## 1975 MINUTES

Of

THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS and the

NINETY SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

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THE SOUTHEASTERN
ASSOCIATION

of
FREE WILL
BAPTIST CHURCHES

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GENERAL THEME: "Feed My Sheep" St. John 21:16b

First Quarterly Session: New Prospect - Saturday, January 17, 1976

Devotion - Bro. Edward Nance

Morning Message - "Start Where You Are" - Rev. Paul Mallory

Afternoon Message — Rev. Ted Medley

Second Quarterly Session: Chester Chapel - Saturday, April 17, 1976

Devotion - Host Church

Morning Message - "Total Commitment to Christ", Isa. 8:6

Rev. Earl Stevens

Afternoon Message - Rev. William Lewis

Third Quarterly Session: Pleasant Hill - Saturday, July 17, 1976

Devotion - Host Church

Morning Message - "Prepare to Teach Others" - Rev. Ralph Baker

Afternoon Message - Rev. Pat Wilson

#### ANNUAL SESSIONS

First Day: Union Church - Friday, October 15, 1976

Devotion - Host Church

Morning Message - "What Makes You Strong?" - Rev. Dilmos Johnston

Afternoon Message - Rev. Bobby Ned Peters

Second Day: Mt. Zion Church - Saturday, October 16, 1976

Devotion - Host Church

Morning Message - "Thus Saith the Lord" - Rev. Gilbert Lacy

Afternoon Message - Rev. Thomas Gamble

#### 1976 ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

First Quarterly Session: Saturday, January 17

At New Prospect Church, Edwin

Second Quarterly Session: Saturday, April 17

At Chester Chapel Church, Abbeville

Third Quarterly Session: Saturday, July 17

At Pleasant Hill Church, Headland

#### ANNUAL SESSION

Friday, October 15: Union Church, Abbeville

Saturday, October 16: Mt. Zion Church, Eufaula

Sunday School and Cts. Convention: Goodwater Church, Wicksburg -

Sunday, February 29

Woman's Auxiliary Convention: Pilgrim Rest Church, Abbeville - Friday,

April 9, at 7:30 P. M.

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Rev. Dilmos Johnston	36345
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Rev. A. Gilbert Lacy Route 4, Mancuso Subd., Eufaula, Ala. 3	36027
Rev. Paul Mallory Route 2, Headland, Ala. 3	36345
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Rev. Randall Miller Route 3, Enterprise, Ala. 3	
Rev. Lemuel P. Wilson Route 1, Box 309, Eufaula, Ala. 3	

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Rev. William Lewis - NOW ORDAINEd

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chester Chapel John E. Coates
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Route 1, Eufaula, Alabama 36027
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Route 2, Slocomb, Alabama
Hickory Grove
Route 1, Abbeville, Alabama 36310
Holmes Mrs. Blondell Hartzog
Route 2, Ariton, Alabama 36311

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Route 1, Clopton, Alabama 36317  New Zion
Pilgrim Rest
Pleasant Hill
Sardis
Union
CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE
Lowell Vickers
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE
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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION NEW ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH JANUARY 18, 1975

The session opened with prayer led by Rev. Dilmos Johnston. Rev. Thomas Gamble led the congregation in singing.

A warm welcome was extended to all by Rev. Dilmos Johnston and Rev. Gerald Baxley gave the response.

The host pastor, Rev. Dilmos Johnston brought the devotional from Psalm 133:11. He stressed unity in our churches and challenged all Christians to be soul winners.

The Moderator, Rev. Clarence Culpepper, appointed a Finance Committee as follows: Sis. Gwen Sowell, Chm; Sis. Ruth Oates and Sis. Nina Vickers.

Ministers, deacons and visitors were recognized. The Registration Committee reported 13 Ministers, 11 deacons, 43 delegates and 25 visitors were registered.

There was a roll call of delegates and a MSC to seat the delegates.

After the announcements, Rev. Gilbert Lacy dismissed for recess. We resumed with Congregational singing. Rev. Clarence Culpepper led

the offertory prayer and an offering of \$47.73 was received.

Rev. Steve Bailey, pastor of Hickory Grove Church by

Rev. Steve Bailey, pastor of Hickory Grove Church, brought the Morning Message on "Members saved by Grace." He read Eph. 2:8 and emphasized the necessity of Christians being born again and challenged all Christians to a closer walk with God. After the invitation, Rev. Earl Stevens dismissed for lunch.

The afternoon session resumed with congregational singing. Rev. Paul Mallory led the prayer.

