

1979
Minutes
of
The Quarterly Meetings
and the
One Hundred and First Annual Session
Of
The Southeastern
Association
of
Free Will
Baptist Churches

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
GENERAL THEME: "The Condition of Our Church In 1980"

**FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION: First Church, Eufaula, Saturday,
January 19, 1980**

Devotion..... Host Church
Morning Message..... "What Are We Doing?
Gathering or Scattering?
Rev. David Hayes, Pastor
New Zion Church
Afternoon Message Rev. Mike Beckon, Pastor
Evergreen Church

**SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION: Pleasant Hill Church, Saturday,
April 19, 1980**

Devotion..... Host Church
Morning Message "Unity Of The Spirit In 1980"
Rev. Thomas Gamble, Pastor
Hickory Grove Church
Afternoon Message Rev. Davey Kirkland, Pastor
First Church, Eufaula

**THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION: Evergreen Church, Saturday, July
July 19, 1980**

Devotion..... Host Church
Morning Message "Who Are Free Will Baptists?
"What Do They Believe?
Rev. Clarence Culpeper, Pastor
Pilgrim Rest Church
Afternoon Message Rev. Arthur Anderson, Pastor
Mt. Zion Church

ANNUAL SESSION

FIRST DAY: Holmes Church, Friday, October 17, 1980

Devotion..... Host Church
Morning Message "The Condition Of Our Stewardship"
Rev. Ralph Baker, Pastor
Chester Chapel Church
Afternoon Message Rev. Edward Nance

SECOND DAY: New Zion Church, Saturday, October 18, 1980

Devotion..... Host Church
Morning Message "Will God Be Satisfied With
Any Less Than Our Best?"
Dr. James Shields, Pastor
Sardis church
Afternoon Message Rev. Gilbert Lacey

Substitute Speaker for the Year Rev. Dilmos Johnston, Pastor
Goodwater Church

1980 ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION: Saturday, January 19, 1980
At First Free Will Baptist Church, Eufaula, Al.

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION: Saturday, April 19, 1980
At Pleasant Hill Church, Headland, Al.

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION: Saturday, July 19, 1980
At Evergreen Church, Ariton, Al.

ANNUAL SESSIONS

FIRST DAY: Friday, October 17, 1980, Holmes Church, Ariton, Al.

SECOND DAY: Saturday, October 19, 1980, New Zion Church, Headland, Al.

Sunday School and CTS Convention: Union Church, Abbeville, Al. March 27, 1980.

Woman's Auxiliary Convention: Sardis Chruch, Eufaula, Al. April 11, 1980, 7:30 p.m.

STATE AND NATIONAL

Pastors and Workers Conference,
Muscle Shoals, February 11-13, 1980

Alabama State T & T Rally
June 7, 1980

State Woman's Auxiliary Convention
Sylacaugqa, Al. - May 3, 1980

National Association:
July 20-24 Anaheim, Calif. 1980
July 19-23 Louisville, Ky. 1981
July 18-22 Ft. Worth, Tx. 1982
July 17-21 Columbus, Ohio 1983

OFFICERS

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Route 2, Newton, Alabama 36352
Hickory Grove Mrs. Martha Blalock
Route 1, Abbeville, Al. 36310
Holmes..... Mrs. Blondell Hartzog
Route 2, Ariton, Al. 36311

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 Route 1, Abbeville, Al. 36310
 Pleasant Hill..... Henry Farmer
 Route 3, Headland, Al. 36345
 Sardis Kenneth Clark
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 Union Holt Stokes
 Route 2, Abbeville, Al. 36310

CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Rev. David Hayes 5 year term expires 1984
 Rev. Clarence Culpepper..... 4 year term, expires 1983
 Rev. Gilbert Lacey 3 year term, expires 1982
 Sam Trammell..... 2 year term, expires 1981
 Lowell Vickers 1 year term, expires 1980

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Dr. James E. Shieds 3 year term, expires 1982
 Rev. Edward Nance 2 year term, expires 1981
 Rev. Bobby N. Peters, Chairman 1 year term, expires 1980

CHILDREN’S HOME COMMITTEE

Rev. Davey Kirkland..... 3 year term, expires 1982
 Rev. Earl Stevens 2 year term, expires 1981
 Johnny Gilmore, Chairman..... 1 year term, expires 1980
 Rev. Davey Kirkland Trustee Board Member

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Johnny Cordell 3 year term, expires 1982
 Rev. Dilmos Johnston..... 2 year term, expires 1981
 Nina Vickers 1 year term, expires 1980

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION
HICKORY GROVE **JANUARY 20, 1979**

The Moderator, Rev. Bobby Peters, called the session to order. Rev. David Hayes led the invocation.

Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland led the congregation in singing with Sis Amy Shelley as pianist.

A warm welcome was extended to everyone by Rev. Thomas Gamble, pastor of the host church. Bro. Lowell Vickers gave the response.

Bro. Kenneth Blalock, brought the morning devotional on "Friends With God." He read II Chron. 2:7, Isa. 41:8, James 2:23 and the poem "Have You a Friend?"

Ministers, deacons, and visitors were recognized.

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

Rev. Bobby Peters in his remarks brought to our minds the purpose of the Association. He quoted the great Commission, Mat. 28:19 and 20. He said, As an individual church we can't do much, but all of our churches united with the Holy Spirit leading can accomplish much for Christ."

The Moderator appointed a Finance Committee (See report for personnel).

