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Of
*The Quarterly Meetings
and the
Ninety Ninth Annual Session*
Of
The Southeastern
Association
of
Free Will
Baptist Churches

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Theme: The Church, The Bride of Christ

First Quarterly Session: Pleasant Hill Church—Saturday, January 14, 1978

Devotion — Host Church

Morning Message — "The Church, It's Mission" Matt. 28: 19-20—

Rev. Paul Mallory, Pastor Union Church

Afternoon Message—Rev. Gilbert Lacey, Pastor Sardis Church

Second Quarterly Session: Chester Chapel Church — Saturday, April 15, 1978

Devotion — Host Church

Morning Message — "The Church, It's Standards" II Cor. 6:17-18—

Rev. Dean Dobb, Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan, Al.

Afternoon Message — Rev. William Hayes, Pastor New Zion Church

Third Quarterly Session: Union Church — Saturday, July 15, 1978

Devotion — Rev. Earl Stevens, Pastor Pleasant Hill Church

Morning Message — "The Church, It's Outreach" Jno 4:35 —

Rev. Clarence Culpepper, Pastor New Prospect Church

Afternoon Message — Rev. Ralph Baker, Pastor Chester Chapel Church

ANNUAL SESSIONS

First Day: Evergreen Church, Friday, October 13, 1978

Devotion — Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland, Pastor Host Church

Morning Message — "The Church, It's Glory" Rom. 8:17—

Rev. Jack Rollins, Moderator Alabama State Associon

Afternoon Message — Dr. Joseph Ange — Free Will Baptist Bible College,

Nashville, Tennessee

Second Day: Goodwater Church — Saturday, October 14, 1978

Devotion — Host Church

Morning Message — "The Church, It's Reward" Rev. 21: 1-7 —

Dr. Joseph Ange, FWB Bible College

Afternoon Message — Rev. Jack Rollins, Moderator — Alabama State

Association

1978 ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

First Quarterly Session: Saturday, January 14, 1978

At Pleasant Hill Church, Headland, Alabama

Second Quarterly Session: Saturday, April 15, 1978

At Chester Chapel Church, Abbeville, Alabama

Third Quarterly Session: Saturday, July 15, 1978

At Union Church, Abbeville, Alabama

ANNUAL SESSION

Friday, October 13, 1978, Evergreen Church, Ariton, Alabama
 Saturday, October 14, 1978, Goodwater Church, Wicksburg, Alabama
 Sunday School and C. T. S. Convention: Goodwater Church, Wicksburg,
 Alabama, Saturday, January 28, 1978
 Woman's Auxiliary Convention: Sarids Church, Eufaula, Alabama, Friday,
 April 7, 1978 7:30 P.M.

STATE AND NATIONAL

Alabama State Youth Rally — Guim, Alabama, January 13-14, 1978
 State Woman's Auxiliary Convention — First Free Will Baptist Church,
 Dothan, Alabama, May 6, 1978
 Alabama State TNT Rally, First Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan, Alabama,
 June 1978
 National Association — July 16-20 Kansas City, Mo. 1978
 July 15-19 Charlotte, N. C. 1979
 July 20-24 Anaheim, Calif. 1980
 July 19-23 Lawrenceville, Ky. 1981
 Alabama State Association — Winfield, Al., November 1978

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CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Rev. Gilbert Lacey	5 Year Term, Expire 1982
Sam Trammel	4 Year Term, Expire 1981
Lowell Vickers	3 Year Term, Expire 1980
Rev. Paul Mallory (Chm.)	2 Year Term, Expire 1979
Rev. Clarence Culpepper	1 Year Term, Expire 1978

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Bobby N. Peters, (Chm.)	3 Year Term, Expire 1980
Rev. Thomas Gamble	2 Year Term, Expire 1979
Johnnie Ruth Taylor	1 Year Term, Expire 1978

CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE

Johnny Gilmore (Chm.)	3 Year Term, Expire 1980
Elma Rentz	2 Year Term, Expire 1979
John Coates	1 Year Term, Expire 1978
Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland	Trustee Board Member

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Nina Vickers.	3 Year Term, Expire 1980
Rev. Clarence Culpepper (Chm.)	2 Year Term, Expire 1979
Rev. Ralph Baker	1 Year Term, Expire 1978

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

JANUARY 15, 1977

NEW ZION CHURCH

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Moderator, Rev. Thomas Gamble. Singing was led by Rev. Dilmos Johnston with Sis. Cynthia Knowles as pianist, after which Bro. Johnny Gilmore gave the invocation.

The Pastor, Rev. Dilmos Johnston extended a warm welcome to all. Bro. Johnny Gilmore gave the response.

