

MINUTES
of
The Quarterly Meetings
and the
Ninety-Second Annual Session
of
**THE SOUTHEASTERN
ASSOCIATION**
of
**FREE WILL
BAPTIST CHURCHES**

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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JOHN F. BISHOP, JR., Plaintiff,

vs.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendant.

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1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS OF 1971

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING SATURDAY, JANUARY 23
At Holmes Church, Ariton
SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING SATURDAY, APRIL 24
At First Church, Eufaula
THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING SATURDAY, JULY 24
At Chester Chapel
ANNUAL SESSIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION—
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, UNION CHURCH
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, PILGRIM REST CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION SUNDAY, JANUARY 31
At New Prospect Church
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 7:30 P. M.
At Hickory Grove Church

2 OFFICERS

Rev. Paul Mallory Moderator
Route 2, Headland, Alabama 36345
Rev. Thomas Kirkland Assistant Moderator
P. O. Drawer K, Ashford, Alabama 36312
Mrs. Aletha Deese Clerk
Route 2, Newton, Alabama 36352
Mr. Chester Calhoun Treasurer
Route 3, Abbeville, Alabama 36310

3 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
Tom Scott Dozier

4 CREDENTIAL AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Brother Charles B. Craddock 5-year term, Expires 1975
Brother Lowell Vickers 4-year term, Expires 1974
Brother Homer Lee Hamilton 3-year term, Expires 1973
Brother Durward Adkinson 2-year term, Expires 1972
Brother Paul Mallory 1-year term, Expires 1971

Rev. Durward Adkinson Box 6, Arton, Alabama 36311
 Rev. William W. Bush Clayton, Alabama 36016
 Rev. Charles B. Craddock 511 Madison Ave., Dothan, Alabama 36301
 Rev. Clarence Culpepper 109 Nancy Ross Dr., Eufaula, Alabama 36027
 Rev. Larry Dykes 1002 S. College St., Dothan, Alabama 36301
 Rev. J. T. Helms Rt. 2, Abbeville, Alabama 36310
 Rev. William F. Jackson Rt. 2, Box 48, Hartford, Alabama 36344
 Rev. W. D. Keheley 605 River St., Eufaula, Alabama 36027
 Rev. Thomas Kirkland P. O. Drawer K, Ashford, Alabama 36312
 Rev. Paul Mallory Rt. 2, Headland, Alabama 36345
 Rev. Randall Miller Rt. 3, Enterprise, Alabama 36330
 Rev. Thomas M. Parrish 1413 Holland Park Dr., Ellenwood, Georgia
 Rev. Cleve Stanley Rt. 1, Eufaula, Alabama 36027

**PROGRAMME FOR THE
 NINETY-THIRD YEAR OF
 THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION
 OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES**

THEME FOR THE YEAR: "LOVE"

1st Quarterly Meeting, January 23, 1971, Holmes Church

Devotion and Welcome Address—Host Church

Morning Message—"The Love of Christ"

Speaker—Rev. Charles B. Craddock, Pastor, Goodwater Church

* Afternoon Message—Rev. Frank Jackson, Pastor, Bethel Church

2nd Quarterly Meeting, April 24, 1971, 1st Church, Eufaula

Devotion and Welcome Address—Host Church

Morning Message—"The Love of the Holy Spirit"

Speaker—Rev. Clarence Culpepper, Pastor, New Prospect Church

* Afternoon Message—Rev. Don Keheley, Pastor, 1st Church, Eufaula

3rd Quarterly Meeting, July 24, 1971, Chester Chapel Church

Devotion and Welcome Address—Host Church

Morning Message—"The Love of God to Man"

Speaker—Rev. Walter Bush, Pastor, Dozier Church

* Afternoon Message—Rev. Buddy Bell, Pastor, Chester Chapel Church

Ninety-third Association—October 15 & 16, 1971

Friday, October 15, Union Church—

Devotion and Welcome Address—Host Church

Morning Message—"The Product of Love"

Speaker—Rev. Willie Justice, Moderator, Alabama State Association of
 Free Will Baptist Churches

* Afternoon Message—Rev. Paul Mallory, Pastor, Mt. Zion Church

Saturday, October 16, Pilgrim Rest Church—

Devotion and Welcome Address—Host Church

Morning Message—"God's Love for Man to Man"

Speaker—Rev. Carlton Lambert, Superintendent, Free Will Baptist Chil-
 dren's Home, Eldridge, Alabama

* Afternoon Message—Rev. Melvin Moody, Pastor, Pleasant Hill Church

* The Afternoon Speakers may select the subjects for their messages.

**FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1970
NEW ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Morning Session

In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. James Franklin, the meeting was called to order by the Assistant Moderator, Rev. Thomas Kirkland. Brother Bryan Gilmore led the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace" and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" with Mrs. Eloise Commander at the piano.

