

MINUTES
of the
Quarterly Meetings
and the
Ninety-First Annual Session
of the
SOUTHEASTERN
ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
at
Pleasant Hill
and
Union Churches
OCTOBER 17 & 18, 1969

Calendar of Events of 1970

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

NEW ZION ----- SATURDAY, JAN. 24

SECOND QUARTERLY

SARDIS ----- SATURDAY, APRIL 25

THIRD QUARTERLY

BETHEL ----- SATURDAY, JULY 25

ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION

FIRST DAY — NEW PROSPECT ----- FRIDAY, OCT. 16

SECOND DAY — EVERGREEN ----- SATURDAY, OCT. 17

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION -----

SARDIS CHURCH ----- SUNDAY, MARCH 29

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY ----- GOODWATER CHURCH

FRIDAY, 8:00 P. M. ----- APRIL 10, 1970

Officers

REV. JIM FRANKLIN ----- MODERATOR

430 ORANGE ST., EUFAULA, ALA.

REV. THOMAS KIRKLAND ----- VICE-MODERATOR

ASHFORD, ALA.

ALETHA DEESE ----- CLERK

NEWTON, ALA.

CHESTER CALHOUN ----- TREASURER

RT. 3, ABBEVILLE, ALA.

Executive Committee

HUBERT GLOVER ----- BETHEL

LUCY RONEY ----- NEW ZION

ELMA RENTZ ----- PILGRIM REST

MARTHA BLALOCK ----- HICKORY GROVE

CODY TEW ----- NEW PROSPECT

MILTON HARTZOG ----- HOLMES

NINA VICKERS ----- MT. ZION

HENRY FARMER ----- PLEASANT HILL

LILLIAN WILSON ----- EVERGREEN

ALETHA DEESE ----- GOODWATER

W. W. BUSH ----- SARDIS

LINNIE STOKES ----- UNION

JOHN COATS ----- CHESTER CHAPEL

ESTELLE RONEY ----- SOUTHSIDE

Ministers

REV. CHARLES CRADDOCK	511 Madison Ave., Dothan, Ala.
REV. JAMES M. FRANKLIN	430 Orange St., Eufaula, Ala.
REV. 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. FRANK JACKSON	Rt. 2, Box 48, Hartford, Ala.
REV. THOMAS PARRISH	Headland, Ala.
REV. LARRY DYKES	Rt. 2, Headland, Ala.
REV. P. A. BRACKIN	
REV. CLEVE STANLEY	Rt. 1, Eufaula, Ala.
REV. PETER LEE	Rt. 2, Newton, Ala. 36352
REV. HORACE HERNDON	Rt. 5, Dothan, Ala.

NEW PROSPECT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

JAN. 25TH, 1969

The first quarterly meeting convened with New Prospect Church, Edwin, Alabama. The meeting opened with the congregation singing led by Bro. Chester Calhoun with Mrs. Jim Franklin at the piano. The meeting was called to order by the moderator. The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Durward Adkinson using for his scripture: John 20:21. He sends us to be examples of him. Let us remember this theme this year: "Even So Send I You". We are his representatives.

The association was welcomed to Prospect Church by Kate Palmer. Johnnie Ruth Oates had the response.

The moderator called for Church letters. The clerk called the role of delegates. A motion was carried to seat the delegates. Ministers, ordained deacons and visitors were recognized. Eight ministers were present. They were: Rev's. Durward Adkinson, Jim Franklin, Charles Craddock, Larry Dykes, Madison Taylor, Paul Mallory, Thomas Kirkland. Seven deacons were present and several visitors from Bethel Church.

The moderator appointed Bro. Chester Calhoun, Sister Nina Vickers, and Sister Watson to serve on the Finance Committee with Chester Calhoun as chairman. Sisters Johnnie Taylor, Alga Sue Garner, Marjorie Phillips, and Jessie McKnight to serve on the Resolution Committee with Johnnie Taylor serving as Chairman.

The congregation was then led in a song.

A motion was carried to take from the table Article III, Section I of the Constitution and By-Laws (see reports) and ask that it be read by the clerk. We were dismissed for a short intermission by Rev. Charles Craddock.

