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

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

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GENERAL THEME: "YE ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH"

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION SATURDAY JANUARY 19, 1985
EVERGREEN FWB CHURCH ARITON, ALABAMA
Devotion: Host Church
Morning Message: "Church, Brotherly Love, Kindness"
Saint Luke Rev. James Bradley - Pastor
10:27 First Free Will Baptist Church
Afternoon Message: Rev. David Hidle - Pastor
 New Zion Free Will Baptist Church

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION SATURDAY APRIL 20, 1985
PLEASANT HILL FWB CHURCH HEADLAND, ALABAMA
Devotion: Host Church
Morning Message: "Ministers and Stewards"
I Corinthians Rev. C. L. Culpepper - Pastor
4:1 New Prospect FWB Church
Afternoon Message: Rev. Bobby Register - Pastor
 Hickory Grove FWB Church

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION SATURDAY JULY 20, 1985
PILGRIM REST FWB CHURCH SHORTERVILLE, ALABAMA
Devotion: Host Church
Morning Message: "Prepare the next Generation"
Joel Rev. M. C. Taylor - Pastor
1:3 Sardis FWB Church
Afternoon Message: Rev. Ralph Baker - Pastor
 Mount Zion FWB Church

ANNUAL SESSIONS

FIRST DAY FRIDAY OCTOBER 18, 1985
SARDIS FWB CHURCH EUFAULA, ALABAMA
Devotion: Host Church
Morning Message: "Go Ye Into"
Matthew Rev. Horace Herndon - Pastor
28:19-20 Pilgrim Rest FWB Church
Afternoon Message: Rev. D. L. Kirkland- Pastor
 Chester Chapel FWB Church
Memorial Service: Rev. Dave Collins - Pastor
 Union FWB Church

SECOND DAY
HICKORY GROVE FWB CHURCH

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19, 1985
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA

Devotion: Host Church

Morning Message: "Honoring the Lords Day"

Hebrews Rev. Herman Calloway - Pastor

10:25 Pleasant Hill FWB Church

Afternoon Message: Rev. Dennis Haygood - Pastor

Goodwater FWB Church

Substitute Speaker for Year: Rev. Mike Beckom-Evergreen

1985 ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION SATURDAY JANUARY 19, 1985
EVERGREEN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH-ARITON, ALABAMA

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION SATURDAY APRIL 20, 1985
PLEASANT HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH-HEADLAND, AL.

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION SATURDAY JULY 20, 1985
PILGRIM REST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH-SHORTERVILLE, AL.

ANNUAL SESSIONS

FIRST DAY FRIDAY OCTOBER 18, 1985
SARDIS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH-EUFAULA, ALABAMA

SECOND DAY SATURDAY OCTOBER 19, 1985
HICKORY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH-ABBEVILLE, AL.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CTS CONVENTION: SUNDAY MARCH 24, 1985
HICKORY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH-ABBEVILLE, AL.

WOMAN'S AUXILLIARY CONVENTION: SATURDAY MARCH 20, 1985
PILGRIM REST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH-SHORTERVILLE, AL.

STATE AND NATIONAL

PASTOR'S AND WORKER'S CONFERENCE: FEBRUARY 11-13, 1985
FORESTDALE FWB CHURCH

STATE WOMAN'S AUXILLIARY CONVENTION: MAY 4, 1985
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

ALABAMA WOMAN'S AUXILLIARY STATE RETREAT: MAY 17-18, 1985
RAMADA INN EAST-MONTGOMERY, AL. \$10.00 PER PERSON

ALABAMA T-N-T RALLY: WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT LATER DATE

ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION: NOVEMBER 7, 8, and 9, 1985
FFBC-HUNTSVILLE, AL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING: JULY 21-25, 1985
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Rev. C. L. Culpepper	5 Year Term Expires	1989
Bro. Lowell Vickers	4 Year Term Expires	1988
Rev. Bobby Register	3 Year Term Expires	1987
Rev. Dave Collins	2 Year Term Expires	1986
Rev. Davey Lee K%rkland	1 Year Term Expires	1985

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Rev. David Hidle	3 Year Term Expires	1987
Rev. Ralph Baker	2 Year Term Expires	1986
Bro. Edward Nance	1 Year Term Expires	1985

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Sis. Miriam Shelley	3 Year Term Expires	1987
Rev. Bobby N. Peters	2 Year Term Expires	1986
Sis. Martha Blalock	1 Year Term Expires	1985

CHILDREN HOME COMMITTEE

Sis. Nina Vickers	3 Year Term Expires	1987
Rev. David Hidle	2 Year Term Expires	1986
Rev. Mike Beckom	1 Year Term Expires	1985
Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland	Board Member	

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland	3 Year Term Expires	1987
Rev. Herman Calloway	2 Year Term Expires	1986
Bro. Johnny Cordell	1 Year Term Expires	1985

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sis. Tessie Glover	3 Year Term Expires	1987
Rev. Ralph Baker	2 Year Term Expires	1986
Bro. Johnny Cordell	1 Year Term Expires	1985

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

Sis. Nina Vickers	3 Year Term Expires	1987
Sis. Linda Sowell	2 Year Term Expires	1986
Bro. Johnny Gilmore	1 Year Term Expires	1985

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Sis. Linda Sowell	3 Year Term Expires	1987
Bro. Bob Davis	2 Year Term Expires	1986
Sis. Martha Blalock	1 Year Term Expires	1985

Session called to order by the Moderator, Rev. D. L. Kirkland and opening Prayer by Rev. Herman Calloway.