Rev. J. T. Helms brought an inspiring devotion using the scripture Romans 6:1-6. He stressed the fact that God has called us to live separated lives.

Rev. Kirkland then presented the theme "Repent or Perish" with interesting facts and remarks on the need of renewed efforts in our churches today. He stated that in the last decade 300 churches have closed in New York City alone. The increase in crime in the United States is alarming.

A very warm welcome to the New Zion Church was extended to the Association by Sister Lucy Roney. Rev. Frank Jackson gave the response.

Rev. Thomas Parrish brought the morning message on the subject "Repent or Perish," using the scripture, Revelation 2:1-5. The reason the Church at Ephesus failed was because the people had left their first love. Jesus cautioned the first church of the danger of sin. Our churches today are spiritually dead due to the sins in the lives of many of our people. Our churches and our nation need to return to God, tarry, and wait on Him for the vision, Hab. 2:3. After the message, Rev. Daniel Pelt led in the dismissal prayer and asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session opened with congregational singing led by Brother Bryan Gilmore.

Rev. Paul Mallory brought the afternoon message using scripture from Matthew 11:20-28. His subject was "Repent or Perish and What Does it Mean." First, he gave the meaning of his subject. Over 90% of Americans are members of some church, and yet there is need for repentance because of lukewarmness in discipleship. The message was followed by an invitation, using the song "At the Cross."

The Association was given a check from ^{New} Mt. Zion Church for \$184.91 to be designated to the following agencies. National Home Missions—E. B. Ledlow Account—\$46.23; National Foreign Missions—Jimmy Aldridge Account—\$46.23; Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee—\$46.23; Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Alabama—\$46.22.

The Finance Committee, Herbert Roney, Chairman, Bryan Gilmore and Webb Gilbert made the following report: Cash in bank January 23, 1970, \$262.70. Received from churches this session \$109.00.

The Resolutions Committee, Elmer Rentz, Chairman, Ouyeda Draughn, and Gladys Byrd, presented the following report: We, The Resolution Committee, recommend that each church and its pastor get behind the theme of the Association and preach and teach the need of repentance in the local church.

The reports of both committees were adopted by MSC, and after a rising vote of thanks for a wonderful day with New Zion Church, Rev. Kirkland dismissed the Association.

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**SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1970
SARDIS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Morning Session

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. James Franklin. Rev. Paul Mallory led in prayer. The song service was conducted by Brother Bryan Gilmore with Sister Clara Belcher at the piano. Rev. Clarence Culpepper led in prayer. Brother Walter Bush gave a very inspiring devotional from the Book of Proverbs, stating that Christians are to seek wisdom of God and live righteous lives.

A warm welcome to Sardis was extended by brother Bob Kornegay. Sister Jean McKnight gave the response.

Church letters were called for with 14 churches being represented. There were 8 ministers and 4 deacons present. The Moderator recognized visitors from other denominations.

The Moderator appointed Sisters Nina Vickers, Gwen Sowell, Blondell Hartzog, Jewel J. Sorrell and Brother Chester Matthews to serve on the resolutions Committee. Brothers Chester Calhoun, Lowell Vickers, Ezra Paulk, and Henry Farmer to serve on the Finance Committee. After a song, Brother Lowell Vickers dismissed with prayer for a recess.

We reconvened with congregational singing led by Brother Bryan Gilmore. Rev. Frank Jackson gave the invocation. The morning message was delivered by Rev. J. T. Helms, Pastor of Hickory Grove Church. His subject was "Peter, One of God's Ordained," with the scripture lesson from Luke 22:31-33. In his message he pointed out that converted people have a testimony and should witness whenever possible. Christ reminded Peter that even though Satan desired him, he was converted and had a definite responsibility to strengthen his brethren.

Rev. Thomas Parrish dismissed the congregation and offered thanks for the food.

Afternoon Session

Rev. James Franklin led in the opening prayer. Congregational singing and prayer led by Brother Johnny Gilmore preceded the afternoon message, which was brought by Rev. Clarence Culpepper, Pastor of New Prospect Church. He read from Revelation 2:1-7 and spoke on "Repent or Perish." He emphasized the importance of repentance, preceding church membership, and ministers being called of God. He stated that we need to be faithful in our church attendance and witnessing because of our love for God and not from a sense of duty. He invited cold and backslidden members to come back to God.

As we went into the business session, Rev. Thomas Kirkland who had served on the examining council when examining Rev. Frank Jackson wanted to make a statement. He confessed to not revealing all the facts to the Association and offered his resignation as Assistant Moderator. This was followed

by a similar confession and offer of his resignation as Moderator by Rev. James Franklin. Rev. Paul Mallory, Moderator pro tem, suggested the resignation not be accepted and to ask the examining council to bring a written detail report of their findings to the next quarterly session in July.

