

**1968**  
**MINUTES**  
*of the*  
**Quarterly Meetings**  
*and the*  
**Ninetieth Annual Session**  
*of the*  
**SOUTHEASTERN**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
*of*  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
*at*  
**NEW ZION**  
*and*  
**HOLMES CHURCHES**  
**October 18 & 19, 1968**

# Calendar of Events for 1969

- FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING . . .  
NEW PROSPECT (EDWIN) . . . . . SATURDAY, JAN. 25
- SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION . . .  
GOODWATER CHURCH . . . . . SUNDAY, MARCH 30
- WOMANS AUXILIARY . . .  
SARDIS . . . . . FRIDAY NIGHT, APRIL 11, 8p.m.
- SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING . . .  
MT. ZION . . . . . SATURDAY, APRIL 26
- THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING . . .  
PILGRIM REST . . . . . SATURDAY, JULY 26
- ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION . . .  
FIRST DAY . . . PLEASANT HILL . . . . . FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17
- SECOND DAY . . . UNION . . . . . SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

## Officers

- REV. JIM FRANKLIN . . . . . MODERATOR  
430 ORANGE ST., EUFAULA, ALA.
- REV. DURWARD ADKINSON . . . . . VICE MODERATOR  
P.O. BOX 6, ARITON, ALA.
- KATE PALMER . . . . . CLERK  
RT. 1, CLOPTON, ALA.
- CHESTER CALHOUN . . . . . TREASURER  
RT. 3, ABBEVILLE, ALA.



## Executive Committee

GWEN SOWELL . . . . .	NEW PROSPECT
MARTHA BLALOCK . . . . .	HICKORY GROVE
JOHN COATS . . . . .	CHESTER CHAPEL
ALETHA DEESE . . . . .	GOODWATER
LINNIE STOKES . . . . .	UNION
HENRY FARMER . . . . .	PLEASANT HILL
W. W. BUSH . . . . .	
LUCY RONEY . . . . .	NEW ZION
CHARLIE D. TILLMAN . . . . .	
NINA VICKERS . . . . .	MT. ZION
LILLIAN WILSON . . . . .	EVERGREEN
ELMA RENTZ . . . . .	PILGRIM REST
ESTELL RONEY . . . . .	SOUTHSIDE

## Ministers

### MINISTERS

Rev. Charles B. Craddock	511 Madison Ave., Dothan, Ala.
James M. Franklin	430 Orange St., Eufaula, Ala.
Randell Miller	Rt. 3, Enterprise, Ala.
Rev. Paul Mallory	Rt. 2, Headland, Ala.
Rev. Durward Adkinson	Box 6, Ariton, Ala.
Rev. J. T. Helms	Rt. 1, Abbeville, Ala.
Rev. Thomas Kirkland	Ashford, Ala.
Rev. Horace Herndon	Rt. 5, Dothan, Ala.
Larry Dykes	Rt. 2, Headland, Ala.
Rev. Melvin Moody	Box 44, Morgan, Ga.
Rev. Cleve Stanley	
Rev. P. A. Brackin	

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# The First Quarterly Meeting

First Free Will Church  
Saturday, January 27, 1968

The meeting was called to order by the clerk. The opening prayer was by Bro. Leblow. Bryan Gilmore led the congregational singing.

Rev. Ralph Baker brought the morning devotion. His scripture was taken from St. Luke 7:18. We could enjoy a greater blessing if we will only put our faith in Jesus Christ. The thought he left for us, if Christ cared so much for us, we ought to care for our fellowman as Christ cared for us. Bro. Baker welcomed the association to their church. The response was given by Chester Calhoun.

The moderator asked that visitors, ministers and ordained deacons be recognized at this time. Visitors were Bro. Bobby Register, Midway Association, Bro. Leblow, East Alabama Association. We also had Missionary Baptist visitors. Nine ministers were present and eight ordained deacons.

The clerk called the roll of delegates. A motion was made and carried to seat the delegates. We were dismissed for a short recess.

After recess, the session resumed with a song, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" led by Bryan Gilmore. Bro. Parrish led in prayer.