After a short recess, the congregation sang "Standing on the Promises." Rev. Gilbert Lacey led in prayer.

The Moderator requested prayer for Rev. J. M. Goode and Bro. Henry Farmer.

Bro. Lowell Vickers led the offertory prayer and an offering of \$83.73 was received.

Bro. Charles Roney brought a special message in song "The Way That He Loves."

Rev. Edward Nance brought the morning message on "Holding Forth The Word Personally." He read Phil. 2:14 and many other scriptures. He mentioned we could hold forth the word personally by our examples, our standards outside the church, and as our defense against a sinful and preverse nation.

We were dismissed for lunch with prayer by Rev. Earl Stevens.

LUNCH

After lunch the congregation sang "Amazing Grace." Rev. David Hayes led in prayer.

Bro. Charles Roney sang "I Should Have Been Crucified."

Rev. David Hayes brought the afternoon message "Who does Men say Jesus Is?" His scripture was taken from Matt. 16, He gave some quotations from Atheists and some from professors in seminaries about Christ. He then challenged us by giving a number of reasons why we are Free Will Baptists.

Rev. Edward Nance gave a report on the Christian Board of

Education. He mentioned his disappointment at so few churches supporting the Youth Rallies.

He suggested, the host church try to have more interesting programs. MSC to receive this report as information.

Rev. Dilmos Johnston expressed a need to amend the constitution. There was a short discussion, then a MSC to table this until the next session.

Credentials and Examining Committee - no report.

Children's Home Committee - no report.

The Finance Committee reported \$134.00 received in dues and a plate offering of \$83.73 was received today. There is \$637.22 in the Christian Education Fund.

WE RECOMMEND:

(These items were voted on separately.)

1. The plate offering be put in the general fund. MSC
2. The report of the Associational finances be made quarterly by the calendar year. MSC
3. That the Association temporarily stop reimbursing the Children's Home Trustee Board Member for his expense to the Home for the Board Meetings. MSC
4. The Christian Education money be put in a savings account until it's needed. MSC

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Dilmos Johnston, Chm.
Rev. David Hayes
Rev. Davey lee kirkland

For the Missions Committee, Rev. Clarence Culpepper ask that the Mission needs please be referred to the Committee.

MSC to pay the clerk \$100.00 for her services last year.

Bro. Lowell Vickers urged us to pray for and give more financial support to the churches and the Association.

The Registration Committee reported the following registered:

Ministers - 9

Deacons - 9

Delegates - 45

Visitors - 50

Total 113

Hickory Grove Church

Rev. Thomas Gamble read a resolution about the Dog Track. MSC for the clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Congressmen from our district.

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

We were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Ross Peters.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

MT. ZION

APRIL 19, 1979

Rev. Bobby Peters, the Moderator, called the session to order. Rev. Dilmos Johnston led in prayer.

Rev. Arthur Anderson led the congregation in singing with Sis. Shirley Johnston as pianist.

The morning devotional was given by Bro. Lowell Vickers, his scripture was taken from Romans 10:9-10, and Hebrews 13:7-8; 17.

A warm welcome was given by Rev. Arthur Anderson, pastor of host church.

The response was given by Rev. Earl Stevens.

The following ministers were recognized: Rev. Mike Beckon, Rev. Rodney Wilson, Rev. Arthur Anderson, Rev. Davey Kirkland, Rev. Clarence Culpepper, Rev. Edward Nance, Rev. Dilmos Johnston, Rev. David Hayes, Rev. Bobby Peters, Rev. Earl Stevens, Rev. Paul Mallory, Rev. Ralph Baker, Dr. James Shields, Rev. Samuel Wilkerson, and Rev. J. M. Goode.

The deacons, delegates, and visitors were recognized.

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

In the Moderator's message he challenged Christians to bear fruit. "He said, The fruit of a Christian is another Christian". He dismissed with prayer for recess.

After a short recess, the session resumed with the congregation singing "He Set Me Free". Rev. Thomas Gamble led in prayer. The congregation sang "Take It to The Lord In Prayer".

The moderator appointed a Finance Committee composed of Rev. Dilmos Johnston, Rev. David Hayes, Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland.

Rev. Earl Stevens led the offertory prayer. An offering of \$76.37 was received.

Before the morning message, Rev. Arthur Anderson, Rev. Thomas Gamble, Bro. Bryan Gilmore and Sis. Shirley Johnston sang, "The Old Rugged Cross".

The morning message was brought by Rev. Clarence Culpepper. His scriptures were taken from Phil. 2:16, 1 Tim. 5:8, and several other scriptures. He urged parents to hold forth the word in their homes.

We were dismissed for lunch with prayer by Rev. Mike Beckon.

LUNCH

The Afternoon session resumed with the congregation singing, "I'll Meet You In The Morning", Rev. Davey Kirkland led in prayer.

Bro. Lowell Vickers, Bro. Bryan Gilmore, Shirley Johnston, and

Rev. Arthur Anderson sang "The Unseen Hand".

Rev. Mike Beckon brought the afternoon message on "Ways The Devil Destroys our Homes." His scriptures were taken from I Peter 5:8, Eph. 6:12.

Following the invitation Rev. James Shields led in prayer.

The Boardd of Christian education reported they needed about \$600 for camp and suggested each church send their offering of fifth sunday, or \$50.00. MSC to accept this report as information.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Finance Committee make the following report:

Rec'd this day,

Dues	\$190.00
Offering	<u>76.37</u>
Total	\$266.37

We recommend the offering to go to the Board of Christian Education for the Youth Camp.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Dilmos Johnston, Chm.
Rev. David Hayes
Rev. Davey Kirkland

MSC to acccept the report.

