1978 Minutes Of The Quarterly Meetings and the One Hundredth Annual Session The Southeastern Association ot Free Mill **Baptist Churches**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GENERAL THEME: "Holding Forth The Word of Life." Phil. 2:16

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION: Hickory Grove, Saturday, January 20, 1979

Devotion - Host Church Morning Message - "Holding Forth The Word of Life" **Rev. Edward Nance** Afternoon Message - Rev. William D. Hayes

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION: Mt. Zion, Saturday, April 14, 1979

Devotion - Host Church Morning Message - "Holding Forth The Word of Life in the Home" Rev. Jim Turnbough, Pastor First Church of Enterprise Afternoon Message - Rev. Mike Beckom

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION: Sardis, July 14, 1979

Devotion - Host Church Morning Message - "Holding Forth The Word of Life in the Church" **Rev. Dilmos Johnston** Afternoon Message - Rev. Arthur Anderson

ANNUAL SESSIONS

FIRST DAY: New Prospect Church, Friday, October 19, 1979

Devotion - Host Church Morning Message - "Holding Forth The Word of Life in Teaching" Rev. Paul Ketterman Afternoon Message - Rev. Gilbert Lacey

SECOND DAY: Pilgrim Rest Church, Saturday, October 20, 1979

Devotion - Host Church Morning Message - "Holding Forth The Word of Life in Witnessing" **Rev. Paul Ketterman** Afternoon Message - Rev. Earl Stevens Rev. Clarence Culpepper - Substitute Speaker for the Year.

1979 ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

First Quarterly Session: Saturday, January 20, 1979 At Hickory Grove, Abbeville, Alabama

Second Quarterly Session: Saturday, April 14, 1979

At Mt. Zion Church, Eufaula, Alabama

Third Quarterly Session: Saturday, July 14, 1979 At Sardis Church, Eufaula, Alabama

ANNUAL SESSION

Friday, October 19, 1977, New Prospect Church, Edwin, Alabama

Saturday, October 20, 1978, Pilgrim Rest Church, Abbeville, Alabama

Sunday School and C.T.S. Convention: New Prospect, Edwin, Alabama March 24, 1979

Woman's Auxiliary Convention, New Zion Church, Tumbleton, Friday, April 6, 1979, 7:30 p.m.

Alabama State T & T Rally

State Woman's Auxiliary Convention - Center Point FWB Church, Birmingham, Alabama, May 5, 1979, 9:00 a.m.

National Association: July

July 15-19-Charlotte, N. C. 1979 July 20-24-Anaheim, Calif. 1980 July 19-23-Louisville, Ky. 1981 July 18-22-Ft. Worth, Tx. 1982

Alabama State Association: Eastside Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan, Alabama, November 8-10, 1979.

OFFICERS

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF ASSOCIATION

Rev. Ralph Baker	5445
Rev. W. W. Bush No P Clayton, Alabama 36316	hone
Rev. Clarence Culpepper	4462
Rev. Thomas Gamble	3856
Rev. J. M. Goode	-3370
Rev. William D. Hayes Phone 693- Route 3, Headland, Alabama 36345	-2588
Rev. J. T. Helms No F Route 2, Abbeville, Alabama 36310	hone
Rev. Dilmos Johnston	-3647
Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland Phone 687 Route 4, Eufaula, Alabama 36027	-4515
Rev. Gilbert Lacey	-5221
Rev. Paul Mallory	-3107
Rev. Bobby Ned Peters	-2254
Rev. James Shields	-5017
Rev. Earl Stevens Phone 795 Route 1, Midland City, Alabama 36350	-3356

LICENSED MINISTERS OF ASSOCIATION

Route 1, Clopton, Alabama 36317

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Goodwater	Mrs. Ouida Draughon
Route 2, Newton, Alabama 36352	
Hickory Grove	Mrs. Martha Blalock
Route 1, Abbeville, Alabama 36311	
Holmes	Mrs. Blondell Hartzog
Route 2, Ariton, Alabama 36311	
Mt. Zion	Lowell Vickers
607 Holly Drive, Eufaula, Alabama 36027	
New Prospect	Edward Nance
Route 1, Clopton, Alabama 36317	
New Zion	
302 Murray Street, Headland, Alabama 3634	5
Pilgrim Rest	Mrs. Elma Rentz
Route 1, Abbeville, Alabama 36310	
Pleasant Hill	Henry Farmer
Route 3, Headland, Alabama 36345	
Sardis	
Route 1, Box 86 X, Clayton, Alabama 36316	5
Union	Mrs. Linnie Stokes
Route 2, Abbeville, Alabama 36312	

CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Rev. Clarence Culpepper	5 year term, expires 1983
Rev. Gilbert Lacey	4 year term, expires 1982
Sam Trammell	3 year term, expires 1981
Lowell Vickers	2 year term, expires 1980
Rev. Paul Mallory (Chairman)	1 year term, expires 1979

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Edward Nance	3 year term, expires 1981
Rev. Bobby N. Peters, Chairman	2 year term, expires 1980
Rev. Thomas Gamble	1 year term, expires 1979

CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE

Rev. Earl Stevens	3 year term, expires 1981
Johnny Gilmore, Chairman	2 year term, expires 1980
Elma Rentz	1 year term, expires 1979
Rev. Gilbert Lacey	Trustee Board Member

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

JANUARY 14, 1978

PLEASANT HILL

The Moderator, Rev. Clarence Culpepper, called the session to order. Sister Eunice Stephens led the congregation in singing with Sister Della Cutchen as pianist. Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland led the invocation.

Rev. Earl Stevens pastor of the Host Church, extended a warm welcome to everyone. Rev. Gilbert Lacey gave the response.

Rev. David Collins brought a very interesting devotional from Romans 3:22-31 on "Do You Know That Salvation Is Free?"

Eleven Ministers were recognized, including two visitors, Rev. Madison Taylor from the State Line Association and Rev. J. M. Goode from our Asso-

ciation.

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

Two hymns were sung after a short recess. The Moderator appointed Brother Wayne Gilmore and Brother Guy Bulger to serve on the Finance Committee with the Treasurer.

The Offertory prayer was led by Rev. Ralph Baker.

Rev. Dave Collins brought a special message in Song, "Touring that City."

Rev. Paul Mallory brought an illuminating message on "The Church, It's Mission." Brother Mallory gave the definition of the true church—People God-Called or born again. The purpose of the Church is to GO, Teach all People, BAPTIZE in the name of the Father through the Son by the Holy Ghost. We have the promise "Lo I am with you always." He used Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8 and other scriptures. After the invitation, Rev. Earl Stevens dismissed the congregation for Lunch.