Rev. Thomas Kirkland brought the morning message. His topic was "Standing at the Judgement Bar, Without Salvation or Short of the Word of God." His scripture was taken from Isaiah 28:9-22. We must bear these marks of Christ. The time will come when we bear these marks of Christ if we fear God rather than man. A very good message. Bro. Leblow dismissed for lunch.

## AFTERNOON

The afternoon session resumed with singing. Bro. Durward Adkinson led in prayer.

Rev. Bobby Register brought the evening devotion reading from St. John 21:15. A very inspiring devotion on what will we have to do to get our folks to church on time. God gives us the answer. We don't love him as we should. If we love him all things will come to pass.

We had a special at this time by Rev. and Mrs. Leblow, "It Pays to Serve Jesus." He brought us up on the progress in Montgomery and his leaving to another mission. He read a portion of scripture taken from the first chapter of Philippians. The itinerary was stated at this time for Bro. Leblow.

We went into the business session. The Constitution and By-laws were read and adopted as read. A motion was made and carried to adopt the Constitution. It was asked that the same executive committee serve for the next three months. It was moved and seconded to accept the Southside Freewill Baptist Church at Eufaula, Alabama into the association. The churches sent in \$60.00.

After a rising vote of thanks for a wonderful day with the host church, Bro. Hutto dismissed the association.



# Second Quarterly Session

## Pilgrim Rest

Saturday, April 27, 1968

The moderator called the meeting to order. Bro. Miller led the group in singing. The devotion was given by Janice Wilson, she spoke on the ten commandments, using for her scripture, Exodus chapter 20. A very good devotion. After prayer by Bro. Durward Adkinson, Elma Rentz gave a warm hearted welcome. Rosa Adkinson gave the response.

All churches were recognized at this time by asking for their letters. A motion was made and seconded to seat the delegates. Ministers, deacons and visitors were recognized. Eight ministers and six deacons were present. W. W. Hall from the Salem Association, John Edwards from the State Line Association, one visitor from Rocky Mount and one from the Methodist Church in Dothan were present.

After a short recess the session resumed with congregational singing. Bro. Thomas led in prayer.

Rev. Paul Mallory, discussed the youth camp to be held August 11 through the 16th. He stressed sending your application in early. First come, first served.

Rev. John Edwards brought the morning message. He read a poem, "A Man Had Ten Sons", then he brought a wonderful message, reading from Matthew chapter 10:1-15. We need to find the reason why Jesus came into the world. He did not come to preach great sermons. He did not come to perform miracles. He did not come to set an example, though he set great examples. The main reason he came into the world was to die upon the cross that we might live, to shed his blood for our sins. He brought a touching message on how we reject our ministers. Too many times we have roast preacher for dinner. He said, "Don't pick your preacher to pieces at the dinner table."

We were dismissed for lunch by Bro. Charles Craddock.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session resumed with congregational singing. Roy, Janice and Liz sang a special, "I'm Climbing Up the Mountain."

Rev. Thomas Parrish brought the evening devotion. His scripture was taken from St. Luke. It was very inspiring. We ought to have more confessing Jesus Christ. We are saved because Jesus wanted us to be, but he left us a job to do. Bro. Hall lead in prayer.

An offering was taken at this time in the amount of \$34.01. In the business session Bro. Mallory discussed the duties of the executive committee. He stressed that each member be present to help plan the programs for the rest of the year. A motion was made, seconded and carried to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

We were dismissed by Bro. Mallory.



# Third Quarterly Meeting

Saturday, July 27

The third quarterly meeting convened with Chester Chapel Church. The morning session opened with a song "I Am Thine O Lord", led by Bro. Jack Calhoun with Peggy Calhoun at the piano.

The assistant moderator called the association to order in the absence of the moderator. Bro. Adkinson led in prayer.

Bro. Chester Calhoun brought the morning devotion. He used Romans 6:23 as his scripture. It was a very inspiring devotion.

The assistant moderator called for the church letters. All churches were represented. It was MSC to seat the delegates. Ministers, deacons and visitors were recognized. Bro. Durward Adkinson appointed the resolution and finance committee. He asked that Lowell Vickers serve as chairman of the finance committee. Mrs. Linnie Stokes, Mrs. Elma Rentz and Bro. Jack Calhoun to serve on the resolution committee.

