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MINUTES

Of

THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS

and the

NINETY - FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of

THE SOUTHEASTERN

ASSOCIATION

Of

FREE WILL

BAPTIST CHURCHES

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 1974

GENERAL THEME:

"Be Ye Ready For The Second Coming Of Christ"

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION - SARDIS CHURCH - SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1974

Devotion _____ Layman - Host Church
Welcome _____ Host Church
Morning Message: "Look Up For Your Redemption Draweth Nigh"
Rev. Thomas Coxwell, Pastor, Union Church
Afternoon Message _____ Rev. Wade Walton, Pastor, Host

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION - HICKORY GROVE CHURCH - SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1974

Devotion _____ Layman - Host Church
Welcome _____ Host Church
Morning Message: "Redeeming The Time Because The Days Are
Evil" - Rev. Herman Hersey, Director of
Dept. of Retirement and Insurance of Nat'l.
Association of Free Will Baptists
Afternoon Message _____ Rev. Herman Hersey

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION - CHESTER CHAPEL CHURCH - SATURDAY, JULY 20, 1974

Devotion _____ Layman - Host Church
Welcome _____ Host Church
Morning Message: "The Christian's Duty In The Latter Days"
Rev. Thomas Gamble, Pastor Host Church
Afternoon Message _____ Bro. Lowell Vickers
Mt. Zion Church

ANNUAL SESSION

FIRST DAY - GOODWATER CHURCH - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1974

Devotion _____ Layman - Host Church
Welcome _____ Host Church
Morning Message: "In Times Like These, What Is The Answer"
Rev. Randall Miller, Pastor, Pilgrim Rest Church
Afternoon Message: _____ Rev. Paul Mallory
Pastor, Mt. Zion Church

SECOND DAY - NEW PROSPECT CHURCH - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1974

Devotion _____ Layman - Host Church
Welcome _____ Host Church
Morning Message: "There's A Great Day Coming"
Rev. Earl Stevens
Pastor, Pleasant Hill Church

1974 ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION _____ SATURDAY, JANUARY 19
At Sardis Church, Eufaula

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION _____ SATURDAY, APRIL 20
At Hickory Grove Church, Abbeville

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION _____ SATURDAY, JULY 20
At Chester Chapel Church, Headland

ANNUAL SESSIONS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, GOODWATER CHURCH, WICKSBURG
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, NEW PROSPECT CHURCH, EDWIN
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CTS CONVENTION, SARDIS, SUNDAY,
MARCH 31

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION, FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1974
at 7:30 P.M.

OFFICERS

Rev. Clarence Culpepper _____ Moderator
109 Nancy Ross Drive, Eufaula, Ala. 36027
Rev. Ralph (Buddy) Bell _____ Vice-Moderator
Route 2, Headland, Alabama 36345
Mrs. Aletha Deese _____ Clerk
Route 2, Newton, Alabama 36352
Mr. Roy McKnight _____ Treasurer
Route 1, Abbeville, Alabama 36310

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF ASSOCIATION

Rev. Charles Allen _____ Route 1, Box 178, Auburn, Alabama 36830
Rev. Steve Bailey _____ Route 1, Abbeville, Alabama 36310
Rev. Gerald Baxley _____ 5 Williams Drive, Midland City, Alabama
*Rev. William W. Bush _____ Clayton, Alabama 36016
Rev. Ralph D. (Buddy) Bell _____ Route 2, Headland, Alabama 36345
Rev. Ralph L. Bell _____ Route 1, Ariton, Alabama 36311
Rev. Thomas Coxwell _____ Route 2, Abbeville, Alabama 36310
Rev. Clarence Culpepper _____ 109 Nancy Ross Drive, Eufaula, Ala. 36027
Rev. Thomas Gamble _____ P. O. Box 172, Abbeville, Alabama 36310
*Rev. Donald Grice -
*Rev. J. T. Helms _____ Route 2, Abbeville, Alabama 36310
Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland _____ Route 4, Eufaula, Alabama 36028
Rev. Paul Mallory _____ Route 2, Headland, Alabama 36345
Rev. Randall Miller _____ Route 3, Enterprise, Alabama 36330
*Rev. Melvin Moody _____ Box 44, Morgan, Georgia 31766
*Rev. Cleve Stanley _____ Route 1, Eufaula, Alabama 36027
Rev. Earl Stephens _____ Midland City, Alabama