LUNCH

Congregational singing preceded the afternoon message. Rev. Gilbert Lacey read from the 12th Chapter of Romans. Brother Lacey challenged us to put God first and to present our bodies a living sacrifice. He said, "The Greatest

need of America today is to be born again."

The registration committee reported.

Rev. Davey Kirkland reported 23 Children are in the Children's Home now and spoke briefly on the workers and their responsibilities.

The Finance Committee reported \$104.23 in the General Fund and \$439.22 in the Christian Education Fund. They recommended the offering of \$60.90 received today be dispersed as follows: \$30.45 to the Pastors and Workers Conference and the other \$30.45 be equally divided between the Children's Home and Home Mission. MSC.

Credentials and examinging committee. No Report.

Missions Committee. No Report.

There was a discussion and explanation of Rev. Edward Nance on the Christian Education Board. Sister Johnny Ruth Taylor resigned and Brother Nance was elected for 1 year to replace her.

The Board of Christian Education gave the following report:

January 14, 1978–

We, your Board of Christian Education, make the following report:

We will continue to sponsor the Rallies every first Saturday night.

We are thankful for the support we have received and ask that you continue to attend.

We are planning if possible to have youth camp this summer so please pray for us and plan to support the effort.

If we can be of service to any of you please let us know. We want to encourage you to be involved in the C.T.S. Competition.

Respectfully Submitted, Bobby Peters Johnny Ruth Taylor Thomas Gamble

After a rising vote of thanks was given the host Church, the congregation was dismissed with prayer.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

APRIL 15, 1978

CHESTER CHAPEL

The Session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Clarence Culpepper. Brother Lowell Vickers led the congregation in singing with Sister Linda Sowell as pianist. Rev. Culpepper led the prayer.

Brother Jack Calhoun extended a warm welcome to everyone. Rev. J. M.

Goode gave the response.

Rev. Ralph Baker, pastor of the Host Church, brought the devotional from Matthew 3:1-4 challenging the Church to be pure and separated from the world.

Ministers, deacons, and visitors were recognized, Among the visitors were Rev. Dean Dobbs and another visitor from the State Line Association.

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

The congregation was dismissed for a short recess.

Following congregational singing the Moderator appointed Brother Lowell Vickers and Brother Bryan Gilmore to serve with the treasurer on the Finance Committee.

Rev. Bobby N. Peters led the Offertory prayer and an offering of \$58.86 was received.

Sister Annette White sang "He Touched Me."

The Moderator presented Rev. Dean Dobbs, Pastor of First FWB Church, Dothan, Alabama. Rev. Dobbs spoke on "The Church-It's Standards." He used II Cor. 6:11-18, 17:1, and Acts 4:11-13. In his message he emphasized the importance of Conversion, Compassion, and Conviction in the Standards of the Church. He challenged Christians to walk with God and not compromise. After the invitation Rev. Ralph Baker led the prayer to dismiss for lunch.

LUNCH

Rev. Dilmos Johnston led the Opening Prayer after lunch. After Congregational singing Rev. William D. Hayes brought the afternoon message. He read from Genesis 39:4-12 and Psalms 119:11. He challenged men, women, boys and girls to condition their lives for Christ and to be ready to face temptations.

The Finance Committee reported a deficiency of \$37.13 in the General Fund and \$458.75 in the Christian Education Board Fund. The Committee recommended the offering of \$58.56 received today be given Rev. Dean Dobbs as a love offering. MSC.

The Registration Committee reported 11 Ministers, 7 deacons, 39 delegates and 21 visitors or 78 were registered. MSC.

MSC to adopt the report of the Board of Christian Education given below. April 15, 1978

We, your Board of Christian Education, make the following report:

We have committed ourselves to have a Youth Camp this Summer. We have forms for campers and for councelors. Please pick up some for your Church. We will need someone from each Church to be responsible to encourage your young people to attend from ages 6 up. We will need councelors, workers, 9 teachers, 4 or 5 lunch room workers, a minimum of 3 men, 4

women for Cabin Councelors. We are asking each Church to take a special offering for Youth Camp on 5th Sunday in April and in July. Prayer is the Key, so remember to pray for Camp every time you pray. Brother Nate Ange will be our evangelist.

We are also continuing the Rally each month on 1st Saturday night. Attendance has been real good. We want to encourage each church to come and on your month to prepare a program with spiritual value. Next Rally at Goodwater 1st Saturday in May, at 7:30 p.m.

> Respectfully submitted, Bobby Ned Peters, Chairman Edward Nance Thomas Gamble

Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland reported there are 20 children in the Children's Home, of which 4 have been baptized. He also said the water tank had not been painted in 7 years. They have an estimate on this job now. They need pens, glasses, honey, jelly, syrup, Bibles, Deodorant, Shampoo, boy's belts and luggage for the Children before summer camp. MSC to accept the report as information.

A rising vote of Thanks was given the Host Church for their hospitality. MSC to adjourn.

Rev. William Hayes led the closing prayer.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

JULY 15, 1978

UNION

The Moderator, Rev. Clarence Culpepper, called the session to order. Brother Holt Stokes led in Congregational singing with Sister Thyra Mallory as Pianist. Rev. William D. Hayes led in prayer.

Mrs. Jessie McKnight gave a warm welcome and Brother Wayne Gilmore gave the response.

Rev. J. M. Goode, Pastor of the Host Church, brought the Morning Devotional on Backsliding. He used Genesis 12:10, 13:1-9. He listed Lot's steps in "Backsliding."

One member from Kinsey Baptist Church and Rev. James Shields from Sardis Church were recognized along with the Ministers, deacons, and other visitors.

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

After a short recess, the Moderator appointed a Finance Committee com-

posed of Brother Charlie Rentz, Sister Thyra Mallory and Sister Linda Sowell.

Congregational singing preceded the offertory prayer led by the Moderator and an Offering of \$62.05 was received.

Brothers Holt Stokes, Bryan Gilmore, Johnny Gilmore and Lowell Vickers sang "Search Me Oh Lord."

Rev. Clarence Culpepper brought the Morning Message on "The Church-It's Outreach." He read St. John 4:31-39. He gave some statistics in pointing out the spiritual needs of our Association and Churches. He said "We have lost our outreach, our relationship, and if we aren't careful we're going to lose our candlestick." He also read Rev. 2:4-5, and Matthew 9:32-36. He brought to our mind some of the things our Churches, Associations and America are lacking in their outreach. After the invitation, Rev. William D. Hayes led the prayer to dismiss for lunch.

LUNCH

Brother Wayne Gilmore led the Opening Prayer.

The quartet that sang before lunch sang "What A Day" and "Mansion Over The Hill Top."