Following the congregational singing, Bro. Parrish led in prayer. We then sang "Just Over in Glory Land." It was followed by a special, "Do You Know My Jesus", by Anette White, Jack Calhoun, Bro. Franklin and the Gilmores with Chester Calhoun at the piano.

Bro. Randell Miller brought the morning message. Our theme for this meeting was "Faithful in Stewardship." His message was on a faithful steward. He used for his scripture, 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 and 1 Peter 4:10. Our faithfulness must begin at home if we expect to see it in our churches. We cannot expect our children to obey God if we do not read them the Bible and have family altar. We look around in our churches and see so much confusion and ask ourselves why? We fail to have faithful stewards and complete dedication to God. We were dismissed for lunch by Bro. Franklin.

## AFTERNOON

After a delicious lunch we convened back with Bro. Calhoun leading us in singing "We'll Work Til Jesus Comes." After prayer by Bro. Taylor, Bro. Adkinson gave the offertory prayer. Peggy Calhoun played a piano solo while the offering was received. The offering was \$31.51.

Bro. Parrish brought the evening message. First he expressed his appreciation for such wonderful people in this association. Then turning to the 6th chapter of Ephesians verses 9-20, he used power as his subject. The power of God is not flowing, it is broken, why? We do not go to God and ask for power. Another reason we fail to have the power of God is we have failed to put him first in our lives.

Before going into the business, Bro. Taylor gave a report on the mission in Eufuala. An offering was taken for the mission. They owe \$100.00 on their property. Bro. Lowell Vickers gave the offertory prayer. The offering was \$18.59.

Bro. Lowell Vickers gave the financial report, it was MSC. Bro. Adkinson read a letter certifying that Bro. Peter Lee was licensed to preach the gospel on July 14, 1968 in conference at Goodwater Church. The resolution committee requested that Bro. Lee be accepted into our Association as a licensed minister. MSC to accept this request. The right hand of fellowship was extended to Bro. Lee and his wife.

We were dismissed by Bro. Thomas Kirkland.

## Executive Meeting

After a delicious lunch we convened back with Bro. Calhoun leading us in singing "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." After prayer the executive committee and ministers met at the mission church in Headland. Each church was called for by the moderator. Bro. Franklin led in prayer. Bro. Mallory explained the purpose of the meeting. Bro. Craddock explained the theme that had been suggested by Goodwater Church, "Faithful In Stewardship." Mrs. Linnie Stokes suggested that we use our local Pastors for the programs.

It was voted to use the theme suggested. Bro. Mallory discussed the song leader for each church. Bro. Craddock read the suggested programs. It was voted to have two messages at each session except the last day of the Annual.

A motion was made and carried to adopt the program suggested.

Bro. Lowell Vickers dismissed the meeting.

## Delegates to Annual Association

Goodwater:	Boyd Deese, Mrs. Deese, Mrs. Quinton Draughn, Mrs. Fred Jones, Mrs. Nadine Thomley, Mrs. Peter Lee
Chester Chapel:	John Coates, Chester Calhoun Alternate: Mildred Coates
Mt. Zion:	Irene Vickers, Clara Belcher
Holmes:	Evelyn Sutton, Reba Barr Alternates: Rosa Adkinson, Eloise Commander
Pleasant Hill:	Grace Graham, Henry Farmer, Bernell Nolin
Union:	Jessie McKnight, Linnie Stokes, Emory Hamilton Alternate: Mary McKnight
Sardis:	
Pilgrim Rest:	John Wilson, Elma Rentz
Evergreen:	Ezra Paulk, Gilbert Garner, Bobbie Paulk, Effie Skinner, Alga Sue Garner
New Zion:	Herbert Roney, Lucy Roney, Alma Bulger
First Church:	Irene Wise, Ouida Watson
New Prospect:	Webaline Tew, Jack Tew, Alvah Sowell Alternates: Gwen Sowell, Linda Sowell
Hickory Grove:	Lodell Hankins, Fannie Helms
Southside:	Estelle Roney, William Wise, Mrs. L. M. Mock



# Proceedings of the 90th Annual Session

New Zion Free Will Baptist Church

Friday, October 18

The first day of the annual session of the Southeastern Association opened with congregational singing led by Brother Herbert Roney. The meeting was called to order by the moderator.