After remarks by the Moderator concerning how we need to stand on th Word we began our morning song service with Sis. Leigh Vickers at the Piano and Bro. Reynolds leading in singing Kneel at the Cross and also Lilly of The Valley.

The morning Devotion was then brought by the Rev. Dennis Haygood, Pastor of the Host Church using text from I Corinth. 13:12. A Warm and interesting Devotion.

We were welcomed to Goodwater by Bro. Reynolds with Rev. Bobby N. Peters giving the response.

Following the response the Moderator called for visitors and there were none. Next the Ministers and Deacons of which we had 9 Ministers and 5 Deacons.

Announcements were then made by local churches of coming events. Bro. Peters gave an update on the work in Ozark after which we recessed for 15 minutes.

At 10:50 we reconvened with Prayer being offered by Rev. Bobby Register.

Roll call of delegates showed 30 present with the Ordained Authority. MSC to seat the body of delegates. Special Consideration given to two of our Sister Churches to seat delegates who were present for this one session only, New Prospect and Union.

Morning Worship Service singing led by Bro. Harvey Wells and Sis. Leigh Vickers at the Piano. Special Singing by Bro. Joe Vickers and Sis Leigh Vickers singing "Church House Choir" and "Out of this World".

The morning offering was received by Rev. Bobby Register and Bro. Lowell Vickers with Offeratory Prayer by Rev. Bobby Peters.

The morning message was brought by Rev. Bobby Register, Pastor of Hickory Grove Church using as a text James 2:14-26 and entitled "Walking by Faith". Several vary good points was made such as Faith-the only way, Obey thru Faith, Doer of the Word by Faith and several other very good points. A good message.

Following the message Rev. Dennis Haygood gave lunch directions and Rev. Dave Collings dismissed us.

Following a very fine dinner from the Host Church we reconvened at 1:10 to begin the evening session with Bro. Harvey Wells and Sis. Leigh Vickers leading and playing for us "Standing on the Promises" and "The Old Rugged Cross". Rev. Dennis Haygood then led in Prayer and a final number "At the Cross" was sung.

The afternoon message was delivered by the Rev. Dennis Haygood, Pastor of the Host Church using as his text the book of Joshua chapters 3:4-7 and 5:12-15. Rev. Haygood made several very fine points such as (It took 40 years to make a trip that could have been covered in 17 days) (You have never passed this way before) & (God has never left his people without power). Good. In closing he mentioned two things "Lord, open their eyes" and "Look at the Army of God".

BUSINESS SESSION

Call for old business - none

New Business - none

Credentials and Examining Committee made a recommendation to grant Rev. Ralph Bell a letter of Dismissal as he has united with the First Church of Dothan. Motion made upon examining Bro. W. H. Wilson as per the request of Holmes FWB Church that He be not recommended for acceptance into this body due to holding to different beliefs pertaining to the speaking in tongues.

Board of Christian Education had the following report: Nominate Bro. Edward Nance as Camp Director. Considering Youth Revival in the Spring but will inform. Request all Churches to support, assist and advise in the Youth workings. Request each Church hold a special service and receive an offering with that offering to go for Christian Education.

Mission report given as information only and with an announcement that we all attend the First Church of Dothan tonight and listen to Rev. Tryman Messer.

Finance Committee made following report. Plate offering of 55.13 be designated to Ozark Church. Also motion to give from treasury an additional 200.00 for this work in Ozark. Motion made to give to the Board of Christian Education 200.00 for Youth Activities.

The Children Home Harvest Drive accumulated the sum of 2,641.28 cash and numerous material goods.

Called to order by Moderator, Rev. D. L. Kirkland with opening Prayer by Rev. Bobby Register.

The Moderator made opening remarks pertaining to the operation of the Association.

The morning song service was conducted with Bro. Lowell Vickers leading and Sis. Leigh Vickers at the piano and singing "Have Thine Own Way" followed by Prayer being offered by Rev. Herman Calloway. We then sang "I am Thine O Lord".

The morning Devotion was rendered by the Host Church using as a text John 13:11 and John 15:17 and also I John 2:3; also Matt. 7:21, I John 2:10, 2nd. Peter 2:19 and I John 2:11. Devotion on love and was very good.

The welcome was given by the Host Church with the response being given by Rev. Bobby N. Peters.

Recognition of visitors (6) Ministers (8) and Deacons (4).

Announcements made with Rev. Bobby Peters giving a report on how the work in Ozark was going

. Dismissed for recess at 10:40 with Prayer by Bro. Millard Taylor.

Reconvened at 11:00 AM with the Roll Call of the delegates. There were 32 present along with the Ordained Authority. MSC to seat the delegates.

The Morning Worship Hour song service then began with congregation singing "Love Lifted Me" followed with the morning offering and offeratory prayer being offered by Rev. C. L. Culpepper. Singing continued with "He Keeps Me Singing".

We were blessed in song with a special by the Vickers family of Lowell, Nina and Leigh singing "He Will Roll Me Over The Tide".

The morning message was delivered by the Rev. David Hidle reading as a text Phillipians 1:17 with title of message Through the Mind of Christ. Several things was brought out which would enrich our lives, Do all as to the Lord, Care for the lost, Examples, growth, honesty and others. Very good.

