

1983
*Minutes
of
The Quarterly Meetings
and the
One Hundred and Fifth
Annual Session
of*

**The Southeastern
Association
of
Free Will
Baptist Churches**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GENERAL THEME: "DEFENDING THE GOSPEL"

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

GOODWATER FWB CHURCH

Saturday, January 14, 1984

Devotion

Host Church

Morning Message "Knowing & Walking in the Gospel"

Rev. Bobby Register, Pastor

Hickory Grove FWB Church

Afternoon Message Rev. Dennis Haywood, Pastor

Goodwater FWB Church

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

HICKORY GROVE FWB CHURCH

Saturday, April 14, 1984

Devotion

Host Church

Morning Message "Fully in the Mind of Christ"

Rev. David Hidle, Pastor

New Zion FEB Church

Afternoon Message Rev. James Bradley.Licensed

Hickory Grove FWB Church

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

NEW ZION FWB CHURCH

Saturday, July 14, 1984

Devotion

Host Church

Morning Message "Sharing the Truth"

Rev. Clarence Culpepper, Pastor

New Prospect FWB Church

Afternoon Message Rev. Ralph Baker, Pastor

Mount Zion FWB Church

ANNUAL SESSIONS

FIRST DAY

NEW PROSPECT FWB CHURCH

Friday, October 19, 1984

Devotion

Host Church

Morning Message "Lo, I am With You Alway"

Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland, Pastor

Chester Chapel FWB Church

Afternoon Message Rev. Mike Beckom, Pastor

Evergreen FWB Church

Memorial Service Rev. Dave Collins, Pastor

Union FWB Church

SECOND DAY

Mount Zion FWB Church

Saturday, October 20, 1984

Devotion

Host Church

Morning Message

"The Rewards of Faith"

Rev. M. C. Taylor, Pastor

Sardis FWB Church

Afternoon Message

Rev. Herman Calloway, Pastor

Pleasant Hill FWB Church

Substitute Speaker for the Year Rev. Thomas Gamble

Pastor, Pilgrim Rest FWB Church

1984 ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION: Saturday, January 14, 1984

Goodwater FWB Church-Wicksburg, Al.

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION: Saturday, April 14, 1984

Hickory Grove FWB Church-Abbeville, Al.

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION: Saturday, July 14, 1984

New Zion FWB Church-Tumbleton, Al.

ANNUAL SESSIONS

FIRST DAY

Friday, October 19, 1984

New Prospect FWB Church-Edwin, Al.

SECOND DAY

Saturday, October 20, 1984

Mount Zion FWB Church-Eufaula, Al.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CTS CONVENTION-Sunday, March 25, 1984

Chester Chapel FWB Church-Abbeville, Al.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION: Saturday, April 7, 1984

Mount Zion FWB Church-Eufaula, Al.

STATE AND NATIONAL

PASTORS AND WORKERS CONFERENCE

Jasper FWB Church-Jasper, Al.

February 13,14 & 15, 1984

STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Saturday, May 5, 1984

Northport FWB Church

Northport, Alabama

ALABAMA WOMAN'S AUXILIARY STATE RETREAT

None for 1984

ALABAMA TNT RALLY

To be announced

ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION

Eastside FWB Church - Dothan, Al.

November 8, 9 & 10, 1984

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Little Rock, Ark.-July15-19, 1984

Nashville, Tenn.- July 21-25, 1985

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Route 1 - Newton, Alabama 36352	
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Route 1 - Abbeville, Al. 36310	
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Route 1 - Ariton, Al. 36311	
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Route 1 - Clopton, Al. 36317	
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Route 1 - Abbeville, Alabama 36310	
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COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Bro. Lowell Vickers	5 Year Term	Expires	1988
Rev. Ralph Bell	4 Year Term	Expires	1987
Rev. Dave Collins	3 Year Term	Expires	1986
Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland	2 Year Term	Expires	1985
Rev. C. L. Culpepper	1 Year Term	Expires	1984

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Rev. Ralph Baker	3 Year Term	Expires	1986
Bro. Edward Nance	2 Year Term	Expires	1985
Rev. Thomas Gamble	1 Year Term	Expires	1984

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Rev. Bobby N. Peters	3 Year Term	Expires	1986
Sis. Ma ha Blalock	2 Year Term	Expires	1985
Sis. Miriam Shelley	1 Year Term	Expires	1984

CHILDREN HOME COMMITTEE

Rev. David Hidle	3 Year Term	Expires	1986
Rev. Mike Beckom	2 Year Term	Expires	1985
Sis. Nina Vickers	1 Year Term	Expires	1984
Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland	Board Member		

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Herman Calloway	3 Year Term	Expires	1986
Rev. Thomas Gamble	2 Year Term	Expires	1985
Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland	1 Year Term	Expires	1984

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bro. Ralph Oates	3 Year Term	Expires	1986
Rev. Ralph Baker	2 Year Term	Expires	1985
Sis. Tessie Glover	1 Year Term	Expires	1984

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

Sis. Linda Sowell	3 Year Term	Expires	1986
Bro. Johnny Gilmore	2 Year Term	Expires	1985
Sis. Nina Vickers	1 Year Term	Expires	1984

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Bro. Bob Davis	3 Year Term	Expires	1986
Sis. Martha Blalock	2 Year Term	Expires	1985
Sis. Linda Sowell	1 Year Term	Expires	1984

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

SARDIS FWB CHURCH

JANUARY 15, 1983

The association was called to order by the Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland, Moderator and called on the Rev. Thomas Gamble to lead in Prayer.

Morning song service was led by Bro. Bryan Gilmore with Sis. Maxine Thomas at the piano.

Following the morning song service Bro. Davey Lee Kirkland called our attention to the early Church as shown in the book of Acts. The early Church grew and we need to be striving for growth today for it is possible.

Morning Devotion was brought by Bro. Bryan Gilmore using Mark 15:15 as a text. Great emphasis was placed on the Go Ye of the Word. Where? Next door, Next block, next town, wherever there are people. Who? Not just the Pastor, not just the Deacons, not just the Teachers, but everyone who professes Christ. This was a very good Devotion and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The welcome was given by Bro. Johnny Gilmore with the response being given by Rev. Bobby N. Peters.

At this time we recognized any visitors who were with us. We had two, Bro. Steve Reynolds from the State Line Association and Bro. Ben Hickman from the United Methodist Church.

