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MINUTES

of

*The Quarterly Meetings*

*and the*

*Ninety-Fourth Annual Session*

of

THE SOUTHEASTERN  
ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL  
BAPTIST CHURCHES

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## 1973 ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION ..... SATURDAY, JANUARY 20  
 At Mt. Zion Church, Eufaula  
 SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION ..... SATURDAY, APRIL 14  
 At First Free Will Baptist Church, Eufaula  
 THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION ..... SATURDAY, JULY 14  
 At Pleasant Hill Church, Headland

## ANNUAL SESSIONS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, UNION CHURCH, ABBERVILLE  
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, HOMES CHURCH, ARITON  
 SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CTS CONVENTION, SUNDAY, APRIL 29  
 Hickey Grove Church, Abbeville  
 WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION, FRIDAY, APRIL 6  
 Pilgrim Rest Church, Abbeville, 7:30 P. M.

## OFFICERS

Rev. Paul Mallory ..... Moderator  
 Route 2, Headland, Alabama 36345  
 Rev. Thomas Kirkland ..... Vice Moderator  
 P. O. Drawer K, Ashford, Alabama 36312  
 Mrs. Aletha Deese ..... Clerk  
 Route 2, Newton, Alabama 36352  
 Mr. Roy McKnight ..... Treasurer  
 Route 1, Abbeville, Alabama 36310

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

John Coates ..... Pump Station Road, Eufaula, Chester Chapel  
 Lillian Wilson ..... Route, Arton, Evergreen  
 Boyd Deese ..... Route 2, Newton, Goodwater  
 Martha Blalock ..... Route 1, Abbeville 36310, Hickey Grove  
 Milton Hartzog ..... Route, Arton, Holmes  
 Lowell Vickers ..... Route 1, Eufaula, Mt. Zion  
 Edward Nance ..... Route 1, Clopton 36317, New Prospect  
 Lucy Roney ..... Route 3, Headland 36345, New Zion  
 Elma Rentz ..... Route 1, Abbeville 36310, Pilgrim Rest  
 Henry Farmer ..... Route 3, Headland 36345, Pleasant Hill  
 Kenneth Clark ..... Eufaula, Sardis  
 Linnie Stokes ..... Route 1, Abbeville 36310, Union

## CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Clarence Culpepper ..... 5 Year Term, Expire 1977  
 Bobby Parker ..... 4 Year Term, Expire 1976  
 Charles Craddock ..... 3 Year Term, Expire 1975  
 Lowell Vickers ..... 2 Year Term, Expire 1974  
 Homer Lee Hamilton ..... 1 Year Term, Expire 1973

## ORDAINED MINISTERS OF ASSOCIATION

Rev. Charles Allen ..... Route 1, Box 178, Auburn 36830  
 Rev. Ralph Bell ..... Route 1, Arton, Alabama 36311  
 Rev. Ralph D. Bell ..... Route 2, Headland, Alabama 36345  
 Rev. William W. Bush ..... Clayton, Alabama 36016  
 Rev. Clarence Culpepper ..... 109 Nancy Ross Drive, Eufaula, Alabama 36027  
 Rev. Thomas Gamble ..... P. O. Box 172, Abbeville, Alabama 36310  
 Rev. Donald Grice ..... 120 Hilcrest Dr., Eufaula, Alabama 36027  
 Rev. Thomas Kirkland ..... P. O. Drawer K, Ashford, Alabama 36312  
 Rev. Paul Mallory ..... Route 2, Headland, Alabama 36345  
 Rev. Randall Miller ..... Route 3, Enterprise, Alabama 36330  
 Rev. Cleve Stanley ..... Route 1, Eufaula, Alabama 36027  
 Rev. J. T. Helms ..... Route 2, Abbeville, Alabama 36310



## LICENSED MINISTERS OF ASSOCIATION

Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland ..... Route 1, Eufaula, Alabama 36310

### PROGRAMME FOR THE NINTY-FIFTH YEAR THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

Theme For The Year:

**"THE CHURCH WITNESSING AS FREE WILL BAPTISTS"**

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING — January 20, 1973 — Mt. Zion Church

Theme For The Day; "Free Will Baptist In Alabama"

Devotion — Sister Irene Vickers

Welcome — host church

Morning Message — Rev. Ray Ritch, Sec. Alabama State Association

Afternoon Message — Rev. Paul Mallory, pastor of host church

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING — April 14, 1973 — First Church,  
Eufaula

Theme For The Day: "Free Will Baptist In The Homes"

Devotion — Rev. Davey Kirkland

Welcome — host church

Morning Message — Rev. Clarence Culpepper, pastor

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Morning Message — Rev. Charles Allen, pastor host church