Rev. Gilbert Lacy, pastor of Sardis Church, brought the afternoon message. He stated that one of the needs of the church today is for the Word to be preached in its fullness without compromise -- a very good message.

Rev. Thomas Gamble reported the Christian Education Committee would like to get into each church and asked for prayer for the work.

It was discussed and decided the Youth Rally is profitable. Rev. Paul Mallory suggested we get in touch with Rev. Ken Walker or Rev. John Edward and invite him to attend a rally. Bro. Edward Nance reported 113 attended the last rally and announced the change from Quarterly to Monthly meetings.

The Chairman of the Examining and Credentials Committee, Rev. Paul Mallory, reported they had examined Rev. Floyd C. Barber and Rev. Dilmos Johnston and recommended they be accepted in the Free Will Baptist Denomination and to our Association in particular as Ordained Ministers. MSC.

The Children's Home Committee reported Rev. Thomas C. Coxwell and Bro. Holt Stokes carried a load of canned food, clothes, shoes, and \$231.00 to the Children's Home during Harvest Week. They announced if anyone had anything they'd like to send to the home, please contact Rev. Coxwell by February 1, 1976, the date of the next trustee meeting.

The Finance Committee reported \$1,279.20 in the treasury prior to this session. Received today \$284.40, expenses during this quarter \$560.76, balance in treasury \$1,002.84. MSC.

MSC the love offering remain in the treasury for future use.

Rev. Gerald Baxley explained Operations Partnership and challenged us to give to the cause.

A rising vote of thanks was given New Zion Church for their hospitality.

MSC to adjourn. Rev. Floyd C. Barber led the closing prayer.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION PILGRIM REST CHURCH APRIL 19, 1975

The Session opened with prayer by the Moderator. Due to illness of the Clerk, Sis. Nina Vickers was appointed clerk pro tem.

Bro. Jack Calhoun led the congregation in singing with Bro. Roy Wilson as pianist. Rev. Paul Mallory led in prayer.

A cordial welcome was extended to the Association by Bro. Roy Wilson. Rev. Thomas Gamble gave the response.

Sis. Frances Doswell gave the morning devotional. She read John 6:15-21. We must have the Lord to find peace and calm.

Ministers, deacons and visitors were recognized. Thirteen ministers, eight deacons, 36 delegates, and ten visitors registered.

MSC to seat the delegates.

Rev. Dilmos Johnston led the prayer.

After a short recess the session resumed with congregational singing with Sis. Sylvia Brannon as pianist. Rev. Randall Miller led in prayer.

A finance Committee was appointed as follows: Bro. Roy Wilson, Chairman, Sisters Annette White and Mable Farmer.

Rev. Gerald Baxley led the offertory prayer. An offering of \$51.15 was received.

The Moderator presented Rev. Jack Rollins, pastor of Forestdale Free Will Baptist Church of Birmingham, Alabama, who brought the morning message. He read from Mark 16: 1-8. He said, "The Greatest Need of the church today is enthusiasm. The three-fold commission of the church is: (1) Go tell the disciples and brethern, (2) Go tell the backsliders, and (3) Go tell the World and the lost."

We were dismissed for lunch by Rev. Randall Miller.

The afternoon session resumed with congregational singing led by Rev. Randall Miller with Sis. Earl Stevens as pianist. Rev. Clarence Culpepper led the prayer.

Rev. Paul Mallory brought the afternoon message on "Members Working Together in State and National Work." He said, "Members should have love for one another and for God. God has a work for everyone." I Cor. 12: 12-31; 13: 1. Our people should unite together for one cause and stop division in the churches. Get on fire for God and when you pray, put some feet on your prayers.

The Examining Committee recommended Bro. Dilmos Johnston and Bro. Melvin Hunter be licensed to preach the Gospel in our association. They also recommended that Bro. Johnston, Bro. Hunter and Bro. Pat Wilson be ordained at the next quarterly session. MSC to accept the report.

The Finance Committee reported a total of \$205.15 received at this Quarterly Session. They also recommended the morning speaker, Rev. Jack

Rollins be paid \$100.00 to help cover his expenses. MSC to accept the report.

Rev. Thomas Coxwell reported there were several vacancies at the Children's Home that needed to be filled.

A Youth Revival for the Association was announced. The services were scheduled as follows:

Holmes	June 17
Hickory Grove	June 18
Mt. Zion	June 19
New Zion	June 20
Goodwater	June 21

Youth revival speaker will stay with Rev. Dilmos Johnston.

The Christian Education Committee reported they now have the materials to work with the churches. This will be done only by invitation from the church.