* Members of Association not presently pastoring in Association

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chester Chapel	John E. Coates
819 Pump Station Road, Eufaula, Alabama 36027	
Evergreen	Lillian Wilson
Route , Ariton, Alabama 36311	
First Church Eufaula	Mrs. Pat Wilson
Route 1, Eufaula, Alabama 36027	
Goodwater	Edd Whitehurst
Route 2, Newton, Ala. 36352	
Hickory Grove	Martha Blalock
Route 1, Abbeville, Alabama 36310	
Holmes	Blondell Hartzog
Route 2, Ariton, Alabama 36311	
Mt. Zion	Lowell Vickers
Route 1, Eufaula, Alabama 36027	
New Prospect	Edward Nance
Route 1, Clopton, Alabama 36317	
New Zion	Lucy Roney
Route 3, Headland, Alabama 36345	
Pilgrim Rest	Elma Rentz
Route 1, Abbeville, Alabama 36310	
Pleasant Hill	Henry Farmer
Route 3, Headland, Alabama 36345	
Sardis	Kenneth Clark
Route 1, Box 86X, Clayton, Alabama 36016	
Union	Linnie Stokes
Route 1, Abbeville, Alabama 36310	

CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Homer Lee Hamilton	5 year Term, Expire 1978
Clarence Culpepper	4 year Term, Expire 1977
Davey Lee Kirkland	3 year Term, Expire 1976
Ralph D. (Buddy) Bell	2 year Term, Expire 1975
Lowell Vickers	1 year Term, Expire 1974

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Rev. Ralph D. (Buddy) Bell, Chairman	3 year Term, Expire 1976
Rev. Gerald Baxley	2 year Term, Expire 1975
Gene White	1 Year Term, Expire 1974

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Rev. Clarence Culpepper, Chairman	3 Year Term, Expire 1976
J. Lowell Sammons	2 Year Term, Expire 1975
Merlyn Lipscomb	1 Year Term, Expire 1974

YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Edward Nance, Chairman	3 Year Term, Expire 1976
Linda Sowell	2 Year Term, Expire 1975
Johnnie Ruth Taylor	1 Year Term, Expire 1974

CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE

Rev. Gerald Baxley, Chairman	3 Year Term, Expire 1976
Mrs. Kenneth Blalock	2 Year Term, Expire 1975
Sam Trammell	1 Year Term, Expire 1974

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION MT. ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH JANUARY 20, 1973

The session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Paul Mallory. Rev. Thomas Kirkland led the opening prayer. Bro. Vickers led the congregation in singing, with Sister Sylvia Owens as pianist. Bro. Lowell Vickers led in prayer.

Bro. Merlin Lipscomb brought a good morning devotional on "Witnessing". His scripture was taken from Acts: 26-38.

A warm welcome to Mt. Zion Church was extended to all by Sister Irene Vickers. Rev. Ralph D. Bell gave a response.

All 13 churches were represented by 39 delegates. MSC to seat delegates.

The Moderator recognized 11 ministers, 8 deacons, and visitors. Visitors from other Free Will Baptist Associations included Rev. and Mrs. Ray Ritch, North Alabama Association; Mrs. Viola Peters, Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Baxley, State Line Association.

A Finance Committee was appointed as follows: Bro. Roy McKnight, Chairman, Bro. Lowell Vickers and Sister Nellie Adkinson.

Rev. Paul Mallory prayed the prayer before intermission.

We reassembled for worship with congregational singing.

After explaining the changes in the Cooperative Plan, Rev. Ray Ritch, Clerk for the Alabama State Association, brought a very informative and challenging message on "Free Will Baptists in Alabama." Rev. Ritch brought important facts and figures to our minds concerning the past work of Southeastern Association and the State work.

We were dismissed for the noon hour by Rev. Clarence Culpepper.

The afternoon session opened with congregational singing. Prayer was led by Rev. Gerald Baxley.

Just before the afternoon message, Rev. Ray Ritch sang "Take My Hand, Precious Lord."

An offering of \$62.24 was received. Rev. Thomas Kirkland prayed the offertory prayer.

The Afternoon Message was brought by Rev. Paul Mallory, pastor of the Host Church. His scripture was from Jno. 15: 1-8. Rev. Mallory commended the Association on the progress made in the last fifteen years, and challenged each to a greater work. He said, "The greatest need in the Southeastern Association is revival. God can use each of us." He challenged each Christian to be fruit-bearing, witnessing, and living examples.

Rev. Donald Grice read the report of the committee on the proposed Amendments to the Constitution.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

The following amendments are offered to the constitution and given in this order.

ARTICLE X STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. There shall be a Christian Education Committee, consisting of three (3) members elected to terms of one for three years; one for two years; and one for one year.

Section 2. There shall be a Missions Committee consisting of three (3) members elected to terms of one for three years; one for two years; and one for one year.

Section 3. There shall be a Youth Activities Committee consisting of three (3) members elected to terms of one for three years; one for two years; and one for one year.

Section 4. There shall be a Children's Home Committee consisting of three (3) members elected to terms of one for three years; one for two years; and one for one year.

Section 5. All Standing Committees shall have one member coming up for re-election or replacement each year.

Mr. Moderator, I move that these amendments be received as recommended, and put on the table for consideration at the January 1973 session of the Southeastern Association.