Rev. Dilmos Johnston read Isa. 66:12 and gave a very interesting devotional on "Peace Like A River."

Of the 110 registered, there were 11 ministers, 11 deacons, and 47 delegates.

After a roll call of delegates and the delegates seated, Rev. Paul Mallory led the prayer.

After recess, Rev. Earl Stevens led the prayer. Rev. Thomas Gamble appointed a finance committee composed of Bros. John Coates, Harvey Bridges and Sis. Elma Rentz.

After congregational singing, Rev. Thomas Gamble led the offertory prayer and introduced the speaker, Rev. Ray Pitch, clerk of the State Association. Rev. Ritch sang "Take My Hand Precious Lord, Lead Me On." He read the poem "Not On Sunday Night" and brought an interesting message on "Associational Growth."

The congregation was dismissed for the lunch hour by Bro. Edward Nance.

LUNCH

The Moderator, Rev. Clarence Culpepper called the session back to order. Rev. Dilmos Johnston led in prayer.

After congregational singing, Rev. Ray Ritch rendered a special message in song.

Rev. Ray Ritch brought a very informative message. He read Est: 4:4; 3:8-15, and challenged us by comparison of numerical growth in the association.

Rev. Kenneth Driggers read the item that was tabled at the Annual Session affecting a change in the constitution. Rev. Paul Mallory made a move these boards be dissolved and a new board — A Christian Education Board be formed — This was carried by 37 affirmative votes out of the 46 delegates present.

MSC this board be composed of: Bro. Edward Nance, 3 years; Rev. Dilmos Johnston, 2 years; Rev. Kenneth Driggers, 1 year. Rev. Peters made a move this board elect its own Chairman. MSC

Report of the credentials and examining committee was given by Rev. Paul Mallory, seconded by Bro. Johnny Gilmore and carried.

Rev. Earl Stevens was welcomed to our Association from the State Line Association. MSC.

Bro. Dave Collins from Pleasant Hill was recommended to be ordained for a deacon. MSC.

There was a move to grant the request of Sardis Church to grant Rev. William Lewis a letter of dismissal from this association because of practicing denominational beliefs other than Free Will Baptists. Rev. Bobby Peters made a move to amend this move to ask Sardis Church to make a special effort to obtain the ordination paper and to grant the letter to Sardis if the ordination papers are obtained. MSC. These were obtained later.

The moderator appointed Rev. Earl Stevens to replace Rev. Lewis on Children's Home Committee.

Rev. Davey Kirkland read a letter of thanks from the Children's Home.

Report of the finance committee was read. MSC.

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

Rev. Ray Ritch prayed the closing prayer.

PRECEEDINGS OF THE SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

APRIL 16, 1977 HOLMES FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Moderator, Rev. Clarence Culpepper, called the session to order and Rev. Gilbert Lacy led in prayer.

Rev. Kenneth Driggers led the congregation in singing with Mrs. Driggers as pianist. Rev. Bobby Peters then led in prayer.

A warm welcome was given by the Pastor of the host church. Rev. Bro. Dave Collins gave the response.

Rev. Walter Baxley, State Line Association, gave an interesting devotional on "Fishing."

Eighty-two people registered — 9 Ministers, 8 Deacons, 39 Delegates, and 26 Visitors.

MSC to seat delegates.

After a short recess, the Moderator appointed Bros. Dave Collins, Otis Vickers, and Sis. Shirley Johnson to serve on the finance committee.

Rev. Earl Steven led in prayer.

Following the singing of two hymns, Rev. Clarence Culpepper led the offertory prayer.

Special singing by the Rev. Kenneth Driggers Family—"Since Jesus Passed By" and "Ten Thousand Years."

The speaker, Rev. Dave Franks, Missionary to Brazil, brought a very challenging message on "Three Important Things" Acts 1:18 and II Tim-2:2. After prayer and the invitation, we were dismissed for lunch by Bro. Lowell Vickers.

Rev. Davey Kirkland led the opening prayer.

Congregational singing was followed by an inspiring and challenging message by Rev. Dave Franks. Rev. Thomas Gamble led in prayer.

Credentials and Examining committee — No report.

Rev. Dilmos Johnston explained the letter sent to Churches concerning Youth Rally, Youth Revival and Camp. They found an acceptable place and ask each church to send \$100 and then there would be no charge for students. They asked that a blank for each worker be sent back to them by June 1.

Rev. Davey Kirkland reported that the license for the Children's Home had been renewed for 2 years. He ask if the Association wanted him to vote for The Home to accept Federal Funds and integrate to

keep the home open. He stated if we didn't, The Home would have to close. Rev. Bobby Peters made a motion to support our home and accept any state or federal funds. This was seconded and carried.