Credentials and Examining Committee report:

To the 2nd quarterly meeting of the SE Association.

1. We the Credentials and Examining Committee make the following report. At the request of Sardis Church we have examined the report of W. W. Bush, an Ordained Minister in the Southeastern Association. Since he does not attend Church in this Association (or any other) we agree with the Home Church (Sardis) and recommend the Association withdraw the Credentials of W. W. Bush.
2. We have examined Bro. Edward nance at the request of the Home Church (Prospect) and recommend he be ordained in the Gospel Ministry.

Rev. Paul Mallory
Lowell Vickers
Rev. C. L. Culpepper

MSC to accept the report.

There was a discussion on the dog track.

There was a motion for the clerk to send a copy of this report that was sent to our Congressmen after our last session to the following newspapers and ask them to please print this report in their paper: The Headland Observer, The Abbeville Herald, and the Eufaula Tribune. This report was pertaining to the dog track in Henry County. MSC

The Registration Committee report: We, your registration Committee, make the following report.

Ministers 16
Deacons 13
Delegates 43
Visitors 29
Total 101

Respectfully Submitted,
Mt. Zion

MSC to remove the Amendment to the Constitution from the table after a discussion, Rev. Dilmos Johnston proposed they study the Contitution, rewrite it and present it back at the next session. The Moderator ask the Executive Committee to serve on this. He said he'd call a meeting soon. MSC

After a rising vote of thanks to Mt. Zion for their hospitality. Bro. Ross Peters dismissed the session with prayer.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION SARDIS JULY 14, 1979

The Moderator, Rev. Bobby Peters, called the session to order. Rev. Clarence Culpepper led the opening prayer.

Bro. Bryan Gilmore led the congregation in singing with Sis. Renee Peters as pianist.

An inspiring devotional was given by Bro. Bryan Gilmore on "The Word of Life". His scripture was taken from John 1:1.

Bro. Johnny Gilmore extended a warm welcome to everyone. Rev. David Hayes gave the response.

Ministers, deacons, andd visitors were recognized by the Moderator.

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

In the Moderator's remarks he reported fifteen people were saved in the Youth Camp this summer. He based his remarks on a quotation from Isaiah, Eph. 5:11, 1st Tim. 6:15, II Tim. 3:5, and other scriptures. He stated he'd like to go back to having a youth revival in the Association and asked each to please give their Fifth Sunday offering to the Youth Camp.

We were dismissed for recess with prayer.

The Moderator appointed a finance committee composed of Rev. David Hayes, Rev. Dilmos Johnston, Rev. Davey Kirkland.

On assembling back into session, Mike Beckon led in prayer.

After Congregational singing Rev. David Hayes led the offer-tory prayer. An offering of \$63.26 was received.

Rev. Dilmos Johnston brought the morning message on "Holding Forth The word of Life In the Church." His scripture was take from Phil. 2:12-16, Rev. 1:19; Rom. 3:3 and other scrip-

tures, He emphasized the importance of the new birth and the need to stand on the fundamentals of the Bible.

We were dismissed for lunch with prayer by Bro. Johnny Gilmore.

LUNCH

The session resumed with prayer by Rev. Ralph Baker.

The congregation sang "Let Us Have a Little Talk With Jesus", "The The Cross", and "Love Lifted Me", with Grad Stokes as pianist.

The Gilmores brought a special message in song.

Rev. Arthur Anderson brought the afternoon message on "Think" He read Phil. 4:8-16.

The business session opened with prayer by Bro. Wayne Gilmore.

MSC to accept the Financial report.

We, your Finance Committee, make the following report. \$199.00 received in dues this quarter and \$63.26 received today in offering. We recommend the \$63.26 be placed in the general fund.

Rev. Dilmos Johnston
Rev. David Hayes
Rev. Davey Kirkland

Rev. Edward Nance announced the Association would go back to having a Youth Rally Quarterly instead of Monthly. MSC

For the Credentials and Examining Committee, Rev. Clarence Culpepper explained the number of delegates each church is allowed according to the Constitution. He also stated before the Committee can act on any matter within the Association, they must receive a request from a Church. MSC to receive this report as information.

The Registration Committee Report. We, your registration Committee, submit the following report:

Ministers	10
Deacons	10
Delegates	53
Visitors	60
Total Registered	133

Respectfully Submitted,
Sardis Church

The Moderator appointed the following Committee for reports at the Annual Session:

Nominating Committee,
Rev. Edward Nance, Chm.
Johnny Cordell
Rev. David Hayes
Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland

Constitution Committee
Rev. Dilmos Johnston, Chm.
Rev. Edward Nance
Rev. Earl Stevens
Rev. Clarence Culpepper
Rev. Ralph Baker

After a rising vote of thanks to the host church for their hospitality, Bro. William Sowell gave the benediction.

The Session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Bobby Peters. Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland led us in prayer. The Moderator appointed Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland to serve on the Credentials and Examining Committee in place of Rev. Paul Mallory. In the Moderator's Address to the Association, he challenged each Christian to live a holy and separated life. The congregation sang "I'll Be Satisfied" with bro. Johnny Cordell leading, and sister Linda Sowell as pianist. Rev. Edward Nance brought the morning devotional: the scripture was taken from Matt. 5:1-2, 29 and Mark 6:34. Bro. Johnny Cordell extended a warm welcome to every one. The response was given by Rev. Dilmos Johnston. The Moderator recognized the following visitors:

Seven Deacons were recognized. The following Ministers of our Association were present: Reverends David Hayes, Clarence Culpepper, Dilmos Johnston, James Shield, Davey Lee Kirkland, Edward Nance, Gilbert Lacey, and Bobby Peters. The Roll Call revealed 44 Delegates.