Afternoon Message — Rev. Clarence Culpepper, pastor New Prospect  
Church

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING — July 14, 1973 — Pleasant Hill Church

Theme For The Day: "Why The Church Does Not Grow"

Devotion and Welcome Address — host church

Morning Message — Rev. Ralph Bell, pastor of host church

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Morning Message — Rev. Ralph Bell, pastor Holmes Church

Afternoon Message — Rev. Ralph D. Bell, pastor New Zion Church

## ANNUAL SESSION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1973 — UNION CHURCH

Theme For The Day: "The Church Witnessing Through It's Ministers"

Devotion and Welcome Address — host church

Morning Message — Rev. Bob Shockey, pastor First Church of Dothan

Afternoon Message — Rev. Davey Kirkland, pastor Evergreen Church

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1973 — HOLMES CHURCH

Theme For The Day: "Free Will Baptist In The National Association"

Devotion and Welcome Address — host church

Morning Message — Rev. Homer Willis — General Director National  
Association of Free Will Baptist

Afternoon Message — Rev. Donald Grice, pastor Sardia Church

### FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING EVERGREEN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH JANUARY 15, 1972

The Moderator, Rev. Paul Mallory, called the meeting to order and led the prayer. Brother Lowell Vickers led the congregational singing.

Brother Homer Lee Hamilton brought the morning devotional from Psalm 16 with conforing thoughts for the Christian who remains steadfast in the Faith.

Sister Lillian Wilson extended a warm welcome to all. Sister Blondell Hartzog gave the response.

The Moderator recognzied eight Ministers and eight Deacons. After this the Moderator called for church letters. Delegates were seated by MSC.

The resignation of Brother Chester Calhoun as Treasurer was accepted. Brother Roy McKnight was elected Treasurer by MSC. A rising vote of appreciation was given to Brother Calhoun for his services to the Association.

The Moderator appointed a finance composed of Brothers Roy McKnight, Homer Lee Hamilton and Lowell Vickers. Brother McKnight led in prayer. We were dismissed for a short recess.

We reconvened with congregational singing led by Brother Johnny Gilmore followed with prayer by Brother Philip Craddock.

The Moderator called for the finance report which was read and adopted. (See reports)

Rev. Bobby Parker, Pastor of Holmes Church, brought the morning message form Ezekiel 37:1-14. He challenged each to a greater work in the church and the association. Brother Lowell Vickers led in the prayer of Benediction and Thanks. We were dismissed for lunch.

We reconvened with congregational singing and Brother Clarence Culpepper led in prayer.



The clerk was informed to send a notice to each Minister and Church about the Executive Meeting, Friday, January 21, 1972 at Union Church.

An offering was taken in the amount of \$40.0.

Rev. Frank Jackson, Pastor of Bethel Church, brought an informative message from Chapters 1-21 of John. He illustrated different mental pictures, how salvation takes care of past sins of the individual and prepares him for present and future life.

Brother Charles Craddock made a motion to amend Article 7 of the Constitution to read, "The Association shall meet in Quarterly Sessions on Saturday before the Third Sunday in January, April and July." This was discussed and put on the table for approval at the next Quarterly Session at New Prospect Church in April.

The Credential and Examining Committee recommended that we receive Brother Philip Craddock as a licensed Minister and extend to him the right hand of fellowship. MSC that this be done.

Rev. Bobby Parker dismissed the session by prayer.

#### REPORTS

We, your Finance Committee, acknowledge the transfer of the treasury and records from the resigning treasurer, Brother Chester Calhoun, to the newly elected treasurer, Brother Roy McKnight, and find same to be in proper order.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roy McKnight  
Homer Hamilton  
Lowell Vickers

#### SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1972 NEW PROSPECT CHURCH

In the absence of the Moderator and the Vice Moderator, the meeting was called to order by Rev. Bobby Parker, Moderator pro tempore. Rev. Clarence Culpepper led congregational singing with Sister Phyllis Parker as pianist. Rev. Philip Craddock led the prayer.

A very interesting devotion from Rev. 1:4-8 was given by Brother Winston Tew. His emphasis on "Sign pointing to the Coming of Christ."

The welcome address was given by Brother Edd Smith. The response was delivered by Brother Lowell Hamilton.

After Ministers, Deacons, and Visitors were recognized, Brother Parker called for church letter. Twelve churches were represented. After the roll call of delegates there was a MSC to seat them.

The following committees were appointed: Finance: Brother Roy McKnight, Sister Gladys Byrd and Ouida Watson. Resolutions: Brother Ezra Paulk, Sister Linnie Stokes and Mary Matthews.