The Moderator allowed a few minutes for the making of local announcements by all the Churches. There were several concerning some Churches regular scheduled services plus the Woman's Auxiliary Convention will be hosted by Goodwater Church on April 9, 1983. The Mission Committee is to set a conference sometime in the Spring. Rev. Bobby Peters discussed the Pastor and Worker Conference and urged all to attend.

After a short recess we had the roll call of the Delegates. There was 77 Delegates, 12 Ministers and 6 Deacons present which constituted the voting body. We also had present 12 Non-Delegate members of our Association which gave us a total for the day of 107 plus 2 visitors for a total present of 109. MSC by the Credentials and Examining Committee to seat the Delegation.

We began the morning song service with Bro. Bryan Gilmore and Sis. Maxine Thomas at piano.

Following the song service we received the morning offering with offeratory Prayer by Rev. Ralph Bell.

We had a special in song by several of the Singing Gilmores singing "Sheltered in the Arms of God".

There followed a very inspiring message from Rev. Gary Hutsell from the Word of God. He made several references to the Scriptures and made several very good points among them !. Take a look back to where we first came to the sweet knowledge. 2. Hide the Word. 3. The two states of man, living or dying. 4. The true Vine.

There followed an invitation with "Just as I am" being chosen. Several came to the Alter.

We were dismissed for lunch with Prayer by Bro. Lowell Vickers.

Following a very delicious meal served by the host Church we reconvened for the afternoon session with Rev. Thomas Gamble as Moderator and opening with Prayer by Rev. Mike Beckom.

We had special singing by Bro. Joe Vickers and Sis. Leigh Vickers singing "Lighthouse" and "Thank You Lord for Your blessings on me."

The afternoon message was then brought by Rev. C. L. Culpepper using Ezekiel as a text and Bones as a title to his message. Several points were made to the relationship of bones. The Wishbone Member, Always wishing something good would happen but never willing to act to see something good happen. The Funny Bone Member, always getting their feelings hurt over the most minor thing. Hipbone Members, sitting on their finances so the Church goes lacking. The Jawbone Member, always jawing, trying to get something started, sowing discord, discontent, unhappiness, etc. They truly want to get to Heaven, but, like the previous "Bone" they do not wish for it to cost them anything. Let someone else pay the bill, I'll just hitchhike along for the ride. Kneebone Members. Always fervently, earnest Praying everywhere that the plan of God be made in His time and His pleasure. There followed an invitation "Kneel at the Cross."

BUSINESS SESSION

There was no old business. There was a call for Committee Reports and reports were given as called for.

The Children Home Harvest Drive brought from our people a sum of \$2,294.90 for this cause. I am sure the children at the home were blessed by this gift and also those who gave. You cannot outgive the Lord. Very good. There are at this time several special needs at the Home among which is a washing machine, towels, linens, etc.

The Missions Committee reported that April is the designated month for Foreign Missions with November as Home Mission Month.

The Board of Christian Education discussed the upcoming Youth Camp and the need for support and Prayer. Bro. Johnny Cordell was nominated as the director and elected as such. Camp will be held this year at Camp Hicita located at Kolomoki State Mounds in Georgia. The dues per camper will be \$20.00 per person. All are encouraged to send their campers and workers as we are in need of them. MSC.

Finance Committee: See annual reports

Credentials and Examining Committee: No report.

MSC to give Sardis a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality and a very good day indeed. We were dismissed with Prayer.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION
FIRST FWB CHURCH OF EUFAULA APRIL 15, 1983

The session was called to order by the Moderator Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland. Opening Prayer was prayed by Rev. Elmer Turnbough. Bro. Lowell Vickers with Sis. Leigh Vickers at the piano conducted our morning song service at this point.

The morning Devotion was then brought by Rev. C. L. Culpepper using as his text Paul's letter to the Ephesians in that "It is time." Time to take a stand for our Salvation, Time to take a stand for the Word, Time to oppose the move to Liberalism.

The welcome was given by Sis. Tessie Glover with the response being given by Rev. Bobby N. Peters.

A call for any announcements at this time followed by a short recess.

We reconvened after recess being led in Prayer by Rev. Ken Bailey, Missionary Appointee to Japan. The Credentials and Examining Committee reported all letters in good stead and a MSC was made to seat all Delegates following the roll call of Delegates.

Following the seating of delegates we continued our song service.

There followed the receiving of the morning offering with offeratory being made by Bro. John E. Coates.

We were treated to a special in song by Bro. Lowell Vickers, Sis. Nina Vickers, Sis. Leigh Vickers and Rev. Herman Calloway "He will roll me over the Tide."

The morning message was brought by Rev. Bobby G. Register of Hickory Church. This was a very powerful and inspiring message. Bro. Register made many very good points concerning his message titled "Growing Through Church Teaching. This message really pointed out to all of us our responsibility, duty and needs. Just as I am was rendered as an invitation and closed by Prayer for lunch.

Following a very tasty lunch were reconvened for the evening session being led in Prayer by Bro. Johnny Cordell. We began our song service with Bro. Lowell Vickers again leading and Sis. Leigh Vickers at piano. We were rendered a special in song by Sis. Renae Nance singing "I'll see you in the Rapture."

The evening message was brought by Rev. Ralph Baker using as a text Romans 6:1-2,23. Several good points were made concerning this Scripture. A good message from God.

BUSINESS SESSION

There was no old business. Call for reports.

Credentials and Examining Committee. None

Christian Board of Education. The youth camp is to be July 10-15, 1983 at Camp Hicita located at Kolomoki State Park just North of Blakely, Ga. The next Youth Rally will be at New Prospect on June 25, 1983 beginning at 7:00 PM. This is moved up a week to compensate for other activities from others so as to be no conflict. MSC.

Finance Committee. See annual reports

Children Home Committee. No report

Mission Committee. Very informative talk given by Rev. Elmer Turnbough of New Zion Church on Missions. MSC to receive as onformation.

MSC to give First Church a rising vote of thanks for their fine hospitality. Dismissed with Prayer.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION
PLEASANT HILL FWB CHURCH JULY 16, 1983

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland with opening Prayer made by Rev. C. L. Culpepper. Our morning song service began with Bro Lowell Vickers as leader. Songs were "Have Thine own way" and "Victory in Jesus." The morning Devotion was given by the host church using John's Gospel to make several good points but the main one being God is the same today. Dismissed for recess by Rev. Register.

Reconvened following recess with the Credentials and Examining Committee report on the Church Letters. All was in order and we had MSC to seat the delegation. There was a total of 43 delegates from the member Churches present.