We convened back with Rev. Peter Lee reading a letter of restora-

tion of membership to the Southeastern Association from Bethel Church. Motion was carried that this letter be accepted and delegates be seated. A letter of recommendation for Rev. Lee was also read. Rev. Paul Mallory led in a prayer. Bro. Calhoun led us in singing "When We All Get to Heaven". Rev. Herndon led in prayer, and we then sang another song—"At the Cross".

Rev. Jim Franklin brought the morning message, using Matthew 10:16 as his scripture. "Sent to accomplish a divine message" was his theme. We need to see our responsibility as a Christian, we are sent to give the message to a lost and dying world. The reason a minister works today is because the people have not the true experience of being born again. We have a responsibility to Christ that is to be a separate people. "Come ye out from the world and be separate people." It takes all working together to make the Church frame fit. If you are not witnessing to God there is something lacking. After this wonderful message, Rev. Thomas Kirkland dismissed in prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After lunch we convened with prayer led by Bro. W. W. Bush. We were then led in the singing of "Revive Us Again". Rev. Thomas Kirkland gave the charge and presented the certificate of ordination to the office of deacons to Bro. William Sowell and Bro. Oyd Tew, using for his scripture Acts 6, I Timothy 3:8. A deacon is a two-fold position. First a deacon is not a Church boss. He is not an officer for a preacher's pet. He is not double tongued. He is a leader to suggest things. He is to lead the right example, and direct others to the Lord Jesus Christ. He is supposed to stand between the pastor and his congregation. He is a servant of the church, where he is supposed to keep out trouble. He is supposed to seek his office for the welfare of the church. He should be a tither. Rev. Horace Herndon gave the ordination prayer after all ministers and ordained deacons had a laying of hands. The right hand of fellowship was extended to them and their wives.

A motion was carried to take the list of items from the table. A motion was then carried calling for questions. It was moved and carried that a commission be elected to study the proposed changes in the Constitution. Those nominated were Rev's. Thomas Kirkland, Durward Adkinson, Paul Mallory, and Charles Craddock. The chair was appointed to name the ordaining council. Rev's. Madison Taylor, Paul Mallory, and Horace Herndon were appointed to serve.

Bro. Calhoun gave the finance report, which showed a balance of \$387.89 in the treasury. The report was accepted as read. A motion was then carried that we adjourn, after a wonderful day. We were dismissed by Rev. Durward Adkinson.

RESOLUTION REPORT

We recommend that a study commission be elected by this body for

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the purpose of studying our Constitution, and proposing changes, and that they report back to the next quarterly meeting.

Johnnie Taylor, Chairman

W. W. Bush, Alga Sue Garner, Marjorie Phillips, Sis. McKnight.

MT. ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1969

The second quarterly session convened with Mt. Zion Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order by the moderator. He used for his scripture I Corinthians: 13. His key notes were taken from the 11th verse. The Lord is my shepherd, that is all I want is the thought he left with us. Bro. Hall led in prayer. Johnnie Gilmore led the singing with Roy Wilson at the piano. The association was extended a warm welcome to Mt. Zion Church. Rev. Peter Lee gave the response. The clerk called the roll of delegates. A motion was carried that the delegates be seated.

The association acknowledged Rev. Hall, our visiting minister from Geneva. The moderator appointed the Finance and Resolution Committee. The members of the Finance Committee were: Chester Calhoun, Chairman; Clarence Culpepper, and Mrs. Jessie McKnight. The Resolution Committee was composed of: Chester Matthews, Chairman; Lowell Vickers; and Mrs. Irene Wise.

Rev. Craddock read the proposed changes in the Constitution. A motion was carried that the proposed changes lie on the table until 2 p. m. We were dismissed for a short recess by Chester Calhoun.