There was no report from the Mission Committee, but the Moderator ask each Church to receive an offering for missions on the 17th or the 24th.

The Finance Committee found the report in order and asked that the plate offering be used to pay the guest speaker.

Sister Nina Vickers announced the State W. A. Convention at Union and what each church should contribute.

MSC. The Christian Education Board buy some song books.

Rev. Kenneth Driggers invited everyone to attend the Youth Revival in Abbeville, June 12th through 17th with Rev. David Williford as speaker.

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

MSC to adjourn.

Rev. Kenneth Driggers prayed the closing prayer.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

JULY 16, 1977 PILGRIM REST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

The session was called to order with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Clarence Culpepper.

Bro. Bryan Gilmore led the Congregation in singing with Sister Linda Sowell as pianist.

Rev. Walter Baxley led in prayer.

Bro. Johnny Gilmore extended a warm welcome to everyone. Rev. Gilbert Lace gave the response.

An interesting devotional was given by Bro. Lamar Buxton. He read Acts 3:1-11.

The Moderator recognized Revs. Tim Rabun, Mickey Kirkland, members of the Youth Choir, and other visitors from the State Line Association. There were 5 Ministers, 9 Deacons, and 46 Delegates present. MSC to seat delegates.

After announcements and a song, Rev. Davey Kirkland led the prayer dismissing for recess.

The Moderator called the session back to order and appointed a finance committee composed of Gene Car, Chairman, Mrs. Lucy Roney, and Harvey Bridges.

After congregational singing, Rev. Earl Stevens led the prayer.

The state Line Choir sang four selections.

Rev. Clarence Culpepper led the offeratory prayer.

Rev. Earl Stevens introduced the speaker, Rev. Tim Rabun, Springfield Free Will Baptist Church. He spoke on "Revival" and gave the definition and formula for Revival. He read II Chron. 7:14, Judges 15:19, Neh. 4:5, Kings 17:22 and other scriptures. For the Invitation number, the youth choir sang, "Jesus Is Waiting To Come In."

Bro. Johnny Gilmore led the prayer and asked God's Blessings on the food.

LUNCH

We assembled back with prayer by Rev. Bobby Peters.

Following the singing of hymns, Bro. Walter Baxley introduced the afternoon speaker, Bro. Mickey Kirkland from Springfield Free Will Baptist Church. He read from Isa. 6:2 and other scriptures. It was a good message.

Rev. Gilbert Lacy led the prayer as we went into the business session.

Bro. Gene Carr asked that each Church without a pastor be sent a list of available ministers.

Rev. Davey Kirkland reported there are 24 children in the Children's Home now.

There was a move by Bro. Johnny Cordell and a second by Bro. Bryan Gilmore that since we don't have the money or the workers that we do not have the camp this year and the money be returned to the churches that had paid. This motion was carried.

The finance committee reported the report was correct and in order. They recommended that plate offering of \$65.00 be paid as follows: \$20.00 to each of the speakers and \$25.00 to the State Line Youth Choir. MSC.

The Credentials and Examining Committee reported they had examined Bro. David Collins and found him worthy to be a Minister of God. They recommended he be licensed for one year under the watch care of his Church (Pleasant Hill). Rev. Gilbert Lacy made a move Bro. Collins be licensed in his church.

This was seconded and carried.

Sister Kate Palmer made a move a rising vote of thanks be given the host church. This was seconded and carried.

MSC to adjourn.

Bro. Dave Collins led the closing prayer.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NINETY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1977

NEW PROSPECT CHURCH

The Session opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Clarence Culpepper. Bro. Johnny Cordell led the Congregation in singing with Sis. Linda Sowell as pianist.

Rev. Edward Nance extended a warm welcome to everyone. Sis. Martha Blalock gave the response. Rev. Nance then brought a very interesting devotional on "Soul Winning."

After some hymns were sung, the clerk called the roll of delegates. MSC to seat delegates.

Ministers, deacons, and visitors were recognized.

After a short recess, the session resumed with the congregation singing "The Old Rugged Cross." Bro. Lowell Vickers led the prayer. Following the singing of "Whosoever Meaneth Me", Rev. Clarence Culpepper led the Offertory prayer. An Offering of \$40.34 was received.

Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland brought the morning message on "Soul Winning" from Isaiah 54:2 and other scriptures. He challenged us to enlarge ourselves spiritually and physically, Stretch forth and reach people for God, Lengthen ourselves in visitation, strengthen ourselves through prayer and study, and let the Holy Spirit always lead us. After the Invitation Rev. William Hayes dismissed for lunch with prayer.

LUNCH

The Afternoon session resumed with Congregational singing.