The morning worship service began with singing "Never Grow Old" and "We'll Work" followed by the morning offering received by Rev. C. L. Culpepper and Rev. Bobby Register with the offeratory prayer being offered by Rev. Mike Beckom.

We then sang "When the Roll is called up Yonder" with Rev. Herman Calloway singing special music for us titled "Because He Lives" and "Heaven is sounding sweeter all the time" followed by special by Joe and Leigh Vickers "Out of this World."

The morning message was delivered by Rev. Mike Beckom taking his text from Luke 18:9-14. In his message Brother Beckom stressed four points; A. Humble yourself in the presence of God. B. Utterance-simply but Sincerely. C. Expectation-believe and D. Praise Him for it. Very good message. We were dismissed for lunch following the invitation Hymn "Just as I am."

The evening session began with prayer after the call to order by the Moderator. Song service began with Lowell Vickers leading and Leigh Vickers at piano. Bro. Lowell, Joe and Sis. Leigh Vickers rendered special in song titled "Come Morning" and "Step into the Water".

The evening message was brought by Rev. Herman Calloway from Daniel 9:21-27. 1. The Scripture searched daily. 2. Concerned about our times. 3. Love for the Church. Very appropriate for our times. We had an invitational Hymn "Amazing Grace." We were called to an Alter of Prayer.

BUSINESS SESSION

There was no old business so a call for Committee reports went forth from the Moderator.

Credentials and Examining Committee. Move the Rev. Gary Hutsell be granted letter of dismissal from our Association in good standing. MSC.

Christian Education: Bro. Johnny Cordell reported on the just completed Youth Camp declaring that there was a total of 19 confessions, 15 rededications and numerous conferences with youth seeking counseling of various sort. A very good camp indeed. MSC.

Childred Home Committee: No report.

Mission Committee: No report

Finance Committee: See annual reports. MSC.

We began with the Moderator calling the session to order and prayer by the Moderator. The welcome was given by Rev. Dave Collins and the Response by Sis. Fannie Bedsole. There followed a short song service led by Bro. Lowell Vickers singing "Victory in Jesus." The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Dave Collins. Following the devotion Ministers and Deacons were recognized. We had one visiting Minister present, Rev. Paul Mallory from the State Line Association. We were led in song "At Calvary" by Bro. Lowell Vickers and then dismissed for short recess.

We reconvened at 11:00 being led in Prayer by Rev. Herman Calloway. The Credentials Committee gave its report on the Church Letters. There appeared to be some misunderstanding pertaining to dues as there were several Churches "short" on their dues. This was explained by the Committee and most Churches made up the difference at that time by the delegates present. We then continued with MSC to seat delegates.

We entered into song service being led by Bro. Lowell Vickers and singing "Praise Him, Praise Him", "Standing on the Promises" and "More about Jesus." There was a special rendered by Rev. Dave Collins, Rev. Herman Calloway and Bro. Lowell Vickers singing "Where the Roses never fade." Morning offering was then received with the offeratory prayer being offered by Rev. Dave Collins.

The morning message was brought by Rev. Dave Collins using Luke 18:11 with his message titled "Growing Through Humility." He made several very good points but one that really stood out was "Man never stands taller than when he is on his knees in prayer." Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Lowell Vickers.

The evening session began with prayer by Rev. Ralph Bell and evening song service again being led by Bro. Lowell Vickers beginning with Hymn "When we all get to Heaven" followed by "We'll Work". Rev. Bobby Peters led in prayer and we sang "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus." We had special singing by Rev. Dave Collins singing "Come Morning."

The evening message was brought by Rev. Bobby N. Peters from Habbakuk 3:2 with his theme being "Revival of the Work of God." He made several points of which were Constant Revival, All things are of God, Committed to the Work, Determine to do the work, and several other points. Very meaningful for our times. Closed with prayer.

The Memorial Service was brought by the Rev. David Hidle using John 14 and II Thes:

Benediction by Rev. Dennis Haygood.

SATURDAY SESSION

CHESTER CHAPEL FWB CHURCH

OCTOBER 15, 1983

Saturday's session was called to order by our Moderator with Rev. Bobby Register leading in prayer. The welcome was given by Bro. John E. Coates with the response being given by Rev. C. L. Culpepper. Morning song service began with Bro. Lowell Vickers leading and Sis. Leigh Vickers at piano. We sang "I'll fly away" and "Glory Land Way."

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Dennis Haygood using Jerimiah 9:1 showing a man of tears, a man broken with compassion, quoting from several other sections of scripture such as Matt: 9:36 and Psalm 126:36.

We then had a recognition of Ministers and Deacons.

Dismissed for short recess with reconvene at 10:54 with singing "That glad Reunion Day" and "Just a little talk with Jesus."

Rev. Bobby Peters and Bro. Lamar Buxton received the morning offering with the offeratory prayer offered by Bro. Johnny Gilmore.

We then sang "How beautiful Heaven must be" then special in song by Bro. Joe and Sis. Leigh Vickers singing "Out of the World." Also sang "Thank You Lord for Your Blessings on me." They were ably accompanied by Bro. Lowell Vickers.

The morning message was brought by Rev. M. C. Taylor, new Pastor at Sardis titled "Growing through Missions" using as his text Matt: 7:24. Several very fine points were made some of which were : A solid Foundation, an old time Christian Home, the affects of the outside World, Outside attractions and several others. This was a very good and inspiring message and very timely indeed. Our Moderator called for an invitation Hymn at the close of the message. We sang another two Hymns as the host Church finished preparing for the noon repast. A very good meal was served with fellowship and love.

The evening session began with prayer and song service. Prayer was offered by Bro. Edward Nance with Bro. Joe Vickers leading and Sis. Leigh Vickers at piano. We sang "Jesus, Hold my hand" and "Living by Faith" with prayer following by Rev. Herman Calhway. We then sang "Amazing Grace" followed with special by Bro. Lowell, Joe and Sis, Leigh Vickers titled "The scars in the Hands of Jesus."

The evening message was then brought by Rev. Thomas Gamble "Growing Through Missions" in which he made several points among them being Go Ye, where the people are, Do not neglect your field and the fields are white unto the harvest and the laborers are few. Good message and calling our attention to the facts of today.

BUSINESS SESSION

The business session began with no old business and a call for committee reports.

The Credentials Committee made the following report.