We convened back with prayer by Rev. Randal Miller. The congregation was led in the singing of "Won't It Be Wonderful There" and "There is Power in the Blood". Rev. Horace Herndon led in prayer, and we had another song. Rev. Thomas Kirkland brought the morning message, using I Corinthians 2:1-11 as his scripture. The great provision God made for us is to go out into the world and bring the lost to Jesus. Where is our heart today? Is it about the provisions God made for us or is it on the things of the world? It was a wonderful message, and was enjoyed by everyone. After the message, Rev. Paul Mallory dismissed for lunch with prayer and asked God's blessings upon the noon meal.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a wonderful lunch which was enjoyed by all we reconvened with prayer by Jeanne Gilmore. A motion was carried to take the item from the table. Rev. Craddock re-read the proposed changes. A motion was carried that the Constitution be accepted with the proposed changes. Six ministers and nine deacons were recognized. Rev. Franklin suggested that if your pastor works on Saturday, please pay him for the time to attend this association. The congregation then was led in the

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singing of: "Victory in Jesus", and "He Keeps Me Singing". Rev. Taylor brought the evening message, using Romans 4:20-21 as his scripture reference—one who had faith that did not stagger. What is it to stagger? It means we do not have control. We stagger because we are confused. James 6 through 8 gives us a description of a staggering man. If we follow Christ we will not stagger. After this inspiring message we went into the Business Session. Chester Calhoun gave the Finance Report. Bro. Matthews gave the Resolution Report. A motion was carried that we appoint a Credential Committee and Examining Council. The Credential Committee was comprised of: Rev. Charles Craddock, Rev. Horace Herndon. The Examining Council was composed of: Rev. Durward Adkinson—3 year term, Rev. Paul Mallory—2 year term, and Rev. Randell Miller—1 year term. It was carried that they serve through this year and the year following.

The clerk read letter from Bro. Shockey and Bro. Willie Justice. Johnnie Ruth Taylor encouraged everyone to take advantage of the "Youth Camp". A motion was carried that we give Mt. Zion a rising vote of thanks. Lowell Vickers dismissed the body.

REPORTS

Finance Report: Cash in bank as of April 29, 1969—\$320.89. Received from churches—\$95.00.

Resolution Committee Report: We, the Resolution Committee, feel that our people are well pleased with using ministers of our own Association to preach at our quarterly meetings and we ask that it be resolved that we continue to use them as often as possible.

CHESTER MATTHEWS, Chairman

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING — PILGRIM REST

The third Quarterly Meeting convened with Pilgrim Rest Church. The morning session opened with prayer by Bro. Jackson. Bro. Lowell Vickers brought the morning devotion using for his scripture St. Luke 18:17. A very inspiring devotion. Song led by Roy Wilson with Anette White at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Thomas Kirkland. Call for church letters. 13 churches were represented. The moderator introduced Bro. Edwards from the State Line Association. Bro. Jackson from Bethel Church was also recognized at this time. The moderator appointed the Resolution and Finance Committees. Finance: Bro. William Lowell, Bro. Braswell, Bro. Chester Cathoun, Bro. Chester, Chairman. Resolution: Clara Belcher, Ruth Oates, Eloise Commander. Song, Bro. Franklin dismissed for a short recess.

Reconvened after recess with Bro. Durward Adkinson leading in prayer. Song, "There is Power in the Blood". Bro. Edwards brought the morning message. His theme was "Sent to the world by a Royal Commission". Scripture was taken from John 20:6-14. Jesus was sent to the world by his father on a Royal Commission. He came to the world to

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become man that he may be able to bring God near to us. He became man to set the examples for us to follow. A wonderful message. Kate Palmer dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session opened with prayer by Nina Vickers. Song, "Just A Little Talk With Jesus". Bro. William Jackson brought the afternoon message. His scripture was taken from St. John 16:33. "Be of good cheer. I have come to overcome the world." We can overcome the world by coming to Jesus Christ.

Business session. Finance Committee Report. Balance on hand \$415.89. We recommend that the visiting minister be paid \$15.00. We also recommend that we give \$125.00 to the youth camp. Item one carried. The recommendation was carried.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Be it resolved that the local church encourage their pastor to make every effort to attend each meeting of the association.

This is the work of God and should be taken care of by those who confess the Lord Jesus Christ.

ELOISE COMMANDER
RUTH OATES
CLARA BELCHER

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION OF EXAMINE COMMITTEE

We, the Examining Council, have examined Bro. Billy Roach of Bethel F. W. B. Church, and have found him to be doctrinely sound.