Charles B. Craddock
Donald Grice
Bobby Parker

Adopted at Mt. Zion Church, January 20, 1973



The Moderator asked the Committee on Committees to have a report on their committees at the April meeting.

MSC to have a minimum of two copies of the Constitution and By-Laws mailed to each church and one copy to each pastor.

MSC for each church to send in five dollars to be sent to Rev. Ray Ritch to be given the Host Church to help with the expense of entertaining the State Association.

MSC to reimburse Rev. Thomas Kirkland sixty-five dollars he paid the First Church, Phoenix City, on entertaining the State Association.

MSC for Rev. Thomas Kirkland to replace Rev. Bobby Parker, and Rev. Ralph D. Bell to replace Rev. Charles Craddock on the Committee of Committees.

After the discussion on the report given by Rev. Ralph D. Bell on the radio program, there was a motion that a committee composed of Rev. Clarence Culpepper, Rev. Thomas Kirkland and Rev. Ralph D. Bell check WARI at Abbeville for cost, distance, etc., work out and launch the program. This motion was carried.

The Finance Committee reported cash on hand, January 20, 1973, \$527.96; received from Church today \$95.00; and Special Offering \$62.24. Total on hand \$685.20. Roy McKnight, Chm.

Lowell Vickers Nellie Adkinson

MSC to adopt the report of the Finance Committee.

After a rising vote of thanks to the host church, Rev. Ralph L. Bell prayed the dismissal prayer.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, EUFAULA

APRIL 14, 1973

Morning Session

The meeting was called to order with prayer by the Vice-Moderator, Rev. Thomas Kirkland. Bro. Lowell Vickers led the congregation in singing, with Sister Eloise Commander as pianist.

After the moderator's remarks, Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland brought a very timely devotional on "Free Will Baptists in the Home" using the scripture St. Luke 2:49. He stressed the importance of Christian teaching in the home and urged loyal, reverent worship in God's home.

Bro. David Wilson extended a warm welcome to everyone. Rev. Thomas Kirkland gave the response.

Church letters were called for at this time followed by MSC to seat the delegates. Ten ministers, four deacons and visitors were recognized. Rev. Kenneth Walker, pastor of the Mobile Mission, spoke briefly on the work there. We praise the Lord for the way he is blessing the work in Mobile.

Speakers for the radio program over WARI were announced for each month through November.

Rev. Clarence Culpepper led in prayer.

After a short recess, the session resumed with congregational singing.

The Moderator appointed Sister Jessie McKnight, Sister Nina Vickers and Bro. Henry Farmer to serve on the finance committee.

Rev. Ralph Bell led the offertory prayer and an offering of \$43.25 was received.

Rev. Charles Allen, pastor of the host church, brought the morning message on "Free Will Baptists In the Home" using Deut. 4:10 and other scriptures. Bro. Allen brought a very good message in which he stressed five things that need to be taught in homes today. They are: a realization of responsibility, studying God's Word, having daily devotional, teaching and showing forth God's love. After moments of rededication, Rev. Donald Grice prayed the dismissal prayer for lunch.

Afternoon Session

The session resumed with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Paul Mallory, followed by congregational singing. Bro. Johnny Gilmore led in prayer.

The afternoon message was brought by Rev. Clarence Culpepper on the theme: "Free Will Baptists in the Home" using the scriptures: Matt. 7:24-25, Gen. 3 and II Tim. 5:14. He mentioned these three homes that are spoken of in the Bible: The Garden of Eden home, the Prodigal Son's Home, and Jesus' home in Nazareth. Love and unity are needed in the home today and God expects us to have discipline and conviction too. Every Christian home should have a family altar.

Bro. O. P. Pettus and Bro. Pat Wilson were ordained as deacons. The charge was brought by Rev. Ralph Bell using the scriptures: Acts 7:54-60 and II Tim. 4:1-8. Rev. Donald Grice led the ordination prayer.

The Finance Committee reported: paid Jones Office Supply \$241.50 for Minutes; cash on hand, April 14, 1973, \$443.70, and received from churches this session \$82.00. Special offering \$43.25. Total on hand: \$568.95. Jessie McKnight, Chm., Nina Vickers, Henry Farmer. MSC to adopt this report.

Rev. Thomas Kirkland gave a report on the Children's Home. MSC to continue our support of the home. MSC for Bro. Kirkland to invite Rev. Carlton Lambert, Supt. of the home, to come to the July session and speak to us. Rev. Ralph L. Bell and Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland volunteered to accompany Rev. Thomas Kirkland to the Board Meeting at the Home next Friday.