1. In response to examination by the committee of Bro. James Bradley at the request of Hickory Grove FWB Church to be licensed to preach. Move Bro. Bradley be licensed for one year and placed under the watchcare of the Church.
2. Moved that Bro. Bobby Register be accepted into the Association with all priveleges.
3. Moved that Rev. Dennis Haygood be received into the Association with all priveleges.
4. Moved that Rev. M. C. Taylor be accepted into the Association with all priveleges upon receipt of letter of good standing from his former Association.

This report received MSC.

The Christian Education Committee made the following report.

1. Encourage education in our churches in the spiritual.
2. Next Youth Rally will be at Goodwater Church on the first Saturday in December 1983.
3. Encouraged that fifth Sunday offerings be taken for the Board of Christian Education.
4. Will have a meeting later on for Pastors and Youth to get together on Youth functions.
5. Banner possibly give more than one banner at each meeting so that the local or host church might be able to participate in the banner. MSC.

Children H[ome] Committee made the following report to the Association. This was received as information. The Home had 4 baptisms, grades were greatly improved, we lost some kids due to conduct, surgery on one girl for hairlip, foster fund is low and needs sponsors.

Missions Committee made the following report which was received as information. Bro. Bobby Peters had gone full time to establishing a Church in Ozark, Alabama. He requested all our prayers and any support we might care to give. MSC as information.

Nominating Committee made the following report to the Association.

Moderator-Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland
Vice-Moderator-Rev. C. L. Culpepper
Clerk/Treasurer- Rev. Ralph Baker
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer-Sis. Nina Vickers

CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Bro. Lowell Vickers - 5 year term expiring 1988

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Ralph Baker - 3 year term expiring 1986

CHILDREN HOME COMMITTEE

Rev. David Hidle - 3 year term expiring 1986

Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland - Board Member

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Rev. Bobby N. Peters - 3 year term expiring 1986

Sis. Martha Blalock - 2 year term expiring 1985

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Herman Calloway - 3 year term expiring 1986

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bro. Ralph Oates - 3 year term expiring 1986

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

Sis. Linda Sowell - 3 year term expiring 1986

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Bro. Bod Davis - 3 year term expiring 1986

The Placement Committee made the following report to the Association.

Meeting for the First Quarter Session Saturday January 14, 1984 at Goodwater Church at Wicksburg, Alabama.

Meeting for the second Quarterly session Saturday April 14, 1983 at Hickory Grove Church at Abbeville, Alabama.

Meeting for third Quarterly session Saturday July 14, 1983 at New Zion Church in Tumbleton, Alabama.

ANNUAL SESSIONS

First day, Friday October 19, 1983 at New Prospect Church at Edwin, Alabama.

Second day, Saturday October 20, 1983 at Mount Zion Church in Eufaula, Alabama.

Sunday School and CTS Convention Sunday March 25, 1984 at Chester Chapel Church-Abbeville, Alabama

Woman's Auxiliary Convention Saturday April 7, 1984 at Mount Zion Church, Eufaula, Alabama.

Resolution Committee had no report.

-REGISTRATION COMMITTEE -

FRIDAY --- REGISTRATION COMMITTEE --- SATURDAY

45 delegates

5 visitors

9 Ministers

5 Deacons

64 Total Present

Union FWB Church

MSC

43 delegates

13 Visitors

10 Ministers

8 Deacons

74 Total Present

Chèster Chapel FWB

MSC

Bro. Clarence Culpepper made a move that the dues be reprinted in the minutes as they had been in the past. MSC.

Rising vote of thanks to host church. MSC to adjourn.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committe met at New Zion FWB Church on the 7 day of November 1983. Rev. C. L. Culpepper led in prayer.

We were welcomed to New Zion by Pastor David Hidle.

After some discussion concerning a general Theme for the coming year one was adopted. See Calendar of Events.

Sis. Nina Vickers brought to the attention of the Committee that we needed to get our Children Home Drive on the move and we appointed certain individuals to chair the different areas of our Association and set December 10, 1983 as the deadline for getting this done. MSC.

The following Ministers were present at the meeting, Rev. C. L. Culpepper, Rev. David Hidle, Rev, Dennis Haygood, Rev. Ralph Baker, Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland.

Rev. C. L. Culpepper made a motion that since we had room at the State Association for other delegates as it appeared some Churches would not be sending delegates that from New Prospect Church the following be included as delegates and that Clerk so notify the State Moderator in writing of such. Nominess were Bro. Johnny Cordell, Sis. Linda Cordell and Sis. Terri Nance. MSC.

Motion or move that we adjourn and we dismissed.

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

The Southeastern Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met on Friday night, April 8, 1983 at 7:30 PM with the Goodwater Church as host. The meeting was called to order by Sis. Jackie Peters of Holmes Church. Session was began with prayer by Sis. Fred Jones. The song service was led by by Sis. Joyce McGriff with Sis. Renae Nance at the piano. The welcome followed with Sis. Joyce McGriff and the response being given by Sis. Pat Robinette.

The devotion was given by Sis. Maudeen Bell reading from II Corinthians 8:1-5. She made comments along the line that we as Auxiliaries are the Mission Arm of the Church. We need to make provisions for the poor and help win the lost to Christ.

During the business session the minutes were read and approved. Roll call showed 20 members, 8 visitors and 2 Pastors present for a total of 30. The next item of business was the election of officers for the next two years. Nominated and elected were: Sis. Joyce McGriff, President; Sis. Miriam Shelley, Vice-President; Sis. Nina Vickers, Secretary-Treasurer; Sis. Jackie Peters, Field Worker and Sis. Joyce McGriff, State Committee Member.

We had a MSC to change our next meeting Saturday, April 7, 1984 at Mount Zion Church located South of Eufaula at 9:30 AM with a covered dish luncheon being served at noon.

Our collection was designated to Sis. Wiley 1/2 and to our State Speaker as a love gift 1/2. Collection was for the sum of \$27.39. We also voted to send \$10.00 to the State meeting for food.

Mrs. Rhetta Butler of Slocumb, Alabama was our guest Speaker. Mrs. Butler has written for the Co-Laborer. In her speech she noted we need total surrender through Prayer, study and service. We need to strive for perfection in our work for Christ. She used as a text verses from I Corinth., II Corinth., Galatians, Matthew and II Timothy. Her message was enjoyed by all.

After a rising vote of thanks to the host Church we were dismissed with Prayer after which we were served a delightful lunch by the Host Church.