We therefore recommend that he be ordained at the Saturday session of the yearly association.

REV. JAMES M. FRANKLIN
REV. DURWARD ADKINSON
REV. THOMAS KIRKLAND

Motion carried that it be accepted. Moved and seconded that we adjourn. Dismissed by Rosa Adkinson.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Executive Committee met at Union Church. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Jim Franklin. Rosa Adkinson led in prayer. Bro. Franklin called the roll of the committee members.

The theme for the coming year was "So Send I You", John 20:21. The moderator gave an outline of the program.

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Rev. Thomas Kirkland asked the committee to decide where we should vote for a promotional man. It was moved, second and carried for the State delegates to vote for a promotional man at the State Association. Bro. Thomas Kirkland dismissed the meeting.

FRIDAY

Minutes of the 91st Annual Session of the S. E. Free Will Baptist, Friday, October 17, 1969, Pleasant Hill Church, Headland, Ala.

Call to order by moderator, Bro. Jim Franklin. Scripture reading from 5th chapter of St. Matthew, verses 13-16; by vice-moderator, Bro. Durward Adkinson. Welcome given by Rev. Melvin Moody, pastor of host church. Response to welcome given by Bro. Lowell Vickers. Song service led by Bro. Lowell Vickers with Roy Wilson at piano: "Standing on the Promises." Prayer by Bro. Thomas Kirkland. "I Am Bound For The Promise Land". Prayer by Bro. Durward Adkinson.

Ministers, deacons and visitors were recognized. Ministers present were Revs. Jim Franklin, Durward Adkinson, Thomas Kirkland, Gerald Baxley, William F. Jackson, Randall Miller, Melvin Moody, Chester Odonell, Robert L. Shockey.

Sister Kate Palmer being absent, a motion was made, seconded, and carried for moderator to appoint someone to serve in this capacity for the day. Chester Calhoun was appointed.

The moderator called for the church letters. All churches were present except Southside and First Freewill of Eufaula. A motion was made, seconded and carried to seat the delegates.

The committees were appointed by the moderator as follows:

Finance Committee: Chester Calhoun, Chairman, Nina Vickers, Inez Kirkland, Roy Wilson, Althea Deese.

Resolution Committee: Lucy Roney, Chairman; Webaline Tew, Jessie McKnight, Linnie Stokes, Sister Sellers.

Placement Committee: Clara Belcher, Chairman; Glydis Byrd, Ruth Oates.

Nominating Committee: William Bush, Chairman; Linda Sowell, Eloise Commander.

There being members of the Examining Committee absent, a motion was made, seconded and carried for the moderator and vice-moderator to appoint two (2) members to serve on this committee. Bro. Thomas Kirkland and Lowell Vickers were appointed.

Recess.

Reconvene for 11 o'clock worship service. Called to order by vice-moderator, Bro. Durward Adkinson. Song service led by Bro. Lowell Vickers with Linda Sowell at the piano. "I Must Tell Jesus". Prayer by Bro. Gerald Baxley. "Heavenly Sunlight" and "Amazing Grace".

Introduction of speaker, Rev. Robert L. Shockey, National Home Mission Board, Nashville, Tenn. Scripture: Romans 13, verses 1 and 2.

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Sermon: "Personally Committed To The Lord". Closing hymn: "Amazing Grace".

Lunch—Bro. Jim Franklin asked God's Blessings on food.

Called to order by moderator, Bro. Jim Franklin. Prayer by Bro. Roy Wilson. Song service led by Bro. Lowell Vickers with Linda Sowell at piano. "Rescue The Perishing", "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes". Prayer by Bro. Chester Calhoun.

Sermon: Bro. Randall Miller. "Even So Send I You". Scripture: St. John 20, verse 21.

Recognition of State and National Officials, Bro. Robert Shockey, National Home Mission Board, Nashville, Tenn. presented literature on mission work.

Report of Examining Committee:

The Examining Committee recommends to the Association that Brother Hubert Glover and Brother Billy Roach be ordained as deacons at the Association tomorrow afternoon, Oct. 18, 1969.