After a brief recess, Rev. Clarence Culpepper led in congregational singing and prayer. Following the singing of "To God Be The Glory", Rev. Charles Allen, Pastor of the Eufaula First Church, brought a very informative and challenging message using these Scriptures; 2 Chro. 7:14, Matt. 6:9, and John 11:1. He emphasized the "Importance of the New Birth" and challenged Christians to a greater prayer life. After an invitation for rededication a the benediction and thanksgiving prayer for the noon meal was led by Rev. Clarence Culpepper.

The afternoon session began with singing led by Rev. Clarence Culpepper. Rev. Frank Jackson led the prayer.

Rev. W. W. Bush brought the afternoon message basing his remarks on 2 John 1:6-13 and Jude 1:4. This was a very good message stressing "God's Ownership By Creation and Purchase".

Rev. Clarence Culpepper made a motion to create an Educational Committee, consisting of four men. This was approval by MSC.

Reports of the committees were called for, read and approval, as follows: Finance, Resolutions, and Credentials and Examining. (See reports under reports).

An offering of \$36.46 was received and Brother Lowell Hamilton gave the offertory prayer. Rev. Bobby Parker led the dismissal prayer and the session was adjourned.

Finance Report: We your committee make the following report, we have cash on hand \$481.87.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roy McKnight  
Gladys Byrd  
Ouida Watson

#### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Resolutions Committee request the Pastors of our Churches to encourage the members of their respective churches to take a greater interest in getting the youth of their churches to attend the Youth Rally.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ezra Paulk  
Linnie Stokes  
Mary Matthews



## REPORT OF CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINATING COMMITTEE

We recommend the following provisions for the Educational Committee.

- (1) Publicity of the State Work, (2) Back up the work with Youth Rallys,
- (3) Plan & Organize Youth Revival among Associational Churches, (4) Promote success of Christian Education among our Churches.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Thomas Kirkland  
Rev. Clarence Culpepper  
Rev. Bobby Parker

### THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1972 PILGRIM REST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

The meeting came to order with congregational singing led by Rev. Randall Miller, Pastor of the Host Church, and Brother Johnny Gilmore with Sister Gwen Sowell as pianist.

After an introduction by Rev. Thomas Kirkland, Vice Moderator, Rev. Charles Allen led the prayer. Sister Frances Doswell gave a very good devotional using 1 Cor. 1:13 and other scriptures.

Sister Ruth Smith extended a warm welcome to all. Sister Nina Vickers gave the response.

The Moderator, Rev. Paul Mallory, recognized the Ministers, Deacons, and Visitors and called for church letters. After the delegates answered roll call, there was a MSC to seat the delegates.

Rev. Donald Grice, Pastor of Sardis Church, gave a report on the National Association. Rev. Clarence Culpepper led in prayer.

After recess the session resumed with congregational singing. Rev. Bobby Parker led the prayer.

The Moderator appointed a Finance Committee composed of Brother Roy McKnight, Ezra Paulk and Jack Calhoun; a Resolutions Committee composed of Sisters Kate Palmer, Martha Blalock, and Frances Doswell.

Rev. Philip Craddock, Pastor of Chester Chapel Church, brought a very good message using these scriptures: Acts 23:11, Phil. 4:13 and Eph. 6:18-24. He pointed out some of the activities of Paul as a Missionary and challenged each Christian to work more for Christ. Brother Johnny Gilmore dismissed us for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened with congregational singing, and Wanda Justice rendered a message in song.

Rev. Charles Craddock, Pastor of Goodwater Church, brought the afternoon message on "We are our Brother keeper" reading Romans 10:18-21 and Matthew 23:44. He challenged Ministers and Layman to a greater discipleship and pointed out that rejection of Christ brings rejection by Christ.

The Moderator called for the reports of business. The Finance report and adopted. (See reports)

MSC to remove the name of Bethel Church from our roll since that church had already petitioned the State Line Association for admission.

MSC for New Zion to entertain the Saturday Session of the Annual Association.

A rising vote of thanks was given the 12 Ministers attending. Those attending were: Paul Mallory, Thomas Kirkland, Donald Grice, Charles Craddock, Philip Craddock, Randall Miller, Charles Allen, Bobby Parker, Clarence Culpepper, Frank Jackson, Thomas Gamble and Davey Lee Kirkland.

A rising vote of thanks was given the host church, and Rev. Davey Kirkland gave the benediction.

The Finance Committee, Roy McKnight, Jack D. Calhoun, and Ezra Paulk made the report there was cash on hand of \$251.87 which with the dues sent in this session of \$81.00 make a total of \$332.87. The special offering was \$32.13.

The Resolutions Committee, Kate Palmer, Martha Blalock and Frances Doswell gave this report. We recommend that it be resolved each church in the Association support the Youth Revival and Youth Rally with their attendance and prayers. We also recommend that this body give Pilgrim Rest Church a rising vote of thanks for such a wonderful day.