Following th message a song of invitation was sang "Amazing Grace". Dismissed for Lunch by Bro. Register.

The Evening Session began at 1:12 PM with song service being led by Bro. Lowell Vickers and Sis Leigh Vickers at the piano leading in "Standing on the Promises". Bro. Bobby N. Peters led in Prayer and we sang "Bringing in the Sheaves".

The afternoon message was delivered by Rev. Ralph Baker "Fully in the Mind of Christ" substituting for the Rev. James Bradley.

BUSINESS SESSION

Credentials and Examining Committee made the following report. Letter of Good Standing received from former Association and motion made to receive Bro. Taylor with all rights in good standing. Received from Holmes Church a letter of resignation from this body. Motion made that clerk shall and he is hereby instructed to write the Brethern at Holmes and ask to meet prayerfully with them to discuss this decision.

Christian Board of Education announced the next Youth Rally on May 26, 1984 at Hickory Grove Church. Renewed request that each church support the camp fund with a monthly offering of 10.00 per month per church.

Nominating Committee - no report

Children Home - no report

Mission Committee - no report

Resolutions Committee - no report

Finance Committee makes motion that the plate offering of 72.61 be donated to the First Church of Eufaula to begin a building fund to aid in reroof of their church. The First Church of Eufaula request any help of any nature from the Association in the task of reroofing their Church since they are a small body. It is requested that each Church consider doing what they can do to aid this Sister Church.

Registration Committee recorded 63 attending.

Rising vote of thanks to the Host Church for a wonderful and fruitful day and their hospitality.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION
NEW ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST JULY 14, 1984

Session called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Davey Lee Kirkland with opening prayer by Rev. Bobby Register.

Bro. Lowell Vickers led us in singing "Praise Him, Praise Him" after which the Moderator made his opening remarks concerning the functions of the Association in which he called upon us as an Association to work together in unity and love one for another.

The morning Devotion was brought by the Pastor of the Host Church, Rev. David Hidle, using as a text the book of Revelation, Chapter 22 and verse 17. In his Devotion Bro. Hidle brought out the need to Defend the Truth, Share the Truth as it is given, Challenged the Association as a whole to desire to give the Word to all.

The Welcome was given by the Host Church Pastor Rev. David Hidle. Bro. Lowell Vickers gave the response.

Visitors were recognized. None present. We had 8 visitors from within our Association who were non delegates, 8 Ministers and 4 Deacons.

Call for any announcements. Bro. and Sis. Boyd Deese will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at Goodwater on August 5, 1984. All are invited to attend. Sing at Pleasant Hill Church tonight July 14, 1984. The First Church will have a sing on August 17, 1984 to assist in the roofing of their Church. All are invited to Pray and attend. Revival begins at Pilgrim Rest July 16, 1984, Revival begins at New Zion July 23, 1984, Revival begins at New Prospect July 29, 1984, Revival at Hickory Grove the second week of August, Homecoming at Union Church July 15, 1984 and Revival begins July 16, 1984.

Letter of appreciation from the First Church to those who had assisted in the beginning of the fund to reroof their Church. Continued plea to any and all to assist in any way possible.

Recessed at 10:30 with Prayer by Rev. Horace Herndon of Pilgrim Rest Church.

Re-Assembled at 10:45 and called to order by the Moderator, Rev. D. L. Kirkland. Bro. Ted Medley led in Prayer.

Roll Call of delegates showed 36 answering roll. Motion made to seat the delegates along with the Ordained authority. This was carried.

Our morning song service was led by Bro. Lowell Vickers with Sis. Jean Ethridge at the piano. We opened by singing "You never mentioned Him to me", "Fill my way with love" after which we were led in prayer by Rev. Ralph Baker. Song service continued by singing "I feel like traveling on", "Blessed assurance" and "How beautiful Heaven must be".

The morning offering was received by Rev. James Bradley and Rev. Bobby Register with offeratory prayer being offered by Rev. James Bradley.

We had a special in song by the Vickers family; Bro. Lowell, Sis. Nina and Sis. Leigh singing "He'll Roll me over the tide".

The morning message was brought by Rev. C. L. Culpepper titled "Sharing the Truth". His text was taken from the Book of Acts 16:9-13 and Phillipians 1:17. Rev. Clarence made several good points among them he mentioned the call "Come Over". We must be willing to go and share. They are ready and willing to hear if we are willing to go and tell. Listen to the right voice when listening and let the world see something in us that will cause a desire for others to want to have also. He went on to say there are four needs facing us today.

1. Knowledge of God. We need this knowledge.
2. Pardon from sin. We must have it before we can promote it.
3. Power for life. Before we can tell others about the power to overcome, we must overcome.
4. Future in Christ. We cannot promote a future security unless we ourselves have that security. The message was closed with prayer followed by an invitational hymn sung, "Just as I am".

A special need by Bro. Hinson was brought before us and we all joined hands in prayer.

Rev. David Hidle gave instructions as to lunch.

The evening session began by the Moderator calling the Association into order. Opening Prayer offered by Rev. Ralph Baker. Song service led by Bro. Herman Calloway and Sis. Jean Ethridge at the piano. We sang "Victory in Jesus".