Certificates of License to preach the Gospel in the Association were presented to Rev. Melvin Hunter and Rev. Dilmos Johnston.

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

#### THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION FIRST CHURCH, EUFAULA JULY 19, 1975

The session opened with prayer led by the Moderator, Rev. Clarence Culpepper. Bro. Dennis Shelly led the congregation in singing.

The host pastor, Rev. Melvin Hunter gave the welcome and Bro. Jack Calhoun gave the response.

Bro. Dennis Shelly gave a good devotion on "The Needs of the Local Church." He chose his scripture from Matthew.

The Moderator recognized 3 visitors, 10 deacons and 10 ministers.

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

Rev. Pat Wilson led in prayer.

After a short recess, the Moderator appointed a finance committee as follows: Martha Blalock, chm., Enzie Sellers and Johnny Cordell.

A love offering of \$43.24 was received.

Rev. Dilmos Johnston brought the morning message on "We Would See Jesus." He based his remarks on St. John 12:20-22, Luke 22:14-16, 21 and some thoughts from the 27th Chapter of Matthew. He painted with words a wonderful picture of Jesus. It was a challenging message. After the invitation we were dismissed with prayer.

The Afternoon session resumed with congregational singing and prayer by Rev. Dilmos Johnston.

Rev. Melvin Hunter, pastor of the host church brought the afternoon message on "The Need of the Local Church Today." Among the needs he mentioned were: Seek the Lord while he may found; get sin out of your life; make a new covenant with God and live and die by it. It was a good message.

The Credentials and Examining Committee reported they had examined Bro. Ted Medley and Bro. William Lewis. They recommended Bro. Ted Medley be ordained into the Ministery and Bro. William Lewis be licensed to preach the Gospel. They requested Bro. Lewis meet with this committee again in three months to be questioned further about his understanding of the Free Will Baptist Doctrine.

We were dismissed for lunch with prayer by Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland.

The charge for the ordination, was given by Rev. Clarence Culpepper using Acts 26: 15-18 and I Timothy 6:11-13. Bro. Paul Mallory led the prayer of dedication.

The Finance Committee report was read and adopted.

The Moderator appointed Rev. Steve Bailey to replace Rev. Thomas C. Coxwell on the Children's Home Committee and Rev. Dilmos Johnston to replace Rev. Pat Wilson on the Youth Activities Committee.

Bro. Pettis made a motion the clerk prepare a copy of the Constitution and By Laws for each church family. MSC. Each church was instructed to notify the clerk how many copies were needed.

Rev. Paul Mallory suggested we get our Home Mission money as voted in the minutes together during this next quarter.

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

We were dismissed with prayer.

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION HOLMES CHURCH FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1975

The Moderator, Rev. Clarence Culpepper, opened the session with prayer.

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Bro. Lowell Vickers led in the congregational singing with Sis. Linda Sowell as pianist.

Rev. Floyd Barber, pastor of the host church, gave an interesting devotional on "Prepare To Meet God." He read Amos 4:12 and other scriptures.

A warm welcome was extended to everyone by the host pastor, Rev. Floyd Barber. Rev. Earl Stevens gave the response.

The Moderator called for the church letters. After a roll call of delegates by the clerk, there was a MSC to seat the delegates. Rev. Culpepper recognized nine ministers, six deacons, sixteen visitors, and thirty-four delegates.

Rev. Paul Mallory led in prayer.

After a short recess, we reconvened with congregational singing.

The Moderator appointed the Committees. (See Committee reports for the personnel of Committees.)

The congregation sang "Where We'll Never Grow Old" after which Bro. Earl Marshall led the offertory prayer. An offering of \$51.75 was received. Before the morning message, Rev. Thomas Gamble sang "The Old Rugged Cross."

Rev. Clarence Culpepper brought the morning message on "Desiring To See Christ." His scriptures were: Acts 1:6 - 12; Eph. 5:2; Rom. 6:16-17. He pointed out the more we read God's Word, the more we desire to see Him. A very good message. The congregation sang "No Not One," as the invitation was given.

We were dismissed for lunch by Rev. Dilmos Johnston.

The afternoon session resumed with prayer by Rev. Pat Wilsno

After Congregational singing and the announcements, Rev. Pat Wilson brought the afternoon message. He read Acts 19:1-10. Christians need to be on fire for Christ, desire to see Him and go out and witness for Him.

MSC to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. The association adjourned until 10:00 AM Saturday to meet with Evergreen Chruch.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE

#### NINETY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

#### EVERGREEN CHURCH SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1975

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. Gerald Baxley.