Mrs. Lucy Roney brought the morning devotion using as her subject "character," reading from Psalms 19:14. The welcome was given by Mrs. Oates. Rev. Durward Adkinson gave the response.

Ministers, deacons, and visitors were recognized. Ministers present were Rev. Paul Mallory, Durward Adkinson, Jim Franklin, Daniel Pelt, Charles Craddock, Thomas Kirkland, and Peter Lee. Six deacons were present. The Moderator called for the church letters. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to seat the delegates. The Committees were appointed by the Moderator.

Visitors were recognized. We had Mrs. J. G. Belcher from the Primitive Baptist. Mrs. Bobbie Paulk of the Missionary Baptist of Dale County. Rev. Daniel Pelt was from the Salem Association Florida. We were dismissed for a 10 minute intermission. The session resumed with a song, "Trust and Obey," followed by prayer by Rev. Pelt. Another song, "Living for Jesus," was sung. Rev. Lee then led the congregation in prayer.

Rev. Charles Craddock brought the morning message, "Speaking on Stewardship of Life." His scripture reading was taken from Genesis 1:26-31, also Esther 4th Chapter. A person is born into stewardship, he does not grow into it. Now is the time when people need to turn to God. A very inspiring message.

We were dismissed for lunch by Rev. Thomas Kirkland. He also asked God's blessing on the food.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with song service, and prayer by Rev. Durward Adkinson.

Rev. Pelt brought the evening message. He used "The Golden Rule" for his topic. His background scripture was taken from Matthew 7, beginning with Verse 21. One must be totally committed to God to keep the golden rule. The golden rule is really love in action. A real good message.

There were no state and National officials present.

At this time Rev. Pelt made a move that we give New Zion Church a rising vote of thanks for such a wonderful day. Rev. Craddock seconded the move. The move was carried by all rising. Rev. Mallory dismissed the body.



## SATURDAY

The second day of the annual session of the Southeastern Association opened with congregational singing led by Bryan Gilmore. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

The welcome was given by Rev. Durward Adkinson. Rev. Jim Franklin gave the response. Mrs. Lettie Hartzog brought the morning devotion using "stewardship", as her topic. She presented stewardship as follows: Stewardship involves the body (Romans: 12:1), the mind (Romans: 12:2), time (Romans: 14:11), influence (1st Corinthians: 14:16), and it includes ability.

The First Free Will Church of Eufaula failed to get their letter in on Friday. It was read and a motion was made and carried to seat the delegates.

Visitors were recognized. We had visitors from the Seventh Day Adventist, Primitive Baptist, and the Baptist Church in Ariton, and Rev. Horace Herndon from the State Line Association. We had seven ministers and seven deacons present.

After recess, we met back with a short song service. "Just a Little While" and "Standing on the Promises" were sung followed by prayer by Bro. Chester Calhoun. We then sang "Kneel at the Cross", and Rev. Thomas Kirkland led us in prayer. Bryan and Earl Gilmore, Rev. Jim Franklin, and Tinker Turner sang a special--"I've Been to Calvary."

Rev. Paul Mallory brought the morning message. It was taken from Romans 11:13--A warning given to you and I in 1968. We can see a slipping away from God in our churches. If we are to survive as a denomination, as a church, or as an individual we must stand by faith. We were dismissed for lunch by Rev. Jim Franklin.

## AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened with a song led by Bryan Gilmore. Rev. Taylor led in prayer.

Rev. Jim Franklin brought the evening devotion. His scripture was taken from II Timothy: 3. If we are born again and a child of God we will come out of the world. It was a very good devotion. Rev. Paul Mallory then led in prayer.

The committees gave their reports. A motion was made and carried to accept the reports except for the Resolution, Article III, Section I. This was tabled until the session in January.

Jonnie Ruth Taylor was elected to serve on the Youth Camp Committee. A motion was made and carried that Rosa Adkinson, Kate Palmer, and Eloise Commander represent the Association as delegates at the State Association in Pell City.