For special singing we had Rev. Herman Calloway with Sis. Jean Ethridge at the piano sing "Because He Lives". Bro. Ted Medley and wife Sis. Donna Medley rendered song "I want to stroll over Heaven with you".

The evening message was delivered by Rev. Ralph Baker with text "Unity in the Spirit".

BUSINESS SESSION

The business session was begun with the clerk reading the minutes from the last meeting followed by reports of the various committees.

Credentials and Examining committee upon completing its examination of Bro. Jack Starling at the request of Union Church made motion to have him set aside as a Deacon at Union Church. Motion made to ordain same.

Bro. Ted Medley requested a re-Examination by the Board as to the possibility of being re-licensed as a Free Will Baptist Minister in this Association. This request was placed before the Association in the manner that Bro. Medley be re-licensed by his home Church and placed htereunder for a period of one year and then to re-examine to see if qualifications were met and if so possibly ordaining to follow.

Rev. Elmer Turnbough had requested his Association-al letter be granted to him since he is in another State serving therein in the Mission Field. Letter was granted.

Rev. Thomas Gamble had expressed a desire to be part of the movement which speaks in tongues and has voluntarily surrendered his credentials to this Associational body with all clarity and openness.

Christian Board of Education had only an informational report with nothing concrete on full camp as yet.

Missions Board had a report from Bro. Elmer Turnbough about the possibility that he return to this Associational body for the purpose of conducting services for one week to assist in the work hs is in. This was suggested that details be wored out at later date and then inform the member Churches as to time and place.

The Childred Home Committe had a proposal from board committee to take a vote as to whether we would support the idea of the Home received Social Security payments for the kids attending since it was available to them. This was defeated by a resounding NO. It was suggested by Sis. Fannie Bedsole that every Church endeavor to give as much as possible to the Home to try and support them as much as possible.

The Financial Report read and accepted as read in which the plate offering was to be deposited directly into the Trasury for local needs. This offering came to \$73.60.

PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL SESSION-FIRST DAY
NEW PROSPECT CHURCH OCTOBER 19, 1984

The session was called to order by the Vice-Mod-

erator, Rev. C. L. Culpepper.

Morning song service led by Bro. Johnny Cordell and Sis. Linda Sowell at the piano. We sang "Heavenly Sunlight" followed by opening prayer by Rev. Bobby Register.

The Vice-Moderator made opening remarks and then our song service continued.

We sang "Ill live in Glory".

The morning Devotion was then brought by Bro. Edward Nance reading from Genesis 12:1. He touched on willingness to go, where to go, where is the altar, what is offered on it and the peace of God.

Welcome given by Bro Johnny Cordell with the response being given by Rev. David Hidle.

Recognition followed in which we had one visitor, ten Ministers and five Deacons.

Announcements produced several. Bro. Peters made remarks concerning the State Association being held at the East Side Church in Dothan on Thurs., Friday & Saturday on the First Week in November 1984. Make plans to attend. Missions Banquet will be November 9, 1984 at the First Church of Dothan with plate cost of \$3.00 per person beginning at 5:00 PM. Bro. Nance mentioned several things concerning the Board of Education.

At 10:40 we recessed to reconvene at 10:50 AM. Reconvened at 10:50 with opening prayer by Rev. Bobby Peters followed by reading of delegates. We had 32 answering the roll. MSC to seat the delegates and the ordained authority. We then sang Victory in Jesus and one other song clerk failed to list.

The morning offering was received by Bro. Edward Nance and Rev. D. L. Kirkland with offeratory prayer being offered by Rev. C. L. Culpepper.

We had special singing by Rev. Dave Collins at that time.

The morning message was brought by Rev. D. L. Kirkland using as text "Lo, I am with you always" from the book of Matthew 28th chapter. Several points made such as: 1. Speaks to His people, not others. 2. Fear no-Go Forward. 3. Physical prescence is with us. 4. Preached Word is Power. Invitational Hymn "All to Jesus I Surrender". Lunch instrucions given by Rev. C. L. Culpepper.

The evening session was called to order by Rev. C. L. Culpepper with prayer by Bro. Charlie Rentz.

We sang "Have a Little Talk with Jesus", "I'll Fly Away" and "How Beautiful Heaven must be".

Special in son by Rev. Herman Calloway, Wife, Sis. Hilda Calloway and others singing "Footsteps That I hear" and also "He set me Free".

The evening message was delivered by Rev. Mike Beckom reading Exodus 32:1. Points he made were.

1. we see a disobedient people. 2. We see material things not consecrated. 3. We see backslidden men who try to preach. 4. We see false worship Matt. 15:7-9. We had a Hymn of invitation "Amazing Grace".

The memorial service was conducted by Rev. Dave Collins. Moving service.

Rising vote of thanks to host church-recess only until tomorrow session at Mount Zion Church to be reconvened at 10:00 AM October 20, 1984. Prayer by Rev. David Hidle.

PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL SESSION-SECOND DAY
MOUNT ZION CHURCH OCTOBER 20, 1984

The second day of the annual session resumed at Mount Zion Church after being called to order by the Moderator Rev. D. L. Kirkland. Opening Prayer offered by Bro. Ted. Medley.

The morning song service was led by Bro. Lowell Vickers with daughter Leigh at piano. We sang "Revive us again".

The Moderator made opening remarks concerning the workings of our Association.

We continue song service with song "Fill my way with love".