Rev. Ralph Baker brought the afternoon message from Deut. 23:11, Eph. 4:4, Romans 10:4-5 and Gal. 1:18. The real Church is made up of people who have been born again, are Christ-like, care, are delivered from sin, and are satisfied.

Examining and Credentials Committee had no Report.

Brother Lowell Vickers welcomed Rev. J. M. Goode and Rev. James Shields into our Association.

Mission Committee had no Report.

Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland reported 21 Children in the Children's Home and announced a Harvest Drive for the Home. He said they had accepted a bid of \$2,700.00 to paint the water tank. This report was received as information.

The Finance Committee gave the following report:

We, your Finance Committee, after examining the Financial Statement recommend the Association accept it as is. We further recommend the plate offering of \$62.05 to be divided \$31.05 to Christian Education Fund and \$31.00 to the General Fund. We recommend the Association accept this report as read.

> Respectfully submitted, Charlie Rentz, Chairman Thyra Mallory Gwen Sowell

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNUAL SESSION

EVERGREEN

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1978

The Session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Clarence Culpepper. Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland led in prayer. Brother Lowell Vickers led the congregation in singing with Sister Eunice Stevens at the piano.

Rev. Mike Beckom, pastor of the host church, gave the welcome and Rev. Davey Kirkland gave the response. Rev. Beckom in the devotional challenged all Church Members to be Christians. In the Moderator's remarks he challenged each person to be more dedicated to God and to the Association.

Among the visitors recognized were: Rev. Jack Rollins from Birmingham, Alabama. Four members from the First FWB Church of Eufaula and Rev. and Mrs. Chester Pelt, Marianna, Florida; 9 Ministers, 7 deacons, 32 delegates and 26 visitors registered making a total of 74. After a roll call of delegates, there was a MSC to seat the delegates.

After a short intermission we came back into session, with the congregation singing "Are You Washed In The Blood?"

The Moderator appointed the committees:

Rev. Culpepper introduced the speaker Rev. Jack Rollins, Pastor of Forestdale FWB Church in Birmingham, who brought the morning message on "The Church-It's Glory" using Romans 8:17-18, Matthew 16:13, Romans 3:23,

Eph. 2:2 and other scriptures. He gave two meanings of the word Church and challenged us to remember from where we came and where we are going. He reminded us we are saved, we're heirs, and we're not going to die - just be promoted. We were dismissed for lunch by Rev. Mike Beckom, Pastor of Evergreen Church.

LUNCH

Rev. James Shields led the Opening Prayer.

Congregational singing preceded the offertory prayer which was led by Rev. Clarence Culpepper. An Offering of \$45.50 was received.

Rev. Jack Rollins brought the afternoon message on "Warning The Next Generation." He read from the 7th Chapter of Deut. and mentioned other scriptures. He pointed out some of the things Israel forgot and some of the things Israel changed. It was a very good message.

A rising vote of Thanks was given the host Church for their hospitality.

Rev. Chester Pelt led in Prayer and the Session recessed until 10 a.m. Saturday to meet with Goodwater Church.

The Board of Christian Education gave the following report:

We, your Board of Christian Education, make the following report:

Our effort has been toward having a Youth Camp. Everything is working out real well. We now have 45 campers and 14 workers. We have in our account approximately \$880.00. The Camp will charge us \$8.40 per person on attendance. We will be asking each Church for a special offering on the 5th Sunday in July which will be July 30th. We are going to have Youth Camp.

We are also continuing to sponsor the Youth Rallies on 1st Saturday night in each month. We need more support for the Rallies. There are only a few churches that attend. We encourage each church to have a program with spiritual emphasis. We need the support and prayers of every Church. When we say support we mean your presence too. Next Rally will be at Mt. Zion August 5th, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

> Respectfully submitted, Bobby Peters Edward Nance Thomas Gamble

After a rising vote of thanks to the Host Church for their hospitality, Rev. James Shields led the closing prayer.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH

ANNUAL SESSION – SATURDAY MORNING

OCTOBER 14, 1978

GOODWATER

The Moderator called the Session to order and led the invocation.

After the Congregation sang two hymns, the Young People of the Host Church presented a short program under the direction of Cynthia Knowles, Harvey Wells, Jr., and Shirley Johnston. The welcome was given by Nita Johnston and Joey Vickers gave the response. The group sang "John The Revelator," "Jesus Will Never Say No" and "The Old Time Religion." Bruce Wood gave a reading on "Did You Know." Since this was our 100th session, Bruce brought out many facts about our Association that had been revealed by much research many of us did not know. The Congregation joined the group in singing the Chorus of "The Solid Rock."

Among the Visitors recognized were Rev. Charles Craddock and Tim Craddock of York, Alabama and Arnold Watson of Eufaula, Alabama. Thirteen Ministers, nine deacons, twenty nine delegates and sixty eight visitors or one hundred nineteen were registered.

At the Friday Session nine Ministers, seven deacons, twenty seven delegates and thirty visitors or seventy three people were registered. Rev. Paul Mallory led in prayer. After a short recess, Brother Johnny Gilmore led the Congregation in singing with Sister Shirley Johnston as pianist.

Rev. Charles Craddock led the offertory prayer and an offering of \$48.58 was received.

The Moderator presented Rev. James Shields, Pastor of Sardis Church. Rev. Shields spoke on "The Church-It's Reward." He read from Rev. 20:, Eph. 5:24, Romans 12:1 and other scriptures. Brother Shields brought a very challenging message pointing out our present rewards and our future rewards. Rev. Clarence Culpepper led in prayer.

Rev. Dilmos Johnston, Pastor of the Host Church, announced the plan for serving lunch. Rev. Davey Kirkland asked God's blessings on the food.

LUNCH

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Congregational singing was led by Brother Wayne Gilmore with Sister Shirley Johnston as pianist.

Rev. James Shields brought the afternoon me ssage. Brother Shields read a portion of scripture from the 3rd Chapter of I Cor. and II Tim. He challenged Christians not to remain babes in Christ, but to grow in Him by being more loving, more spiritual and standing firm for the Lord. Preachers and other Christians need encouragement. Rev. Shields led the prayer.

Some of the Churches named a delegate from their Church to the State Association.

Children's Home Committee - No Report. Missions Committee - No Report. MSC to accept the Placement Committee's report (see reports). MSC to accept the Nominations Committee report. (See Reports.) MSC to accept Finance Committee report. (See Reports.) MSC to accept Christian Board of Education report. (See Reports.) MSC to accept the Resolutions Committee report. (See Reports.) MSC to accept the Resolutions Committee report. (See Reports.) MSC to accept the Credentials and Examining Committee report. Each of the 4 items were voted on separately and approved. (See Reports.)