MSC to receive the report of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee made the following report:

- (1) Christian Education Committee
3 years Rev. Buddy Bell, Chm.
2 years Don Grice
1 year Gene White
- (2) Missions Committee
3 years Rev. Clarence Culpepper, Chm.
2 years J. Lowell Sammons
1 year Merlin Lipscomb
- (3) Youth Activities Committee
3 years Rev. Don Grice, Chm.
2 years Linda Sowell
1 year Johnnie Ruth Taylor
- (4) Children's Home Committee
3 years Rev. Thomas Kirkland
2 years Mrs. Kenneth Clark
1 year Sam Trammell

We recommend these serve out the remainder of this year, and then begin the yearly terms.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Don Grice, Chm.
Rev. Buddy Bell
Rev. Thomas Kirkland

MSC to adopt this report.

Each committee received a MSC as they were approved.

After a rising vote of thanks to the host church the body was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Ralph L. Bell.



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION
SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1973
PLEASANT HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Morning Session

The session was called to order with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Paul Mallory. Brother Lowell Vickers led in congregational singing with Sister Linda Sowell as pianist. Rev. Gerald Baxley led the prayer.

A warm welcome was extended to all by the host pastor, Rev. Melvin Moody and the response was given by Rev. Clarence Culpepper.

Sister Margie Newton brought the morning devotional on "God's Call to Man." She read Isa. 45:22; 55:1-3 and other scriptures in bringing out her points for her good devotional.

After the Moderator's remarks, he recognized 11 ministers, 9 deacons 7 visitors from the State Line Association, and one from a Baptist Church in Randolph County.

A roll call of delegates followed the call for church letters. MSC to seat delegates.

Rev. Ralph Bell and Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland were welcomed as members of the Southeastern Association.

We were dismissed for recess with prayer.

The Moderator called the session back to order and appointed a Finance Committee composed of Sister Jessie McKnight, Bro. Lowell Sammons, and Sister Inez Whitehurst.

After more congregational singing, Rev. Clarence Culpepper led the prayer.

Rev. Buddy Bell, pastor of New Zion Church, brought the morning message on "Why the Church Doesn't Grow". He read Jer. 2:1-13 and other scriptures. Three of the reasons he gave for the church not growing were: we compromise God's Word, we have complacency instead of expectation, and there is confusion instead of contentment. Three ingredients of the growing church are praying, witnessing, and assembling - a very informative and challenging message. Rev. Charles Allen dismissed the body and asked God's blessings on the noon meal.

Afternoon Session

The session resumed with prayer by Rev. Earl Stevens. Bro. Lowell Vickers led the congregation in singing "I'll Be Satisfied" and "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" with little Della Newton as pianist.

Rev. Ralph Bell, pastor of Holmes Church brought a very good message on "The Disobedient Prophet and the Man of God". He read I Kings 13:11-26 and other scriptures. He pointed out the most needed thing in the Church and in America today is really being saved and living a dedicated life. Many Church people today are living unclean lives.

The Finance Committee reported cash on hand July 14, 1973: \$567.95; received from churches today, \$81.00; special offering today \$37.37; making a total of \$686.32. Sister Jessie McKnight, Bro. J. Lowell Sammons, Sister Inez Whitehurst. MSC to adopt the report.

The Examining and Ordaining Committee gave the following report:

"We, your Examining and Ordination Committee did not examine Bro. Dennis Pitman for ordination, but we do recommend that he be licensed to preach by the Southeastern Association of Free Will Baptists", Lowell Vickers, Rev. Thomas Kirkland, Rev. Clarence Culpepper, Rev. Buddy Bell.

Rev. Thomas Kirkland asked that someone be appointed to replace him on the Children's Home Board and recommended the expenses of travel to the board meetings be paid by the Association. MSC for Rev. Gerald Baxley to replace Rev. Kirkland on the board and the Association pay the expenses of travel.

During a discussion on the radio program over WARI sponsored by the Association, it was reported Holmes and Goodwater Churches would discontinue their support since only a few could get the program. The Moderator announced the Association had approximately \$100.00 and suggested the Association continue the program for another quarter. MSC.

A rising vote of thanks was given Pleasant Hill Church for their hospitality.

Rev. Paul Mallory dismissed the body.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
UNION CHURCH
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1973**

Morning Session

The Moderator, Rev. Paul Mallory, led the opening prayer. Congregational singing was led by Bro. Otis Vickers with Sister Linda Sowell as pianist. Rev. Daniel Pelt led in prayer.

Rev. Steve Bailey brought a good morning devotion on the "Good Shepherd". He read John 10:9-14.

Bro. Lowell Hamilton gave the welcome and Rev. Buddy Bell gave the response.

The Moderator recognized 13 ministers, 6 deacons, and two visitors from the First Baptist Church, Bonifay, Fla. Visiting ministers were: Rev. Bob Shockey, Rev. Knighton, and Rev. Daniel Pelt.

After a roll call of delegates, there was a MSC to seat the delegates.

Rev. Gerald Baxley dismissed the body with prayer, for recess.