The morning Devotion was brought by Bro. Lowell Vickers using the 116th Psalms. Message, As Long As I Live; Call upon the Lord, Trust in the Lord, Serve the Lord wholeheartedly.

Welcome given by Sis. Nina Vickers with the response given by Rev. Bobby Register.

Recognition showed five visitors, two non-Associational visitors and three Associational visitors, eleven Ministers and five Deacons.

Call for announcements found several forthcoming. Rev. James Bradley offered the thanks of First Church of Eufaula to those who had helped with their roof job. Rev. Bobby Peters used this time to bring us up to date on the Missions around the State and elsewhere. Rev. Mickey Kirkland in Montgomery is averaging or had 99 presents for services while the Ozark work on its anniversary had 45 present. He mentioned also the work being done by the Turnbough family in Florida. All our Missions seem to be prospering. Our local churches could sit up and take notice.

We recessed at 10:48 and re-assembled at 11:02 AM. Following recess we were led in prayer by Rev. Horace Herndon and we began our song service.

We were led in song by Bro. Lowell Vickers and daughter Leigh at the piano singing "Glory to His Name", "You can't do wrong and get by" and "The Glory Land way".

The morning offering was received by Rev. James Bradley and Bro. Ted Medley with the offeratory prayer being offered by Bro. Lowell Vickers.

We then had special in song by Sis. Leigh Vickers singing "He set my life to music".

The morning message was brought by Rev. M. C. Taylor, Pastor of Sardis Church using as his text Eph. 6:11-13 and II Timothy 4:7.

1. Put on the Armor. I Corinth. I run----
 2. Defend the Gospel; Acts 19:8-9-Love the Way.
By following the Word and by us Live the Way
 3. Defend the Doctrine of God, of The Son, of the Holy Spirit and of the Scripture.
 4. Stand immovable, abounding in the things of God.
 5. Keep the Faith-undaunted, unswervingly.
 6. Seek after the rewards of God, not this world.
- Hymn of invitation "Just as I am". Very Good.

Directions given for lunch by host church.

The evening session began with a call to order by the Moderator, Rev. D. L. Kirkland asking that the session should begin since H and the Vice Moderator was in a committee session so the Clerk Rev. Ralph Baker opened with prayer and Bro. Johnny Cordell led the song service with Sis. Leigh Vickers at piano. We sang "Living by Faith" with prayer by Bro Ed Nance.

We continued singing with "Are you washed in the Blood" "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus" with special singing by Bro. Lowell, Sis. Nina and Sis. Leigh singing "He'll roll me over the tide".

The evening message was brought by Rev. Herman Calloway using as his text St. Luke 23:33 and asking the following. 1. What is Calvary? A. Place of Shame. B. Place of Substitution. 3. Place of Vision. 4. Place assembly. 5. Place of redemption. 6. Place where we all need to visit.

BUSINESS SESSION

The minutes of last meeting were read along with the financial reports which were accepted as read with no questions.

The Credentials and Examining Committee made the following report: Rev. James Bradley fo the First FWB Church of Eufaula having served his licensed period fully and upon request of local churchis hereby rec. that he be ordained at the earliest time set by his local church. Further that he shall have all rights and privileges offered to an ordained minister in this body.

Bro. Lavon Overstreet of Pleasant Hill Church upon request by his local church to be examined and having done so this board moves that Bro. Overstreet be ordained as a deacon by his local church with assistance as and if needed from this body.

Move that Rev. Horace Herndon be accepted into this body as fully ordained minister coming from the State Line Association. His letter of Good Standing received from this Association.

Christian Board of Education nominated Rev. David Hidle as Camp Director for 1985 Camp Session with Camp Site to be named at a later date.

Youth Rallies have greatly increased in the recent months and for this we are most thankful.

The 1984 Camp session saw a goodly number come to the Lord and many came seeking guidance. This was a very close knit Camp, however, not without a number of sad goodbys when finished.

We still solicit your financial support in the Youth Activities of the Association..

Children Home Committee recommends that our Association be grouped in certain pairings as in

the past years with group 1 being Evergreen and Rev. Mike Beckom as the leader of this group. Evergreen will function as an individual due to area of location, group 2 being Mount Zion, Sardis, First FW of Eufaula and New Prospect with Rev. C. L. Culpepper being the leader of this group, group 3 being Pilgrim, Union, Hickory Grove and Chester Chapel with Rev. Bobby Register as leader of this group and group 4 being Goodwater, New Zion and Pleasant Hill with Rev. David Hidle as leader of this group. We recommend that each of these groups receive as support for the Children Home in Eldridge, Alabama such items as food, clothing, money and any other article suitable for use in any average home. We ask that we all be as generous as possible. The deadline for this will be December 9, 1984

The Finance Committee recommends that for the present the Association maintain the same level of budget as now functioning under with Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk being paid the sum of 25.00 per quarter, the National and State Co-op to be paid 25.00 each quarter and the Childrens Home being given 25.00 per quarter plus the board members fee of 78.20 per quarter or a total of 93.20 per quarter. The plate offering shall continue to be designated by the voice of the floor majority at each Associational meeting during the year. MSC

We recommend that due to shortage of operating capital at this time that the plate offering of the two days totaling 131.25 be retained in the local treasury for local use. MSC

We heartily recommend to this body that in the coming year that each Church in this body shall endeavor to do more financially for Missions, less fortunate, Childrens Home and all Local Functions in this Association.