Rev. Davey Kirkland reported there are 20 children in the Children's Home now. Most of the children that are being received into the Home now are referrals. Maxine Sides has retired after working in the Home for many years. This report was received as information.

Rev. Paul Mallory had charge of the Memorial Services - Names of the deceased members were mentioned by someone from their respective churches. Rev. Mallory expressed appreciation and praise to God for these and others of the Association who have contributed so much to this Association during the past 100 years. He read Acts 1:10-12. The right hand of Christian fellowship was given Rev. Arthur Anderson and Rev. James Shields.

The new Moderator, Rev. Bobby N. Peters presided over the latter part of the business session.

After a rising vote of thanks to the host church for their hospitality, we were dismissed with prayer.

Missions Committee - No Report.

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Children's Home Committee - No Report.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We, your Placement Committee, recommend the following places for our meetings in 1979:

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Hickory Grove – First Quarter, January 20, 1979
Mt. Zion – Second Quarter, April 14, 1979
Sardis – Third Quarter, July 14, 1979
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New Prospect – Friday, October 19, 1979
Pilgrim Rest – Saturday, October 20, 1979
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Respectfully submitted, Jessie McKnight, Chairman Warren Gilmore Ruby Money

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Nominating Committee, respectfully submit these nominees for the following offices and/or committees:

Moderator – Rev. Bobby N. Peters Vice Moderator – Rev. Clarence Culpepper Clerk – Mrs. Aletha Deese Treasurer – Mrs. Aletha Deese

CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Rev. Clarence Culpepper 5 year term, expires 1983

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE

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CHURCH	Date Organized	Received by Baptism	Added by Letter, Prof. of Faith, Etc.	Lost by Death Revision of Roll	Resident Members	Non-Resident Members	Total Member- ship	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Avg. Attend.	C.T.S. Enrollment	C.T.S. Average Attendance	Woman Auxiliary Enrollment	Woman Auxiliary Avg. Attendance	Master's Men Enrollment	Master's Men Avg. Attend.	Average Prayer Mtg. Attend.
Chester Chapel	1911	0	0	2	47	6	53	1	0	25	17	0	0	7	4	9	6	0
Evergreen	1885	0	0	0	55	15	70	1	0	20	18	20	15	0	0	0	0	15
Goodwater		1	11	7	137	17	154	2	0	86	71	79	59	21	14	12	10	55
Hickory Grove	1940	5	10	0	76	9	85	1	0	41	38	0	0	17	10	15	10	20
Holmes	1945	13	3	1	28	79	107	1	0	61	65	40	35	14	12	0	0	30
Mt. Zion	1881	0	2	12	53	40	93	2	0	21	15	0	0	10	9	0	0	12
New Prospect	1878	0	2	8	59	40	99	1	1	30	25	20	15	0	0	0	0	15
New Zion	1881	0	0	7	87	31	118	1	0	91	64	0	0	20	12	0	0	?
Pilgrim Rest	1885	4	2	0	70	62	132	1	0	24	23	22	13	13	7	12	12	15
Pleasant Hill	1887	0	0	3	35	7	42	1	0	28	23	15	11	0	0	0	0	10
Sardis	1911	7	14	2	179	20	199	1	0	83	80	58	55	8	6	14	?	50
Union	1877	0	4	19	55	20	75	1	0	30	25			10	9	0	0	10
TOTALS		30	48	61	881	346	1227	14	1	540	464	254	203	120	83	62	38	232

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CHURCH	PASTORS & ADDRESSES	CLERK & ADDRESSES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	C.T.S. DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	WOMAN AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND ADDRESSES	MASTER'S MEN PRESIDENTS AND ADDRESSES
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EVERGREEN	Rev. Mike Beckom Route 1, Box 98G4 Webb, Alabama 36376	J. Lowell Sammons Route 2, Box 41 Ariton, Al. 36311	James Wilson P. O. Box 124 Ariton, Al. 36311	James T. Wilson P. O. Box 124 Ariton, Al. 36311		
GOODWATER	Rev. Dilmos Johnston Route 2 Newton, Al. 36352	Mrs. Dorothy Smith Route 1 Newton, Al. 36352	Quinton Draughton Route 2 Newton, Al. 36352	Billy W. Sullivan Route 2 Newton, Al. 36352	Cynthia Knowles Route 2 Slocomb, Al. 36375	Fred Jones Route 1 Newton, Al. 36352
HICKORY GROVE	Rev. Thomas Gamble Route 1 Abbeville, Al. 36310	Mrs. Bea Doswell Route 1 Abbeville, Al. 36310	Donald Blalock P. O. Box 341 Abbeville, Al. 36310		Mrs. Sharon Blalock S. Doswell St. Abbeville, Al. 36310	Kenneth Blalock Route 1 Abbeville, Al. 36310
HOLMES	Rev. Bobby N. Peters Route 1 Ariton, Al. 36311	Mrs. Pat Robinette P. O. Box 243 Ariton, Al. 36311	Jerry Strickland Route 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. Arthur Anderson 1201 Imperial Drive Eufaula, Al. 36027	Lowell B. Vickers 607 Holly Drive Eufaula, Al. 36027	Otis Vickers Dothan Highway Abbeville, Al. 36310	Mrs. Lillie Thompson Kent Drive Eufaula, Al. 36027		
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NEW ZION	Rev. William D. Hayes Route 3, Box 42 Headland, Al. 36345	Mrs. Edna Whitehead 302 Murry Street Headland, Al. 36345	Tommy G. Shelley Route 2 Headland, Al. 36345		Mrs. May Shelley Route 2 Headland, Al. 36345	
PLEASANT HILL	Rev. Earl Stevens Route 1 Midland City, Al. 36350	Mrs. Shirley Cherry Route 3 Headland, Al. 36345	Faye Brunson Route 2, Box 23 Headland, Al. 36345	Joan Mitchell Route 2 Headland, Al. 36345		
PILGRIM REST	Rev. Clarence Culpepper 109 Nancy Ross Drive Eufaula, Al. 36027	Roy Wilson Route 1 Abbeville, Al. 36310	Lamar Buxton Rout: 1 Abbei/ille, Al. 36310	Charlie Rentz Route 1 Abbeville, Al. 36310	Mrs. Janice Wilson Route 1 Abbeville, Al. 36310	Charlie Rentz Route 1 Abbeville, Al. 36310
SARDIS	Rev. James Shields Route 4, Mancuso Sub. Div. Eufaula, Al. 36027	Mrs. Zonda Clark Route 1, Box 86 Clayton, Al. 36316	Clinton Cutchen Route 4 Eufaula, Al. 36027	Harvey Bridges Abbeville Hwy. Eufaula, Al. 36027	Mrs. Coy Gilmore Clayton Hwy. Eufaula, Al. 36027	Wayne Gilmore 112 Hillcrest Drive Eufaula, Al. 36027
UNION	Rev. Jim Goode Route 1 Columbia, Al. 36319	Mrs. Peggy Stokes Route 2 Abbeville, Al. 36310	W. G. Moring Route 2 Abbeville, Al. 36310	Arthur Floyd Route 2 Abbeville, Al. 36310	Linda Floyd Route 2 Abbeville, Al. 36310	