The following Committees were appointed: Placement—Martha Blalock Chairwoman; Nan Morning; Jackie Peters; Finance— Lowell Vickers, Chairman; Aletha Deese; Linda Sowell; Nominations—Harvey Bridges, Chm.; Nina Vickers; Elma Rentz; Resolutions—Rev. Edward Nance, Chm.; Eloise Commander; Rev. Bobby Peters.

Linda Sowell brought a special message in song.

Rev. W. W. Bush brought the afternoon message on "Soul Winning." He read Mat. 28:19-20, Isa. 54:2 and several other scriptures.

There were 26 delegates, 7 Ministers, 4 Deacons, and 21 visitors registered.

After a rising vote of thanks to the Host Church, and a MSC to adjourn until 10:00 O'Clock Saturday Morning to meet with Hickory Grove Church, Rev. Bobby Peters led the closing prayer.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NINETY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1977 HICKORY GROVE CHURCH

Rev. Thomas Gamble, Vice Moderator, called the session to order. Bro. Lowell Vickers led the congregation in singing with Sis. Linda Sowell as pianist.

A warm welcome was extended to everyone by Bro. Kenneth Blalock. Rev. Edward Nance gave the response.

Bro. Johnny Gilmore brought an inspiring devotional on "Training Yourself to be a Christian." Rev. Bobby Peters led the prayer to dismiss for recess.

We resumed with the congregation singing "Bringing In The Sheaves." Rev. Madison Taylor led the prayer.

Rev. Thomas Gamble and Bro. Johnny Gilmore sang "What A Day That Will Be."

Bro. Kenneth Blalock led the offertory prayer. An offering of \$58.27 was received.

Rev. Ralph Baker brought a challenging message on "Training". He based his remarks on Isa. 54:2, II Tim. 1, Gal. 6:7 and other scriptures. We need to be convicted over winning others to Christ and living for Him. The second coming of Christ is eminent. After the invitation Bro. Lowell Vickers led the prayer dismissing the group for lunch.

LUNCH

The Session resumed with prayer by Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland.

The congregation sang "Revive Us Again" and Rev. Bobby Peters led in prayer.

Rev. Gilbert Lacey brought the afternoon message. He read from Exodus and quoted other scriptures. He challenged everyone to deny self, take up the cross, and follow Jesus.

During the Memorial service that followed, Rev. Lacey reminded us that death reaches all classes from all walks of life. He read Eze. 34:27 after the congregation stood for a moment in silent prayer in memory of these departed. Rev. Clarence Culpepper led in prayer.

The registration committee reported 11 Ministers, 8 Deacons, 48 Delegates and 21 Visitors registered.

Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland reported there are 26 children at the Children's Home now. The hog program at the home has been discon-

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 Av. Attendance	CTS Enrollment	CTS Av. Attendance	Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment	Woman's Aux. Ave. Attendance	Master Men Enrollment	Master Men Ave. Attendance	Average Prayer Meeting Attendance
Chester Chapel	1911	0	0	0	46	9	55	1	0	30	19			10	6	9	6	0
Evergreen		0	5	4	55	15	70	1	0	20	18	20	15					12
Goodwater		2	8	3	120	17	137	1	0	80	72	70	68	20	12	7	6	40
Hickory Grove	1940	0	4	1	64	9	73	1	0	54	36			15	11	11	9	20
Holmes	1945	4	8	6	60	31	91	1	0	61	50	50	42	16	12			35
Mt. Zion	1881	0	7	3	56	47	103	1	0	45	27			9	8			10
New Prospect	1874	0	4	2	59	46	105	1	1	30	24	20	15					14
New Zion	1907	0	2	2	93	32	125	2	0	92	69			20	12			20
Pilgrim Rest		1	7	2	70	62	132			33	20	22	15					12
Pleasant Hill	1890	1	5	1	36	7	43	1	1	25	22	14	10					8
Sardis	1907	6	13	6	168	21	189	3		63	55	43	30	13	11	5	5	20
Union	1877	0	3	4	100	2	102	1		62	40	25	18	17	15			15
TOTALS		14	66	34	927	298	1225	14	2	595	471	264	213	120	87	32	26	206