Nominating Committee makes the following report to this body. Officers being nominated are: Rev. D. L. Kirkland as Moderator, Rev. C. L. Culpepper as Vice-Moderator, Rev. Ralph Baker as Clerk/Treas. and Sis. Nina Vickers as Assistant Clerk/Treas. Credentials and Examining Committee nominee is Rev. C. L. Culpepper for a 5 year term. Christian Board of Education Nominee is Rev. David Hidle for 3 year term. Missions Committee nominee is Sis. Miriam Shelley for a 3 year term.

Childrens Home Committee nominee is Sis. Nina Vickers and the Board Member nominee is Rev. D. L. Kirkland. Nominating Committee nominees are Rev. D. L. Kirkland for 3 year term and Bro. Johnny Cordell for a 1 year term.

Finance Committee nominees are Sis. Tessie Glover to a 3 year term and Bro. Johnny Cordell to a 1 year term.

Placement Committee nominee is Sis. Nina Vickers to a 3 year term.

Resolutions Committee nominee is Sis. Linda Sowell to a 3 year term.

All nominations received a MSC.

Placement Committe made the following report to the body. First Quarterly Session be hosted by Evergreen on January 19, 1985. the Second Quarterly session to be hosted by Pleasant Hill Church on April 20, 1985, The Third Quarterly Session be hosted by Pilgrim Rest on July 20, 1985 and the Annual session be hosted by Sardis Church on Friday the 18th day of October 1985 and hosted by Hickory Grove on Saturday October 19, 1985. MSC.

State Delegates elected from the floor were as follows: Bro. Ted Medley, Sis. Christine Scroggins, Sis. Hilda Calloway, Sis. Tessie Glover, Sis. Nina Vickers, Bro. Johnny Cordell, Sis. Elizabeth Rouse, Sis. Rubye Hidle, Sis. Linda Cordell, Bro. Lowell Vickers, Sis. Ruth Smith and Sis. Phillips. MSC.

Move that we give this Church a rising vote of thanks for its hospitality. MSC.

For the two day annual session we had 132 or our peopls present.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev.D. L. Kirkland.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION WOMAN,S AUX.

The Southeastern Association Woman's Auxilliary met on Saturday, April 7, 1984 at 10:00 AM with Mount Zion FWB Church serving as host. The meeting was called to order by the president, Joyce McGriff. Jackie Peters led in prayer. Shirley Sullivan, Nina Vickers and Leigh Vickers were appointed as the

Credentials Committee. The song service was led by Mary George with Leigh Vickers at piano. The welcome was given by Mary George with response by Shirley Sullivan. The devotion given by Nina Vickers using Matt. 6:25-34.

There were 20 present representing 3 churches. During the business session the Credentials report was given and accepted as read. There was a collection received totaling \$29.70, & it was designated as a love gift for the State Speaker, Molly Barker. Delegates for the State Convention held at Northport, Al. May 5, 1984 were appointed. They were Jackie Peters, Ann Baker, Leigh Vickers, & Nina Vickers. We decided to hold our next meeting on March 30, 1985 at Pilgrim Rest. A nominating committee comprised of Kim Baker, Carole Threatt and Shirley Sullivan was appointed. Our Association will host the State Auxilliary Convention May 4, 1985 at Goodwater FWB Church. The 1985 Theme is "Ask of Me".

We had special music by Leigh Vickers who sang "He set my life to music". Mrs Annette Tomlinson, State President, was the guest speaker giving a message entitled, "You can do anything you want to do" using scripture from I Corinth. 1:1-9, Romans 8:28 and Psalms 34:1 as support.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Fred Jones and a delicious luncheon was served to those present.

LADIES AUXILLIARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 70.00
Received from Auxilliary Dues	147.50
Received from Auxilliary (State Project)	125.00
Received from collection at convention	29.70
TOTAL MONEY TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR:	<u>372.20</u>
Alabama FWB Womans Aux. Convention	118.00
Alabama FWB Womans Aux State Project	125.00
Love Gift to State Speaker	29.70
Alabama FWB Aux. for Food	10.00
Annette Tomlinson - Convention	25.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>307.70</u>
Balance left on hand	\$ 64.50

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CTS CONVENTION

The Southeastern Sunday School and CTS Convention was held on March 25, 1984 with Cheste Chapel as host.

The President, Bro. Johnny Cordell called the convention to order. Bro. Bod Davis led the song service. Prayer by Bro. Sammy Lipscomb.

Sis. Fannie Bedsole gave the Welcome and Bro. Edward Nance gave the response.

Devotional was give by Bro. Johnny Coates using Acts chapter 4 verse 13. Sunday School Classes were taught by teachers of host church.

We had a 10 minute recess.

The president called the convention back to order with Bro. Bod Davis leading in the singing.

An offering was received at this time to be placed later in the amount of 36.36.

We had special singing by a group from the host church.

Rev. David Lee Kirkland delivered the morning message using 2nd Corinthians 2nd. chapter and verse 11. Topic was "Works of Satan", very good message. Closed with a song and alter invitation.

Bro. Ted Medley from Liberty Methodist Church in Georgia dismissed with prayer and asking God's blessings on the food.

The evening session began with Bro. Johnny Cordell leading the singing. Bro. Larry Sowell led in prayer. We had 4 churches represented with 78 registered for the day.