Congregational singing was led by Bro. Edward Nance with Sis. Debbie Phillips as pianist.

Bro. Ross Peters brought a very timely devotional. He read II Peter 2:1-2.

Welcome address was given by the host pastor, Rev. Davey Kirkland. Rev. Dilmos Johnston gave the response.

The Moderator recognized eleven ministers, six deacons and forty-one delegates. Rev. Pat Wilson and Rev. Ralph Baker were visitors from sister Associations.

After announcements and more congregational singing, the Moderator, Rev. Clarence Culpepper, led the congregation in prayer.

After a short recess the session resumed with Congregational singing.

The offertory prayer was led by Rev. Clarence Culpepper. An offering of \$61.01 was received.

Preceding the morning message, Rev. Thomas Gamble rendered a beautiful message in song. He sang "Face to Face."

Rev. Thomas Gamble, pastor of Mt. Zion Church, in bringing the morning message on "Evangelism" read, Mat. 28:19-20; II Tim. 4:5; and Eph. 4:11. He gave a definition of evangelism, explained it's connection with Sunday School, C. T. S., Woman's Auxiliary and Master Men. He also stressed church attendance, faithfulness, and witnessing.

Bro. Lowell Vickers conducted a very beautiful Memorial Service. He used portions of Scripture from II Tim. 4 and St. Luke 4.

We were then dismissed for lunch by Rev. Davey Kirkland.

The afternoon session opened with prayer by Rev. William Lewis.

After the congregation sang two hymns, Rev. Thomas Gamble sang "In the Garden."

Rev. Gerald Baxley, pastor of Goodwater Church, brought the afternoon message on "God's Plan for the Church." The church is to be a watchman of the world. It is an extension of the cross. He also gave God's blue-print for soul-winning as based on Luke 10: 1-20.

Finance Report was read. MSC.

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#### TABLE II - CHURCH DIRECTORY