Mrs. Linnie Stokes and Mrs. Aletha Deese were in charge of the memorial service. Rev. Charles Craddock read the names of those who have passed on. Rev. Thomas Kirkland brought the devotion, using for his scripture Joshua 1:2.

A motion was made and carried that we give Holmes a rising vote of thanks for a wonderful day. Rev. Durward Adkinson dismissed the body.

# Reports of Committees

## Nominating Committee:

We, your Nominating Committee, ask that Rev. Jim Franklin serve as Moderator, Rev. Durward Adkinson serve as Vice Moderator, Kate Palmer as clerk, Chester Calhoun as Treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Reba Barr  
Jack Tew  
Henry Farmer  
Olive Beasley

## Finance Committee:

We, your Finance Committee, recommend that the Association pay the Moderator \$25.00, the Vice Moderator \$10.00, the Clerk \$100.00 per year.

We recommend visiting ministers who are asked to be on program be paid their expense.

Respectfully Submitted:

Evelyn Sutton  
Chester Calhoun

## Placement Committee:

We ask that New Prospect entertain the Quarterly Meeting in January, Mt. Zion in April, and Pilgrim Rest in July of 1969.

We ask that Pleasant Hill Church entertain the Session of our Annual Association on Friday and Union on Saturday before the third Sunday in October 1969.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jessie McKnight  
Webaline Tew  
Elma Rentz