The programs were presented at this time with 3 churches with programs. They were Chester Chapel, Hickory Grove and New Prospect. All programs were very good.

Business session was opened by Sis. Donna Brown leading in prayer.

Reading of the minutes and financial report by Sect. & Treas. Motion second and carried as read.

Old business--there was not any.

New business--Motion by Sis. Linda Sowell for the offering of \$36.36 be sent to the mission field for our Youth Camp. Motion seconded by Rev. Davey Kirkland.

The Banners were presented at this time.

They were: Sunday School Attendance

C T S

New Prospect

Sunday School Percentage

At this time the president ask for any announcements.

Bro. Edward Nance announced the Youth Rally and ask for all churches to try and get involved.

The president ask for a place for the next convention for 1985. Hickory Grove ask to host the convention for 1985.

Motion made by Rev. Clarence Culpepper to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for a real nice day.

Johnny Cordell-President
Mary Culpepper-Sect/Treas

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Southeastern Association of Executive Members met at Mount Zion FWB Church on November 5, 1984 for the purpose of planning the 1984-85 Calendar and any other items of business which might rightfully come before this body.

After some discussion a program was drafted in which Bro. Lowell Vickers of Mount Zion made several suggestions and we finally agreed on a Theme of "Ye Ar The Salt Of The Earth". Sub topics were then discussed and then we adopted the program as set forth in the Calendar of Events shown at page 2 & 3 of this book.

There was really no other business to discuss so we all had fellowship together and snacks along with drink as furnished by the Ladies Auxilliary of the Host Church. We enjoyed a discussion on several points of scripture and then were dismissed with Prayer by Rev. C. L. Culpepper.

TABLE 2 - CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH NAME	PASTOR NAME & ADDRESS	CLERK'S NAME & ADDRESS	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT & ADDRESS	CTS DIRECTOR & ADDRESS	WOMAN'S AUXILIARY PRESIDENT & ADDRESS	MASTER'S MEN PRESIDENT & ADDRESS
CHESTER CHAPEL	REV. D. L. KIRKLAND ROUTE 5 - BOX 94 EUFULA, ALABAMA 36027	MILDRED COATES PUMP STATION RD. EUFULA, AL. 36027	JOHN E. COATES PUMP STATION RD. EUFULA, AL. 36027			
EVERGREEN	REV. MIKE BECKUM #10 SPRING STREET MIDLAND CITY, AL. 36350	LOWELL SAMMONS ROUTE 2 BOX 51 ARITON, AL. 36311	BART HARDON P. O. BOX ARITON, AL. 36311			
FIRST CHURCH	REV. JAMES BRADLEY ADAMS ROAD ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310	TESSIE GLOVER ROUTE 4 BOX 213 EUFULA, AL. 36027	TESSIE GLOVER ROUTE 4 BOX 214 EUFULA, AL. 36027			
GOODWATER	REV. DENNIS HAYGOOD ROUTE 2 NEWTON, AL. 36352	DOROTHY SMITH ROUTE 1 BOX 258 NEWTON, AL. 36352	BILLY SULLIVAN ROUTE 2 NEWTON, AL. 36352		JOYCE McGRUFF ROUTE 1 NEWTON, AL. 36352	
HICKORY GROVE	REV. BOBBY REGISTER ROUTE 1 ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310	MARTHA BLALOCK ROUTE 1 BOX 22 ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310	RAY MUNEY ROUTE 1 ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310			
MOUNT ZION	REV. RALPH BAKER 107 IMPERIAL DR. EUFULA, AL. 36027	LOWELL VICKERS 607 HOLLY DR. EUFULA, AL. 36027	OTIS VICKERS 204 DOTHAN ROAD ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310		MARY GEORGE 305 COLUMBIA ROAD ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310	OTIS VICKERS 204 DOTHAN ROAD ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310
NEW PROSPECT	REV. C. L. CULPEPPER 109 NANCY ROSS DR. EUFULA, AL. 36027	LINDA CORDELL ROUTE 1 BOX 320-C EUFULA, AL. 36027	EDWARD NANCE ROUTE 1 CLOPTON, AL. 36317	LARRY SOWELL ROUTE 1 CLOPTON, AL. 36317		
NEW ZION	REV. DAVID HIDE ROUTE 3 BOX 49 HEADLAND, AL. 36345	EDNA WHITEHEAD 302 MURRAY ST. HEADLAND, AL. 36345	TOM SHELLEY ROUTE 2 HEADLAND, AL. 36345			
PLEASANT HILL	REV. HERMAN CALLOWAY 120 DONNA DR. DOTHAN, AL. 36301	GRACE GRAHAM 306 EAST MAIN ST. HEADLAND, AL. 36345	STEVE SPAN MAIN STREET HEADLAND, AL. 36345	HILDA CALLOWAY 120 DONNA DR. DOTHAN, AL. 36301		
PILGRIM REST	REV. HORACE HERNDON ENTERPRISE HIGHWAY RT 12 DOTHAN, AL. 36301 36303	CHARLIE RENTZ ROUTE 1 BOX 120 ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310	GENE CARR 111 DOTHAN RD. ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310	CHARLIE RENTZ ROUTE 1 ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310	RUBY MONEY ROUTE 1 ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310	CHARLIE RENTZ ROUTE 1 ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310
SARDIS	REV. M. C. TAYLOR P. O. BOX 507 EUFULA, AL. 36027	MARTHA CODY ROUTE 1 CLAYTON, AL. 36016	JOEL MILLER ROUTE 4 EUFULA, AL. 36027			
UNION	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			