We resumed with congregational singing.

The following committees were appointed: **Placement** - Bro. J. Lowell Sammons, Sister India Beasley and Sister Zonda Clark. **Nominating** - Sister Jessie McKnight, Lillian Wilson and Elma Rentz. **Finance** - Bros. Roy McKnight, Otis Vickers, and Sister Annie Lee Blalock. **Resolutions** - Sisters Ruth Oates, Linda Sowell, Blondell Hartzog.

Rev. Ralph Bell led the prayer.

Rev. Mallory introduced Rev. Bob Shockey, General Director of the Home Mission Board of the National Association who thrilled our hearts with his report of the work accomplished by the Home Mission Board.

During the morning message, Rev. Shockey, challenged our hearts as he spoke on the church. The greatest need in the church today is to find out God's will and God's program for the church. The early church was on fire for God and they were persecuted for what and how they believed. We need a real "borned again" experience, knowledge, wisdom, and skills. Three things we must do: deny self, take up the cross, and follow Him. Bro. Homer Hamilton led the dismissal prayer for lunch.

Afternoon Session

We resumed with prayer by Rev. Clarence Culpepper, followed by congregational singing, with Sister Joyce Palmer as pianist.

An offering of \$43.03 was received.

Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland brought the afternoon message on "The Church Witnessing Through Its Ministers". He based his remarks on Rev. 1: 19-20. The church needs spirit-filled ministers. It's time to repent and live consecrated lives because the church is known by its ministry in the community - a good message.

A rising vote of thanks was given the host church for their hospitality.

The body adjourned with prayer until 10:00 A.M. Saturday to meet with Holmes Church.

THE 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	SUMMARY OF STATISTICS	
	Full-Time	1, 2, 3, 4	Full-Time	Full-Time	Full-Time	Full-Time	1, 2, 3, 4	Full-Time	Full-Time	1, 2, 3, 4	Full-Time	Full-Time	Full-Time		
Meeting Days														Number of Churches.....	13
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	52	61	87	98	72	73	96	103	119	128	37	155	93	Total Membership.....	1174
Resident			82	86	62	56	56	48		64	28	147	82	Resident	711
Non - Resident			5	12	10	17	40	55		64	9	8	11	Non - Resident	231
NEW MEMBERS	1	9	7	7	5	4			3	1	1	22	1	NEW MEMBERS	61
By Letter	1	6	6	4	3	3			1	1		15		Letter	40
By Baptism		3	1	3	2	1			2		1	7		Baptism	20
Statement of Faith													1	Statement of Faith.....	1
MEMBERS DISMISSED	1	2	2	11	2	8	3	4	1	4	1	1	7	MEMBERS DISMISSED	47
By Letter	1	2		9	1	6	2	1	1	2			6	Letter	31
Deceased			2	2	1	2	1	3		2	1	1	1	Deceased	16
ORDAINED MINISTERS	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1		MINISTERS ORDAINED	15
LICENSED MINISTERS													1	MINISTERS LICENSED	1
ORDAINED DEACONS	5	3	5	4	4	2	3	6	8		5	8	7	ORDAINED DEACONS	60
SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLM'T.	29	20	38	90	33	64	43	37	79	26	32	73	65	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	629
C.T.S. ENROLLMENT		20	25	61		25		31		17	20	49	34	C.T.S. ENROLLMENT	282
W. A. ENROLLMENT			8	24	20	12	15		11	10		8	16	WOMAN'S AUXILIARY ENROLLMENT	124
MASTER MEN ENROLLMENT			5	8		8								MASTER MEN ENROLLMENT	21
AVG. PRAYER MTG. ATTEND.	12		8	25		22		20		15			25	AVERAGE PRAYER MEETING ATTEND. ..	122