The Finance Committee reported cash on hand, April 24, 1970, \$121.72 and received from churches this session \$107.00. Recommended that the special offering of \$41.95 be put in the general treasury and disbursed as stated in the Constitution. Chester Calhoun, Chairman, Lowell Vickers, Ezra Paulk, and Henry Farmer.

The Resolutions Committee, Nona Vickers, Gwen Sowell, Blondell Hartzog, Jewel J. Sorrells and Chester Matthews gave the following report: Be it resolved that each local church encourage its pastor to make every effort to attend each meeting of the Association. We resolve that letter forms be sent to each church clerk in time to be completed and mailed back to the clerk three weeks before the meeting date. This is the work of the Lord and should be taken care of by those who confess Christ.

The Examining Council, Rev. Paul Mallory, James Franklin, and Rev. Thomas Kirkland gave the following report: We have examined Brother Bob Kornegay and Everett O'Hern for the office of deacon in Sardis Church. We recommend that the church proceed with the ordination. We have also examined Brother W. W. Bush for the ministry and recommend he be licensed.

The reports were adopted. A rising vote of thanks for their hospitality was given the host church.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn. Rev. James Franklin pronounced the benediction.

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THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1970

BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Morning Session

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. James Franklin. The opening prayer was led by Rev. John Edwards. This was followed by a short song service.

Brother Lowell Vickers brought a very inspiring devotional from Genesis 3:1-19. A warm welcome was extended by Sister Betty Justice and the response was given by Sister Aileen Craddock.

The Moderator called for the church letters. Thirteen churches were represented at roll call and their delegates seated.

The Moderator appointed the following to the Finance and Resolution Committees: Finance, Brother Chester Calhoun, Chairman, Sister Jack Tew and Sister Reba Barr. Resolutions, Sister Linda Sowell, Chairman, Brother Bo Hamilton, and Sister Nina Vickers.

Among the visitors recognized were Rev. John Edwards, and Rev. Gerald Baxley from the State Line Association.

There were eight ordained ministers and eleven deacons present.

Rev. Thomas Parrish dismissed for a short recess.

We reconvened with prayer by Brother Chester Calhoun. Brother

Lowell Vickers led in singing "There is Power in the Blood," "Glad Reunion Day," and "I Would not be Denied." Prayer was led by Rev. Thomas Kirkland.

Rev. W. F. Jackson brought the morning message using for his scripture I Corinthians Chapter 13. This was a real good message. Rev. Gerald Baxley dismissed and asked God's blessings on the noon meal.

Afternoon Session

The Afternoon Session opened with the song "At Calvary." Rev. James Franklin led in prayer.

Rev. Thomas Kirkland brought the afternoon message using the scripture Philippians 2:7-9. This was a very inspiring message on "Repentance in Every Soul."

The Finance Committee, Chester Calhoun, Chairman, Sister Jack Tew, and Sister Reba Barr, made the report that as of July 24, 1970 there was cash on hand of \$270.67.

The Resolution Committee, Sister Linda Sowell, Chairman, Sister Nina Vickers, and Brother Homer (Bo) Hamilton, gave the following report. We resolve that the local churches encourage the deacons to make every effort to attend each Associational meeting. We further resolve that the theme "Repent or Perish" continue to be preached in the local churches.

The reports were adopted. After a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality of the host church, the congregation was dismissed with prayer.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION FRIDAY SESSION, OCTOBER 16, 1970 NEW PROSPECT CHURCH

In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. James Franklin, the Association was called to order by the Assistant Moderator, Rev. Thomas Kirkland. Rev. Kenneth Walker, Missionary to Mobile, Alabama, led in prayer. The congregation was led in singing "There is Power in the Blood," by Rev. Clarence Culpepper with Sister Linda Sowell as pianist.

Brother Joey Hudspeth brought the devotional using Acts 3:1-19 as his scripture. A warm welcome was extended by Brother Winston Tew. Sister Linnie Stokes gave the response.

The Assistant Moderator called for church letters. Twelve churches were represented. The motion was made and carried to accept the letters and seat the delegates. Rev. Kirkland read the letter from the Dozier Church petitioning the Association for membership, and their pastor for ordination. The Credentials Committee was asked to meet with the representatives of that church and report back to the body their findings. The Examining Committee was asked to meet with the pastor of the Dozier Church and examine him for ordination.

There were three visiting ministers, Rev. Ralph Bell and Rev. John Edwards from the State Line Association, Rev. Kenneth Walker, Missionary to

Mobile. There were six other ministers, six deacons, and seventy-eight delegates and visitors present. Brother Don Keheley, Pastor of First Church, Eufaula was welcomed to the Association.