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE NINETY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION FRIDAY SESSION, OCTOBER 13, 1972 GOODWATER FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Moderator, Rev. Paul Mallory, opened the session with a welcome to delegates and visitors. Rev. Clarence Culpepper gave the invocation. Congregational singing was led by Rev. Philip Craddock, with Mrs. Janet Adkins as pianist.

Mrs. Jane Dean gave the morning devotion reading from 1st Peter 1:22-25. "Christain Brotherly Love" was the subject of her interesting devotion. Rev. Charles Craddock, Pastor of the Host Church extended a cordial welcome to the Association. The response was given by Brother Lowell Hamilton.



The call for church letters was given by the Moderator. Twelve churches were represented by letter and thirteen with delegates. Visitors were recognized and welcomed. Seven Ministers and eight Deacons were present. A roll call of delegates by the clerk, Mrs. Aletha Deese, was followed by a MSC to seat the delegates.

The Moderator complimented the churches of the Association on their growth both Spiritually and Financially and challenged them to a greater work for the Lord.

After three hymns were sung by the congregation, the Moderator appointed committees as follows:

Resolutions Committee:	Sisters Jean McKnight, Elmer Renta and Nellie Adkinson.
Nominating Committee:	Brother Lowell Vickers, Sister Kate Palmer and Ouyeda Draughon.
Placement Committee:	Brother J. Lowell Sammons, Sister Ruth Oates and Mable Farmer.
Finance Committee:	Brother Roy McKnight, Sister Irene Wise and Bea Doswell.

The Vice Moderator, Rev. Thomas Kirkland introduced Rev. Ken Walker from the Mobile Mission who gave a report on the work in Mobile, Alabama.

Rev. Walker brought the morning message using "Spiritual Life Priorities" as his subject. He read from Matt. 6:33a, Mark 8:36 and other scriptures. A very good message.

The afternoon session began with singing of hymns, and prayer.

Rev. Clarence Culpepper, pastor of New Prospect Church brought a very meaningful message on "Christianity and Christians under Observation", from Heb. 12:1-2. He pointed out by whom we are observed and some of the things that may hinder us from being our Brothers Keeper.

An offering of \$54.30 was received. Rev. Paul Mallory led the offertory prayer.

After a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality was given to the Host Church there was a MSC to adjourn until Saturday, October 14, at New Zion Church.

Rev. Donald Grice, Pastor of Sardis Church led the closing prayer.

#### **SATURDAY SESSION, OCTOBER 14, 1972 NEW ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

The second day of the Annual Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Paul Mallory. Rev. Thomas Gamble led in Hymn singing with Sister Phyllis Parker as pianist. Brother Roy McKnight led the prayer.

Rev. Ralph D. Bell, Pastor of the Host Church, brought a very good devotional on "God Is Counting On Us" reading his scripture from the book of Acts.