TABLE II -- CHURCH DIRECTORY

Churches	Pastors and Addresses	Clerks and Addresses	Sunday School Superintendents and Addresses	CTS Directors and Addresses	Woman's Auxiliary President and Addresses	Master Men President and Addresses
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Evergreen	Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland Rt. 4 Eufaula, Al. 36027	J. Lowell Sammons Rt. 2, Box 41 Ariton, Al. 36311	J. Lowell Sammons Rt. 2, Box 41 Ariton, Al. 36311	Rev. Davey Kirkland Rt. 4 Eufaula, Al. 36027		
Goodwater		Mrs. Dorothy Smith Rt. 1 Newton, Al. 36352	Dewey M. Dean Rt. 2 Newton, Al. 36352	Harvey Wells, Jr. Rt. 2 Slocomb, Al. 36375	Cynthia Knowles Rt. 2 Slocomb, Al. 36375	Fred Jones Rt. 1 Newton, Al. 36352
Hickory Grove	Rev. Thomas Gamble Rt. 1 Abbeville, Al. 36310	Mrs. Rita Blalock P. O. Box 341 Abbeville, Al. 36310	Mickey Blalock Robert's Trailer Park Abbeville, Al. 36310		Mrs. Estelle Blalock Rt. 1 Abbeville, Al. 36310	Donald Blalock P. O. Box 341 Abbeville, Al. 36310
Holmes	Rev. Bobby N. Peters Rt. 1 Ariton, Al. 36311	Mrs. Brenda R. Carter Rt. 1, Box 190 Ariton, Al. 36311	Jerry Strickland Rt. 1 Ariton, Al. 36311	Lomax Robinette P. O. Box 243 Ariton, Al. 36311	Mrs. Pat Robinette P. O. Box 243 Ariton, Al. 36311	
Mt. Zion	Rev. Hubert Glover Rt. 2, Box 41 Slocomb, Al. 36375	Lowell B. Vickers 607 Holly Drive Eufaula, Al. 36027	James Robert Kight P. O. Box 152 Georgetown, Ga. 31754		Mrs. Grace Kight P. O. Box 152 Georgetown, Ga. 31754	
New Prospect	Rev. Clarence Culpepper 109 Nancy Ross Dr. Eufaula, Al. 36027	Mrs. Linda Sowell Rt. 1 Clopton, Al. 36317	William F. Sowell Rt. 1 Clopton, Al. 36317	Johnny Cordell Rt. 2 Eufaula, Al. 36027		
New Zion	Rev. William D. Hayes Rt. 3, Box 42 Headland, Al. 36345	Mrs. Lucy Roney Rt. 3 Headland, Al. 36345	Tommy G. Shelley Rt. 2 Headland, Al. 36345		Mrs. May Shelley Rt. 2 Headland, Al. 36345	
Pleasant Hill	Rev. Earl Stevens Rt. 1 Headland, Al. 36345	Mrs. Shirley Cherry Rt. 3 Headland, Al. 36345	Rev. David Collins 902 2nd Ave. Dothan, Al. 36301	Mrs. Grace Graham E. Main St. Headland, Al. 36345		
Pilgrim Rest		Roy Wilson Rt. 1 Abbeville, Al. 36310	Lamar Buxton Rt. Abbeville, Al. 36310	Charlie Rentz Rt. 1 Abbeville, Al. 36310	Mrs. Judy Wilson Abbeville, Al. 36310	
Sardis	Rev. A. Gilbert Lacey Rt. 4 Mancuso Sub Div Eufaula, Al. 36027	Mrs. Zonda Clark Rt. 1, Box 86 Clayton, Al. 36016	Jack Bedsole Robert Heights Eufaula, Al. 36027	Sammy Lipscomb Rt. 4, Clayton Hwy. Eufaula, Al. 36027	Mrs. Agnes Carpenter Orange St. Eufaula, Al. 36027	
Union	Rev. Paul Mallory Rt. 2 Headland, Al. 36345	Mrs. Billy J. White Rt. 1, Columbia Rd. Abbeville, Al. 36310	Max Mims Rt. 2 Abbeville, Al. 36310	Stokes Moring Betty St. Abbeville, Al. 36310	Mrs. Frances Bodiford Rt. 2 Abbeville, Al. 36310	

TABLE III — — COLLECTIONS

Churches:	Total Income	Paid Pastor	Other Staff Sal. (Sec., Min. of Music, etc.)	Repair and Building	Paid on Debt. ret.	Other local exp. (lit., util. rev. printing, etc.)	Total local expense	Co Op Plan
Chester Chapel	11,614.00	4,295.00	0	5,064.00	0	1,399.00	10,758.00	0
Evergreen	7,206.00	2,880.00	0	0	0	1,901.15	4,781.15	0
Goodwater	14,230.00	5,740.00	0	0	2,375.00	5,489.00	13,604.00	605.00
Hickory Grove	2,999.00	4,690.00	655.00	0	3,587.00	635.00	9,567.00	0
Holmes	10,004.19	3,900.00	0	300.07	0	5,381.96	9,582.03	556.04
Mt. Zion	7,960.82	4,745.98	0	6,445.77	844.71	1,624.97	13,661.43	0
New Prospect	8,588.78	4,445.00	0	1,632.09	0	2,837.35	8,914.44	291.54
New Zion	14,303.44						14,467.82	0
Pilgrim Rest	10,835.00	2,500.00	0	0	1,700.00	2,316.00	6,516.00	0
Pleasant Hill	9,337.47	3,350.00	55.00	3,671.25	0	2,431.32	9,507.57	0
Sardis	23,000.00	8,940.00	716.00	400.00	0	6,000.00	16,056.00	0
Union	15,625.00	7,735.00	0	3,640.00	0	2,594.00	13,969.00	800.00
TOTALS	135,704.32	53,200.98	1,426.00	21,153.18	8,506.71	32,609.75	131,384.44	2,252.58

