF MAN.** Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and becomes guilty before God.

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 and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION.** The conditions of salvation are: (1) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. (2) Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. (3) Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

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.

10. **FREEDOM OF THE WILL.** The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. **SALVATION FREE.** God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whatsoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. **PERSEVERANCE.** All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. **GOSPEL ORDINANCES.** BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; FEET WASHING, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers.

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

15. **THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. **RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION.** The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to 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."

CHURCH COVENANT

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

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world,

from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

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

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conference; public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay its poor, and all its benevolent work.

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

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

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