There was a roll call of delegates, then MSC to seat the delegates. The congregation sang "I'll Meet You In The Morning".

TABLE I — CHURCH MEMBERSHIP — AUXILIARY STATISTICS

CHURCH	Date Organized	Rec'd by Baptism	Added by Letter, profession of Faith etc.	Lost by Death, Revision of Roll, etc.	Resident Members	Non-Resident Members	Total Membership	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	S.S. Enrollment	SS Average attendance	CTS Enrollment	CTS Average attend.	Woman Auxiliary enrollment	Average Attendance	Master Men enrollment	Master Men Ave. Attendance	Average Prayer Meeting att.
Chester Chapel	1911	1	3	1	52	4	56	1	0	30	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Evergreen	1885	2	3	3	44	25	69	1	0	20	24	20	23	0	0	0	0	24
First Church	1939	2	4	7	31	17	48	1	0	13	12	13	9	0	0	0	0	8
Goodwater		6	6	7	133	7	140	1	0	90	81	90	77	19	13	11	8	40
Hickory Grove	1940	8	14	3			95	1	0	71	53	0	0	15	10	15	11	
Holmes	12/2/45	17	17	6	80	39	119	1	0		65		40	15	12	0	0	35
Mt. Zion	1881	3	9	6	59	40	99	1	0	34	22	0	0	12	9	13		18
New Prospect	1874	0	0	2	58	38	96	2	0	29	27	20	18	0	0	0	0	15
New Zion	1907	1	0	0	87	31	118	1	0	90	70	0	0	17	10	0	0	
Pilgrim Rest		0	0	1	74	62	132	1	0	36	24	22	18	12	7	13	7	12
Pleasant Hill	1887	2	0	1	31	13	44	1	0	25	25	13	10	8	4	0	0	10
Sardis	6/10/06	22	18	5	119	83	202	1	0	80	60	58	55	11	8	25	21	30
Union	2/13/1877	2	4	3	57	20	77	1	0	35	29	21	17	8	8	0	0	10
TOTALS		66	78	45	825	379	1295	14	0	553	518	257	267	117	81	77	47	214

TABLE II — CHURCH DIRECTORY

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
CHESTER CHAPEL	Rev. Ralph Baker 107 Imperial Drive Eufaula, Al. 36027	Annice C. Hudspeth 102 Gordon dr. Abbeville, Al. 36310	Samm Lipscomb Clayton Hwy. Eufaula, Al. 36027			
EVERGREEN	Rev. Mike Beckon Rt. 1 Box 98G 4 Webb, Al. 36376	J. Lowell Sammons Rt. 2 Box 41 Ariton, Al. 36311	James Wilson P. O. Box 124 Ariton, Al. 36311	Randle McKnight Rt. 1, Box 258 Clio, Al. 36017		
FIRST CHURCH	Rev. Davey Kirkland Rt. 4 Box 49A Eufaula, Al. 36027	Evie Lee Harris 48 W. Washington St. Eufaula, Al. 36027	O. P. Pettis 806 Madison Eufaula, Al. 36027	O. P. Pettis 806 Madison Eufaula, Al. 36027		
GOODWATER	Rev. Dilmos Johnston Route 2 Newton, Al. 36352	Mrs. Dorothy Smith Route 1 Newton, Al. 36352	Douglas E. Smith Rt. 5 Box 355 Dothan, Al. 36301	Billy W. Sullivan Rt. 2 Newton, Al. 36352	Mrs. Aletha Deese Rt. 2 Newton, Al. 36352	Fred Jones Route 1 Newton, Al. 36352
HICKORY GROVE	Rev. Thomas Gamble Rt. 1, Box 7 Abbeville, Al. 36310	Mrs. Bea Doswell Route 1 Abbeville, Al. 36310	Ray Money Rt. 1 Abbeville, Al. 36310		Mrs. Martha Blalock Rt. 1 Abbeville, Ala. 36310	Gary Jones Rt. 1 Abbeville, Al. 36310
HOLMES	Rev. Bobby N. Peters Rt. 1 Ariton, Al. 36311	Mrs. Pat Robinette P. O. Box 243 Ariton, Al. 36311	Ross Peters Rt. 1 Box 53A Ariton, Ala. 36311	James Miller Rt. 1 Ariton, Al. 36311	Louise Martin Ariton, Al. 36311	
MT. ZION	Rev. Arthur Anderson 1201 Imperial Drive Dothan, Al. 36301	Lowell B. Vickers 607 Holly Drive Eufaula, Al. 36027	Otis Vickers 204 Dothan Hwy. Abbeville, Al. 36310		Mrs. Lillie Thompson 402 Kent Dr. Eufaula, Al. 36027	Lowell Vickers 607 Holly Dr. Eufaula, Al. 36027
NEW PROSPECT	Rev. A. G. Lacey Rt. 2, Box 28 Midland City, Al. 36350	Mrs. Linda Cordell Rt. 1 Box 320C Eufaula, Al. 36027	William F. Sowell Rt. 1 Clopton, Al. 36317	Johnny Cordell Rt. 1 Box 320 C Eufaula, Al. 36027		
NEW ZION	Rev. William D. Hayes Rt. 3, Box 42 Headland, Al. 36345	Mrs. Edna Whitehead 302 Murry St. Headland, Al. 36345	Kyle Hardy Rt. 3 Headland, Al. 36345		Mrs. Mae Shelley Rt. 2 Headland, Al. 36345	
PLEASANT HILL	Rev. Earl Stevens Route 1 Midland City, Al. 36350	Mrs. Shirley Cherry Rt. 3 Headland, Al. 36345	Henry Farmer Rt. 3 Headland, Al. 36345	Joan Mitchell Rt. 3 Headland, Al.. 36345	Mrs. Mabel Farmer Rt. 3 Headland, Al. 36345	
PILGRIM REST	Rev. Clarence Culpepper 109 Nancy Ross Dr. Eufaula, Al. 36027	Mrs. Judy Wilson Rt. 1 Abbeville, Al. 36310	Gene Garr Abbeville, Al. 36310	Charlie Rentz Rt. 1 Abbeville, Al. 36310	Mrs. Judy Wilson Rt. 1 Abbeville, Al. 36310	Charlie Rentz Rt. 1 Abbeville, Al. 36310
SARDIS	Rev. James Shields Rt. 4 Mancuso Sub. Div. Eufaula, Al. 36027	Mrs. Peggy Gilmore Rt. 1 Box 75 Clayton, Al. 36316	Johnny Gilmore Rt. 1 Clayton, Al. 36016	Tim Bridges Abbeville Hwy. Eufaula, Al. 36027	Mrs. Tessie Glover Rt. Box 213 Eufaula, Al. 36027	Wayne Gilmore 112 Hillcrest Dr. Eufaula, Al. 36027
UNION	Int. Rev. Rodney Wilson Rt. 2 Abbeville, Al. 36310	Mrs. Peggy Stokes Rt. 2 Box 315 Abbeville, Al. 36310	W. G. Moring Rt. 2 Abbeville, Al. 36310	Holt Stokes Rt. 2 Box 315 Abbeville, Al. 36310	Linda Floyd Rt. 2 Abbeville, Al. 36310	