BRO. THOMAS KIRKLAND
BRO. RANDALL MILLER
BRO. LOWELL VICKERS
BRO. DURWARD ADKINSON

Motion made, seconded and carried to give Pleasant Hill a rising vote of thanks for a fine day of Christian fellowship and a delicious meal.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn until Saturday, October 18, at Union Church. Benediction by Rev. Melvin Moody.

SATURDAY

The second day of the annual session of the association opened with prayer by Bro. Bob Shockey. Rev. Thomas Kirkland brought the morning devotion. He used for his scripture James chapter 3, verse 2. Each of us should ask ourselves does our tongue get out of control.

The welcome was given by Mrs. Jessie McKnight. Linda Sowell gave the response. Roll call of delegates by Chester Calhoun. Visitors were recognized at this time. We had several from Phenix City. Mrs. Jennie Belcher from County Line Primitive Baptist Church. Song, led by Holt Stokes with Linda Sowell at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Lowell Vickers.

Bro. Durward Adkinson, Chairman of the Examining Committee, read the recommendation to accept Rev. Jackson into full fellowship of this association. Moved, seconded and carried to accept him. First Free Will letter came in. The delegates were seated. Bro. Franklin dismissed for recess.

After recess we convened with prayer by Bro. Rodger Milling. An offering was taken at this time. Offertory prayer by Bro. Chester Calhoun. The amount of offering was \$53.38.

The moderator introduced the speaker for today, Rev. Bob Shockey

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from Nashville, Tenn. Song, "There is Power in the Blood." The theme of Bro. Shockey's message was "The Reproach of the Cross". Using for his scripture 1st Corinthians Chapter 1, verse 17. It was a wonderful message. Song, "Will Jesus Find Us Watching?".

Kate Palmer dismissed for lunch and asked God's blessings upon the meal.

NOON

The afternoon session opened with a song, "There Is A Fountain", with Chester Calhoun leading with Linda Sowell at the piano. Prayer by William Sowell. Bro. Bob Shockey brought the afternoon message. A message to the ministers. Using for his scripture 2nd Timothy, chapter 2. Memorial service by Bro. Durward Adkinson. He chose for his scripture Matthew chapter 16, verse 28. "What a Friend" was sung in memory of those who have gone on.

The reports were called for at this time. Each report was seconded and carried.

We send this offering to the National Home Mission Board. Johnnie Ruth Taylor discussed the youth camp. Motion seconded and carried that Johnnie Ruth by acclamation to serve on the Youth Camp Board for 4 years. Kate Palmer, Rosa Adkinson and Barbara Kirkland were the delegates from the Southeastern Association to the State Association. Bro. Billy Roach and Bro. Hubert Glover were ordained as deacons. Bro. Bob Shockey led in prayer.

Motion was made and seconded to give the church a rising vote of thanks for such a wonderful day. Moved and seconded that we adjourn.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. Charles Craddock
Rev. Durward Adkinson
Rev. Thomas Kirkland

Report of Committees

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Nominating Committee, ask that Rev. Jim Franklin serve as moderator, Rev. Thomas Kirkland serve as vice-moderator, Aletha Deese as clerk, Chester Calhoun as treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted,
William W. Bush
Linda Sowell
Eloise Commander

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Finance Committee, recommend that the association pay the moderator \$25.00, the vice-moderator \$10.00, the clerk \$100.

We further recommend that the visiting speaker, Rev. Robert I. Shockey, be paid \$75.00 for his services during the 2 days of the annual association.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chester Calhoun, Treasurer
Nina Vickers
Ivey Kirkland
Ray Wilson
Aletha Deese

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PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We ask that New Zion entertain the quarterly meeting in January, Sardis Church in April, and Bethel Church in July of 1970.

We ask that New Prospect Church entertain the first session of the annual association on Friday and Evergreen on Saturday before the third Sunday in Oct., 1970.