AND EXPENDITURES

Other Nat. Ministries	Foreign Missions	FWB Bible College	Home Mission	Des-Dist or State Camp Children's Home Etc.	Other Dist. or State	Total Outside expenses	Value of Parsonage	Value of Church Property
10.00	0	0	0	36.00	48.00	94.00	0	10,000.00
0	89.00	91.00	95.00	137.00	0	412.00	0	32,500.00
0	140.00	90.00	140.00	0	290.00	1,265.00	30,000.	120,000.00
0	0	0	0	63.00	0	63.00	7,000.	84,000.00
0	78.00	100.00	53.00	0	257.06	1,044.10	20,000.	60,000.00
35.00	0	0	269.70	71.00	95.00	470.70	7,000.	55,000.00
35.00	16.50	0	0	175.00	43.00	561.04	0	40,000.00
0	25.00	0	45.00	0	86.00	156.00	26,000.	76,000.00
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0	400.00	0	1,500.00	200.00	0	2,100.00	25,000.	107,000.00
0	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	0	1,600.00	0	60,000.00
80.00	948.50	581.00	2,302.70	882.00	819.06	7,865.84	115,000.	722,500.00

tinued. One boy originally from the home attended the Bible College and is going into the Ministry.

The Resolutions Committee report was read. MSC (See reports.)

The Moderator appointed Bro. Lowell Vickers and Rev. Edward Nance to work on the Amendment to the Constitution.

MSC to accept the Placement Committee report. (See reports.)

MSC to accept the Nomination Committee report. (See reports.)

MSC to accept the Mission Committee report. (See reports.)

Credentials and Examining Committee no report.

MSC to accept the Finance Committee report (See reports).

After a rising vote of thanks to the host church, Rev. Ralph Baker led the closing prayer.

REPORTS OF REGULAR AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Mission Committee, request that each 1st Sunday of Each Quarter be designated as Mission Sunday. Offering to be Designated to whatever mission cause as each Church desires:

We recommend that each Church appoint a committee with the responsibility of sponsoring visitation and local mission work in the community of which it serves.

Respectively submitted,

Sis. Elma Rentz

Rev. Ralph Baker

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We, the placement committee, recommends that:

Pleasant Hill, 1st Quarter, January 14, 1978

Chester Chapel, 2nd Quarter, April 15, 1978

Union, 3rd Quarter, July 15, 1978

ANNUAL

Evergreen, Friday, October 13, 1978

Goodwater, Saturday, October 14, 1978

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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—Mrs. Aletha Deese

Treasurer—Mrs. Aletha Deese

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your finance committee, recommend the offerings (\$98.61) received at this session be dispersed as follows: 25% Foreign Missions, 25% Home Missions, 25% Children's Home, 25% State Cooperative Plan.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lowell Vickers, Chm.

Linda Sowell

Aletha Deese

CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Rev. A. Gilbert Lacey

5 Year Term, Expire 1982

Bro. Sam Trammel

4 Year Term, Expire 1981

Bro. Lowell Vickers

3 Year Term, Expire 1980

Rev. Paul Mallory, Chm.
Rev. Clarence Culpepper

2 Year Term, Expire 1979
1 Year Term, Expire 1978

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Resolutions Committee, resolve:

Whereas there is a need for greater support Associational Activities:
Be it therefore resolved that all Pastors of the Association put forth a sacrificial effort to attend all activities and therefore will be in a greater position of encouraging their members to do so.

Whereas there is a great need for funds in the different accounts for the different boards to operate from, be it therefore resolved that every church who has membership in this association begin considering the sending of 10% of their total offering to be distributed through a cooperative plan, whereby operating funds will be on hand for the general fund and the board of Christian Education. With Consideration given to a Constitutional Amendment requesting this be done.

Whereas the Word of God demands purity and Ministers and Deacons be above reproach, be it therefore resolved that any speaker used on the program of any associational meeting be actively involved in the Ministries of a local church.

Be it resolved also that any resolution accepted by this association be acted upon within each local church, with a copy being sent from the Clerk to each Pastor immediately after this meeting.