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

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PAID PASTORS	\$1,960.00	\$2,065.00	2,650.00	2,935.00	3,527.60	5,165.00	3,179.18	2,620.00	3,960.00	1,420.00	2,399.69	4,900.00	1,332.26	PAID PASTORS.....	\$38,113.73
EVANGELISTS	345.00	200.00	125.00	133.04	281.92	340.00	111.06	125.00	365.00	235.00		947.80	400.00	PAID EVANGELISTS.....	\$ 3,608.82
BUILDING & REPAIR	380.00	1,696.49	1,041.07	51.76	6,151.97	2,674.20	3,075.97	132.01	2,111.27	2,130.94	2,178.13	4,073.74	2,324.81	BUILDING & REPAIRS.....	\$28,022.36
LITERATURE	52.43	269.84	176.09	698.63	168.40	382.44	152.90		602.92	239.49	138.76	498.60	311.15	LITERATURE	\$ 3,691.65
ADVERTISING	15.00	30.00		30.00	8.93	30.00	45.00		30.00	45.00				ADVERTISING	\$ 233.93
MISCELLANEOUS	504.26	444.39		4,616.38	291.44	33.94	392.44	1,623.65		170.00	388.24	4,765.68	1,592.39	MISCELLANEOUS	\$14,822.81
OTHER					690.29	1,053.38			530.00	197.00	348.96		5,222.06	OTHER	\$ 8,041.69
TOTAL LOCAL	\$3,256.69	4,705.72	3,992.16	8,464.81	11,120.55	9,678.96	6,956.55	4,500.66	7,599.84	5,453.78	4,437.43	15,185.82	11,182.67	TOTAL PAID LOCALLY	\$96,535.64
COOPERATIVE PLAN						100.00		217.27						COOPERATIVE PLAN.....	\$ 317.27
FOREIGN MISSIONS		168.15		150.00		43.49		49.40	302.45		21.00	117.10	269.43	FOREIGN MISSIONS.....	\$ 1,021.02
HOME MISSIONS		88.27	119.40	102.99		58.88	264.90	31.25	511.41	15.00			350.33	HOME MISSIONS.....	\$ 1,542.43
BIBLE COLLEGE		90.92							222.45				269.43	BIBLE COLLEGE.....	\$ 682.80
CHILDREN'S HOME		117.17		17.00	133.36				222.45				370.19	CHILDREN'S HOME.....	\$ 860.17
SUPERANNUATION														SUPERANNUATION	
ASSOCIATIONAL PROJECTS	48.00	43.00		58.00	45.00	65.25	136.66	78.00	45.00	20.00	82.60	157.00	56.00	ASSOCIATIONAL PROJECTS.....	\$ 834.51
STATE & NATIONAL PROJECTS							20.00				11.00	30.00		STATE & NATIONAL PROJECTS.....	\$ 61.00
OTHER					40.00	19.00			350.00	15.00		75.00		OTHER	\$ 499.00
TOTAL OUTSIDE	48.00	507.51	119.40	227.99	218.36	386.62	421.56	375.92	1,653.76	50.00	114.60	3,790.10	1,315.38	TOTAL PAID OUTSIDE	\$ 5,818.20
CHURCH VALUE	8,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00	50,000.00	26,000.00	22,000.00	20,000.00	25,000.00	50,000.00	8,000.00	19,000.00	80,000.00	35,000.00	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.....	\$ 323,000
PARSONAGE VALUE			7,000.00		5,000.00	18,000.00			20,000.00			15,000.00		VALUE OF PARSONAGES	\$ 65,000
DOES CHURCH OWN PARSONAGE?	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NUMBER OF PARSONAGES.....	5

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
HOLMES CHURCH
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1973**

Morning Session

The second day of the Annual Session opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Paul Mallory. Bro. Milton Hartzog led the congregation in singing. Bro. Lowell Vickers led in prayer.

Bro. Milton Hartzog read Matt. 9: 37-38 and other scriptures for the basis of his devotional thoughts. He challenged Christians to awake and claim the fields for Christ.

A warm welcome was extended to all by Bro. Grant Adkinson. Bro. Lowell Vickers gave the response.

The Moderator recognized 11 ministers, 7 deacons and visitors. Among the visitors recognized were: Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Pelt, Marianna, Fla., Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Driggers, State Line Association, and Rev. E. R. Mayo, Enterprise Mission.

In the absence of Bro. Homer Lee Hamilton, the Moderator appointed Bro. Roy McKnight to serve today on the Credentials and Examining Committee.

After a short recess we resumed with congregational singing. Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland led in prayer.

After the offertory prayer, led by Rev. Mallory, an offering of \$45.29 was received.

Rev. E. R. Mayo, Missionary to Enterprise, Ala., gave a good report on the work there. Then he brought a very challenging message on "Lost Opportunities" using Heb. 12:17 as a basis for his remarks. He pointed out the many opportunities we have as Christians, and challenged us to take advantage of these opportunities. After the invitation, we were dismissed for the noon hour by Rev. Gerald Baxley.

Afternoon Session

We resumed with congregational singing followed by prayer, led by Rev. Thomas Gamble.

Rev. Kenneth Driggers, pastor of Panther Creek Church, brought a good message on "The Bible Christian". He read from Acts II: 26 - 27, and other scriptures - a Bible Christian is saved, sound, surrendered, separated, and spirit-filled. "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God", I Cor. 10:30 was the thought he wanted to leave with us.

MSC to discontinue the radio program.

MSC to give the money on hand for the radio program to the Enterprise Mission.

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

MSC to elect Bro. Edward Nance to the Youth Activities Committee.

MSC for Rev. Gerald Baxley to replace Rev. Donald Grice on the Christian Education Committee.

MSC for Bro. Homer Lee Hamilton, whose term on the Credentials and Examining Committee expires this year, be re-elected to a five-year

term. MSC for Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland to replace Rev. Thomas Kirkland for a three year term on the Credentials and Examining Committee.