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

ANNUAL STATISTICS	Chester Chapel	Evergreen	First Eufaula	Goodwater	Hickory Grove	Holmes	Mt. Zion	New Prospect	New Zion	Pilgrim Rest	Pleasant Hill	Sardis	Union	
Meeting Days	Every Sun.	1st & 3rd	Full-Time	Full Pastorate	Full-Time	Full time	1,2,3,4,Sun	Full-Time	Full-Time	1,2,3,4, Sun.	Full-Time	Full-Time	Full-Time	Number of Churches .....
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	52	62	87	101	68	75	99	107	118	129	37	133	98	Total Membership .....
Resident			82	90	58	58	59	49	113	68	26	125	92	Resident .....
Non-Resident			5	11	10	17	40	58	5	61	11	8	6	Non-Resident .....
NEW MEMBERS	3		8	20	11	8	1	2	9	1		10	4	NEW MEMBERS .....
By Baptism			5	16		5		1	3			2		Baptism .....
By Letter	2		3	3	8	3	1		6	1		8	2	Letter .....
Strm. of Faith			1	1	3	0		1					2	Strm. of Faith .....
MEMBERS DISMISSED	4	2	2	5		1	1		9	1	1	8	3	MEMBERS DISMISSED .....
By Letter	4			3			1		6		1	5	2	Letter .....
By Exclusion				1										Exclusion .....
Deceased		2	2	1		1			3	1		3	1	Deceased .....
MINISTERS		1	1	2	9	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	MINISTERS .....
Ordained			1	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	1	2	1	Ordained .....
Licensed		1		1	1	0	0	0	1	0				Licensed .....
ORDAINED DEACONS	5	3	2	1	2	2	5	6	5		5	2	7	ORDAINED DEACONS .....
SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMBERS	32	30	36	92	33	67	36	37	88	70	28	84	65	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT .....
C. T. S. MEMBERS		22	34	45	0	11		31		15	10	52	34	C. T. S. ENROLLMENT .....
NO. OF WOMANS AUXILIARIES			9	12	24	17	15		12			13	15	WOMAN'S AUXILIARY ENROLLMENT .....
NO. OF MASTER MEN'S CLUBS						9							12	MASTER MEN ENROLLMENT .....
NO. OF PRAYER MEETINGS	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NUMBER OF PRAYER MEETING .....
FINANCIAL STATISTICS- LOCAL AND OUTSIDE PROGRAMS														FINANCIAL STATISTICS
PAID PASTORS	\$1,640.00	\$ 980.00	\$ 2,090.00	\$ 5,190.00	\$ 1,729.10	\$ 4,837.00	\$ 3,104.52	\$ 2,260.00	\$ 2,475.00	\$ 2,097.27	\$ 750.00	\$ 2,540.00	\$ 1,173.96	PAID PASTORS..... \$ 30,821.85
PAID EVANGELISTS	190.18	200.00	100.00	125.00	422.37	245.00	180.22	150.00	2,110.00	202.00	162.00	900.00	296.00	PAID EVANGELISTS ..... 5,572.87
BUILDING & REPAIR	174.32	103.36	806.14	1,683.35	14,779.50	2,820.74	814.73	2,752.51	932.82	2,035.48	250.00	583.05	11,396.83	BUILDING AND REPAIR ..... 39,132.86
LITERATURE	75.08	284.70	136.82	289.22	102.37	278.06	120.15		528.42	111.59	113.50	459.05	338.68	LITERATURE..... 2,837.84
ADVERTISING, ETC."					13.39						62.00			ADVERTISING ..... 75.39
MISCELLANEOUS	313.31	198.80		30.50	54.21		467.57	999.27	1,416.03	413.63	60.00	1,903.42	1,354.85	MISCELLANEOUS ..... 7,211.59
OTHER	105.20	287.34		223.91	126.00	916.60					90.83		2,667.32	OTHER ..... 4,427.18
TOTAL PAID LOCALLY	\$2,499.09	\$ 2,054.20	\$ 3,132.96	\$ 7,543.98	\$17,227.14	\$ 9,097.40	\$ 4,987.19	\$ 6,161.78	\$ 7,462.27	\$ 4,859.97	\$1,488.33	\$ 6,385.52	\$17,237.64	TOTAL PAID LOCALLY ..... \$ 90,089.90
COOPERATIVE PLAN				10.00		\$ 100.00		\$ 219.96			\$			COOPERATIVE PLAN..... 329.96
FOREG N MISSIONS						92.00								FOREIGN MISSIONS .....478.43
HOME MISSIONS		\$ 137.09		23.74	\$ 10.10				\$ 211.52				\$ 174.91	HOME MISSIONS .....652.36
BIBLE COLLEGE	50.00	58.91		87.25		142.09		8.08	211.52	\$ 40.00	55.00		174.91	BIBLE COLLEGE.....662.22
CHILDREN'S HOME		126.10		32.60	67.61		\$ 47.15	76.30	190.88	65.00		\$ 117.41	416.00	CHILDREN'S HOME .....1,189.05
SUPERANNUATION	48.00													SUPERANNUATION .....
ASSOCIATIONAL PROJECTS		44.00			66.03		124.80	33.00		41.00	20.00	39.00	53.00	ASSOCIATIONAL PROJECTS ..... 468.83
STATE PROJECTS														STATE PROJECTS .....
NATIONAL PROJECTS														NATIONAL PROJECTS .....
OTHER				43.00	40.00		20.00	31.01	310.00		43.28			OTHER ..... 487.29
TOTAL PAID OUTSIDE	98.00	\$ 366.10		\$ 196.59	\$ 183.74	\$ 334.09	\$ 191.95	\$ 368.35	\$ 1,014.80	\$ 146.00	\$ 118.28	\$ 156.41	\$ 993.73	TOTAL PAID OUTSIDE ..... \$ 4,268.14
Value of Church Property	\$8,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$23,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	VALUE OF CHURHC PROPERTY ..... \$291,000.00
Value of Church Parsonage			7,000.00			\$18,000.00			20,000.00					VALUE OF PARSONAGES..... 45,000.00
Does Church Own Parsonage?	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	OWN PARSONAGE? ..... 3



Sister Johnny Ruth Taylor gave the welcome. Brother Sam Trammell gave the response. Thirteen Ministers, Ten Deacons, and the Visitors were recognized. Rev. Thomas Kirkland led in prayer.