Respectfully Submitted,
Clara Belcher
Ruth Oats
Glaydis Byrd

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RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We recommend that church letters be mailed to the clerk at least 4 weeks before the association meets. We also recommend that the high of the letters be given at the meeting, such as the pastor who serves, meeting days, auxiliaries, Sunday Schools C. T. S. and church improvements.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lucy Roney
Linnie Stokes
Alma Sellers
Mrs. Tew
Mrs. McKnight

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1969

1. Cash on Hand and in Bank Oct. 1, 1968 ----- \$297.19
2. Receipts During Reporting Period:

The Southeastern Association of Free Will Baptist Churches

Annual Statistics:	Chester			Pleasant			Pilgrim			1st Church			Hickory	South-	Bethel	Items	Totals
	Goodwater	Chapel	Mt. Zion	Holmes	Hill	Union	Sardis	Rest	Evergreen	New Zion	Eufaula	Prospect	Grove	side			
Meeting Days	Full time	2 & 4	Every Sun.	1st, 3rd	2nd, 4th	2nd, 4th	Full time	Full time	1st, 3rd	Full time	Full time	2nd, 4th	Full time	Every	Sun.	No. Churches	15
Total Membership	82	49	105	52	40	101	156	128	66	109	74	95	53	11	68	Membership	1,189
Resident	71		65	39		96	144	67	54	94	70	36	51	7		Resident	794
Non-Resident	11		40	13		5	12	61	12	15	4	59	2	4		Non Resident	238
New Members	10	3	2	2	2	6	12	4	3	4	1	13	1	11	7	New Members	81
By Baptism	9		2	1		2	2	4	2	2	1	12			3	Baptism	40
By Letter	1	3	0	1	2	4	6		1	2		1		11	4	Letter	25
Statement of Faith	0	0	0				4						1			Stmt. Faith	5
Members Dismissed	4			1		2	7	2			3	2			1	Members Dismissed	21
By Letter	2			1			4				2				1	Letter	10
Exclusion	2					1	0				By St'mt	2				Exclusion	3
Deceased	0					1	3	2			1					Deceased	9
Ordained Ministers	1	1	2	1		1	1	1	1	2	1		2	1	1	Ordained Min.	16
Licensed Ministers						1									1	Licensed Min.	
Ordained Deacons	5	6	5	3	4	4	6	6	3	5	3	6	3		4	Ordained Deacons	63
Sunday School	66	27	40	35	37	50	84	33	22	78	30	33	25	11	46	Sunday School	15
Cts or League	34				32	30	60	29			15	18		11	3	CTS or League	9
Woman's Auxiliary	12		15	12		10	12	12		14	12		14			Women's Aux.	9
Master Men																Master Men	
Prayer Meeting	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Prayer Meeting	12
Financial																	
Paid Pastors	\$960.00	\$467.00	1,945.65	1,467.70	650.00	839.93	5,456.00	2,288.60	574.51	2,600.00	1,715.00	1,048.18	610.32	410.00	400.00	Paid Pastors	21,432.89
Paid Evangelist	\$119.00	100.00	163.83		75.00	164.40	600.51	263.97	125.00	200.00		125.00	78.63	20.00	90.00	Paid Evangelist	2,175.82
Building & Repair	11,297.89	539.58	2,701.00	1,743.31	30.00	7,576.04	816.91	2,303.93	3,183.88		996.99	3,813.27	6.16	100.00	137.12	Bldg. & Repair	35,241.08
Literature	466.03	25.46	174.02	71.41	81.02	239.98	482.93	103.55	62.62	239.24	154.62	125.21	59.75	30.16	150.58	Literature	2,466.58
Advertising, etc.																	
Miscellaneous	237.21	25.76	558.40	218.59	20.60	63.29	657.05	260.42	276.00	125.00	548.79	302.91	50.00	41.35	103.99	Advertising	3,489.36
Other	578.68				302.94		600.00		65.00			44.17	5.00	195.12	15.00	Other	2,300.91
Cooperative Plan	50.00			110.25		25.31						83.37				Cooperative Plan	268.93
Foreign Mission	5.00					43.40			22.75	75.00		33.11				Foreign Mission	179.26
Home Mission	30.00				102.60	37.26		61.00								Home Mission	231.06
Bible College												23.69				Bible College	123.69
Children's Home	55.00					87.45		25.00					49.05			Children's Home	216.50
Superannuation	0															Superannuation	
Asso. Projects	65.00	40.00	17.50			25.00	55.00	23.25	35.00	25.00		35.00	30.00			Asso. Pdojects	418.95
State & Nat. Projects			17.50				175.00									State & Nat. Proj.	192.50
Other	30.00			100.00							15.00		5.00			Other	150.00
Total Local	\$13,658.81	1157.80	5,543.90	3,501.01	1,159.56	8,883.64	8,613.40	5,329.78	4,344.76	3,164.24	3,395.40	5,458.74	1,304.86	796.63	891.69	Total Local	58,430.82
Total Outside	\$269.53	65.00	103.20	210.25	102.80	218.42	230.00	109.25	57.75	100.00	15.00	175.17	84.05			Total Outside	3,328.74
Value Church Property	\$50,000.00	8000.00	15,000.00	20,000.00	5,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	15,000.00	8,000.00	40,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	3,000.00	2,500.00		Val. Church Prop.	256,500.00
Value Parsonage										10,000.00	7,000.00					Val. Par. Prop.	17,000.00
Parsonage	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Parsonages	2