WOMAN AUXILLIARY
TREASURY REPORT

Balance brought forward	\$ 96.50
Received from Auxiliary dues	180.50
Received from Auxiliary-State Project	55.00
Received from collection at convention	27.39
Total money to be accounted for	<u>\$359.39</u>

DISBURSED

Alabama FWB Woman's Aux Convention	\$122.00
Alabama FWB Woman's Aux StateProject	100.00
Love Gift to State Speaker	13.70
Mrs. Rhetta Butler - Guest Speaker - Convention	25.00
Mrs. Wiley's ticket	18.69
Alabama FWB Aux Convention (food)	10.00
Total Disbursed	<u>\$289.39</u>

Balance on hand	\$ 70.00
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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CTS CONVENTION

The Southeastern Association Sunday School and CTS Convention was held March 27, 1983 with New Prospect as the host Church. There was three Churches represented.

The Convention was called to order by the President, Bro. Johnny Cordell. Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland led opening Prayer. Welcome was given by Bro. William Sowell and the response was given by Sis. Fannie Bedsole.

The Devotion was brought by Bro. Edward Nance using John 3:16 as his text.

The Sunday School classes were conducted by the host Church teachers.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Johnny Cordell for a ten minute recess.

Following recess morning song service was led by Bro. Larry Sowell with Sis. Linda Sowell at piano.

The President appointed a committee to compile a list of nominees for officers for the coming year to be presented at the business session. This committee was Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland, Bro. Sammy Lipscomb and Sis. Fannie Bedsole.

An offering was then received totaling \$57.01 which was to be designated at the business session.

Special singing was then presented by the Youth Choir of New Prospect Church.

The morning message was brought by Rev. C. L. Culpepper of the host Church using Acts. Chapter 1, Isaiah 53 and Matt: 27:33.

Adjourned for lunch with blessing on food being offered by Bro. William Sowell.

EVENING SESSION

The evening session was called to order by President Johnny Cordell followed by short song service with Sis. Christine Brown leading in prayer.

Church programs was presented then and one Church, New Prospect presented a program.

BUSINESS SESSION

Business session was opened with prayer and the President calling for any old business. There was none.

The reading of the minutes and financial report of the previous meeting was read and approved with MSC.

Bro. Edward Nance made a motion that the offering of \$57.01 be placed in the Convention account seconded by Bro. Johnny Coates. MSC.

The banners then was given to those Churches as follows.

CHESTER CHAPEL - ATTENDANCE
NEW PROSPECT - SUNDAY SCHOOL
NEW PROSPECT - C. T. S.

The nominating committee gave their report to the Convention as follows. MSC To accept report as given.

PRESIDENT - BRO. JOHNNY CORDELL
V-PRESIDENT - SIS. MILDRED COATES
SEC. & TREAS. - SIS. MARY CULPEPPER

There followed a discussion on how to get our other Churches more involved in the Sunday School and CTS Convention to improve it. Some of the suggestions offered were:

Bro. Gene White suggested a meeting be held and a representative from each Church attend. Bro. Edward Nance made a motion seconded by Bro. John Coates that the Sunday School Superintendent and CTS Director be elected from each Church to be the representative at the meeting.. MSC. The call meeting to be held at Chester Chapel Church on highway 95 approximately half way between Abbeville and Eufaula on May 21, 1983. The meeting to begin at 7:00 in the evening. MSC that the Sec./Treas. also send each Church a letter to the effect of meeting.

The President then ask for a host for the 1984 Convention and Chester Chapel Church requested the meeting.

Bro. Johnny Coates ask that a rising vote of thanks be given to the host church for their warm hospitality. MSC.

The Convention was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Larry Sowell.

Johnny Cordell-President
Mary Culpepper-Sec./Treas.

TABLE 2 CHURCH DIRECTORY

PASTORS & ADDRESSES	CLERK & ADDRESSES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	CTS DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	WOMAN AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND ADDRESSES	MASTER'S MEN PRESIDENTS AND ADDRESSES
Rev. Davey L. Kirkland Route 5 Box 94 Eufaula, AL 36027	Mildred Coates 819 Pump Station Road Eufaula, AL 36027	Billy J. Hudspeth 102 Gordon Drive Abbeville, AL 36310			
Rev. Mike Beckom P. O. Box 157 Ariton, AL 36311	J. Lowell Sammons Route 2 Box 41 Ariton, AL 36311	Bart Harden P. O. Box Cllo, AL 36017			
	Mrs. Tessie Glover Route 4 Box 213 Eufaula, AL 36027	Mrs. Tessie Glover Route 4 Box 213 Eufaula, AL 36027	Christine Scroggins Apt. 93 Washington St. Eufaula, AL 36027		
Rev. Dennis Haygood Route 2 Newton, AL 36352	Dorothy Smith Route 1 Box 258 Newton, AL 36352	Billy Sullivan Route 2 Newton, AL 36352	Harvey Walls, Jr. Route 2 Box 99 Slocomb, AL 36375	Joyce McGriff Route 1 Newton, AL 36352	
Rev. Bobby G. Register Route 1 Abbeville, AL 36310	Martha Blalock Route 1 Abbeville, AL 36310	Doug Wilson Route 1 Abbeville, AL 36310	Doug Wilson Route 1 Abbeville, AL 36310	Vickie Day Route 1 Abbeville, AL 36310	Kenneth Blalock Route 1 Abbeville, AL 36310
	Nina Sasser Route 2 Box 269 Ariton, AL 36311	James Miller Route 1 Ariton, AL 36311	Wallace Faulk Route 1 Ariton, AL 36311	Pat Robinette Route 1 Ariton, AL 36311	Wallace Faulk Route 1 Ariton, AL 36311
Rev. Ralph Baker 107 Imperial Drive Eufaula, AL 36027	Lowell B. Vickers 607 Holly Drive Eufaula, AL 36027	Otis Vickers 204 Dothan Road Abbeville, AL 36310		Mary George 305 Columbia Road Abbeville, AL 36310	Lowell B. Vickers 607 Holly Drive Eufaula, AL 36027
Rev. Clarence Culpepper 109 Nancy Ross Drive Eufaula, AL 36027	Linda Cordell Route 1 Box 320 C Eufaula, AL 36027	Edward Nance Route 1 Clopton, AL 36317	William Sowell Route 1 Clopton, AL 36317		
Rev. David Hidle Route 3 Box 49 Headland, AL 36345	Edna Whitehead 302 Murray Street Headland, AL 36345	Jon Whitehead 302 Murray Street Headland, AL 36345			
Rev. Herman Calloway 120 Donna Street Dothan, AL 36301	Shirley Cherry Route 3 Headland, AL 36345	Myron Overstreet Dothan, AL 36301	Hilda Calloway 120 Donna Drive Dothan, AL 36301		
Rev. Thomas Gamble Route 1 Abbeville, AL 36310	Charlie Rentz Route 1 Abbeville, AL 36310	Gene Carr 111 Dothan Road Abbeville, AL 36310	Charlie Rentz Route 1 Abbeville, AL 36310	Ruby Money Route 1 Abbeville, AL 36310	Charlie Rentz Route 1 Abbeville, AL 36310
Rev. M. C. Taylor P. O. Box 507 Eufaula, AL 36027	Georgia Gilmore Route 1 Box 188 Clayton, AL 36016	Joel Miller Route 4 Eufaula, AL 36027			
Rev. Dave Collins 1202 Judson Avenue Dothan, AL 36301	Peggy Stokes Route 2 Box 521 Abbeville, AL 36310	Will Maddox Route 2 Abbeville, AL 36310			