	TOTAL INCOME	PAID PASTORS	Other Staff Sal. (sec. Minister of Music etc.	Repair and rebuilding	Paid on Debt Ret.	Other local expense (Lit Util. revival printing etc	Total Local expense
CHESTER CHAPEL	11,042.00	4220.00	0	0	0	3565.00	7785.00
EVER GREEN	8,440.09	3360.00	0	299.10	0	1492.12	5151.22
FIRST CHURCH	4,996.00	2290.00	0	0	1,018.00	1478.00	4786.00
GOOD WATER	NOT REPORTED						
HICKORY GROVE	18,281.32	6223.00	0	1573.44	6,228.76	2247.51	16272.77
HOLMES	13,270.00	4762.00	0	0	0	4260.00	10022.00
MT. ZION	9636.00	4840.00	0	1969.00	0	2407.00	9216.00
NEW PROSPECT	10,198.49	7700.00	0	439.10	0	3155.94	11295.04
NEW ZION	19,840.90	7110.00	2405.00	0	0	7753.95	17268.95
PILGRIM REST	Not reported	3900.00	445.00	172.53	900.00	3822.08	9239.61
PLEASANT HILL	8,731.00	5300.00	15.00	607.00	0	1941.00	7863.00
SARDIS	26,395.11	10400.00	519.96	1800	0	978.64	13698.60
UNION	Not reported	6800.00	740.46	1103.54	0	1948.86	10592.86
TOTALS	130830.91	67,905.00	4125.42	7963.71	8146.76	35,050.16	123191.05

Coop- erative Plan of support	Foreign Missions	Home Mission	Bible College	Children's Home and Other Dist. or State	TOTAL OUTSIDE EXPENSE	TOTAL EXPENSE	VALUE OF PARSON- AGE	VALUE OF CHURCH Property
0	0	45.25	0	48.00	93.25	7878.25	0	20,000.00
0	100.00	0	100.00	125.00	325.00	5476.22	0	32500.00
0	0	10.00	0	0	10.00	4796.00	12000.00	45000.00
0	0	100.00	0	150.00	250.00	16522.77	7000.00	84000.00
500.00	55.00	0	100.00	417.00	1072.00	11094.00	30000.00	80000.00
0	41.50	0	0	390.65	432.15	9648.15	0	55000.00
283.76	0	0	0	324.96	608.72	11903.76	0	40000.00
0	1334.46	0	0	383.00	1717.46	18986.41	25000.00	75000.00
0	0	0	0	0	0	9239.61	0	35000.00
0	0	7.00	0	126.00	133.00	7996.00	0	60000.00
0	1089.09	398.00	0	610.90	2097.99	15796.59	35000.00	154,000.00
0	0	0	0	0	0	10592.86	0	40000.00
783.76	2620.25	560.25	200.00	2575.51	6739.57	129930.62	184000.00	945500.00

We were dismissed for recess with prayer by Rev. Ralph Bell. After a short recess, the session resumed with the congregation singing "I'd Rather Be An Old-Time Christian" and "Rescue The Perishing". Bro. Lowell Vickers led us in prayer. An offering of \$49.23 was received. Rev. David Hayes led the Offertory Prayer. Before the morning message, Sis. Linda Sowell sang "They Nailed My Sins To The Cross."