The following committees were appointed. NOMINATING COMMITTEE, Brother Lowell Vickers, Sister Grace Graham and Sister Alma Bulger; FINANCE COMMITTEE, Brother Chester Calhoun, Sister Jessie McKnight, and Sister Alga Sue Garner; RESOLUTION COMMITTEE, Brother Cody Tew, Sister Nellie Adkinson, and Sister Ouyeda Draughn. PLACEMENT COMMITTEE, Sister Elma Rentz, Sister Irene Wise and Sister Alma Sellers.

After a short recess, Rev. Clarence Culpepper led the congregation in singing "I am Thine, O Lord," and "Take the Name of Jesus with You," after which Brother Chester Calhoun led the offertory prayer.

After the singing of "Ready," Rev. Kirkland introduced Rev. Ralph Bell who brought the morning message on "The Disobedient Prophet." He used for his Scripture I Peter 1:12. Rev. Bell challenged our hearts as he warned Christians of the test God may make of their faith. Rev. Clarence Culpepper gave an altar call and dismissed for lunch.

Afternoon Session

This session was opened with prayer by Rev. Kirkland. A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given by Rev. Charles B. Craddock, as follows: We, your Credentials Committee, after discussion with the Pastor and representatives of the Dozier Free Will Baptist Church make the following recommendation: That his church be received into full fellowship of the Southeastern Association and the Delegates be seated so they can participate in our deliberations. Rev. Charles B. Craddock, Chairman, Rev. Thomas Kirkland and Rev. Durward Adkinson. This report was adopted.

After singing "To God be the Glory," "His Way with Thee," "I Love to Tell the Story," and "Breathe on Me," Rev. John Edwards brought the afternoon message. He used scripture from Mark 1:14-15, and his subject was "The Conditions of Repentance." After this challenging message an altar call was given with the singing of "Just as I Am."

The announcement was made to send all money for the Mobile Mission either to Rev. Ken Walker, 727 Iris Ave., Mobile, Alabama, or to Rev. John Edwards, 1509 E. Main St., Dothan, Alabama. A rising vote of thanks was given to New Prospect for its hospitality. Adjourn until 10:00, Saturday.

11 SATURDAY SESSION, OCTOBER 17, 1970

EVERGREEN CHURCH

Congregational singing was led by Brother Chester Calhoun with Joey Hudspeth at the piano. Rev. Frank Jackson prayed the opening prayer. This was followed by the songs "Face to Face," and "Sweet By and By." Sister Blondell Hartzog brought a very timely devotion on "Repentance" using for her scripture, Matthew 3:1-2. Rev. Thomas Kirkland, Pastor of the host church, extended a warm welcome to the Association. Sister Kate Palmer gave the response.

Rev. Charles Craddock gave the other part of the report of the Credentials Committee. He read the requests from the Dozier Church to ordain Rev. William W. Bush, and the request from Mt. Zion Church to ordain Rev.

Clarence Culpepper to the Ministry. The recommendation was accepted. Rev. Craddock brought the charge using the scripture II Timothy 2:1-8. He stressed the point when God calls a man to the ministry, he must expect tests and trials along life's way; but he must be strong, faithful, and endure with patience, kindness and gentleness. Rev. Kirkland prayed the ordination prayer with all ordained ministers and deacons laying on hands. Rev. Craddock presented Rev. Bush and Rev. Culpepper each with a certificate of ordination.

After a ten-minute recess we reassembled for worship. "Standing on the Promises" was sung and followed by prayer by Rev. H. L. Knighton, of Albany, Georgia. Other visitors included Brother and Sister J. W. Patterson from First Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia, a couple from the Columbia Association and Brother A. L. Moon from Calvary Church in Ozark.

Rev. Don Keheley, Pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Eufaula, brought the morning message. He used the scriptures John 3:16, Matthew 5:3-12, and Revelation 7:14. His subject was "The Glories of Repentance." He stated that the glories of repentance begin with John 3:16 and end with the greatest of all glories—eternal life.

Rev. Paul Mallory dismissed for lunch, and asked God's blessings on the noon meal.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session began with singing "America the Beautiful." Brother Lowell Vickers led in prayer. After singing two more songs, the right hand of fellowship was extended to the newly ordained ministers and Mrs. Culpepper during the song "Rescue the Perishing."

Rev. Randall Miller, pastor of Pilgrim Rest Church, brought the afternoon message. He used scripture from Romans 12:1-2, Luke 13:3, II Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 5:1-2 and Philippians 4:13. He brought a very inspiring message on "The Glories of Repentance."

The Reports of the Committees were called as follows:

Report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

Report of Placement Committee was read and adopted.

Report of Nominating Committee was read and adopted.

Report of Resolution Committee was read and adopted.

Report of Examining and Credentials Committee was read and adopted.

Report of the Treasurer was read and adopted.