# The Southeastern Association of Free Will Baptist Churches

ANNUAL STATISTICS:	GOODWATER	CHESTER	MT. ZION	HOLMES	PLEASANT	UNION	SARDIS	PILGRIM	EVERGREEN	NEW ZION	FIRST CHURCH	NEW	HICKORY	SOUTHSIDE	ITEMS	TOTALS
	Full-Time	4th, 3 p.m. Every Sun.	1st & 3rd	2nd & 4th	2nd & 4th	Full-Time	Full-Time	1st & 3rd	Full-Time	Full-Time	Full-Time	2nd & 4th	Full-Time	Full-Time		
Meeting Days	Full-Time	4th, 3 p.m. Every Sun.	1st & 3rd	2nd & 4th	2nd & 4th	Full-Time	Full-Time	1st & 3rd	Full-Time	Full-Time	Full-Time	2nd & 4th	Full-Time	Full-Time	No. Churches	14
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	76	47	103	51	94	89	151	126	63	90	77	85	52	16	Membership	1,120
Resident	76	47	63	37	38	85	139	63	51	90	71	25	51	15	Resident	851
Non-Resident	--	--	40	14	56	4	12	63	12	--	6	60	1	1	Non Resident	269
NEW MEMBERS	3	--	8	4	2	7	34	8	2	9	--	1	--	3	New Members	81
By Baptism	1	--	3	1	2	5	11	5	2	6	--	1	--	--	Baptism	37
By Letter	2	--	5	3	--	2	19	3	--	3	--	--	--	3	Letter	40
Statement of Faith	--	--	--	--	--	--	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Stmt. Faith	4
MEMBERS DISMISSED	1	--	6	--	2	4	2	2	4	1	6	7	--	--	Members Dismissed	36
By Letter	1	--	4	--	--	--	1	--	2	1	6	2	--	--	Letter	18
Exclusion	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	Exclusion	3
Deceased	--	--	2	--	2	3	1	2	2	--	--	3	--	--	Deceased	15
ORDAINED MINISTERS	1	--	2	1	--	1	2	1	1	--	1	--	2	1	Ordained Min.	12
LICENSED MINISTERS	1	--	2	--	--	--	--	1	1	2	--	--	--	1	Licensed Min.	8
ORDAINED DEACONS	7	6	6	3	3	4	7	6	3	--	4	4	2	1	Ordained Deacons	56
SUNDAY SCHOOL	70	27	54	37	42	45	107	33	22	88	51	33	36	25	Sunday School	670
CTS or LEAGUE	31	--	--	--	21	30	60	29	--	--	30	19	--	15	CTS or League	235
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY	13	--	15	13	--	10	20	13	12	12	12	--	6	--	Womens Aux.	126
MASTER MEN	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Master Men	--
PRAYER MEETING	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	--	yes	yes	yes	yes	Prayer Meeting	11
FINANCIAL																
Paid Pastors	1,040.00	449.96	907.10	1,472.58	510.00	946.36	5,244.00	1,976.78	930.41	2,700.00	1,820.00	1,016.21	749.49	1,040.00	Paid Pastors	20,802.89
Paid Evangelist	125.00	80.00	125.00	--	75.00	194.82	200.00	319.46	125.00	175.00	75.00	125.00	--	--	Paid Evangelist	1,619.28
Building & Repair	9,873.48	655.66	161.97	3,805.46	30.00	7,513.02	2,913.44	--	2,340.37	2,145.14	103.25	--	--	--	Bldg. & Repair	29,541.79
Literature	414.94	21.86	146.41	37.60	51.50	273.57	512.06	151.82	90.88	240.00	184.42	72.17	58.64	101.46	Literature	2,357.33
Advertising, etc.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	10.80	--	--	--	Advertising	10.80
Miscellaneous	69.51	114.42	662.48	250.22	581.94	339.98	238.44	1,046.57	183.70	--	410.64	156.40	159.62	52.76	Miscellaneous	4,203.68
Other	143.85	--	--	--	--	--	600.00	--	25.50	--	1,662.54	--	--	--	Other	2,288.04
Cooperative Plan	70.00	--	--	135.42	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Cooperative Plan	205.42
Foreign Mission	51.62	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	30.00	28.57	13.00	--	Foreign Mission	123.19
Home Mission	35.02	--	50.00	14.66	20.00	--	--	29.80	34.64	134.10	--	14.66	10.00	26.00	Home Mission	368.88
Bible College	--	30.00	--	75.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	52.31	--	--	Bible College	127.31
Childrens Home	65.00	--	--	--	--	105.00	197.62	--	--	50.00	--	33.50	12.00	--	Childrens Home	463.12
Superannuation	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Superannuation	--
Asso. Projects	--	40.00	65.00	--	--	40.00	25.00	--	35.00	--	--	--	35.00	15.00	Asso. Projects	255.00
State & Nat. Projects	--	--	31.25	--	--	--	30.00	--	5.00	--	--	--	--	--	State & Nat. Projects	66.25
Other	--	--	--	--	342.00	--	186.00	--	--	--	--	--	5.00	--	Other	608.00
TOTAL LOCAL	11,706.78	1,321.90	2,002.96	5,565.86	1,610.44	9,267.75	9,707.94	3,494.63	3,682.94	5,160.14	4,266.65	1,369.78	969.75	1,194.22	Total Local	60,823.81
TOTAL OUTSIDE	221.64	70.00	146.25	225.08	362.00	145.00	438.62	29.80	40.04	184.10	30.00	129.04	75.00	41.00	Total Outside	2,172.17
Value Church Property	50,000.00	8,000.00	12,000.00	20,000.00	6,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	10,000.00	3,500.00	40,000.00	22,000.00	10,000.00	3,000.00	1,800.00	Value Church Prop.	236,300.00
Value Parsonage	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	10,000.00	12,000.00	--	--	--	Value Par. Prop.	22,000.00
Parsonage	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	yes	yes	no	no	no	Parsonages	Two

## COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED:

### Resolutions Committee:

We recommend that the constitution and by-laws of this Association, Article III, Section I, standing Delegates be changed to read, "All Ministers and Deacons and their wives who belong or serve in churches affiliated with this Association shall be standing Delegates."

We recommend that Church letter forms be mailed to the clerks at least one month before the Association.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bryan Gilmore  
Aletha Deese



# Southeastern Association of Free Will Baptist

## Statement of Finances

Balance On Hand, September 1, 1967 . . . . . \$87.05

### INCOME

9/17/67 Contribution from Goodwater Church (for Headland Mission)	\$ 11.20
9/15/67 Contribution from Goodwater Church (for Southside Mission)	11.20
9/15/67 Contribution from Mt. Zion Church (for Headland Mission)	18.41
10/14/67 From churches to annual session of the Association	310.00
10/14/67 Offering taken at annual session of Association	74.17
11/4/67 Contribution from New Zion Church (for Headland Mission)	53.00
1/27/68 From churches at first quarterly meeting of Association	60.00
2/19/68 Contribution from Union Church (for Headland Mission)	56.86
4/27/68 From churches at second quarterly meeting of Association	70.00
4/27/68 Offering taken at second quarterly meeting of Association	34.06
7/27/68 From churches at third quarterly meeting of Association	80.00
7/27/68 Offering taken at third quarterly meeting of Association	31.51
7/27/68 Special offering taken at third quarterly meeting of Association	<u>18.59</u>
	\$829.00