10/01/82 - 9/30/83
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FWB CHURCHES
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance brought forward 10/1/82 \$1,392.82

Income by Quarter:

	10/01/82 <u>12/31/82</u>	1/01/83 <u>3/31/83</u>	4/01/83 <u>6/30/83</u>	7/01/83 <u>9/30/83</u>	<u>Total</u>
Received					
Dues	530.00	196.00	196.00	196.00	1,118.00
Plate	140.33	74.68	53.00	56.32	324.33
	<u>670.33</u>	<u>270.68</u>	<u>249.00</u>	<u>252.32</u>	<u>1,442.33</u>

Expense by Quarter:

Children					
Home	159.50	98.20	98.20	98.20	454.10
State					
Co-op	26.20	25.00	25.00	25.00	101.20
National					
Co-op	26.20	25.00	25.00	25.00	101.20
Christian					
Education	-0-	-0-	-0-	56.32	56.32
State	260.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	260.00
Clerk	100.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	175.00
Asst. Clk.	-0-	25.00	25.00	25.00	75.00
Moderator	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Supplies	-0-	20.00	-0-	67.10	87.10
Minutes	-0-	196.10	-0-	-0-	196.10
Pastors &					
Workers	-0-	200.00	-0-	-0-	200.00
	<u>596.90</u>	<u>639.30</u>	<u>285.20</u>	<u>346.62</u>	<u>1,868.02</u>

Balance Brought Forward Plus Deposits Minus Above
Disbursements Equals Balance On Hand 9/30/83 967.13

10/1/82 - 9/30/83
BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	10/1/82	1,047.82
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Income by Quarter:

<u>Received</u>	<u>10/01/82 12/31/82</u>	<u>1/01/83 3/31/83</u>	<u>4/01/83 6/30/83</u>	<u>7/01/83 9/30/83</u>	<u>Total 1254.00</u>
Camp Dues				1254.00	1254.00
Youth					
Revival			96.30		96.30
Interest			13.66		13.66
Rallies	96.30	20.00	40.00		156.30
Camp				559.68	559.68
Canteen	<u>96.30</u>	<u>20.00</u>	<u>149.96</u>	<u>1813.68</u>	<u>2079.94</u>

Expense by Quarter:

Camp					
Rent			200.00	840.00	1040.00
Food				979.87	979.87
Drinks				64.80	64.80
Canteen				184.79	184.79
Supplies				95.00	95.00
Life Guards					
Kitchen				300.70	300.70
Supplies					
Camp				150.00	150.00
Evangelist					
Youth					100.00
Revival		100.00			
Bank				42.98	42.98
Charges	<u> </u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>2658.14</u>	<u>2958.14</u>

Balance Brought Forward Plus Deposits Minus Disbursements	169.62
Equals Balance on Hand 9/30/83	

TABLE 1 - 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	S.S. Average Attendance	CTS Enrollment	CTS Average Attend.	Woman Auxiliary Enrollment	Average Attendance	Master Men enrollment	Master Men Ave. Attendance	Average Prayer Meeting attend.
Chester Chapel	1911	0	1	3	41	5	46	0	0	30	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Evergreen	1885	2	0	2	40	9	49	1	0	45	38	32	0	0	0	0	0	22
First Church	1939	0	0	3	51	3	54	1	0	10	7	8	5	0	0	0	0	5
Goodwater		0	4	0	160	1	161	2	0	70	58	56	41	23	15	0	0	30
Hickory Grove	1938	23	1	1	88	58	146	1	0	97	66	60	12	17	15	26	22	0
Holmes	1945	3	2	6	106	41	147	0	0	68	65	46	35	15	9	12	8	25
Mt. Zion	1881	0	7	5	73	33	106	1	0	27	20	0	0	21	11	13	7	20
New Prospect	1874	0	0	1	59	39	98	2	0	34	35	31	28	0	0	0	0	32
New Zion		1	2	4	97	37	134	2	0	77	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pilgrim Rest		0	3	6	63	61	124	1	0	38	35	28	25	8	6	8	6	10
Pleasant Hill	1876	0	0	0	33	25	58	1	0	34	28	18	15	0	0	0	0	15
Sardis	1906	3	12	9	175	65	240	1	1	55	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Union	1877	0	0	8	48	20	68	1	0	28	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		32	32	48	1034	397	1431	14	1	613	516	283	193	84	56	59	43	199

	PASTOR'S SALARY	OTHER STAFF	BUILDING REPAIR	DEBT RETIREMENT	OTHER LOCAL EXPENSES	TOTAL LOCAL EXPENSES	COOPERATIVE PLAN	FOREIGN MISSIONS	HOME MISSIONS	CAMP, CHILDREN'S HOME AND OTHERS	OUTSIDE EXPENSE	TOTAL EXPENSE	TOTAL INCOME	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY
CHESTER CHAPEL	\$7780.00		\$4447.59		\$4674.02	\$16,871.61				\$120.00	\$190.00	\$17061.61	\$20098.52	\$ 55000.00
EVERGREEN	7925.00		9765.75		1687.70	20,878.55		100.00	200.00	210.00	510.00	21378.65	21548.65	50000.00
FIRST CHURCH	2459.00				3420.20	5,879.20						5879.20	6210.52	100000.00
GOODWATER	15750.00		975.00	\$2375.28		11,932.48		5.80	93.00		95.80	12028.28	18700.00	195000.00
HICKORY GROVE	8060.00		707.85	8268.00	9537.78	26,572.63		175.00		700.00	875.00	27447.63	29798.00	170000.00
HOLMES	5190.00		274.56	5220.00	4838.59	19,242.70	\$300.00				300.00	19542.70	19716.56	102000.00
MT. ZION	6465.00		2922.35		4257.89	13,645.24		100.00		211.00	311.00	13956.24	14544.93	65000.00
NEW PROSPECT	6885.00		2452.62		4895.28	14,232.90	758.05			300.00	1058.05	15280.95	14656.12	110000.00
NEW ZION								5047.17	310.24	65.00	5422.41	5422.41		100000.00
PILGRIM REST	5200.00	\$875.50	1348.33		3503.52	11,945.75		196.00			196.00	12141.75	13508.69	30000.00
PLEASANT HILL	7800.00		3654.71		1073.13	12,527.84					140.00	12667.84	13098.91	70000.00
SARDIS	6800.00	200.00	5000.00	6590.00	6500.00	25,090.00					-0-	25090.00	27000.00	590000.00
UNION	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Totals	\$80314.00	\$1075.50	\$31547.76	\$12453.28	\$44388.11	\$166291.06	\$1058.05	\$5623.97	\$603.24	\$2306.00	\$9118.26	\$187998.26	\$198873.49	\$1637000.00

**CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS
OF THE
SOUTHERASTERN ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES**

Preamble: In order to encourage and inspire the churches of this association to engage in a more definite plan of work, to labor together in unity, and to coordinate their efforts for a greater program to Christ and His Kingdom, We do hereby adopt this Constitution and By Laws.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. Name - This organization shall be known as the Southeastern Association of Free Will Baptist Churches.

ARTICLE II. Officers - The officers of this association shall be a Moderator and Assistant Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer and an Assistant Clerk-Treasurer. The Offices of Clerk and Treasurer may be combined.

ARTICLE III. Membership. This Association shall be composed of churches in good standing according to the Faith and Practices of the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Section 1. Churches desiring membership in this Association shall send delegates bearing a petitionary letter. If the above church (es) upon examination by the Credentials-Examining Committee, are found to be in order and properly organized as specified in the Treatise, they shall, by vote of this body, be received in full fellowship.

Section 2. All churches of this Association are expected to require their pastors to be a member of the church congregation which he serves, unless he pastors more than one church, then he must be a member of one of the churches he serves.

Section 3. Acceptance of Ministers into the Association - No minister shall have any vote or hold any office till one of the following applies:

a. Ministers coming from another association must receive a written recommendation from the association from which he comes in good standing or upon the recommendation of the examining committee to put under the watch care of the association for a period of time, (not to exceed one (1) year).

b. Ministers coming from an independent church or another denomination must unite with a church in this association and the church he unites with request the Association's Examining Committee to examine him according to the Holy Scriptures, and the Faith and Practices in the Treatise of the Free Will Baptists. This Committee will then make their recommendation to the association for a vote of the delegates. The church involved is expected to request such an

examination within three (3) months after the pastor unites with the Church.

c. No ministers or deacon shall be a member of this association whose church membership is outside the Association. (You must have your membership in one of the Association's Churches to be a member).

d. A Minister or deacon shall not have more than one living wife, even if divorced or otherwise. Likewise a Minister or deacon wife shall not have more than one living husband. He must be of sound character and he must believe and practice Free Will Baptist doctrine.

ARTICLE IV. Representation - Each church is expected to be represented at the Quarterly and Annual Sessions.

Section 1. Each church shall be represented at the Quarterly and Annual Sessions of the Association by a proportionate number of Delegates based on the size of the ACTIVE CHURCH MEMBERSHIP. The first 50 members entitles a church to 3 delegates and 1 additional delegate for each additional 25 members or part thereof, as given in the minutes of the previous annual meeting.

Section 2. All the Standing Delegates are encouraged to attend the Association's meeting at least three (3) times a year.

Section 3. Representation fees shall be \$2.00 per delegate for first, second & third quarter and \$5.00 per delegate to the annual session.

ARTICLE V. Committees - All committees shall be subject to the association for approval or disapproval vote on their action. (except the Executive Committee). All committees shall give a report of their action at each association session. Each committee shall have one member coming up for re-election or replacement each year (except the Executive Committee). Each committee shall elect their own chairman.

Section 1. Executive Committee - The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, The Assistant Moderator, The Clerk, The Treasurer and one member elected by and from each church in good standing in the Association. The duties are:

a. The Executive Committee shall be to act for the Association of Churches when it is not in session on things that cannot wait till the association is in regular session.

b. This committee shall plan and arrange the years program for all sessions of the Association.

c. This committee shall act as the promotional agency for the various work of the Association.

d. This committee shall be called into session when necessary by the Moderator or in his absence Asst. Moderator.

Section 2. Credentials and Examining Committee - All members of this committee shall be from the standing delegates (Ordained Ministers or Deacons) and shall be members of this association in

good standing. There shall be five (5) elected members on this committee, elected at the annual session from the floor; one for five years; one for four years; one for three years; one for two years and one for one year. The duties are:

a. It shall be the duty of this committee to examine the letters of the churches in preparing the authorized (Quorum) delegation to this body and present the Moderator the proper delegation to be seated.

b. It shall be the duty of the Credentials and Examining Committee to examine all candidates (Ministers and Deacons) at the request of the local church, for ordination. (Ordination requiring they must have been a Christian for at least two years). All licensees for the ministry shall be given both a written and an oral examination with questionnaire being furnished by this committee. Deacons shall be examined according to the Holy Scriptures and the Faith and Practices in the Treatise of Free Will Baptists.

c. Ministers coming from other association, independent church, or denominations shall be examined by this committee according to the Faith and Practice in the Treatise of Free Will Baptists and the Holy Scriptures, at the request of the local church.

d. Any recommendation coming from this committee must come before the body for approval or disapproval.

e. Ministers departing this association will, upon request, be given a letter of recommendation providing he is in good standing with the association, and has no formal charge filed against him by the church he is leaving.

Section 3. Christian Education - There shall be a Christian Education Committee, consisting of three members elected to terms of one for three years; one for two years; and one for one year. The duties are:

a. To organize, plan and supervise the Youth Rallies, CTS Competition, Sunday School Promotion, and Summer Camps for the Association.

b. The Christian Education Committee shall recommend to the Association a Camp Director at the annual session to be elected by a vote of the Delegates. This committee and the Camp Director shall be authorized to make complete arrangements, including a place, for Summer Camp. (This authorization is an exception to Article V pertaining to a vote by the association on committee actions.)

c. To promote our Bible College and education of our people.