After a short recess, the congregation sang, "Jesus Is The Sweetest Name I Know", "Trust and Obey", and "Our Best".

The Credentials Committee report was read and adopted. (See reports). The Moderator appointed Sister Rheta Blalock to serve on the Finance Committee in the absence of Sister Bea Doswell.

The morning message was brought by Rev. Bobby Parker on "Christians Must Be Obedient". He read Isaiah 6:8. Isaiah had these three qualities every Christian should have: (1) Willing to be obedient, (2) Willing to be peculiar, (3) Willing to sacrifice. This was a very good message.

Brother Homer Lee Hamilton challenged all the churches in the Association not having C. T. S., prayer meeting, and masters men to please organize these. Rev. Charles Allen led the dismissal prayer for lunch.

The session began with the congregation singing "I Love To Tell The Story". Rev. W. W. Bush led the prayer.

Rev. Charles Craddock read some proposed amendments to the Constitution to be tabled until the January meeting, MSC.

The ordination service for Rev. Thomas Gamble to the Ministry began with Rev. Ralph D. Bell leading the congregational singing of "All The Way My Saviour Leads Me". Rev. Clarence Culpepper led the prayer. The message from 2 Timothy 2:1-3 was brought by Rev. Paul Mallory. He challenged Rev. Gamble to be strong in the grace in Jesus and endure hardness as a true soldier. Rev. Bobby Parker brought the charge from 2 Timothy 4:1-2, and presented Rev. Gamble with his Bible. Rev. Thomas Kirkland led the ordination prayer with all the ordained laying on hands. An ordination certificate was presented him by Rev. Charles Craddock.

The Moderator appointed a committee on committees composed of Rev. Charles Craddock, Rev. Donald Grice, and Rev. Philip Craddock, to report at the January meeting on the committee suggestions to amendments to the Constitution.

A memorial service began with Rev. Charles Craddock reading the names of the departed. They were as follows: Evergreen, Donnie Baker and Will T. Baker; Goodwater, Clarence Mathis; New Zion, Evie Hutto, John Stokes and Tommy Ray Gamble; First Church Eufaula, Bea Stephens and Richard Lawrence; Holmes, Lilla Sutton; Union, Emory Hamilton; Sardis, Cherrie Lee Braswell, R. L. Cody, Sr., and Robert Gilmore.

Rev. Craddock read John 14:1-3. After the congregation sang, "Adibe With Me", Rev. Frank Jackson led in prayer.

The reports of the committees were called, read and adopted as follows: Resolutions Committee, Credential Committee, Finance Committee, Placement Committee, and Nominating Committee. (See reports given under reports)

Delegates appointed to the State Association were: Sister Tessie Glover, Rosa Adkinson, Irene Vickers, Aletha Deese, Linnie Stokes, Jean McKnight and Brothers John Coates, Homer Lee Hamilton and Roy McKnight.

MSC to elect Rev. Clarence Culpepper to a 5 year term on the Credentials and Examining Committee.

A rising vote of thanks was given the Host Church for their hospitality.

An offering of \$34.29 was received and a MSC to send \$50.00 to the Mobile Mission.

The right hand of fellowship was given to Rev. Thomas Gamble and Rev. Paul Mallory dismissed the Association with prayer.

We, the Resolutions Committee recommend that each church designate their Home Missions funds for the Ken Walker Account in Mobile, Alabama for the next Association year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean McKnight  
Elmer Rentz  
Nellie Adkinson

We, the Credentials and Examining Committee make the following recommendations. We recommend the ordination of Brother Thomas Gamble to the Gospel Ministry this afternoon, October 14, 1972.

We recommend the reelection of Brother Clarence Culpepper to this committee, and to a term of five (5) years ending in 1977.

We recommend that Brother Philip D. Craddock be ordained to the Gospel Ministry on Tuesday, November 7, 1972, 7:30 P. M. at the Goodwater Free Will Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles D. Craddock  
Homer Lee Hamilton  
Lowell Vickers  
Bobby Parker  
Clarence Culpepper

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cash on hand.....	\$365.00
Dues Received this session .....	298.66
Special offering .....	54.30
Cash on hand at close of session .....	717.96

Respectfully submitted,  
Roy McKnight, Chm.  
Irene Wise  
Rheta Blalock

#### PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We, your Placement Committee ask that Mt. Zion Church entertain the Quarterly Session in January; the First Church Eufaula in April; and Pleasant Hill in July. We ask that the Union Church entertain the Friday session, and Holmes the Saturday session of the Annual Association meeting on Friday and Saturday before third Sunday in October 1973.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. Lowell Sammons, Chm.  
Ruth Oates  
Mable Farmer

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Nominating Committee submit the following to serve as officers for the coming year: Moderator, Rev. Paul Mallory; Vice Moderator, Rev. Thomas Kirkland; Treasurer, Brother Roy McKnight; Clerk, Sister Aletha Deese.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lowell Vickers, Chm.  
Kate Palmer  
Ouyeda Draughon

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee and Pastors met at Union Church, Friday, December 8, 1972 at 7:00 P. M. The meeting was called to order by the Vice Moderator, Rev. Thomas Kirkland, pastor of the host church. Rev. Ralph Bell, Pastor of Holmes Church, led the opening prayer,

"The Church Witnessing As Free Will Baptist" was chosen as theme for the year. The program for the year was planned and approved.