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a. From Churches, Annual Association, Oct. 1968	-----	\$301.70
b. From Churches, 1st Qtr. Association, Jan. 1969	-----	85.00
c. From Churches, 2nd Qtr. Association, April 1969	--	95.00
d. From Churches, 3rd Qtr. Association, July 1969	-----	94.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS ----- \$575.70

3. Expenditures During Reporting Period:

a. 21st Oct. 1968—Paid Clerk	-----	\$100.00
b. 24th Oct. 1968—Dues to State Association	-----	70.00
c. 27th Oct., 1968—Paid Moderator	-----	25.00
d. 25th Nov., 1968—Paid Asst. Moderator	-----	10.00
e. 25th Nov., 1968—Home Mission Contr.	-----	6.00
f. 20th Feb., 1969—Messer Publishing Co. (Printing Minutes)	-----	147.00
g. 12th Mar., 1969—Contr. to Decatur Project (By Southside FWB Church)	-----	5.00
h. 26th July, 1969—FWB Youth Camp Contr.	-----	125.00
i. 28th July 1969—Rev. John Edwards, Guest Speaker, 3rd Qtr. Association	-----	15.00
j. 24th Sept., 1969—National Cooperative Prog.	-----	57.57
k. 24th Sept., 1969—Ala. State Cooperative Prog.	-----	57.57
l. 24th Sept., 1969—FWB Children's Home	-----	28.79

TOTAL EXPENDITURES ----- \$646.93

4. Decrease during the Period	-----	\$71.23
5. Cash on Hand and in Bank as of Sept. 30, 1969	-----	\$225.96

Respectfully Submitted,
Chester C. Calhoun,
Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEAST WOMAN'S AUXILLIARY

The Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxilliary of the Southeast District of Alabama held its annual meeting with Sardis Free Will Baptist Church at Eufaula; on Friday night, April 11, 1969 at 8:00 o'clock P. M.

The organ prelude was presented by Mrs. Eva Franklin.

In the absence of the president the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Mary George.

Group singing was led by Mrs. Jean Gilmore.

Mrs. Ruby Becker gave a most inspiring devotion entitled "Recipe for Happiness". This was compared with the Beatitudes from the gospel of Matthew.

Special singing by the Landmarks quartet followed the devotion.

The welcome was given by Mrs. Betty Turner and the response was by Mrs. Nina Vickers.

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During the business session, the acting president called for letters and reports. Seven Auxiliaries reported with 42 members and 30 visitors present.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Mrs. Aliene Craddock, president; Mrs. Betty Turner, vice-president; Mrs. Nina Vickers, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Jean Gilmore, youth leader; Mrs. Rosa Adkinson, personal service chairman; Mrs. Dorothy Whitener, mission study chairman.

A vote was in favor of sending \$14.50 to the orphanage at Eldridge, Ala.

Miss Nell Holmes was our guest speaker. She presented a film of her travels to the mission field in Korea and Japan. The program was enjoyed by everyone.

Goodwater Church at Wicksburg asked to entertain the next annual meeting which will be held on Friday night before the second Sunday in April, 1970 at 8:00 o'clock P. M.