Report of Recommendations for new Credentials and Examining Committee was read and adopted.

See reports as given under REPORTS.

Rev. Charles Craddock made the motion to combine the Credentials and Examining Committees. This received a second and was carried.

Rev. Paul Mallory called for the findings of the Examining Committee Report which was supposed to have been made at the July session. Rev. Kirkland read the report. The report received a motion, second, and was carried. Rev. Thomas Parrish suggested a vote of confidence be given Rev. Jackson. This received a motion, second and was carried. Rev. Mallory expressed a desire to write something in the Constitution to prevent a recurrence of this. See details under reports.

The Assistant Moderator appointed Rev. W. W. Bush, Rev. Charles Crad-

dock, and Sister Kate Palmer as delegates to the State Association.

Sister Elmer Rentz was elected to serve on the Youth Camp Board. A motion was made by Rev. Craddock to send \$25.00 to the State Association, this was seconded and carried.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Youth Camp were adopted. A recommendation was made for the Quarterly Sessions to meet on Fifth Sundays instead of Saturdays. It was moved, seconded, and carried to table this matter until a later date.

Rev. Charles Craddock had charge of the Memorial Service, which began with the singing of "In the Garden." His scripture was taken from I Thesalonians 4:13-18. The Association stood and paused in silent memory of the departed, and were asked to breathe a silent prayer for the families.

The 30 departed are as follows: EVERGREEN—Mrs. Hattie Hutto, Mrs. Emma Turner, Mr. Clarence Rhodes; FIRST CHURCH, EUFAULA—Mrs. Leona Hurst, Mr. Paul Harris, Mr. Hobert Stoggards; GOODWATER—Mr. Ash Thomley, Mrs. Daisy Hartzog; HICKORY GROVE—Rev. P. A. Brackins, Mr. John H. Starling; MT. ZION—Mr. Alex Stanley, Mrs. Omie C. Owens, Mr. Walter A. Owens; NEW PROSPECT—Mrs. Flora K. Lewis, Mrs. Viloa Hudspeth; NEW ZION—Mr. Howard Sanders; PILGRIM REST—Mr. E. S. Davis, Mr. Franklin Murray, Sr., Mrs. Mattie Cummings, Mrs. Annie Johnson; PLEASANT HILL—Mr. Elton Watson, Mrs. Camilla Calloway, Mrs. Ida Register; UNION—Mrs. Lucille Bodiford, Mrs. Minnie Herring, Mrs. Madie Johnson, Mr. Harvey Bodiford; SARDIS—Britt Braswell, Alice Clark and Kate Braswell.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church for their hospitality. The Association was dismissed by Rev. Thomas Kirkland.

12 REPORTS OF REGULAR AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Finance Committee, recommend that the Association pay the Moderator \$25.00, the Vice Moderator \$15.00 and the Clerk \$100.00.

We also recommend the visiting speakers during the Annual Association be paid \$15.00 each as a token of appreciation for their services.

Further, recommend that special collections taken be entered in the General Treasury to be disbursed in accordance with the Constitution Article 5, Section 3.

Respectfully submitted, Chester Calhoun, Chairman, Alga Sue Garner, and Jessie McKnight.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We ask that Holmes Church entertain the Quarterly Meeting in January; The First Church of Eufaula in April; and Chester Chapel in July, 1971. We ask Union to entertain the First Session of the Annual Association on Friday, and Pilgrim Rest on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1971.

Respectfully submitted, Elmer Rentz, Irene Wise, and Alma Sellers.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Nominating Committee, nominate the Rev. Paul Mallory for Moderator, the Rev. Thomas Kirkland for Assistant Moderator, Brother Chester Calhoun for Treasurer, and Sister Aletha Deese for Clerk to serve for the next Associational Year.

Respectfully submitted, Lowell Vickers, Chairman, Alma Bulger, and Grace Graham.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We recommend that the ordination services be held at one of the quarterly meetings rather than the annual association. If there is no ordination service then we recommend a sermon be prepared for the afternoon. We again, recommend that the church letters be mailed to the clerk before the association meets.

Respectfully submitted, Cody Tew, Chairman, Nellie Adkinson, and Ouyeda Draughon.

EXAMINING AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We recommend that the association approve the request of the Mt. Zion Church for ordination of Brother Clarence Culpepper to the Gospel Ministry.

We recommend that the association approve the request of the Dozier Church for the ordination of Brother William W. Bush to the Gospel Ministry.

We make these recommendations after having found these men qualified according to the Gospel, and the rules of faith and practices of Free Will Baptist and this association.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Charles Craddock, Chairman, Rev. Thomas Kirkland, and Brother Lowell Vickers.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE REPORT—10/17/1970

In answer to request of association, we, the Examining Committee make the following report: We examined Brother Jackson and found that he did not have a letter of standing with the association from whence he came. We also found that he was divorced from his first wife and is now married to another. We respectfully submit this report as of 10/17/70 and ask forgiveness from the body for not having reported it at the proper time.