A radio program over WOOF, sponsored by the Southeastern Association, was discussed and carried over for further discussion at the first quarterly session in January at Mt. Zion Church. Rev Clarence Culpepper led the dismissal prayer.

#### EXECUTIVE MEETING

UNION CHURCH, JANUARY 21, 1972, 7:00 P. M.

This meeting was held after the 1971 minutes were at press; therefore this report did not appear in the 1971 minutes. In order for you to have a copy of same, this copy is included in the 1972 minutes.



The meeting was called to order by the Vice Moderator, Rev. Thomas Kirkland. Prayer was given by Rev. W. W. Bush.

"We are our Brothers Keeper" was chosen for the Annual Theme.

The following speakers were chosen for the different sessions as follows:

Second Quarterly Session - New Prospect Church, April 15

Morning Speaker — Rev. Thomas Gamble

Afternoon Speaker — Rev. Thomas Kirkland

Third Quarterly Session - Pilgrim Rest Church, July 15

Morning Speaker — Rev. Philip Craddock

Afternoon Speaker — Rev. Charles Craddock

Annual Sessions - Goodwater Church, Friday, October 13

Morning Speaker — Rev. Frank Jackson

Afternoon Speaker — Rev. Clarence Culpepper

Saturday, October 14, 1972, Bethel Church

Morning Speaker — Rev. Bobby Parker

Afternoon Speaker — Rev. W. W. Bush

The Youth Rally meets with New Prospect Church, April 1, 1972 at 7:30 P. M.

After the program was adopted, Rev. Clarence Culpepper dismissed with prayer.

Paul Mallory, Moderator

Aletha Deese, Clerk

Cash of Hand January 24, 1972 .....	\$235.38
Quarterly Dues Sent in January 24, 1972 .....	93.00
Special Offering January 24, 1972 .....	40.03
Balance on Hand January 24, 1972 .....	\$368.41
Quarterly Dues Sent in April 15, 1972 .....	\$ 77.00
Special Offering April 15, 1972 .....	36.46
On Hand at Close of Meeting April 15, 1972 .....	481.87
Paid to Ledger Enterprise for Minutes of .....	
93rd Quarterly Meeting .....	230.00
Balance .....	\$251.87
Quarterly Dues Received on July 15, 1972 .....	81.00
Special Offering July 15, 1972 .....	32.13
Cash on hand at close of meeting July 15, 1972 .....	\$365.00
Received Dues for Annual Session Oct. 13, 14, 1972 .....	\$298.66
Special Offering .....	54.30
Cash of hand at close of meeting .....	\$717.96

Roy F. McKnight, Treas.

Box 114

Abbeville, Alabama 36310

The Southeastern Free Will Baptist District Sunday School and CTS Convention was held January 30, 1972 with Pilgrim Rest as host church. There were eleven churches represented.

Convention was called to order by Brother Ray Wilson, President. Convention was opened with prayer by Sister Dot Sayer.

Welcome to Convention was given by Brother Lamar Buxton. Response was given by Sister Mary Goerge. Devotion was given by Reverend Randall Miller, Pastor of host church, using 1st Peter 4:16.

Reverend Randall Miller led the song service with Sister Phyllis Parker at the piano.

Brother Lowell Vickers led the congregation in prayer. Pilgrim Rest teachers conducted the Sunday School classes.

Brother Steve Baily brought the morning message using Phil. 4:13.

Lunch was served at this time by host church, Brother Johnny Gilmore asking God's blessings on the food.

The afternoon session began with call to order and song service led by Rev. Randall Miller with Sister Phyllis Parker at piano. Prayer by Rev. Charles Allen. Special singing by Brother Willis Carroll's family.

The convention at this time received a special offering in the amount of \$61.67. This was voted to be sent to Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

Rev. Charles Allen, Sister Linnie Stokes and Sister Martha Blalock were appointed to judge the Sunday School programs. Churches presenting programs were Sardis, Pilgrim Rest and New Prospect. Each church received a \$10.00 award for programs.