Churches	Pastors and Addresses	Clerks and Addresses	Sunday School Superintendents and Addresses	CTS Directors and Addresses	Woman's Auxiliary Presidents and Addresses	Master Men Presidents and Addresses
Chester Chapel	Rev. Ralph Baker Route 1, Box 88 Comer, Alabama 36018	Mrs. Annice C. Hudspeth 102 Gordon Drive Abbeville, Alabama 36310	Joey Hudspeth Route 3 Abbeville, Alabama 36310		Mildred Coates 819 Pump Station Road Eufaula, Alabama 36027	John E. Coates 819 Pump Station Road Eufaula, Alabama 36027
Evergreen	Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland Route 4 Eufaula, Alabama 36027	J. Lowell Sammons Route 2, Box 13D Ariton, Alabama 36311	Hubert Phillips Route 2 Ariton, Alabama 36311	Rev. Davey Kirkland Route 4 Eufaula, Alabama 36027		
First Church Eufaula	Rev. Melvin Hunter 605 River Street Eufaula, Alabama 36027	Peggy Lunsford P. O. Box 497 Eufaula, Alabama 36027	George Harris 118 W. Washington Street Eufaula, Alabama 36027	O. P. Pettis Madison Avenue Eufaula, Alabama 36027		
Goodwater	Rev. Kenneth Driggers Route 2 Newton, Alabama 36352	Mrs. Jonnie Gilley Route 1, Box 136 Newton, Alabama 36352	Dewey Dean Route 2, Box 98 Newton, Alabama 36352	Gayle Ellenburg Route 2 Newton, Alabama 36352	Cynthia Knowles Route 2 Slocomb, Alabama 36375	
Hickory Grove	Rev. Steve Bailey Route 1 Abbeville, Alabama 36310	Mrs. Estelle Blalock Route 1 Ariton, Alabama 36311	Donald Blalock Route 1 Shorterville, Alabama 36373		Martha Blalock Route 1 Abbeville, Alabama 36310	Donald Taylor E. Washington Street Abbeville, Alabama 36310
Holmes	Rev. Bobby Peters Route 1 Ariton, Alabama 36311	Mrs. Brenda Carter Route 1 Ariton, Alabama 36311	Grant Adkinson Route 1 Ariton, Alabama 36311	Milton Hartzog Route 2 Ariton, Alabama 36311	Blondell Hartzog Route 2 Ariton, Alabama 36311	
Mt. Zion	Rev. Thomas Gamble Route 1 Abbeville, Alabama 36310	Lowell Vickers 607 Holly Drive Eufaula, Alabama 37027	James R. Kight P. O. Box 152 Georgetown, Georgia 31754		Nina Vickers 607 Holly Drive Eufaula, Alabama 36027	
New Prospect	Rev. Clarence Culpepper 109 Nancy Ross Drive Eufaula, Alabama 36027	Linda Sowell Route 1 Clopton, Alabama 36317	Reggie Sowell Route 1 Clopton, Alabama 36317	Johnny Cordell Route 1, Box 241 Clayton, Alabama 36016		
New Zion	Rev. Dilmos Johnston Route 2 Headland, Alabama 36345	Mrs. Lucy Roney Route 3 Headland, Alabama 36345	Tom Shelley Route 2 Headland, Alabama 36345		Mrs. Edd Oates Route 2 Headland, Alabama 36345	Kile Hardy Route 3 Headland, Alabama 36345
Pleasant Hill	Rev. Earl Stevens Route 1, Box 76 Midland City, Alabama 36350	Mrs. Shirley Cherry Route 3 Headland, Alabama 36345	Liddell Newton Route 4 Dothan, Alabama 36301	Mrs. Grace Graham E. Main Street Headland, Alabama 36345		
Higrim Rest	Rev. Randall Miller Route 3 Enterprise, Alabama 36300	Roy Wilson 307 Columbia Road Abbeville, Alabama 36310	Steven Murphy Route 1 Abbeville, Alabama 36310	John Wilson Route 1 Abbeville, Alabama 36310	Mrs. Janice Wilson Route 1 Abbeville, Alabama 36310	
ardis	Rev. Gilbert Lacy Route 4, Moncuso Sub. Div. Eufaula, Alabama 36027	Mrs. Zonda Clark Route 3, Box 86 Clayton, Alabama 36016	Clinton Cutchen Route 4 Eufaula, Alabama 36345	Kenneth Clark Route 1, Box 86 Clayton, Alabama 36027		
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#### TABLE III -- COLLECTIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Churches	Total	Paid Pastor	Youth Rally	Other staff Sal. (Sec. Min. of Mus.	Benevolence	Building and Repair	Paid on Debt Ret.	Other Local Exp. (lit., Utl., Rev. Printing	Local Exp.	Coop Plan	National Exec. Office	Foreign Mission	FWB Bible College	Home Mission	Des; Dist or State Camp Chl. home etc.	Dist	Total Outside Expense	Current Value of Pastorium	Current Value of Church Property (Including Pastorium)
Chester Chapel	7,513.00	3,700.00				1,348.00			6,708.45						147.00		195.00		10,000.00
Evergreen	10,307.45	2,595.00				6,383.68		975.02	9,953.70			260.10	107.82		98.04		465.96		25,000.00
First Church	3,192.72	1,365.00				680.00	150.00	852.62	3,047.62									7,000.00	20,000.00
Goodwater	36,212.26	5,200.00					2,231.82		7,431.82	1,028.40						9122-20	1,028.40	30,000.00	120,000.00
Hickory Grove	10,295.35	4,520.00		282.50	400.00		1,982.82	1,979.17	9,164.49	24.00			17.23	87.78		61.00	172.78	7,000.00	31,000.00
Holmes	9,227.52	5,125.00					1,300.00	2,621.21	9,046.21	100.00		20.00	100.00	51.00	110.00	48.00	429.00	20,000.00	60,000.00
Mt. Zion	8,243.40	4,005.02	38			1,955.57	160.00	1,376.86	7,497.45					200.87	31.00	70.00	301.87		20,000.00
New Prospect	6,300.68	3,080.00	10.00			348.37		1,338.42	4,766.79	210.59				101.81	15.00	43.00	380.40		25,000.00
New Zion	15,910.27	6,550.00							6,550.00		50.00	359.97	359.97	548.47	472.97		1,791.38	25,000.00	70,000.00
Pilgrim Rest	5,615.00	2,300.00				477.46	1,166.28	1,483.99	5,427.73										25,000.00
Pleasant Hill	8,299.98	2,780.00		60.00		1,000.00		5,451.03	9,291.03						38.00		38.00		50,000.00
Sardis	23,618.00	7,155.00		142.00		1,340.00		4,978.00	13615.00					100.00	50.00	147.00	297.00	20,000.00	70,000.00
Union	12,233.00	5,510.00						4,203.00	9,713.00			200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00		800.00		35,000.00