Rev. Thomas Kirkland, member of Examining Board, submitted this report in the absence of Rev. Jim Franklin and Rev. Durward Adkinson.

RECOMMENDATION FOR NEWLY CREATED CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE

We recommend that the following men be elected to the Credentials and Examining Committee, for the specified terms. And then, thereafter each year a position will become elective for the longest term on the committee, on the last day of the Annual Association.

Brother Charles B. Craddock	5-year term, expiring 1975
Brother Lowell Vickers	4-year term, expiring 1974
Brother Homer Lee Hamilton	3-year term, expiring 1973
Brother Durward Adkinson	2-year term, expiring 1972
Brother Paul Mallory	1-year term, expiring 1971

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Executive Committee and the Ministers met at Union Church near Abbeville, Alabama, Monday, January 12, 1970, at 7:30 P. M. In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. James Franklin, the meeting was called to order by the Vice Moderator, Rev. Thomas Kirkland. The opening prayer was by Rev. J. T. Helms.

Rev. Kirkland explained the purpose of the meeting was to plan the programs for the meetings of the year.

A theme for the year was discussed. Several themes were presented. A motion was made and carried to use the theme "Repent or Perish" based on Luke 13:3. A motion was made and carried to have two messages the last day of the Annual Session.

After the programs were adopted, Brother Milton Hartzog dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Aletha Deese, Clerk

Thomas Kirkland, Vice Moderator

13 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT—OCTOBER 1, 1970

1.	Cash on hand and in bank—1 October 1969	\$ 225.96
2.	Receipts During Reporting Period:	
a.	From Churches, Annual Assoc., October 1969	\$ 321.76
b.	Special Offerings, October 1969	\$ 53.38
c.	From Churches, 1st Quarter Association, Jan. 1970	\$ 109.00
d.	From New Zion Church, Jan. 1970	\$ 184.91
e.	From Churches, 2nd Quarter Assoc., April 1970	\$ 107.00
f.	Special Offering, April 1970	\$ 41.95
g.	From Churches, 3rd Quarter Assoc., July 1970	\$ 107.00
h.	Special Offerings, July 1970	\$ 46.13
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 971.13
3.	Expenditures During Reporting Period:	
a.	18 October 1969—Dues to State Assoc.	\$ 75.00
b.	18 October 1969—Home Mission Bd., Rev. Bob Shockey	128.38
c.	27 October 1969—Paid Clerk	100.00
d.	27 October 1969—Paid Moderator	25.00
e.	27 October 1969—Paid Assistant Moderator	10.00
f.	2 February 1970—FWB Bible College, by New Zion Ch.	46.23
g.	2 February 1970—Nat. Home Mission by New Zion Ch.	46.23
h.	2 February 1970—FWB Children's Home by New Zion	46.22
i.	10 February 1970—Foreign Mission Board, for Jimmy Aldridge Acct., by New Zion Ch.	46.23
j.	4 March 1970—The Clayton Record, Minutes	250.00
k.	30 July 1970—FWB Youth Camp	125.00
l.	24 September 1970—Nat'l. Cooperative Program	78.62
m.	24 September 1970—Ala. State Cooperative Program	78.62
n.	24 September 1970—FWB Children's Home	39.32
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1094.85
4.	Decrease during the period	\$ 123.72
5.	Cash on hand and in bank—30 September 1970	\$ 102.24

Respectfully submitted,
Chester C. Calhoun, Treasurer

DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL and CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE

The Southeastern Free Will Baptist District Sunday School and C.T.S. Convention was held March 29, 1970, with Sardis Free Will Baptist Church as host. There were 11 churches represented with 244 attending.

Convention was called to order by Brother Mike Palmer, Vice President.

Convention opened with prayer by Brother Chester Calhoun and song service by Brother Gilmore.

Brother Ted Medley gave the morning devotion "Witness for Christ" John 1:1-14. Brother Kornegay gave the welcome address and Sister Mary George gave the response.

Ministers were recognized at this time with the following: Revs. James Franklin, Clarence Culpepper, Daniel Pelt, Thomas Kirkland, Durward Adkinson, and J. T. Helms.

Sardis Sunday School Teachers conducted the Sunday School Classes.

Brother Bryan Gilmore led the song service with prayer by Rev. Durward Adkinson.

A special offering was taken in the amount of \$111.14 to be equally divided and sent to the following: Oklahoma Bible College, Nashville Bible College, Children's Home and Home Missions.

Special singing at this time by "The Gilmores." Rev. Thomas Kirkland brought the morning message using Philippians 3:9-16. A very interesting message. Other special singing was by "The Landmarks."