Rev. Paul Kettermann brought the morning message on "Holding Forth The Word In Teaching." He gave an outline of the book of Philippians. He challenged Christians to "Know The Truth, 'Teach the unadulterated Truth, and be a living apprentice of what they Teach.'" We were dismissed for lunch with prayer by Rev. Gilbert Lacey.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with the congregation singing "Home Of The Soul" and "Wonderful Words of Life." Rev. David Hayes led the prayer. Rev. Gilbert Lacey brought the afternoon message on "Crucifixion of the Church."

The Children's Home Committee had no report..

The Mission Committee had no report.

MSC to accept the Placement Committee's Report. (See Reports). MSC to accept the Registration Committee's Report. (See Reports). MSC to give the Host Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. The session recessed until 10:00 A.M. Saturday to meet with Pilgrim Rest Church. Dr. James Shields led the prayer.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ONE-HUNDRED AND FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION

PILGRIM REST CHURCH

OCTOBER 20, 1979

The Saturday Session opened with prayer led by Bro. Randell McKnight. Bro. Johnny Cordell led the congregation in singing with Sis. Renee Peters as pianist. Morning Devotional was led by Bro. Lamar Buxton; scripture was from Mar 4:1-9. Rev. Clarence Culpepper, pastor of Host Church, extended a warm welcome to every one. Rev. Ralph Baker gave the response. The Moderator, Rev. Bobby Peters, recognized the ministers, deacons, and visitiors. Thee following ministers were present: Reverends Mike Beckon, Bobby Peters, Clarence Culpepper, David Hayes, Dilmos Johnson, Gilbert Lacey. Dave Collins, Rodney Wilson, Earl Stevens, Davey Lee Kirkland, Ralph Baker, Arthur Anderson, and also Rev. Paul Kettermann from the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. Meeting was dismissed with a prayer by Rev. Dilmos Johnston.

After a short recess, followed by congregational singing, Rev. Clarence Culpepper led us in prayer, then the congregation sang

another hymn. Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland gave the offertory prayer and an offering of \$66.00 was received. Before the morning message, Sis. Jackie Peters sang "The Brush". Rev. Paul Ketterman brought the morning message on "Holding Forth The Word In Witnessing"; the scripture was taken from Philippians 2:16 and Matthew 25. Meeting was dismissed for lunch with prayer by Rev. Clarence Culpepper. The afternoon session began with congregational singing. Rev. Earl Stevens brought the afternoon message on "Would Jesus Get Involved?" Scripture was from John 7:1 -- 7 and other scriptures.

The following were elected as delegates to the State Association, which will convene with Eastside Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan, Alabama, on November 8, 9, and 10, 1979: Eunice Stevens, Johnny Cordell, Nina Vickers, George Curry, Agnes Curry, Myrtle Pettis, Mrs. Howell, Jackie Peters, Lucy Floyd Kirkland, Mrs. Clarence Herndon, peggy Stokes, Jean McKnight, and Mabel Farmer. The Constitution Committee's Report was ready by Rev. Dilmos Johnston. MSC to table action on this report until the January Session. MSC to accept the Nomination Committee report. (See Reports). MSC to accept the Credentials and Examining Committee's Report. (See Reports)

Bro. Roy McKnight explained that Union Church has been using Rev. Rodney Wilson as Interim Pastor and asked how long they could use him. Bro. McKnight called for a vote of the delegates to over-ride the credentials and Examining Committee Report not to ordain Rev. Rodney Wilson in our Association. Rev. Wilson made a statement about his call into the ministry and his examination by the Committee. Bro. McKnight again called for a vote of the delegates. The vote was taken, showing 22 for the Ordination and 24 against it.

MSC to accept the Financial Report. (See Reports). MSC to accept the Registration Committee's Report. (See Reports). Rev. Thomas Gamble expressed a need for more love and closer friendship within our Association.

MSC to give a rising vote of thanks to the Host Church for their hospitality. Meeting was then dismissed with a prayer by Rev. Gilbert Lacey.

REPORTS

CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE NO REPORT
MISSIONS COMMITTEE..... NO REPORT
PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We, your Placement Committee, ask the following churches to entertain the 1980 Sessions:

First Quarter, First Church, Eufaula..... January 19, 1980
Second Quarter, Pleasant Hill, Headland..... April 19, 1980
Third Quarter, Evergreen, Ariton July 19, 1980

ANNUAL SESSION

Holmes Church, Ariton, Alabama On October 17, 1980-Friday
New Zion Church, Headland, Alabama On October 18, 1980 - Sat.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

We, your Registration Committee, report the following were registered on Friday:

10 Ministers
7 Deacons
44 Delegates
11 Visitors

TOTAL: 72

Respectfully Submitted,
NEW PROSPECT CHURCH

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1979

We, your Registration Committee, make the following report:

14 Ministers
14 Deacons
45 Delegates
25 Visitors
Total: 98

Respectfully submitted,
PILGRIM REST CHURCH

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Nominating Committee, submit the following officers for 1979-1980 for your consideration:

MODERATOR REV. GILBERT LACEY
VICE-MODERATOR REV. CLARENCE CULPEPPER
CLERK-TREASURER ALETHA DEESE
CREDENTIALS & EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

REV. DAVID HAYES
BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DR. JAMES SHIELDS
CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE REV. DAVEY KIRKLAND
CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES REV. DAVEY KIRKLAND
MISSIONS COMMITTEE JOHNNY CORDELL

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. David Hayes
Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland
Johnny Cordell

Chairman, Rev. Edward Nance

CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE

We, your Credentials and Examining Committee, make the following report:

1. After carefully and prayerfully considering the request of Pilgrim Rest church that, due to the lack of attendance and participation in the church and this association for the past several years, Rev. J. T. Helms be asked to surrender his credentials to

this Association.