Be it resolved that a copy of the 10 rules of Decorum be printed in the Associational Minutes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Edward Nance, Chm.
Eloise Commander
Rev. Bobby N. Peters

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 1, 1976

AUGUST 31, 1977

Balance brought forward	\$ 366.86
Received from Churches:	
Dues	\$ 794.92
Christian Education Board	845.48
State Cooperative Plan	163.47
Mission	169.70
Associational Offerings	<u>326.25</u>
TOTAL RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES	\$2,299.82
TOTAL CASH ON HAND	\$2,666.68

EXPENDITURES

Refunds	\$ 400.00
State Dues	130.00
Missions (Foreign)	148.35
Missions (Home)	220.07
Postage	13.00
National Cooperative Plan	66.50
State Cooperative Plan	229.96
Minutes	190.80
Children's Home	251.17
Hudson Crine (Supplies)	94.34
Visiting Speakers	340.00
Moderator	25.00
Clerk	100.00
Renee Peters (On Expense)	25.00
State Line Youth Choir	<u>25.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,259.19
BALANCE ON HAND	\$ 407.48

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The members of the Executive Committee met at Union Church, Friday, November 18 at 7:00 P.M. to plan the program for the coming year. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Clarence Culpepper and Rev. Earl Stevens led in prayer.

Several Themes for the year were suggested, but there was a MSC to adopt the theme "The Church - The Bride of Christ."

The following program was adopted:

First Quarterly Session — Pleasant Hill Church, Saturday, January 14, 1978

Devotion — Host Church

Morning Message — "The Church -- It's Mission" Mat. 28:19-20

Rev. Paul Mallory, Pastor Union Church

Afternoon Message — Rev. A. Gilbert Lacey, Pastor Sardis Church

Second Quarterly Session — Chester Chapel, Saturday, April 15, 1978 .

Morning Message — "The Church -- It's Standard's" II Con. 6:17-18

Rev. Dean Dobbs, Pastor First FWB Church, Dothan, Al.

Afternoon Message — Rev. William Hayes, Pastor New Zion Church

Third Quarterly Session — Union Church, Saturday, July 15, 1978

Devotion — Rev. Earl Stevens, Pastor Pleasant Hill Church

Morning Message — "The Church--It's Outreach" Jno 4:35

Rev. Clarence Culpepper, Pastor New Prospect Church

Afternoon Message — Rev. Ralph Baker, Pastor Chester Chapel Church

ANNUAL SESSION

First Day — Evergreen Church, Friday, October 13, 1978

Devotion — Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland, Pastor Host Church

Morning Message — "The Church -- It's Glory" Rom. 8:17

Rev. Jack Rollins, Moderator Al. State Association

Afternoon Message — Rev. Joe Ange

Second Day — Goodwater Church, Saturday, October 14, 1978

Devotion — Host Church

Morning Message—"The Church -- It's Reward"

Rev. Joe Ange, Bible Teacher FWBBC.

Afternoon Message — Rev. Jack Rollins, Moderator of Al. State Association

The Committee Requested 2 copies of this program be sent to each church with a request that a message on "Free Will Baptist Doctrine" and

"What It means to be a Christian" be brought in each Church on the following Sundays: January 8, April 2, July 9, October 8. MSC.

Motion second and carried to leave it to the moderator to supply a speaker if any speaker on the program could not attend.

MSC to adjourn.

Rev. William Hayes led the closing prayer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Southeastern Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met on Friday, April 8th, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. with Goodwater Free Will Baptist Church at Wicksburg, Alabama.

Mrs. Johnnie Ruth Taylor, President, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Aletha Deese led in prayer. Song service was held with Chris Hartzog as pianist and Pam Driggers as organist. The Welcome was given by Mrs. Shirley Sullivan. Mrs. Lucy Roney gave the Response.

The Devotion was given by Rev. Bobby Ned Peters, Scripture was taken from Titus 2:3-5 and I Peter 3:1-4.

Roll call showed 50 members, 7 Ministers, 6 Deacons, and 10 Visitors. The minutes were read and approved. No old business was discussed. Under new business officers were elected to serve for the next 2 years. Those elected are: President - Mrs. Johnnie Ruth Taylor; Vice-President - Mrs. Jackie Peters; Secretary-Treasurer - Mrs. Nina Vickers; Field Worker - Mrs. Martha Blalock. We had a MSC to send \$60.00 for a Love Gift offering to the State Speaker. We had a MSC to send \$34.00 to WNAC Headquarters. We had a MSC to increase the gift for our guest speaker to \$25.00 each meeting. We discussed the State Woman's Auxiliary to be held on Saturday, May 7, 1977. Union Church requested that 3 churches furnish meats, 2 churches furnish salads, 2 churches furnish desserts, and 1 church furnish breads. This was agreeable with all churches and each church volunteered to furnish the different foods. Sardis Free Will Baptist Church asked to entertain the next Auxiliary on April 7, 1978.