TABLE I - CHURCH MEMBERSHIP - AUXILIARY STATISTICS

Church	Date Organized	Received By Baptism	Added by letter Prof. of Faith, Etc.	Lost by Death, Revision of Roll Etc.	Resident Members	Non-Resident Members	Total Membership	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Average Attendance	CTS Enrollment	CTS Average Attendance	Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment	Average	Master Men Enrollment	Master Men Average Attendance	Average Prayer Meeting Attendance
Church	aprx.	B B	P. P.	L R E	Z Z	žΣ	μŽ	οŽ	ΣĽ	Su	Su	C H	CT	NA K	At	Σ́щ	AAA	AAA
Chester Chapel		0	2	2	46	9	55	1		25	20			18	12	11	7	12
Evergreen		1		1	56	13	69	1		20		15	12					15
First Church	1939	1	2	3	78	12	90	1		23		15						10
Goodwater		3	2	1	98	12	110	1		72	61	50	42	20	15	8	5	35
Hickory Grove	1940	18	15	5	61	9	70	1		50	38			25	14	15	7	22
Holmes	12-2-45	1	4	4	62	18	80	1		46	35	25	15	14	11			
Mt. Zion	1881		4	6	56	42	98	2	2	34	20			12	9			12
New Prospect	1874	4	1	4	56	52	108	1		36	30	22	20					15
New Zion	1907	4	1	8			122	1		104	78			18	12	16	11	25
Pilgrim Rest		1			66	62	128	1	0	20	20			12	9			10
Pleasant Hill		0	1	1	42	3	45			21	19	15	9					6
Sardis		3	3	8	152	12	164	3	3	62	60	52	30					30
Union	Feb. 13 1878	6	2	17	87	20	107	1		57	45	33	25					15

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### October 20, 1974 to October 1, 1975

10/22/74	Balance at close of Annual Session	\$1,199.42
11/6/74	New Prospect Church	10.00
11/23/74	Evergreen Church \$10.00	20.00
	First Church \$10.00	
12/17/74	Mission Rally (Rev. Mayo Acct. Enter.)	49.78
1/29/75	Missions	143.67
	New Prospect \$32.51 - Union \$23.14	
	First Church \$44.00 - Pilgrim Rest \$15.00	
	Mt. Zion \$29.02	
1/18/75	Church Dues 1st Quarter Session	93.00
	Offering	47.73
4/19/75	Church Dues 2nd Quarter Session	115.00
	Offering	51.15
4/13/75	Home Missions	39.00
7/19/75	Church Dues 3rd Quarter Session	103.00
	Offering	43.24
8/6/75	Mt. Zion (Home Missions)	32.85
	Total	\$1,947.84

#### **EXPENDITURES**

Debit for large check book		\$	8.12
Reimbursed Children's Home Bd Members			218.00
(4 trips to Board meetings)			
F. W. B. Bible College			41.80
F. W. B. Children's Home			111.94
Home Missions			265.30
National Assoc. Co-op Plan			52.80
Ala. Assoc. Co-op Plan			52.80
Ala. State Assoc. Dues			130.00
11/11/74 Moderator			25.00
11/11/74 Clerk			100.00
11/17/75 Tri State Publishing Co.			339.20
5/14/75 Rev. Jack Rollins			100.00
6/20/75 National Assoc. (Annual Letter forms)			2.25
8/15/75 National Assoc. (License & Ord. forms)			9.90
9/15/75 Clerk for Supplies			46.27
	Total	\$1	,503.38

Balance on hand Beginning Annual Session \$444.46

Credentials and Examining Committee report was read. MSC. The Credentials and Examining Committee met with Bro. William Lewis and talked with him about his study of the Free Will Baptist Faith and Practices. Bro. Lewis stated he was working very close with Bro. Lacy and that he is in agreement with the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists. This committee has no further questions of Bro. Lewis and recommend him to the Churches of the Association.

Respectfully, Rev. Paul Mallory Chairman 10-18-75

Rev. Ralph Baker made application to be accepted in the Association. The Association awaits a letter from his association.

Rev. Thomas Gamble of the Christian Education Committee announced that this committee is awaiting requests from churches.

Bro. Edward Nance, Chm. of the Youth Activities Committee, reported on the children that attended the Youth Camp. He encouraged every church to attend the next rally to be held at Chester Chapel in December.

Missions Committee report was read. MSC.

We your Missions Committee request this Association to set November as Home Mission Month. We also request that each church receive special offerings for this mission. Offerings may be designated as each church so desires.

> Respectfully submitted, Clarence Culpepper, Chm. Lowell Sammons, Member Elma Rentz, Member 10-18-75

Nominations Committee report was read. MSC.

We your Nominating Committee respectfully submit these Nominees for the following offices and or committees.