A rising vote of thanks was given the host church for their hospitality. We were dismissed by Rev. Charles Allen.

REPORTS

EXAMINING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Examining Committee, have examined Bro. Edward Nance of New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church and have found him to be of sound doctrine and qualified for the office of deacon.

Lowell Vickers, Chm.
Rev. Clarence Culpepper
Roy McKnight

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Cash on hand July 14, 1973	\$ 688.32
Received from churches	271.00
Offering received - Oct. 19, 1973	43.03
Offering received - Oct. 20, 1973	45.29
Cash on hand - Oct. 20, 1973	\$1,047.64

Roy McKnight, Chm.
Annie Lee Blalock
Otis Vickers

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Resolution Committee, recommend that each church designate their Home Mission Funds to the State work instead of one designated place.

Respectfully submitted,
Blondell Hartzog, Chm.
Linda Sowell

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Nominating Committee, submit the following to serve as officers for the coming year: Moderator - Rev. Clarence Culpepper; Vice Moderator, Rev. Ralph D. (Buddy) Bell; Treasurer, Bro. Roy McKnight; Clerk, Sister Aletha Deese.

Respectfully submitted
Lillian Wilson, Chm.
Jessie McKnight
Elma Rentz

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Placement Committee, ask that Sardis entertain the Quarterly Session in January, Hickory Grove in April, Chester Chapel in July.

We ask that Goodwater entertain the first session of the Annual Association on Friday, and new Prospect on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1974.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Lowell Sammons, Chm.
Zonda Clark
India Beasley

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Southeastern Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met with Pilgrim Rest Free Will Baptist Church on Friday night, April 6, 1973 at 7:30.

Mrs. Mary George presided over the meeting. Ramona McLean was pianist, with Janice Wilson as song leader. Mrs. Blondell Hartzog led in prayer. The Welcome was given by Mrs. Elma Rentz, with Mrs. Linnie Stokes giving the Response.

Rev. Ralph Bell, Sr. gave a very inspiring Devotion. He used as his Scripture, Psalms 1: 1-6. He characterized a Christian woman. For an example - Lydia, a seller of purple.

Roll call showed seven auxiliary chapters present with 43 members and 8 visitors. Ministers present were: Rev. Ralph Bell, Sr., and Rev. Gerald Baxley.

During our business session minutes were read and approved. We had no old business. Under new business, we elected new officers for the next two years. Those elected are: President, Mrs. Martha Blalock; Vice-President, Mrs. Agnes Carpenter; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Nina Vickers; Field Worker, Mrs. Blondell Hartzog. We voted to send \$22.00 to the Foreign Mission work translation of the Bible into the Koulango Language.

Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church at Route One, Eufaula, Alabama, will host the next convention to be held on Friday, April 12, 1974 at 7:30 P. M.

Janice Wilson was guest speaker, using as her topic: "If A Man Die Will He Live Again". She used as her scripture Job 14: 1-14. This program was enjoyed by all.

At this time a rising vote of thanks was given to the host church. The Benediction was given by Rev. Gerald Baxley. Delicious refreshments were served to those present.

Nina Vickers, Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward	\$ 22.00
Received from Auxiliaries	\$202.75
Total	\$224.75
Paid to Janice Wilson (Speaker at Convention)	\$ 10.00
Alabama Woman's Auxiliary State Dues	\$101.00
Alabama Woman's Auxiliary State Project	\$ 77.00
Foreign Mission (Koulango Translation)	\$ 22.00
Total Paid Out	\$210.00
Balance on Hand	\$ 14.75

**THE SOUTHEASTERN FREE WILL BAPTIST DISTRICT
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CTS CONVENTION
HICKORY GROVE
APRIL 29, 1973**

The Southeastern Free Will Baptist District Sunday School and CTS Convention was held April 29, 1973 with Hickory Grove as host church.

Convention was called to order by Rev. Steve Bailey, host church pastor. Rev. Bailey opened the convention with prayer.

Welcome address was given by Rev. Steve Bailey. Rev. Davey Kirkland gave the response.

Rev. Donald Grice gave the morning devotion using Act 3: 1-2 for the scripture.

The host church Sunday School teachers conducted the Sunday School classes for the convention.

The convention was called to order by Vice-President, Bro. Johnny Gilmore, after Sunday School classes, with Rev. Thomas Gamble leading in prayer.

Morning song services were at this time, with Rita Blalock at piano. Special singing by host church choir was enjoyed by all.

A special offering was taken at this time in the amount of \$78.16.

Rev. Steve Bailey brought the morning message, using Act 1: 6-8.

The vice-president appointed committees at this time. Nominations were Bro. Lowell Vickers, Bro. John Coates, and Bro. Dennis Pittman.

Judges for the programs were appointed with Rev. Charles Allen, Rev. Davey Kirkland, and Bro. Jack Calhoun.