2. At the request of Pleasant Hill Church, we recommend Rev. David Collins be re-instated in full fellowship in this Association as an Ordained Minister of the Gospel in good standing.

3. Because Union F.W.B. Church has requested that Bro. Rodney Wilson be ordained to the Ministry by this Association, this Committee has examined Bro. Wilson this date, October 20, 1979. With the examination and discussion being prayerfully ended, the unanimous thoughts of this Committee are that Bro. Rodney Wilson cannot, according to God's Word, be recommended. Therefore, we do not recommend his ordination by the S.E. Association of Free Will Baptist.

Credentials & Examining Committee
Lowell Vickers, Chairman
Rev. C. L. Culpepper
Rev. A. G. Lacey
Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Executive Committee met at Union Church on Friday, June 9, 1979 at 7:30. The meeting opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Bobby Peters.

Eleven Churches were represented.

The following Ministers were present: Rev. Bobby Peters, Rev. Clarence Culpepper, Rev. Edward Nance, Rev. David Hayes, Rev. Davey Kirkland, Rev. Mike Beckon, Rev. Rodney Wilson, Rev. Dilmos Johnston, Rev. Earl Stevens, Rev. Ralph Baker.

The Moderator explained the purpose of the meeting to see if it is the desire and need of the Association to rewrite the constitution.

After much discussion, there was a motion for the Moderator to appoint a committee at the July Session to study the constitution and bring their recommendation to the Annual Session to be tabled if approved. This motion received a second and was carried.

We were dismissed with prayer by Rev. Edward Nance.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Executive Committee met at New Prospect Church on Friday, November 16, at 7:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Gilbert Lacey, Rev. Mike Beckon led the prayer.

After much discussion "The Condition of the Church in 1980" was chosen for the theme for the year with each pastor choosing the scripture for his message.

The program for the year was planned. (See page 2)

Rev. Dilmos Johnston discussed plans for a missionary conference in connection with the State Line Association on Feb. 3-

8. He asked "How Many Churches would participate?" Rev. Lacey suggested each pastor talk with his church and get back in touch with Rev. Johnston who would be in a meeting in the meantime and would know more about the expense, etc.

Rev. Edward Nance announced there would be no rally this month.

Rev. Davey Kirkland announced he would be carrying a truck load of supplies to the Children's Home on December 1, and if anyone wanted to send anything please let him know and he'd pick it up.

The following ministers were present: Rev. Gilbert Lacey, Rev. Clarence Culpepper, Rev. Mike Beckon, Rev. David Hayes, Rev. Dilmos Johnston, Rev. Edward Nance, Rev. Earl Stevens, and Rev. Davey Kirkland.

Nine Churches were represented with delegates.

The Moderator asked us to be much in prayer for our Association and the Churches that make up our Association.

The Credentials and Examining Committee read a report regarding the request of Union Church to the Annual Session to Ordain their interim pastor Rev. Rodney Wilson. It is the opinion of this Committee that he is not firmly grounded in and dedicated to the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist denomination; therefore the committee did not recommend the Ordination. After a discussion, the Clerk was asked to write a letter to the Church informing them that we are praying for them and if they approach the Association under the existing pastoral condition, the church will be out of order and the delegates will not be seated. This letter was mailed December 1.

We were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Kenneth Blalock.

**ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCES, RECEIPTS AND
DISBURSEMENTS
AUGUST 1, 1979 — SEPTEMBER 30, 1979**

Cash Balance at October 1, 1978	\$37.27
RECEIPTS	
Dues Received	905.00
Plate Offerings	317.44
Special Offerings	238.38
Toal Cash Received	1460.82
Total Cash To Account For	\$1498.09

EXPENDITURES	
State Association dues.....	120.00
State Cooperative Plan	78.50

National Cooperative Plan	78.50
Postage & Supplies	25.32
Children's Home.....	112.45
Minutes	181.26
Speaker (Rev. Jack Rollins)	100.00
Moderator	25.00
Clerk.....	100.00
Total Expenditures	820.03
Bal. on hand 9/30/79	677.06

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND

Cash to be accounted for:	\$3000.10
Total Expenditures.....	2372.665
Balance on hand 9/30/79.....	627.44

**ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SOUTHEASTERN FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY**

The Southeastern Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met on Friday night, April 6, 1979 at 7:30 PM with New Zion Free Will Baptist Church at Tumbleton, Alabama. Mrs. Johnnie Ruth Taylor, President, called the meeting to order and led in prayer. The song service was led by Mrs. Mauline Oates with the church pianist. The Welcome was given by Mrs. Mae Shelley and the response was given by Mrs. Shirley Johnston. We had special singing by the 4-M's who sang "Jesus Calls Us."

The Devotion was given by Mrs. Lucy Roney who spoke about the women of the Bible and laborers for Christ.