Moderator: Rev. Clarence Culpepper Vice Moderator: Rev. Paul Mallory

Clerk: Aletha Deese Treasurer: Aletha Deese

#### CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE

John Coates .										.3 Y	r. Tei	m
Rev. Steve Bailey		4					2	Yr.	Te	rm, Cl	nairm	an
Rev. W. W. Bush			7.0							.1 Y	r. Ter	m

Rev. David Lee Kirkland, Board Member

#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Linda Sowell													3 Yr. Term
Rev. Randell Miller .													2 Yr. Term
Edward Nance													
MISSION COMMITTE	Ε												
Rev. Ralph Baker											,		3 Yr. Term
Elma Rentz													
Rev. Clarence Culpepp													
CHRISTIAN EDUCA	ΓΙΟ	N (	COI	MIV	IIT	TE	E						
Carole White													3 Yr. Term
Rev. Thomas Gamble										*	2	Yr.	Term, Chairman
Kate Palmer													
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Lowell Vickers													5 Yr. Term
Rev. Paul Mallory							•				4	Yr.	Term, Chairman
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Respectfully submitted, Kate Palmer, Chairman Elma Rentz John Coates

Placement Committee report was read. MSC.

We, your Placement Committee, ask that New Prospect entertain the Quarterly Session on January 17, 1976; Chester Chapel on April 17, 1976; and Pleasant Hill on July 17, 1976. We ask that Union entertain the Annual Session on Friday, October 15, 1976 and Mt. Zion on Saturday, October 16, 1976.

Respectfully submitted Blondell Hartzog, Chairman Nina Vickers Magdalene Jones Resolutions Committee report was read. MSC.

We your Resolutions Committee recommend that each church send their letter to the Associational Clerk two weeks before each Associational meeting is held.

We recommend also that each church of the Association have a young minister preach at least twice a year in their church.

We also recommend that each church have only Free Will Baptist Ministers or laymen serve as pastor or interim pastor at their church because of the National Treatise, Chapter 1, Sec. 4 paragraph saying we should refrain from such.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Sowell, Chairman Edna Beasley Mable Farmer

MSC for the Association to buy a screen and projector to be used within the Association by the Churches and the Youth Rally. Rev. Paul Mallory and Sis. Aletha Deese were appointed by the Moderator to purchase the machine.

It was announced that the State Woman's Auxiliary will be held at Union Church in 1977.

The following delegates were appointed to attend the State Association: Sis. Kate Palmer, Sis. Elma Rentz, Sis. Aletha Deese, Bro. Edward Nance, Rev. Paul Mallory, Rev. Clarence Culpepper and Rev. Gerald Baxley.

MSC for the clerk to put the directions to the churches of the Association in the minutes. There was an amendment to this for the clerk to choose someone to help work this out in the form of a map of other instructions.

MSC to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

MSC to adjourn. We were dismissed by Rev. Floyd Barber.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The pastors and members of the Executive Committee met at Union Church, Friday, December 5, 1975 at 7:00 P. M. The Moderator, Rev. Clarence Culpepper, called the meeting to order with prayer. Ten churches were represented by nine ministers and nine delegates.

"Feed My Sheep" was chosen for the general theme.

The following program was planned:

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#### ANNUAL SESSION

MSC that Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland be prepared to preach in case of the absence of any minister on the program.

MSC that each host church continue to be responsible for the devotional. Rev. Paul Mallory reported a Bell and Howell projector and screen would cost the Association approximately \$750.00. He suggested each church send \$50.00 to help pay for it.

MSC that we ask each church to send \$50.00 and if all the money isn't needed for the machine, the remainder be set aside to pay for films.

In the report on the Children's Home by Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland, he informed us with the advance in cost of living more money is needed at the Home. There are 23 children there now with more expected soon. In order to renew their license, a licensed dietitian and a social worker must be employed. House parents are also needed for the teenage girls.

MSC that each church send in \$100 for the Children's Home within the next three months.

MSC to adjourn.

Rev. Thomas Gamble led the closing prayer.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

#### SOUTHEASTERN FREE WILL WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Southeastern Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met on Friday, April 11, 1975 at 7:30 P. M. with Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church at Abbeville, Alabama.

Mrs. Martha Blalock, President, called the meeting to order. The opening prayer was given by Rev. Steve Bailey. Mrs. Retha Blalock was pianist and Terrie Blalock was songleader.

The Welcome was given by Patricia Cook with Mrs. Bette Coxwell giving the Response. The Devotion was given by Karen Turner. She used as her Scripture St. John 11:21 and St. John 11:25.

Special Music was presented at this time by Retha Blalock.