Lunch was served at this time and enjoyed by everyone.

The afternoon session began with Brother Clarence Culpepper. Afternoon devotion was given by Brother Bruce Turner using Matthew 28:10-20. Prayer by Sister Delores Walker. Brother Bryan Gilmore led the song service.

The churches presented their programs at this time with 3 churches participating. Goodwater Church won the \$5.00 award for the best program. The presentation of the banners was at this time with Sardis winning the banner for highest Sunday School attendance. New Prospect won the banner for the highest convention attendance, and also CTS Annual Percentage Banner.

The business session began with the reading of the 1969 minutes and financial report. Both minutes and report were accepted.

Motion was made and carried that the Sunday School Convention officers to serve as Executive Committee. It was noted that section 6 of the Sunday School By-Laws should be changed to read \$5.00 instead of \$3.00.

Motion was made by Brother William Bush and seconded by Rev. James Franklin that each church Sunday School elect its own delegate to State Convention. Motion carried.

Rev. Craddock made a motion for the Convention to start a Young People Fellowship Rally. This was seconded by Brother Ted Medley. Sister Kate Palmer made motion for Goodwater Church to notify all other churches. This was carried.

Rev. Craddock asked for a rising vote of thanks to Sardis Church for such a nice day of fellowship.

New Prospect will be host for the Convention in 1971. Rev. James Franklin dismissed the day with prayer.

Mrs. Mary Culpepper,
Secretary and Treasurer

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN WOMAN'S AUXILIARY DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Southeastern Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary District Convention held its annual meeting with Goodwater Free Will Baptist Church at Wicksburg on Friday night, April 17, 1970, at 8:00 P. M.

The organ prelude was presented by Mrs. Bill Adkins. The President, Mrs. Aileen Craddock called the meeting to order. Group singing was led by Mrs. Grace Whitaker, and Mrs. Johnnie Ruth Taylor gave the invocation.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. Aletha Deese and the response was given by Mrs. Rosa Adkinson.

During the business session the President called for the letters and reports. Four Auxiliaries reported with 23 members and 15 visitors present.

A motion was made and carried to have a workshop to be held in May or June to study the teaching methods and procedures of the Woman's Auxiliary. A motion was made and carried that the 1971 Convention meet at 7:30 P. M., on April 16, 1971, at Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Abbeville, Alabama.

A motion was made and carried to combine Mrs. Nina Vickers' office as Recording Secretary with the Corresponding Secretary and elect the other officers needed by the Convention.

Mrs. Herbert Roney was elected Treasurer, and Mrs. Martha Blalock was elected Study Course Chairman.

Each Auxiliary is to send \$11.00 to Mrs. Herbert Roney prior to the next convention for the State Project.

Mrs. Mary Edna Cook, our State Auxiliary President, gave the convention message.

The benediction was given by Rev. Charles Craddock, and the Host Church served delicious refreshments to those present.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Aileen Craddock,
President
Mrs. Nina Vickers,
Recording & Corresponding Sec.

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 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 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 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 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.

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FIRST CHURCH	W. D. Keheley 605 River St. Eufaula, Ala. 36027	Paul Tyler 108 Lucky Lane Eufaula, Ala. 36027
NEW PROSPECT	Clarence Culpepper 109 Nancy Ross Dr. Eufaula, Ala. 36027	Gwen Sowell Rt. 1 Clopton, Ala. 36317
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DOZIER	William W. Bush Clayton, Ala. 36316	Lena Robbins Rt. 1 Dozier, Ala. 36028

THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

ANNUAL STATISTICS	Goodwater	Chester Chapel	Mt. Zion	Holmes	Pleasant Hill	Union	Sardis	Pilgrim Rest	Evergreen	New Zion	1st Church Eufaula	New Prospect	Hickory Grove	Bethel	SUMMARY OF STATISTICS		
Meeting Days	Full-time	2 & 4	Every Sun.	1 & 3	2 & 4	2 & 4	Full-time	Full-time	1 & 3	Full-time	Full-time	Full-time	Full-time	Full-time	Full-time	No. of Churches	16
Total Membership	78	49	98	60	39	97	177	128	63	124	81	104	56	68	Membership Totals	1,222	
Resident	67	---	58	46	---	93	177	67	---	90	75	45	48	---	Resident	985	
Non-Resident	11	---	40	14	---	4	---	61	---	34	6	59	8	---	Non Resident	237	
New Members	5	0	1	11	1	3	25	---	3	8	7	9	8	4	New Members	85	
By Baptism	4	0	1	7	1	1	5	---	2	6	0	3	2	4	Baptism	36	
By Letter	1	0	0	4	0	2	16	---	0	2	7	6	6	0	Letter	44	
Statement of Faith	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	---	1	0	0	---	0	0	State. of Faith	5	
Members Dismissed	9	2	8	3	3	5	6	2	4	6	3	2	4	0	Members Dismissed	57	
By Letter	7	2	5	3	0	1	3	---	1	3	0	---	2	---	Letter	27	
By Exclusion	0	0	0	0	0	0	---	---	0	0	0	---	0	---	Exclusion	---	
Deceased	2	0	3	0	3	4	3	2	3	3	3	2	2	---	Deceased	30	
Ministers	1	1	4	1	0	2	1	2	0	2	0	1	2	1	Ministers	18	
Ordained	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	1	Ordained	11	
Licensed	0	0	2	0	0	1	---	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	Licensed	7	
Ordained Deacons	4	6	5	3	4	6	8	6	3	5	1	6	3	6	Ordained Deacons	67	
Sun. Sch. Enrollment	77	27	34	---	33	50	90	33	30	83	30	33	25	36	Sun. Sch. Enrollment	581	
CTS Enrollment	44	0	0	---	24	25	81	29	---	---	34	18	0	25	CTS Enrollment	280	
Woman's Auxiliary	15	0	12	12	---	13	None	12	12	12	8	---	16	---	Woman's Aux. Enroll.	112	
Master Men	---	---	---	---	---	Yes	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Master Men	1	
Prayer Meeting Services	Yes	---	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	---	---	Yes	Yes	Yes	---	No. Prayer Meetings	10	

FINANCIAL STATISTICS: LOCAL AND OUTSIDE CAUSES																
Paid Pastors	\$ 1,180.00	1,225.00	1,592.72	1,543.44	650.00	1,104.95	6,567.00	1,574.14	1,141.94	3,605.00	1,104.95	1,589.41	618.21	480.00	Paid Pastors	\$ 23,603.26
Paid Evangelist	150.00	100.00	208.52	324.10	75.00	243.52	251.00	100.00	---	302.00	243.52	125.00	326.18	45.00	Evangelists	2,430.32
Building & Repair	3,057.73	864.22	907.97	3,115.20	1,336.05	996.99	596.75	1,401.21	2,010.36	2,869.00	996.99	1,331.00	16.75	53.52	Bldg. & Repair	23,433.20
Literature	547.93	47.61	189.19	65.77	89.74	118.06	692.68	93.43	185.81	257.39	118.06	135.00	75.54	151.82	Literature	2,878.41
Advertising, Etc.	172.67	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	33.20	---	---	---	---	Advertising	205.87
Miscellaneous	332.49	60.34	595.89	309.89	30.00	550.00	1,639.68	443.60	231.73	236.04	550.00	504.99	61.55	71.59	Miscellaneous	5,605.31
Other	247.00	89.65	33.65	---	48.50	---	184.65	---	25.00	40.00	---	---	100.00	189.44	Other	957.89
TOTAL LOCAL	\$ 5,687.82	2,386.82	3,527.94	5,358.40	2,229.29	3,013.52	9,931.76	3,612.38	3,594.84	7,342.63	3,013.52	3,685.40	1,198.23	991.37	TOTAL LOCAL	\$ 59,114.26
Cooperative Plan	60.00	---	---	134.78	---	---	848.19	---	---	---	---	112.06	---	---	Cooperative Plan	1,160.03
Foreign Missions	80.00	---	---	---	---	---	66.86	---	---	148.37	---	---	---	---	Foreign Missions	295.23
Home Missions	60.00	---	---	---	71.00	---	438.43	20.00	35.00	358.04	---	---	3.64	---	Home Missions	1,064.68
Bible College	75.00	25.00	---	106.00	---	---	230.58	---	---	198.37	---	---	---	---	Bible College	634.95
Children's Home	60.00	---	---	---	---	---	251.32	75.00	20.48	167.36	---	---	---	---	Children's Home	670.90
Superannuation	---	---	---	---	---	---	92.23	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Superannuation	92.23
Association Projects	51.00	47.00	81.76	38.00	---	---	198.14	40.00	44.00	---	---	33.00	30.00	---	Association Projects	602.90
State & Nat'l. Projects	---	---	20.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	State & Nat'l. Projects	20.00
Other	188.52	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	65.00	---	---	---	5.00	---	Other	258.52
TOTAL OUTSIDE	\$ 574.52	72.00	101.76	278.78	71.00	---	2,124.75	135.00	164.48	872.14	---	145.06	38.64	---	TOTAL OUTSIDE	\$ 4,799.46
Value Church Property	\$ 50,000.00	8,000.00	15,000.00	22,000.00	5,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	15,000.00	10,000.00	50,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	3,800.00	---	Church Value	\$268,800.00
Value Parsonage	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	20,000.00	7,000.00	---	---	---	Parsonage Value	27,000.00
Have Parsonage	No	No	No	No	No	No	---	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No. Parsonages	2

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