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TABLE II – CHURCH DIRECTORY

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CHURCH	Total Income	Paid Pastor	Other Staff Sal. (Sec. Minister of Music, etc.)	Repair and Building	Paid on Debt Retirement	Other Local Exp. (Lit. Util., Rev. Printing, etc.)	Total Local Expenditures
Chester Chapel	8540.00	4295.00	0	0	1308.00	1443.00	7046.00
Evergreen	5054.79	2820.00	· 0	551.50	0	1179.49	4550.99
• Goodwater	12000.00	4600.00	0	1038.26	2375.28	2859.69	10873.23
Hickory Grove	17422.77	5200.00	. 0	0	5082.15	4762.05	15044.20
Holmes	11446.36	5370.34	0	0	0	5739.40	11109.74
Mt. Zion	11949.00	3854.00	0	4515.00	0	2317.00	10686.00
New Prospect	11017.85	5495.00	0	409.71	0	3602.86	9507.57
New Zion	15510.34	6760.00	0	3500.00	o	8900.00	19160.00
Pilgrim Rest	[^] 7900.00	2385.00	0	45.00	1061.00	4413.00	7904.00
Pleasant Hill	9033.00	4025.00	0	936.56	0	2007.36	6968.92
Sardis	24866.99	6470.50	744.90	1870.00	13313.00	6939.00	29337.40
Union		7800.00	0	1000.00	0	3000.00	11800.00
TOTALS		\$59074.84	\$744.90	\$13866.03	\$23139.43	\$47162.85	\$143988.05

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TABLE III – COLLECTIONS AND EXPENDITURES

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Cooperative Plan of Support	Foreign Míssions	Home Missions	Bible College	Children's Home and Dist. or State	Total Outside Expenditures	Total Expenditures	Value of Parsonage	Value of Church Property
0	0	0	0	52.00	52.00	7098.00	0	10000.00
0	93.00	0	93.00	143.00	329.00	4879.99	0	32500.00
407.90	148.85	101.80	45.20	180.61	884.36	11757.59	33000.00	133000.00
0	0	100.00	0	105.00	205.00	15249.20	7000.00	84000.00
627.47	42.75	14.50	100.00	300.25	1084.97	12194.71	20000.00	60000.00
0	0	0	0	263.85	263.85	10949.85	0	55000.00
265.93	0	0	0	526.00	791.93	10299.50	0	40000.00
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0	0	50.00	0	360.00	410.00	7378.92	0	50000.00
0	0	0	0	30.00	30.00	29367.40	35000.00	152000.00
0	200.00	200.00	200.00	325.00	925.00	12725.00	0	40000.00
\$1301.30	\$484.60	\$466.30	\$438.20	\$2285.71	\$4976.11	\$148964.16	\$120000.00	\$768500.00

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

CHILDREN'S HOME TRUSTEE BOARD MEMBER

Rev. Gilbert Lacey

Respectfully submitted, Ezra Paulk, Chairman Linda Sowell Eunice Stevens

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Finance Committee, recommend the offerings of \$45.50 and \$48.58 (\$94.08) be placed in the General Fund and supplemented with \$5.92 in order to pay Rev. Jack Rollins \$100.00.

Respectfully submitted, Aletha Deese Wayne Gilmore Lowell Vickers

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

We, your Board of Christian Education, make the following report:

We sponsored Youth Camp this past summer, at Camp Mt. Pleasant. We had a very successful Camp with 50 campers and 19 councelors. Brother Mickey Kirkland was our evangelist and did some great preaching of God's Word. We had 7 Salvation decisions and several rededications. We are thankful for the support and prayers of everyone for without you we could not have had camp. Next year's dates are June 24-29.

Due to lack of support we are going to reschedule our youth rallies. There is only about 3 churches who support the rally on a regular basis. Beginning with November we will have the Rally on the 4th Saturday night each month rather than the first. We hope this will give other Churches the opportunity to come and be a part, if not we will reschedule again. The attendance banner will be awarded on percentage of Sunday School average attendance rather than for the greatest number present. This will be more equal for every church, the largest or the smallest.

There will not be a youth rally in December because of the nearness to Christmas, or in March because of the nearness to Sunday School Convention. We will continue to ask each church for a special offering on each 5th Sunday for Youth Camp.

> Respectfully submitted, Bobby Ned Peters, Chairman Edward Nance Thomas Gamble

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Resolutions Committee resolve:

WHEREAS there is a need for greater support in our Associational Activities, we resolve to support our Association in all activities with attendance and financial support.

WHEREAS there is a need for greater support of our Youth in all phases of their lives, therefore, we resolve to work more with Youth and Youth activities and to encourage them in the ways of Christ in Church, Home and School.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Associational History "Did You Know" be included in our Associational Minutes.

> Edward Nance Nina Vickers Frances Doswell

CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE

1. We have letters of recommendation for Rev. Arthur L. Anderson, Rev. James Shields, and Rev. J. M. Goode, and recommend they be accepted in good standing in our Association.

2. We have granted letters of good standing to Rev. Dave Collins to the State Line Association and Rev. Kenneth Driggers to the East Alabama Asso-

ciation.

3. Rev. Paul Mallory has asked for a letter of good standing to the State Line Association recommending him to pastor in the State Line Association. He is not moving his membership from this Association.

4. We have a request from First Free Will Baptist Church of Eufaula, Alabama for admission into the Association. We recommend that they be accepted.

> Respectfully submitted, Rev. Paul Mallory, Chairman Rev. Gilbert Lacey Rev. Clarence Culpepper Sam Trammell Lowell Vickers

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCES, RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 1, 1977 – AUGUST 30, 1978

Cash Balance at September 1, 1977\$407.48 **RECEIPTS:** \$ 745.10 Christian Education 588.81 886.75 State Cooperative 737.88 Camp Balance and Dues Associational Offerings 280.42 **EXPENDITURES:** 120.00 \$ 24.65 Home Missions 112.73 Cooperative Plans 582.56 Minutes 162.18 Children's Home 363.99 Supplies & Miscellaneous 122 41

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EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Executive Committee met at Union Church Friday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Bobby Peters, and Rev. Edward Nance led the prayer.