### EXPENSES

9/15/67 Contribution to Southside Mission (from Goodwater)	\$ 11.20
9/15/67 Contribution to Headland Mission (from Goodwater)	11.20
9/15/67 Contribution to Headland Mission (from Mt. Zion)	18.41
10/14/67 Contribution to Free Will Baptist Bible College	75.00
10/14/67 Paid Association clerk (Sis. Kate Palmer)	75.00
10/14/67 Paid Association assistant moderator (Rev. Durward Adkinson)	10.00
10/14/67 Paid Association moderator (Rev. Paul Mallory)	10.00
10/30/67 Paid Arnold's, Abbeville, Ala. (chair and table for Association)	15.00
11/4/67 Contribution to Headland Mission (from New Zion)	53.00
11/10/67 Contribution to Cooperative Program (handled by Rev. R. W. Ritch)	60.00
1/26/68 Paid Messer Publishing Co., Dothan, Ala. (700 minutes)	147.00
2/19/68 Contribution to Headland Mission (from Union)	56.86
4/12/68 Paid Messer Publishing Co., Dothan, Ala. (By-laws and Constitution)	12.60
4/27/68 Paid speaker at second quarterly meeting (Rev. John Edwards)	25.00
7/27/68 Paid speaker at third quarterly meeting (Rev. Randall Miller)	10.00
7/27/68 Paid speaker at third quarterly meeting (Rev. Thomas Parish)	10.00
7/27/68 Contribution to Southside Church (special offering third quarterly meeting)	<u>18.59</u>
	\$618.86
Balance on Hand, September 1, 1968 . . . . .	\$297.19

Respectfully submitted:  
Lowell B. Vickers

# Annual Report of the Southeast Woman's Auxiliary

The Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary of the Southeast District of Alabama held its annual meeting with the First Free Will Church in Eufaula on Friday, April 12, at 7:30.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Blondell Hartzog.

The group sang two songs, "At Calvary" and "Amazing Grace."

Mrs. Lela Edwards gave a most inspiring devotion reading from the 24th chapter of Luke. She spoke on "The Joys of Good Friday and the Easter Season", closing her devotion with prayer.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. Ralph Baker with Mrs. Dot Sawyer giving the response.

Mrs. Hartzog called for recognition of Ministers. Bro. Charles B. Craddock was the only Minister present.

During the business session the President called for letters and reports. Seven churches reported with a total of 44 members present.

A letter was read from the State Secretary concerning an increase in State and National dues. After some discussion it was voted that we send \$1.00 for State and National and keep \$.25 in the district.

Mrs. Jim Franklin was our guest speaker. She spoke on "Blockades" to spiritual blessings in our auxiliaries. This was a most inspiring message.

Sardis Church asked to entertain the next annual meeting which will be held on Friday night before the Second Sunday in April, 1969, at 8 p.m.

The benediction was given by Bro. Craddock, and the host served delicious refreshments to those present.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mrs. Mary George, Sec.  
Mrs. Blondell Hartzog, Pres.



# Sunday School Convention

The Southeastern Free Will Baptist District Sunday School and CTS Convention was held March 31, 1968 with New Zion Church as host for the convention. There were 12 churches represented with a total of 172 persons attending.

The convention was called to order by the president, Bro. Chester Calhoun. Opening prayer was led by Rev. Thomas Parrish. The song service was led by Bro. Herbert Roney.

Bro. Clarence Culpepper gave the welcome address to the convention. Ministers were recognized at this time. Those present were Rev. W. T. Hutto, Rev. Paul Mallory, Rev. Ralph Baker, Rev. Thomas Parrish, Rev. Charles Craddock, Rev. James Franklin, Rev. Durward Adkinson, Rev. Randell Miller and Rev. Gerald Baxley.