Banners were presented at this time with Hickey Grove receiving the banner for the highest annual Sunday School attendance. Sardis was awarded the banner for largest attendance at Sunday School convention. New Prospect was awarded the banner for highest annual CTS attendance.

The business session began with reading of 1971 minutes and financial report. Both were approved.

Rev. Clarence Culpepper discussed the way to figure annual percentage.

Discussion was held on how to figure convention attendance banner. Brother Bryan Gilmore made motion to figure on percentage basis; this being fair to all churches. Motion was carried.

The office of Vice President being left open by resignation of former Vice President was filled at this time. Brother Johnny Gilmore was elected to fill this vacancy.

Discussion on T. N. T. State dues was held at this time. It was decided that Secretary of convention write Rev. Thurmond Murphy on this.

Hickory Grove asked for the Convention for 1973.

Rev. Charles Allen made a motion to give Pilgrim Rest a rising vote of thanks for a good day of fellowship.

Sister Kate Palmer dismissed the Convention with prayer.

Brother Roy Wilson, President

Sister Mary Culpepper,

Secretary-Treasurer



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary of the Southeastern District of Alabama held its annual meeting with Holmes Free Will Baptist Church at Ariton, Alabama on Friday, April 7, 1972 at 7:30 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Mary George. Group singing was led by Rev. Bobby Parker with Mrs. Phyllis Parker as pianist. The welcome was given by Rev. Bobby Parker and the response was given by Beatrice Doswell.

A very inspiring devotion was given by Mrs. Blondell Hartzog. She used as her Scripture 1 Thessalonians 5:17-25. She asked that each person ask themselves "What does Prayer mean in your life?" She used as examples people who prayed and whose prayers were answered, Daniel, Paul and Silas, Jailor and his family, and Jesus's prayers of submission and of intercession.

During the business session the president called for letters and reports. Five auxiliary chapters with 28 member, 6 visitors, and 2 Ministers were present. No old business was pending. Under new business the president report that Vice President, Mrs. Johnnie Mae Tyler had resigned because of her health. Mrs. Phyllis Parker was elected to fill this vacancy. We voted to send \$100.00 for the state project. The next convention will be held with Pilgrim Rest Free Will Baptist Church at Abbeville, Alabama on Friday Night April 6, 1973 at 7:30 P. M.

The program was presented at this time. A film entitled "Life of St. Paul" was enjoyed by everyone.

After a rising vote of thanks to the host church, the benediction was given by Mrs. Elam Rentz. Delicious refreshments were served to those present.

Nina Vickers, Secretary

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward .....	\$ 37.00
Received from Auxiliaries .....	190.00
Total .....	\$227.00
Paid to Holmes Free Will Baptist Church .....	\$ 10.00
Alabama Woman's Auxiliary State Project .....	100.00
Alabama Woman's Auxiliary Dues .....	95.00
Total paid out .....	\$205.00
Balance on hand .....	\$ 22.00

## ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY — PASTORS AND CLERKS

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
Chester Chapel		Annice C. Hedspeth 120 Garden Dr. Abbeville, Al. 36310
Evergreen	Davey Kirkland Route 1 Eufaula, Al. 36027	Lowell Sammons Route 2 Ariton, Al. 36311
First Church	Charles M. Allen Route 1, Box 178 Auburn, Al. 36830	Gwen McClenny Eufaula, Al. 36027
Goodwater		Johnnie Gilley Route 1 Newton, Al. 36352
Hickey Grove		Estelle Blalock Route 1 Abbeville, Al. 36310
Holmes	Ralph Bell Route 1 Ariton, Al. 36311	Pat Robinette P. O. Box 243 Ariton, Al. 36311
Mt. Zion	Paul Mallory Route 2 Headland, Al. 36345	Lowell Vickers Route 1 Eufaula, Al. 36027
New Prospect	Clarence Culpepper 109 Nancy Ross Dr. Eufaula, Al. 36027	Linda Sowell Route 1 Clopton, Al. 36317
New Zion	Ralph D. Bell Route 2 Headland, Al. 36345	Lucy Roney Route 3 Headland, Al. 36345
Pilgrim Rest	Ra ndall Miller Route 3 Enterprise, Al. 36330	Roy Wilson Route 1 Abbeville, Al. 36310
Pleasant Hill	Melvin Moody Box 44 Morgan, Ga. 31766	Edward Givens Route 3 Headland, Al. 36345
Sardis	Donald Grice 120 Hilcrest Dr. Eufaula, Al. 36027	Zonda Clark Route 1 Eufaula, Al. 36027
Union	Thomas Kirkland P. O. Drawer K Ashford, Al. 36312	France Bodiford Route 1 Abbeville, Al. 36310



## 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 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." (I 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 to 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.