Rev. Clarence Culpepper suggested since the First Church has no executive member yet, Rev. Davey Kirkland, their pastor, serve as their member at this meeting. MSC.

The Moderator suggested the theme Holding Forth the Word of Life, Phil. 2:16, and speakers for the morning message at each session. MSC.

Rev. David Hayes suggested we consider the young people in our Associational work. The Moderator suggested if the Quartet from the Bible College is here at the Annual Session we have a special program on Friday night for the young people. Speakers for the afternoon messages of the sessions were chosen.

Rev. Dilmos Johnston spoke briefly on the financial status of our general funds. After some discussion Mrs. Edna Whitehead made a motion the pastors present explain the situation to their churches and a letter be sent to the pastors not present asking them to help raise the general fund. MSC.

Rev. Clarence Culpepper led the closing prayer. The Host Church served refreshments. (See program that was planned on Page 2).

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

SOUTHEASTERN FREEWILL BAPTIST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Southeastern Freewill Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met on Friday night, April 7, 1978 at 7:30 p.m. with Sardis Freewill Baptist Church at Eufaula, Alabama. Mrs. Johnnie Ruth Taylor, President, called the meeting to order. Rev. Clarence Culpepper led in prayer. The song service was led by Mrs. Annie Pelham and Mrs. Eloise Commander was pianist. The welcome was given by Mrs. Coye Gilmore with Mrs. Blondell Hartzog giving the response.

The Devotion was given by Mrs. Zonda Clark, Her Scripture was taken from I Corinthians 13:13, Matthew 21:22, John 3:16, and I John 4:8.

During the business meeting roll call showed 26 members, 2 ministers, and 5 visitors. The minutes were read and approved. No old business was discuss-

ed. Under new business we discussed the State Auxiliary meeting to convene with First Freewill Baptist Church in Dothan, Alabama on May 6, 1978. We voted to send \$100.00 to the state project. This to go for Foreign Missions this year. MSC to the collection of \$28.04 to the State for a love gift for Mrs. Sandra Payne, our speaker for this year. MSC to send the balance in the treasury to the Home Mission Board to be used in the area where most needed. The reports from the auxiliaries were very good. The next convention will be held on Friday, April 6, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. with New Zion Freewill Baptist Church at Tumbleton, Alabama. The next State Auxiliary meeting will be held on Saturday, May 5, 1979 at 9:00 a.m. with Center Point Freewill Baptist Church at Birmingham, Alabama.

Rev. Clarence Culpepper was guest speaker for the night. He spoke on the subject "Can We Be Successful In God's Service?" He took his scripture from Ephesians 6:10, John 14:12-14, and Psalms 1:2. He outlined the conditions of succes as a ladies auxiliary, as a wife, as a mother, as a church member, or as a Christian. These were understanding the purpose of God's work, having Faith in God's Promises, having assurance of God's Presence, having courage to do what God wants us to do, Faithfulness in the leading of God, having delight in the word of God, and obedience to the Will of God. This program was enjoyed by all.

MSC to give Sardis Church a rising vote of thanks. Rev. Dilmos Johnston

dismissed with prayer and delicious refreshments were served to those present in the Fellowship Hall.

> Respectfully submitted, Nina Vickers, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Brought Forward\$	79.55
Received from the Auxiliaries	88.00
Received from Auxiliaries for State Project	66.00
Received from Collection at Convention	28.04
Total Received	61.59
Paid Out	
Rev. Clarence Culpepper \$	25.00
Alabama Freewill Baptist Woman's Auxiliary	17.50
Ala. Freewill Baptist Woman's Auxiliary State Project 1	00.00
Ala. Woman's Auxiliary (Love-Gift for Sandra Payne)	28.04
Home Mission Board	20.55
Total Paid Out	91.09
Balance On Hand	70.50

The Southeastern Sunday School and CTS Convention was held January 28, 1978 with Goodwater Free Will Baptist Church as host. We had 144 to register for the day.

The convention was called to order by President Johnny Cordell and also led in prayer. Song service led by Brother Harvey Wells, Jr.

Welcome was given by Brother Harvey Wells, Jr., and response by Rev. Bobby Peters.

Devotional by Brother N. C. Knowles using Luke 6:12-19, main topic was "Go And Serve The Lord." (Men that God called.)

Recognition of ministers. They were: Rev. Earl Stevens, Rev. Davie Kirkland, Rev. Dave Collins, Rev. A. G. Lacey, Rev. Goode, Rev. Clarence Culpepper, Rev. Edward Nance and Rev. Bobby Peters. We were dismissed for recess at this time with Brother William Sowell leading in prayer.

After recess the President Johnny Cordell called the convention to order. The teachers of Goodwater Church conducted the Sunday School Classes. After the Sunday School Classes, the Youth Choir of Goodwater Church did some special singing for the Convention. Prayer by Brother Van Capps. Then we had singing by the congregation, at this time an offering was taken in the amount of \$33.51 to be placed later.

Rev. Nate Ange brought the morning message using Proverbs 1:24-29, Gen. 35:5 and I John 3:23 - God's Call To Revival."

We were dismissed at this time for lunch by Prayer and asking God's blessings on the food by Rev. Clarence Culpepper.

The evening session began with President Johnny Cordell calling the Convention to order. Brother Harvey Wells, Jr., lead in Singing "Standing On The Promises." Brother Johnny Cordell led in prayer.

Programs were presented at this time with 3 churches having programs. They were: Goodwater, New Prospect, and Sardis. All were good.

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

There was no old business to be discussed.

Discussion at this time as to when to have the Convention for 1979. Rev. Bobby Peters made a motion to have the Convention the 4th Saturday in March of 1979. Motion seconded and carried.

Motion made and second to pay the speaker of the day, Rev. Nate Ange \$50.00

Motion made to place the special offering in the amount of \$33.51 in the Christian Board of Education Fund for the Youth Camp. Motion carried.

At this time the banners were presented. They were: Convention Attendance: New Prospect, Sunday School Percentage: Pleasant Hill, C.T.S.: Pleasant Hill.

We had 9 churches represented for the day, with 9 churches paying their dues.

President Johnny Cordell asked for a host for the convention for 1979. New Prospect said they would be happy to host the Convention then. Motion for a rising vote of Thanks to Goodwater for such a wonderful day. The convention dismissed with Rev. Lacey leading in prayer.

> Respectfully submitted, Johnny Cordell, President Mary Culpepper, Sec. & Treas.

DID YOU KNOW?