The teachers of New Zion Sunday School conducted the classes for the convention.

Convention letters were called for by the president.

Bro. Jack Calhoun led the congregational singing, and prayer was by Rev. Durward Adkinson.

A special offering was taken at this time with \$56.83 being received.

Rev. Gerald Baxley brought the morning message. The scripture was taken from Psalms 1. The subject of the message was "Are You Going to Heaven?" It was a wonderful message. The convention was dismissed for lunch by Rev. Thomas Parrish.

## AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was called to order by the president, Bro. Chester Calhoun. The Gilmores sang a special.

The church programs were presented with three churches participating. Judges for the programs were Rev. Gerald Baxley, Rev. Durward Adkinson, Rev. Randell Miller. All programs were good with Sardis Church winning the \$5.00 prize for the best program. At this time banners were given for the largest convention attendance. Goodwater won the annual percentage banner of attendance.

The business session began with the reading of the 1967 minutes and financial report. Both the minutes and the financial report were accepted.

A motion was made by Rev. Charles Craddock and seconded by Rev. Durward Adkinson that we keep our present executive committee. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Rev. Randell Miller to change Section Six (6) of the Sunday School By-laws to read \$5.00 instead of \$3.00 from each church for convention expense. The motion was seconded and carried. A motion was made by Rev. Randell Miller to donate part or all of the special offering to the mission in Headland. The motion was seconded by Bro. Lowell Vickers and carried. A motion was made by Rev. W. T. Hutto that each church elect their own delegates for the State Convention. This was seconded by Rev. Randell Miller. These delegates were to serve for both Sunday School and CTS. This motion was carried. Rev. Charles Craddock made a motion that the convention purchase a banner for CTS. The motion was seconded by Rev. Durward Adkinson. The motion was carried.

Goodwater Free Will Baptist Church will be host for the convention in 1969.

A motion was made to adjourn by Rev. James Franklin and seconded by Bro. Jack Calhoun. Rev. W. T. Hutto ask for a rising vote of thanks to New Aion Church for such a wonderful day. Rev. Thomas Parrish dismissed the body with prayer.



# Article 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 attributed of God.

5. THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD: God exercises a wise and benovolent providence over all things 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) Repentence or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. (2) Faith or the reserved committal of ones self to Christ as Saviour 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 domination 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 whosoever will, may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. PERSEVERENCE: All believers in Christ, who though 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, and 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." (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, JUDGEMENT 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 Gospel, nor fail to pay its poor, and all its benovolent work.

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

We will everywhere hold Christian 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 telling 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.

# By-Laws of Sunday School

## Article 1 — Name

This organization shall be known as the Southeastern District Sunday School Convention of the Southeastern Free Will Baptist Association.

## Article 2 — Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the interest of Sunday School in our churches of the Association according to the plan and program set up by the State and National Conventions. Each church have at least one delegate to the State Convention.

## Article 3 — Officers

The officers shall be a president or chairman and vice-president, secretary and treasurer, an executive committee and other committees as needed.

## Article 4 — Membership

The Convention shall be composed of all the officers and the delegates of each church and other members who are present.

## Article 5 —

This Convention shall meet annually at a time and place selected by the members.

## Article 6 —

The Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Convention by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

## Article 7 — Duties of Officers

### Section 1:

President: The President or Chairman shall preside over all meetings, appoint such committees as needed, call the Executive Committee together when necessary, be ex-officio member of all standing committees and perform all duties usually pertaining to such officers.

Vice-President: Shall act in the absence of the President or by request. Shall help in any way to help strengthen the organization at all times.

### Section 3:

Secretary: The Secretary shall keep accurate records of all meetings of the Convention and preserve all valuable papers and turn them over to his or her successor in office.

### Section 4:

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements received and report same at each convention meeting.

### Section 5:

Election: The general officers shall be nominated by a nominating committee and elected every two years by acclamation. All elections shall be held at the business session of the Annual Convention.

### Section 6:

Fees: \$5.00 from each church is paid yearly to support Convention expenses. Stamps, paper, envelopes, visiting speaker expenses, \$1.50 State Convention dues, etc.

# Association Directory

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