Convention was dismissed for lunch with Rev. Clarence Culpepper asking God's blessing on the food.

The evening session of the Convention was called to order by vice-president, with Bro. Jack Calhoun leading in prayer.

Special singing at this time by host church quartet and was enjoyed by all.

The programs were presented at this time with 2 churches taking part. This was New Prospect and Hickory Grove. New Prospect won 1st place and Hickory Grove won 2nd place.

The business session was at this time, with reading of the minutes and finance report by Secretary & Treasurer of the Convention. Motion seconded and carried to accept both as read.

Motion seconded and carried to accept the Nominating Committee's nomination for convention officers for the next 2 year term. These being as follow: President, Bro. Johnny Gilmore; Vice-President, Bro. William Sowell; Secretary & Treasurer, Sister Mary Culpepper.

Sardis Free Will Baptist Church asked for the Convention in 1974.

Motion made at this time by Rev. Clarence Culpepper to send 50% of the offering to Rev. Ken Walker Mission Fund and 50% to Free Will Baptist Children's Home. Motion seconded and carried.

Motion by Bro. Kenneth Blalock to discuss a special offering for the Trammell family. After discussion by Convention, Rev. Donald Grice made a motion to receive a love offering for this family at this time.

Motion seconded and carried. Offering received in the amount of \$80.70 was sent to the family.

Motion made by Rev. Clarence Culpepper to send \$50.00 each to the Rev. Ken Walker Mission Fund and Free Will Baptist Children's Home. This to be taken from the treasury. Motion seconded and carried.

Motion was made by Rev. Davey Kirkland to give a rising vote of Thanks to the host church for a wonderful day.

The Convention was dismissed by Rev. Clarence Culpepper leading in prayer.

Respectfully, submitted,
Bro. Johnny Gilmore, President
Sister Mary Culpepper, Sec.-Treas.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee met at Union Church, Friday, November 16, at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order with prayer led by the Moderator, Rev. Clarence Culpepper.

MSC to adopt this theme for the year, "Be Ye Ready For the Second Coming of Christ".

The following program was approved for the year:

1st Quarterly Session - Sardis, Saturday, January 19, 1974.

Theme for the day: "Look Up For Your Redemption Draweth Nigh"

Morning Message - Rev. Thomas Coxwell

Afternoon Message - Rev. Wade Walton

2nd Quarterly Session - Hickory Grove, Saturday, April 20, 1974.

Theme for the day: "Redeeming the Time Because the Days are Evil".

Morning Message - Rev. Herman Hersey, Director of Dept. of Retirement and Insurance of the Nat'l. Assoc. of F.W.B.

Afternoon Message - Rev. Herman Hersey

3rd Quarterly Session - Chester Chapel, Saturday, July 20, 1974

Theme for the day: "The Christian's Duty In the Latter Days"

Morning Message - Rev. Thomas Gamble

Afternoon Message - Bro. Lowell Vickers

Annual Session

1st Day: Goodwater - Friday, October 18, 1974.

Theme for the day: "In Times Like These What is the Answer?"

Morning Message - Rev. Randall Miller

Afternoon Message - Rev. Paul Mallory

2nd Day: New Prospect, Saturday, October 19, 1974

Theme for the day: "There's a Great Day Coming"

Morning Message - Rev. Ralph L. Bell

Afternoon Message - Rev. Earl Stevens

The Executive Committee made a resolution for churches to use laymen for the devotions in order to give laymen an opportunity to have part in the Association. MSC.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee to study and recommend a plan at the January Session to pay the Associational dues and

on food for the Alabama State Association:
 Rev. Ralph D. (Buddy) Bell, Chairman
 Bro. Lowell Vickers
 Bro. John E. Coates

MSC to adjourn.

Rev. Thomas Coxwell led the closing prayers.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand - Jan. 20, 1973.....	\$ 527.96
Quarterly Dues sent in - Jan. 20, 1973.....	95.00
Special Offering - Jan. 20, 1973.....	62.24
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	\$ 685.20
Paid Jones Office Supply for Minutes.....	241.50
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Balance.....	\$ 443.70
Quarterly Dues sent in April 14, 1973.....	\$ 82.00
Special Offering April 14, 1973.....	43.25
Quarterly Dues sent in July 14, 1973.....	81.00
Special Offering July 14, 1973.....	37.37
Annual Dues sent in Oct. 13, 1973.....	271.00
Special Offering Oct. 13, 1973.....	43.03
Special Offering Oct. 14, 1973.....	45.29
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Balance on Hand Oct. 14, 1973.....	\$1047.64

This report is compiled from all financial reports received by the Clerk prior to January 7, 1974.



ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

2. GOD: There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe and in Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

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

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT: The scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

5. THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD: God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all 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 as 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 diminution 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, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers.

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