Oral Reports were given about special projects taking place in the Churches. Roll call showed 41 members, 18 visitors, 2 deacons and 2 ministers, Rev. Steve Bailey and Rev. Floyd Barber were the ministers.

The minutes were read and approved. There was no old business. Under new business we elected officers for the next 2 years. They are President, Johnnie Ruth Taylor; Vice President, Blondell Hartzog; Sec. & Treas., Nina Vickers; Field Worker, Elma Rentz. The offering was designated to go to the Rev. & Mrs. Wade Atwell for use in their mission work.

Pilgrim Rest will host the next convention on Friday, April 9, 1976 at 7:30 P. M. and Union Church has agreed to host the State Convention in May, 1977 with all auxiliaries in our District helping.

Our convention speaker was Mrs. Sara Atwell. She spoke of our need to give of ourselves. The Great Commission is our Walking Papers. She showed films of her husband's work in the West Indies. Everyone enjoyed these films very much.

At this time a rising vote of thanks was given to Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church. The Benediction was given by Lowell B. Vickers. Delicious refreshments were served to those present by the host Church.

Respectfully submitted, Nina Vickers Secretary and Treasurer

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand								,						\$ 22.25
Received from auxiliaries .														273.00
Offering received	*					*			*					28.82
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## THE SOUTHEASTERN FREE WILL BAPTIST DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C.T.S. CONVENTION

The Southeastern Free Will Baptist Sunday School and CTS convention was held March 30, 1975 at Sardis Free Will Baptist Church as host.

The Convention was called to order by the President Brother Johnny Gilmore. Prayer by Rev. Clarence Culpepper. The Welcome was given by Bro. Johnny Gilmore. The devotion was given by Bro. Johnny Gilmore using for the title "Prayer." This was an interesting devotion.

The Sunday School classes were conducted by the teachers of the host church. Classes were dismissed by everyone shaking hands with each other to express their love.

Morning services began with Bro. Bryan Gilmore leading song service. At this time each church was recognized. There were five (5) churches present.

A special offering was taken and was to be designated later as where the offering would be placed. Rev. Melvin Hunter asked God's blessings on the special offering.

There were seven (7) Ministers and six (6) Deacons present at the convention.

Special singing by "The Gilmores" was enjoyed by all.

Rev. Gilbert Lacey, Pastor of host church, was the speaker for the morning worship service, using for his scripture reading Luke 24:34.

Bro. Lowell Vickers, Bro. John Coates, and Bro. George Cutchens were appointed as the Nominating Committee for the convention.

Judges for the programs were appointed as follows: Bro. O. P. Pettis, Sis. ter Nina Vickers, and Rev. Thomas Gamble.

The convention was dismissed for lunch with Rev. Thomas Gamble asking God's blessings on the food.

The evening session was opened by Bro. Johnny Gilmore, President, with Bro. Perry Luck leading in prayer. Singing was led by Bro. Bryan Gilmore. We

We had a total of 209 to register for the convention.

The programs were presented with only two (2) churches with a program. New Prospect won first place award with Sardis in second place.

The business session opened with the reading of the 1974 minutes and financial report. MSC to accept both reports as read.

There was no Old Business. New Business was taken up as follows:

President: Rev. Pat Wilson

Vice President: Bro. Johnny Gilmore

Sect. & Treas.: Sister Mary A. Culpepper

These were to serve two (2) year terms each. MSC for these nominations to be accepted.

Notion was made by Bro. John Coates to move the convention so it would not be held on Easter Sunday. This would be about every fourth year, but to

stay as is until such time. After a period of discussion motion was seconded by Bro. O. P. Pettis and carried. This change is to be entered in the Sunday School by-laws.

The special offering in the amount of \$75.89 was to be sent to the Nashville Free Will Baptist College and to The Free Will Baptist Children's Home on 50-50 basis.

The banners were awarded as follows:

Sunday School Attendance (Convention) New Prospect Free Will Baptist Ch. Sunday School (Percentage for the year) Union Free Will Baptist Ch.

C. T. S. Banner (Percentage for the year) New Prospect Free Will Baptist Ch.

The President asked for a host church for the 1976 Convention. Rev. Pat Wilson said the First Church would host the convention for Feb. 29, 1976.

Motion was made by Rev. Thomas Gamble to adjourn. MSC. The Convention was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Lowell Vickers.

Bro. Johnny Gilmore, President Sis. Mary A. Culpepper Secretary and Treasurer

#### 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 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 endencies 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 diminion of sin and becomes a child of God. (3) Continuance in faith and obedience until death.
- 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 selfcontrolled, 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 commission 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 selfdenial, 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 School 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.