✓ Rev. Mike Nelson
 River St
 Eufaula, AL 36027

FINANCIAL REPORT
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION FWB
9/1/83 - 8/31/84

Balance Brought Forward \$ 967.13

Income by Quarter:

	9/1/83 11/30/83	12/1/83 2/28/84	3/1/84 5/31/84	6/ 1/84 8/31/84	Totals
Received:					
Dues	520.00	162.00	179.00	177.00	1,038.00
Plate	312.89	55.19	72.61	73.00	513.64
	<u>832.89</u>	<u>217.14</u>	<u>251.61</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>1,551.64</u>

Expense by Quarter:

Children					
Home	232.75	198.20	98.20	98.20	627.35
State					
CO-op	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Nationalc					
Co-op	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Christian					
Education	56.30	200.00	-0-	-0-	256.32
State Dues	260.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	260.00
Clerk	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Asst.					
Clerk	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Moderator	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Minutes	-0-	363.27	-0-	-0-	363.27
Ozark Work	-0-	255.13	-0-	-0-	255.13
First FW	-0-	-0-	72.61	-0-	72.61
Special Off.					
Elva Money	121.02	-0-	-0-	-0-	121.02
Totals	<u>759.09</u>	<u>1141.60</u>	<u>295.81</u>	<u>223.20</u>	<u>2,455.70</u>

CONSOLIDATED REPORT

Balance brought forward	967.13
Total received for period	<u>1,551.64</u>
	2,518.77
Less Expenditures	<u>2,455.70</u>
Balance on hand 8/31/84	63.07
Less returned check for dues	<u>6.00</u>
Balance per books and bank reconcile	57.07

FINANCIAL REPORT
CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
9/1/83 8/31/84

Balance brought forward \$ 169.62

Income by Quarter:

	9/1/83 <u>11/30/83</u>	12/1/83 <u>2/29/84</u>	3/ 1/84 <u>5/31/84</u>	6/1 /84 <u>8/31/84</u>	Total
Received					
Camp Dues				1,397.00	1,397.00
S. S. Con.	56.32				56.32
New Prospect				150.00	150.00
Mount Zion		52.25		75.00	127.25
Youth of N. Prospect	40.00				40.00
Youth Rally		22.00			22.00
Assoc.		200.00			200.00
Loans				785.00	785.00
Totals	<u>96.32</u>	<u>274.25</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>2,407.00</u>	<u>2,853.93</u>

Expense by Quarter:

Camp Rent	850.00	850.00
Food & Kitchen	1,632.00	1,632.00
Evangelist	300.00	300.00
Totals	<u>2,782.00</u>	<u>2,782.00</u>

CONSOLIDATED REPORT

Balance on hand	169.62
Total received	<u>2,853.93</u>
	3,023.55
Less expenses	2,782.00
Less bank sc	<u>12.00</u>
Balance	229.55
Less outstanding loans	785.00
Less bill to Gospel World	<u>42.14</u>
	(597.59)
Plus repay for drinks 65.00 less error 8.46	<u>56.54</u>
	(541.05)

TABLE 1 - CHURCH MEMBERSHIP - AUXILLIARY STATISTICS

CHURCH NAME	DATE ORGANIZED	REC'D BY BAPTISM	ADD BY LETTER, PROF. FAITH, ETC.	LOST BY DEATH, ROLL REV., ETC.	RESIDENT MEMBERS	NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS	ORDAINED MINISTERS	LICENSED MINISTERS	SS ENROLLMENT	SS AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	CTS ENROLLMENT	CTS AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	WOMAN'S AUX. ENROLLMENT	WOMAN' AUX AVE ATTENDANCE	MASTER'S MEN ENROLLMENT	MASTER'S MEN AVE ATTENDANCE	AVE PRAYER MEET ATTENDANCE
CHESTER CHAPEL	1911	2			43		1		35	26							
EVERGREEN	1885				40	9	1		38	34	36	32					
FIRST CHURCH	1939			2	15	35		1	14	9							
GOODWATER		9	22	5	167	1	1		122	74	65	50	21	12			
HICKORY GROVE	1938	14	3	3	102	45	1		85	56	14	8	14	8	20	15	
MOUNT ZION	1881			1	75	30	1		29	20			21	10	13	8	
NEW PROSPECT	1874	10	3	4	68	34	2		44	34	35	31					
NEW ZION		6	8	5	97	40	1		82	62							
PILGRIM REST		3	13	1	75	56	1		54	45	35	30	9	6	7	5	
PLEASANT HILL	1876	2	3		38	27	1		42	29	32	26					
SARDIS	1906	SARDIS RECORDS LOST IN FIRE AND NOT RE-ESTABLISHED AT THIS TIME															
UNION	1877		1		50	19	1		20	18							
TOTALS		46	53	21	770	296	11	1	565	407	217	177	65	36	40	28	

**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 brethen, or sisters.
8. No members of this Association shall absent himself when the association is sitting in conference without leave of the moderator.
9. The names of the members of this association shall be enrolled and called as often as the association thinks is necessary.
10. No member shall speak longer than fifteen minutes at any one time without leave of the moderator.

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.