Section 4. Mission Committee - There shall be a Mission Committee consisting of five members elected to terms; one for five years; one for four years; one for three years; one for two years; and one for one

year. The duties are:

- a. To promote mission work in this association.
- b. To coordinate the needs of our missionaries (Home and Foreign) to each of our churches in this association. To plan, organize and supervise mission work (retreat, conference, and etc.) in the association.

Section 5. Children's Home Committee - There shall be a Children's Home Committee consisting of three members elected to terms of one for three years; one for two years and one for one year. One of this committee shall be the Southeastern Association's Board Member of the Children's Home.

- a. To coordinate efforts to relief the strain on the Children's Home and keep the association informed of the home.

Section 6. Finance Committee - There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of three members elected to terms of one for three years; one for two years; and one for one year. The Treasurer shall sit in on this committee at their (the committee's) request, but have no vote on this committee. The duties are:

- a. This committee is to work with the Treasurer in working up a budget for the distribution of monies for the association. The budget will be presented at the annual session for approval.

Section 7. Placement Committee - There shall be a Placement Committee consisting of three members elected to terms of one for three years; one for two years; and one for one year. The duties are:

- a. The duties of this committee shall be to coordinate the place to hold the quarterly and annual sessions of each associational year.

Section 8. Nominating Committee - There shall be a nominating committee consisting of three members elected from the delegation at the annual session for terms of; One for three years; one for two years and one for one year. The duties are:

- a. The duties of this committee shall be to make nomination to fill vacancies on the various boards, to nominate association officers and such other action as may come before this committee.

Section 9. Any member of the above committee that fails to cooperate with the committee for a period of one year may, upon recommendation of the committee be replaced by the association.

ARTICLE VI. Independence of Churches - Each church of this Association is a distinct and independent organization, with full and absolute authority to manage its own internal and external affairs, to elect its pastor, officers, to receive and dismiss its members.

Section 1. Each church of this association shall have, hold and

control all its property, real and otherwise.

Section 2. The association holds no authority over or in the member churches. It is only a vehicle through which member churches fellowship, work, and cooperate in all things which tend to promote and advance the cause of Christ and the Free Will Baptist faith in God's Kingdom.

Section 3. Discipline: This association shall act only in an advisory capacity. Should there arise in the local church any question on doctrine, practices or discipline, the Bible and the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists shall be considered the final authority. However, if said church(es) fail to comply with same, this body, when in session, may by majority vote of delegates present, withdraw the hand of fellowship from said church(es) until such time that they have set their house in order.

ARTICLE VII. Meetings - The Association shall meet in quarterly sessions on Saturday before the third Sunday in January, April and July. The Annual Session shall meet on Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in October.

Section 1. Robert's Rules of Order shall be used as a guide in all business transactions and parliamentary usages.

ARTICLE VIII. Quorum - Thirty (30) delegates from six (6) or more churches of this association shall constitute a quorum. A lesser number may adjourn until such a quorum is present.

BY-LAWS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

ARTICLE 1. Duties of Associational Officers.

Section 1. Moderator - The Moderator shall preside over all meetings of the Association; appoint temporary committees, and call the members of the Executive Committee together when necessary.

Section 2. Assistant Moderator - The Assistant Moderator shall preside over the meetings of the association in the absence of the Moderator. He shall assist the moderator in the general work of the association.

Section 3. Clerk - The Clerk shall record the proceedings of the Quarterly and Annual Sessions of the Association and of the Executive Committee, and shall edit and have them printed into annual minutes for the general information of the member churches. He shall turn all records of the association over to his successor in office.

Section 4. Treasurer - The Treasurer shall have charge of all associational funds. He shall keep a record of all monies received and

paid out by the Association. He shall make and give a financial report at each session of the association. He shall disburse funds at the direction of the association while in session, or Executive Committee by a majority vote of members present. He shall turn all records of the association over to his successor in office.

Section 5. Provision for Moderator - In case of the absence of both the Moderator and Assistant Moderator, the senior minister of the Standing Delegates shall act in that capacity.

ARTICLE II. Reports.

Section 1. Each church is requested to send Quarterly and Annual reports of progress on forms furnished by the association.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Association shall prepare an associational report to the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptist Church.

ARTICLE III. Standing Delegates - All ministers and deacons who are members in good standing of churches affiliated with this association shall be standing delegates.

ARTICLE IV. Election of Officers - All officers shall be elected by the association in annual session from nomination either by a committee or from the floor of delegates.

Section 1. All officers shall be elected annually and no person shall be disqualified for re-election because of having served in office the previous year.

ARTICLE V. Use of Funds.

Section 1. The Funds of this association shall be used to pay the Moderator, Clerk, and printing of the minutes.

Section 2. The Association shall support Home and Foreign Mission; The Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee; The Children's Home in Eldreidge, Alabama; and the Superannuation of our older Ministers.

Section 3. The Association shall operate on the 75-25% basis until the Finance Committee can work up a budget for the association. The budget will be submitted to the association for approval.

Section 4. All plate offerings received at the Quarterly and Annual sessions after paying the speaker shall be designated by vote of the Delegates.

Section 5. Funds shall be disbursed Quarterly to the National and State Cooperative Programs and to the Children's Home.

ARTICLE VI. Amendments.

Section 1. This Constitution and these By-Laws shall not be changed or altered except and only by a two-thirds vote of delegates

present from member churches in any session of the association.

Section 2. All Amendments shall lie on the table not less than three months prior to adoption and shall be presented to the association in writing, and read to the association not less than two times before action is taken upon them.

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 way 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.

ARTICLE 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 require.

6. **THE SINFULNESS OF MAN:** Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore inherit a fallen nature of such endencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and becomes guilty before God.

7. **THE WORK OF CHRIST:** The Son of God by His incarnation, life sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION:** The conditions of salvation are: (1) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. (2) Faith or the reserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. (3) Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. **ELECTION:** God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. **FREEDOM OF THE WILL:** The human will is free and selfcontrolled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. **SALVATION FREE:** God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will, may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. **PERSEVERENCE:** All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. **GOSPEL ORDINANCES:** BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; FEET WASHING, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers.

14. **TITHING:** God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." (I Cor. 16:2).

15. **THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH:** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. **RESURRECTION, JUDGEMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION:** The scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil until the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the

Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to “provide things honest in the sight of all men.”

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to “grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conference; public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to “Keep the unity of the Spirit” in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another’s happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and so far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and telling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end, we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday School and the evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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