In Chowan County, North Carolina in 1727 the first FWB Church was formed by Paul Palmer. This was known as the FWB Churches of the South. Fifty years later Benjamin Randall fromed the FWB Churches of the North.

There were differences between the two in the ordinances on the practice of foot washing. The South practiced foot washing, but the north did not. In the year of 1827 there were 3 churches in the state of South Carolina. The FWB Denomination moved on to the State of Georgia in approximately 1835 and settled in the Columbus, Georgia area. We believe the FWB then moved to the Eufaula, Alabama area, as Columbus, Georgia and Eufaula, Alabama were trading post centers.

As the people moved the FWB Denomination moved. This took place some-

time between 1835 and the Civil War.

We believe the SE Association of FWB had it's beginning in the year of 1878.

Joseph Whitaker was born in 1865. He is buried at the Howard Grove FWB Church cemetery and we have obtained the following information from his records. In the year of 1879 Howard Grove FWB Church was a member of the SE Association of FWB. In the year of 1886 the SE Association convened at Goodwater FWB Church, then located in Dale County, Alabama. In the year of 1886 SE Association purposed to abolish the practice of foot washing as a Church Christian Ordinance. Howard Grove left the Southeastern Association followed by Hickory, Silver Run and New Prospect Churches. They appointed Howard Grove as their meeting place and formed the State Line Association.

In the early Churches people were so many times called up for doing wrong. Dancing and drinking were two of the main acknowledgements made.

From the Early Minutes of the Union Grove Church, established 1877, we have taken the following information:

On Saturday before the 5th Sunday in August, 1890, there was an Associational meeting at Mt. Zion. This was to establish or to discuss a new constitution for the SE Association. On August 1, 1891, delegates were elected from Union Grove to go to the Association. In 1891 the Union Grove Church paid \$.50 for minutes and \$.50 for Associational purposes.

The Association meeting was held at Pleasant Hill FWB Church on the 3rd Saturday in December, 1892.

DID YOU KNOW in April, 1894, the Church of Union Grove approved the purchasing of one half dozen Hymn Books?

In September, 1896, Union Church elected delegates to represent them in the Associational meeting and the Church paid \$1.00 for minutes and \$.75 for Associational purposes.

In the year of 1897 the Associational dues were raised to \$2.00. (Times have changed.)

In the month of October, 1898, the Annual Session of the SE Association was held with Prospect Church in Henry County, Alabama, Piney Grove, New Prospect, Antioch and Evergreen withdrew from the SE Association without authority from their respective Churches. They then formed an Association known as the Evergreen Association.

On the Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1910, the Southeastern Association of FWB Convened at New Prospect Church in Henry County, Alabama, for the 32nd Annual Session. Brother J. H. Guilford was moderator and Brother C. B. Searcy, Clerk. The following report was brought before the Association on Documents:

TEMPERANCE: We your committee submit the following report: As the Lord has commanded his children to be temperate in all things, we will submit and surrender to be temperate in such acts and deeds and as God's Word Pronounces "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink or putteth the bottle to his neighbor's lip to make him drunk." We will not only abstain from it ourselves, but do everything against the sale of it or the use of it in any way. We see that whiskey is a destruction of humanity and the Church. We give below the estimate of what one bushel of corn will make: The distiller gets four gallons of whiskey, which retails at \$16.00; the farmer gets one dollar for his corn, the government gets \$4.40, the railroad gets \$1.00 for carrying, the manufacturer gets \$9.85, the draymen get 15c, the consumer gets drunk, and the wife and children go half clad in ignorance and shame.

In 1910 the Association paid \$15 for their minutes and on Saturday the public collection was \$8.65. A Motion made to send \$10 to the Ayden, North Carolina School. There was also a motion made to pay the Moderator \$10.00 for his services.

Only 4 Churches in the Association were having Sunday School (Sabbath Schools). C. A. Arnold asked that the churches put forth a special effort to have Sabbath Schools as it was a stepping stone to religion for the boys and girls.

In 1910 there were 15 Churches in the SE Association. They were: Antioch, Bethsiada, Christian Home, Ephesus, Evergreen, Goodwater, Judson, Mt. Zion, New Prospect, Piney Grove, Pleasant Hill, Pilgrim's Rest, Sardis, Union Grove and Zion.

On Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1936, the SE Association convened at New Zion Church for their 58th Annual Session. Rev. J. H. Guilford, Moderator; Rev. D. F. Pelt, Vice Moderator; J. S. Vickers, Clerk; and D. E. Shirley, Treasurer.

The following report was given on Temperance:

We urge that our members obey Paul's instruction, "Be Ye Temperate in all Things, especially pertaining to strong drinks, and we recommend that all our Churches deal with it's members that walk disorderly in any respect.

Six Churches were reported as having Sunday Schools. Each Church was urged to organize a Sunday School and take the work to heart.

Rev. J. T. Hutto held the congregation almost spellbound with old time preaching. This was very impressive and enjoyed by all.

The Sunday School Convention was set to meet Saturday before the second fifth Sunday, in 1937, and goes to Goodwater.

The following men were given as Ministers: E. O. Sellers, Bob Beasley, J. H. Guilford, C. P. Guilford, Thomas Gilley, J. M. Shirley, D. F. Pelt. There were 12 Churches in the Association in 1936.

On Friday before the third Sunday in October 1938, the SE Association of FWB met at Union Grove Church. Rev. J. H. Guilford, Moderator; Rev. D. F. Pelt, Vice Moderator; J. S. Vickers, Clerk; and J. L. Stokes, Treasurer.

On Friday, Rev. T. B. Millette preached the true gospel of Christ to a congregation that enjoyed it and was truly thankful for such a message. An intermission of one hour and fifteen minutes was given during which a bountiful feast was spread and enjoyed by all. Song service was led by Brother Bob Stokes. Only 5 Churches were having Sunday School in 1938.

Pilgrim Church gave the following report: From the day of Jesus down to our age or throughout the entire history of the Christian religion, women have been found among the most loyal and ardent followers of Christ. The Ladies Auxiliary work affords opportunity for women to lend a helping hand in carrying out Jesus' command "go ye into all the world."

A motion was made to pay the Clerk \$15.00 and \$10.00 was given to D. F. Pelt for his expenses to the National Association. There were 12 churches in

the Association. Evergreen had the largest attendance with 229 members. Brother G. W. Nobles was pastor.

On the Friday before the third Sunday the Southeastern Association of FWB Convened at Sardis Church for the 68th Annual Session. This was in the year of 1946. Rev. D. F. Pelt was Moderator, C. A. Arnold and J. L. Stokes, Treasurers.

On Saturday morning the song service was led by Brother Long Stokes. Brother Hyman had the devotion for the morning and Brother Pelt in the afternoon.