The benediction was given by Mrs. Dorothy Sawyer and the host church served delicious refreshments to those present.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Blondell Hartzog, President
Mrs. Mary George, Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Southeastern Freewill Baptist District Sunday School and CTS Convention was held March 30, 1969 with Goodwater Church as host. There were 14 churches represented with 293 persons attending.

The convention was called to order by the president, Bro. Chester Calhoun. Opening prayer was by Bro. Lowell Vickers.

Bro. Clarence Culpepper gave the welcome address to the convention. Ministers were recognized at this time. Those present were Rev. Charles Craddock, Rev. Randall Miller, Rev. Ralph Baker, Rev. Madison Taylor, Rev. Peter Lee, Rev. Thomas Kirkland, Rev. James Franklin, and Rev. Durward Adkinson.

The officers and teachers of Goodwater Church conducted the Sunday; School classes for the convention.

Bro. Chester Calhoun called for the convention letters from each church, and they were recognized.

A Nominating Committee for officers were appointed. Those serving on the committee were: Bro. Ralph George, Bro. Johnny Gilmore, and Rev. Durward Adkinson.

The morning worship service was conducted by Rev. Charles Craddock.

Song service was led by Sis. Craddock with prayer by Rev. Durward Adkinson.

Rev. James Franklin conducted the Ordination services for Rev.

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Peter Lee. A Bible was presented to Rev. Lee by Rev. James Franklin.

Special singing by Bro. Bryan Gilmore, Bro. Johnny Gilmore, and Rev. James Franklin.

Rev. Charles Craddock brought the Ordination sermon. The text for the sermon was "Chosen and Appointed", with scripture taken from John 15:12-27.

The laying on of hands was led by Rev. Thomas Kirkland. Rev. Madison Taylor presented the Ordination Certificate to Rev. Lee.

The right hand of fellowship was given to Rev. Peter Lee as the congregation sang "All For Jesus."

The convention was dismissed for lunch.

The afternoon session was called to order by the president.

Bro. Phillip Craddock gave the afternoon devotional. The title for the devotional was: "Three Kind of People". Scripture was taken from Romans 3:10-18, Luke 6:46, and Romans 1:15-17.

At this time a special offering was taken with \$37.34 being received.

The church programs were presented with 5 churches participating. Judges for the programs were: Rev. Madison Taylor, Rev. Peter Lee, and Bro. Jack Calhoun. Goodwater Church won the \$5.00 prize for the best program. At this time the banners were presented for various percentage. Hickory Grove won the Annual Percentage banner, Sardis won the banner for the Convention Percentage with 98 present, Goodwater won the CTS banner for the Annual Percentage of Attendance.

The business session began by Rev. Craddock making the motion to send the special offering of \$37.34 to the Freewill Baptist Children's Home. Motion was seconded by Rev. Madison Taylor and carried.

The president called for the reading of the last convention's minutes and financial report. Both were read and approved.

Sardis Church requested to host the convention the coming year. This request was granted by the convention.

The Nominating Committee placed the following nominations before the congregation. Bro. Ray Wilson, President; Bro. Mike Palmer, Vice-President; and Sis. Mary Culpepper, Secretary and Treasurer; Rev. James Franklin made the motion that these be accepted. Bro. Lowell Vickers seconded. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Bro. Clarence Culpepper that each church elect delegates to the State Convention. This motion was seconded by Bro. Jack Calhoun. Motion was carried.

Bro. Johnny Gilmore led the closing song, "At Calvary".

A motion was made by Rev. James Franklin that the convention adjourn. This was seconded by Bro. Lowell Vickers.

Rev. Charles Craddock dismissed the convention with prayer.

Bro. Chester Calhoun, President
Sis. Mary Culpepper, Secretary and Treasurer

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 offices.

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: \$3.00 from each church is paid yearly to support Convention

expenses. Stamps, paper, envelopes, visiting speaker expenses, \$1.50 State Convention dues, etc.

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 attributes 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) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. (2) Faith or the reserved committal of one's 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 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 whosoever will, may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. PERSEVERENCE: All believers in Christ, who through grace

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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." (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, 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

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 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.

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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.

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