Our guest speaker for the night was Rev. Chester Pelt. He showed films of his travels in South America and souvenirs that he and his wife collected during their travels in South America. This was enjoyed by all.

We were dismissed by Prayer with Rev. Ken Driggers. Delicious refreshments were served in the fellowship hall following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Nina Vickers, Secretary-Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Brought forward	\$ 86.07
Received from Auxiliaries	297.00
Received from Collection	32.98
at Convention	
TOTAL	\$416.05

Paid Out:	
Rev. Chester Pelt	\$ 25.00
Alabama FWB Woman's Auxiliary	152.52
Alabama FWB Woman's Auxiliary (Project)	65.00
Alabama FWB Woman's Auxiliary (Love Gift)	60.00
WNAC	34.00
TOTAL Paid Out	\$336.50
Balance On Hand	\$ 79.55

THE SOUTHEASTERN FREE WILL BAPTIST DISTRICT

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C.T.S. CONVENTION

The Southeastern Sunday School and CTS Convention was held January 29, 1977 with Sardis Free Will Baptist Church host church.

The Convention was called to order by President, Bro. Johnny Gilmore, Rev. Paul Mallory led the Convention in prayer. Song service was led by Bro. Bryan Gilmore.

Bro. Wayne Gilmore gave the welcome address. Rev. Ken Driggers gave the response.

Bro. Clinton Cutches gave the Devotion from 1st Thes. 5:1-14.

Sunday School classes were conducted by the teachers of Host Church.

The President appointed a nominating committee. They were: Bro. Kenneth Blalock, Bro. Clinton Cutchens, and Bro. Lamar Buxton.

There were five ministers present for the day. They were Rev. Ken Driggers, Rev. Delmos Johnston, Rev. Earl Stevens, Rev. Paul Mallory, and Rev. C. L. Culpepper.

Bro. Danny Paul Mallory brought the morning message using 1st Cor. 13:1, St. Mark 12:28, The Title was "Love" and it was very interesting.

Rev. A. G. Lacey dismissed with prayer and asked God's blessings on the food.

The evening session began with President Johnny Gilmore calling the Convention to order.

Song service was led by Bro. Tim Bridges, and Bro. Terry Bridges at piano. At this time, the programs were presented with only three churches with programs. These being Goodwater, Holmes, and New Prospect.

Reading of minutes and finance reports were given. Motion second and carried to accept as read.

A special offering was received in the amount of \$57.33 to be placed at a later time.

NEW BUSINESS

Rev. Clarence Culpepper recommended that churches start Sword Drill, Tic Tac Toe, and other interest in our CTS and Sunday Schools.

Reports from nominating committee was as follows: President—Bro. Johnny Cordell, Vice President—Bro. Wayne Gilmore, Secretary-Treasurer—Sis. Mary Culpepper. Motion second and carried to accept these nominations.

Motion made by Bro. Bryan Gilmore to send \$50.00 to Children's Home and \$150.00 to be sent to Rome Mission and this be taken out of the Convention Treasure. Motion second and carried.

Rev. A. G. Lacey made a motion to pay the Secretary and Treasurer \$40.00 for service to convention. Motion second and carried.

The Banners were awarded at this time. Convention Attendance—Goodwater, Sunday School Attendance—Holmes, CTS Attendance—Goodwater.

At this time the president ask for a host for the Convention for 1978 on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in January. Goodwater ask for the Convention to meet with them.

There was a total of 145 to register at convention for the day.

Host Church was given a rising vote of Thanks for such a wonderful day of fellowship in the Lord.

The Convention was dismissed by prayer and hand shaking.

Respectfully submitted,
Sis. Mary A. Culpepper
Secretary & Treasurer

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association, when convened, shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at a time, and he will rise to his feet and address the moderator.
3. Each person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in speech, except by the moderator, until he gets through; nor shall the moderator interrupt him unless he breaks order.
4. The person speaking shall adhere to the question and shall in no wise cast reflections on any person who may have spoken before him.
5. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.
6. No person shall laugh or whisper in time of public speech.
7. Members shall address each other by the appellation of brother, or brethen, or sisters.
8. No members of this Association shall absent himself when the association is sitting in conference without leave of the moderator.
9. The names of the members of this association shall be enrolled and called as often as the association thinks is necessary.
10. No member shall speak longer than fifteen minutes at any one time without leave of the moderator.

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 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 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 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 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.