A motion was carried to sell James Chapel Church and the proceeds to be donated to Holmes New Church.

There were 14 Churches in the Association.

They were: Chester Chapel, Evergreen, Friendship, Goodwater, Holmes, Mt. Zion, New Prospect, New Zion, New Prospect, New Zion, Pleasant Hill, Sardis, Union Grove, Hickory Grove, Judson and Pilgrim Rest.

Evergreen still had the largest membership with 239 members.

On the Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1947, the SE Association of FWB convened at Union Grove Church for the 69th Annual Session. Rev. D. F. Pelt, Moderator; Lucille H. Bodiford, Clerk; and J. Long Stokes, Treasurer. The theme for this service was "Christianity Will Never End."

Brother K. V. Shutes gave a report on the Junior College, the Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama and a donation of \$47.28 was given.

Pilgrim Home had Johnnie Wilson and Carl Wilson ordained as Deacons.

J. Long Stokes was treasurer and he showed a balance of \$51,20 in the treasury.

There were 14 Churches listed as members. The largest membership was Union Grove with 191 members. The Pastor paid the largest Salary was T. B. Millette from Friendship. He was paid \$600.00.

The Seventieth Annual Session of the SE FWB Association convened with Mt. Zion Church Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1948.

The Officers were: Moderator, Rev. D. F. Pelt; Lucille Bodiford, Clerk; Linnie J. Stokes, Treasurer. There were 14 Churches in the Association.

The financial report was given by Linnie J. Stokes, Treasurer for 1948 and there was a balance of \$31.94.

The following information was given on Brother J. Long Stokes:

WHEREAS Brother J. Long Stokes, a member of the SE FWB Association of long standing, a faithful worker in the Association, was treasurer of the Association for years; a devout Christian; a believer of Christ and Child of God, passed from this earthly sojourn on December 31, 1947.

WHEREAS we wish to acknowledge our love and respect of our departed brother and forever inscribe his name in the records of this Association as one who was found faithful."

There was much good said about Brother J. Long Stokes in the minutes which his family can remember and cherish forever.

The Seventy Third Annual Session of the SE FWB Association convened with New Prospect Church Friday before the Third Sunday in October, 1951.

In the year of 1951 there was a total membership of all Churches of 1376. The Churches received 40 and dismissed in one year 17. The Pastors were paid a total of \$3,650.90. There were 8 Sunday Schools and 5 leagues organized.

The Churches with the largest Sunday School enrollment were Chester Chapel with 62 and New Zion with 69.

The SE FWB Association convened with Sardis Church Friday and Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1955, for it's Seventy Seventh Annual Session.

Officers were Rev. Huey P. Long, Moderator; Brother Durward Adkinson, Vice Moderator; Evelyn Sutton, Clerk; Linnie Stokes, Treasurer.

Delegates were elected to go to the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention. Goodwater - Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Union Grove - Miss Lucy Floyd Kirkland, Friendship – Mrs. Edna Lawrence, Evergreen – Mrs. Edna Beasley, Sardis – Mrs. Howard Gilmore and New Zion – Mrs. Herbert Roney.

The Seventy Eighth Annual Session of the SE FWB Association convened with Pleasant Hill and Evergreen Church Friday and Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1956.

Officers were Rev. Huey P. Long, Moderator; Rev. John Golden, Vice Moderator; Evelyn Sutton, Clerk and Brother Gene Carr, Treasurer.

There were 13 Churches in the Association. The total membership of all Churches was 1147. There were 4 leagues, 9 Sunday Schools and 5 Ladies' Auxiliaries.

The Eightieth Annual Session of the SE FWB Association convened with Union and New Zion Churches Friday and Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1958.

The Officers were Rev. Paul Mallory, Moderator; Rev. Durward Adkinson, Vice Moderator; Evelyn Sutton, Clerk; and Brother Gene Carr, Treasurer.

New Zion had the largest membership with 117 in Sunday School. Rev. Paul Mallory was the Pastor.

During this meeting the Special Finance Committee recommended that the Moderator be paid \$10.00 for his expenses and the Clerk \$35.00 for preparing the manuscript. The churches were to be responsible for all expenses in preparing the program.

The eighty Second Annual Session of SE FWB Association began the 60's by meeting with New Prospect Church and Sardis in October, 1960. The Officers were Rev. Durward Adkinson, Moderator; Rev. W. T. Hutton, Vice Moderator; Evelyn Sutton, Clerk and Brother Gene Carr, Treasurer.

New Zion had the largest Sunday School with an enrollment of 100.

The eighty nineth Annual Session of the SE FWB Association was at Hickory Grove and Goodwater Churches on October 13 and 14, 1967. Officers were Paul Mallory, Moderator; Durward Adkinson, Vice Moderator; Kate Palmer, Clerk and Lowell Vickers, Treasurer.

The Ninety First Annual Session of the SE FWB Association convened at Pleasant Hill and Union Churches with Rev. Jim Franklin, Moderator; Rev. Thomas Kirkland, Vice Moderator; Aletha Deese, Clerk; and Chester Calhoun, Treasurer.

The 70's began with the Ninety Second Annual Session of the SE FWB Association with the officers being Rev. Paul Mallory, Moderator; Rev. Thomas Kirkland, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Aletha Deese, Clerk; and Mr. Chester Calhoun, Treasurer.

There were 14 churches in the Association at this time.

The Examining and Credentials Committee recommended that the Association approve the request of the Mt. Zion Church for the ordination of Brother Clarence Culpepper to the Gospel Ministry. Brother William W. Bush was also recommended for ordination to the Gospel Ministry.

Rev. Craddock made a motion at the District Sunday School and Church Training Service which was held on March 29, 1970, that a Young People Fellowship Rally be started. This was seconded and carried.

Probably the oldest Free Will Baptist Church in this area is the New Hope Church which was organized in 1860. The First Free Will Baptist Church of Dothan (Prospect), organized in 1867, is probably the second oldest. New Prospect was organized in 1875, Pleasant Hill, 1876, Union, 1879, Evergreen, 1889. The exact date of the organization of Goodwater Springs Church is unknown, but the deed to the present site of Goodwater was dated 1890. Sardis was organized on June 10, 1906, by W. M. Shirley and C. C. Martin. Chester Chapel was organized in 1915.

It has been a pleasure for the Goodwater Free Will Baptist Churchto Host the 100th Annual Session of the Southeastern Association of FWB. It has also been a pleasure for the Young People of the Goodwater Church to present you with this program of music and a bit of interest of things that have happened over the past 100 years in our Association.

RULES OF DECORUM

- 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 diminion 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, wor-ship, 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.

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