During the business meeting, roll call showed 47 members and 7 visitors. The minutes were read and approved. No old business was discussed. Under new business we elected new officers to serve for the next two years. Those elected were: President, Mrs. Jackie Peters; Vice-president, Miriam Shelley; Secretary and Treasurer, Nina Vickers; and Field Worker, Shirley Johnston. We had a MSC to send \$100.00 for our State Project, a MSC to send a love gift of \$33.30 to our State Speaker. MSC to retain balance in Treasury. MSC to meet with Sardis Free Will Baptist Church on April 11, 1980 at 7:30 PM. At this time we had oral reports from our Auxiliaries. These were very good reports showing that the ladies were doing outstanding work in their churches. The State Woman's Auxiliary will meet on May 3, 1980 at Sylacauga, Alabama

Mrs. Ted Forrester, Hebron Baptist Church, was our speaker for the night. She used as her topic "Go Ye into all the World", Matthew 28:19. She fashined our auxiliary as a chain reaching in-to the world. She reminded the people to be committed to the Lord Jesus Christ. This program was enjoyed by all.

We had a MSC to give New Zion Church a rising vote of thanks. We were dismissed with prayer and delicious refreshments were served to those present in the Fellowship Hall.
Yours in His Service,

Nina W. Vickers
**TREASURER'S REPORT
OF THE**

SOUTHEASTERN FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Balance brought forward	70.25
Received from the Auxiliaries (Dues)	172.00
Received from Auxiliaries (State Project)	77.00
Received from collection at convention	33.30
Total	\$352.55
Received check from Goodwater (Payable to State Project) ..	11.00
	\$363.55

PAID OUT

Mrs. Ted Forrester, Convention Speaker	25.00
Alabama Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary (Dues)	132.50
Alabama Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary(State Project.	89.00
Forwarded Goodwater check for State Project	11.00
Alabama Woman's Auxiliary (Love Gift for State Speaker) ...	33.30
Total Paid Out	\$290.80

Balance on Hand - \$72.75
Nina Vickers, Treasurer

SUNDAY SCHOOL C.T.S. CONVENTION

The Southeastern Sunday School and CTS. Convention was held March 24, 1979, at New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church. We had 126 to register for the day. There were 10 churches represented.

The Convention was called to order by President Johnny Cordell. Song service was led by Bro. Ronald Brown with Sister Linda Sowell at piano. Prayer was led by Rev. Clarence Culpepper. The welcome was given by Rev. A. G. Lacey; response was by Rev. Bobby Peters. Devotional was given by Bro. William Sowell using Numbers, Ch. 16. Prayer by Rev. A. G. Lacey.

Sunday School was conducted by the teachers of New Prospect Church, and then dismissed with prayer by Bro. Wayne Gilmore. At this time we had 10-minute recess. Next, it was called to order by President Johnny Cordell, and song service was led by Rev. Thomas Gamble; prayer was led by Rev. Davey Kirkland. Offering was taken at this time, to be placed later. Prayer was led by Bro. Johnny Cordell. Special singing at this time was by Rev. Thomas Gamble: "How Great Thou Art."

The ministers were recognized at this time. They were: Reverends Davey Kirkland, Thomas Gamble, Edward Nancy, Bobby Peters, Clarence Culpepper, A. G. Lacey, Dilmos Johnston, and Rodney Wilson. President Johnny Cordell asked for a

nominating committee for officers for the next two years. These were: Sis. Fannie Bedsole, Rev. Davey Kirkland, and Bro. Farmer -- this committee to report later. The morning message was brought by Bro. Edward Nance, using the topic "Holy Living In Revival," taken from Heb. 3:2, Ezek. 38:29, and I Co. ch. 12. Invitational hymn with Rev. Thomas Gamble leading was "Just As I Am." Alter call given for special revival in our Convention Churches. Prayer by Rev. A. G. Lacey. Then dismissed for lunch with Rev. Clarence Culpepper asking God's blessings on the food.

The evening session began with President Johnny Cordell calling the convention to order; Prayer led by Bro. Cordell; song service led by Rev. Thomas Gamble. The programs were presented at this time with three churches that had programs: Holmes -- Pilgrim Rest -- and New Prospect. All 3 programs were good. The business session was opened with prayer by Rev. Dilmos Johnston. Reading of minutes and finance report was given and the motion made by Rev. A. G. Lacey to be approved as read; motion carried. Motion made by Rev. Bobby Peters for the offering to be sent to Youth Camp. Offering was \$38.76 and motion was seconded and carried. Nominating committee gave a report on officers for the next two years, as follows:

President Johnny Cordell
Vice-President Wayne Gilmore
Secretary/Treasurer..... Sis. Mary Culpepper

Rev. Thomas Gamble made motion to accept these: motion carried.

Banners were then presented; they were:
Sunday School Percentage -- Pleasant Hill
Convention Banner -- Pilgrim Rest
C.T.S. Banner -- Pleasant Hill

President then asked for Host to Convention in 1980. Union Church asked for the convention to meet with them at this time. Next there was discussion on a Dog Track. Rev. Dilmos Johnston made a motion that as a body of churches for us to fight the dog track. Motion seconded by Rev. Bobby Peters and motion carried. Motion made by Rev. Thomas Gamble for Bro. Edward Nance to head this committee; this was seconded by Bro. Gene Carr. Sis. Kate Palmer asked for two meen to be on this and she asked Rev. Thomas Gamble to help. Seconded by Bro. Gene Carr, and motion carried.

Sis. Annie Pilham made a motion for all to give a rising vote of thanks to Host Church for such a nice day. Motion was made by Rev. Thomas Gamble to adjourn. The convention was dismissed with prayer led by Bro. William Sowell.

Johnny Cordell, President
Mary Culpepper, Sect/Treas.

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 brethren, 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 ac-

countability 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 RET**
scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and evil until the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked 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.