

1991 MINUTES OF

THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS

AND THE

ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH

ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION

OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

CHURCHES

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ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS YEAR 1992

THE ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS ELECTED TO SERVE FOR THE NEW YEAR 1992 ARE: MODERATOR, BRO. BOBBY REGISTER, ROUTE 1-BOX 78A, CLOPTON, ALABAMA 36317 TELEPHONE 205-585-3983; VICE-MODERATOR IS BRO. LOWELL VICKERS, 607 HOLLY DRIVE, EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027, TELEPHONE NUMBER 205-687-3463; CLERK/TREASURER IS BRO. RALPH BAKER, 107 IMPERIAL DRIVE, EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027, TELEPHONE NUMBER 205-687-5445; ASS'T CLERK/TREASURE IS SIS. PAM PETTIS, ROUTE 3-BOX 466, OZARK, ALABAMA 36360, TELEPHONE NUMBER 205-795-6741.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

THE ASSOCIATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION IS BRO. JOHN E. COATES, CHESTER CHAPEL; BRO. BYRON REGISTER, FIRST FREE WILL; BRO. FRED JONES, GOODWATER; SIS. MARTHA BLACKLOCK, HICKORY GROVE; BRO. LOWELL VICKERS, MOUNT ZION; BRO. LARRY SOWELL, NEW PROSPECT; SIS. EDNA WHITEHEAD, NEW ZION; BRO. CHARLIE RENTZ, PILGRIM REST; BRO. JOE GRIMSLEY, SARDIS. AS ELECTED BY OUR SISTER CHURCHES. THE MODERATOR, VICE MODERATOR, CLERK/TREASURER AND ASS'T CLERK TREASURER AND THE FOLLOWING ORDAINED MINISTERS PASTORING CHURCHES IN THIS ASSOCIATION ARE STANDING MEMBERS; BRO. DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND, BRO. JOEY PETTIS, BRO. BOBBY REGISTER, BRO. RALPH BAKER, BRO. MIKE GILLOCK, BRO. C. L. CULPEPPER, BRO. JAMES FRANKLIN AND BRO. DAVE COLLINS.

MINISTERS OF ASSOCIATION:

ORDAINED MINISTERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND PASTORING A CHURCH WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION ARE; BRO. RALPH BAKER, 107 IMPERIAL DRIVE, EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027 PHONE NUM. 205-687-5445; BRO. DAVE COLLINS, 1202 JUDSON AVENUE, DOTHAN, ALABAMA 36301 PHONE NUM. 205-794-5961; BRO. C. L. CULPEPPER, P. O. BOX 241, EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36072-0241 PHONE NUM. 205-687-4462; BRO. JAMES "JIM" FRANKLIN, P. O. BOX 507, EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36072-0507 PHONE NUM. 205-687-9521; BRO. MIKE GILLOCK ROUTE 3-BOX 49, HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345 PHONE NUM. 205-693-5515; BRO. DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND, ROUTE 5-BOX 94, EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027 PHONE NUM. 205-687-4515; BRO. JOEY PETTIS, ROUTE 3-BOX 466, OZARK, ALABAMA 36360; BRO. BOBBY REGISTER, ROUTE 1-BOX 78A, CLOPTON, ALABAMA 36317 PHONE 205-585-3983.

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF GOOD STANDING WITH THIS ASSOCIATION BUT NOT PASTORING CHURCHES AT THIS TIME ARE; BRO. HORACE HERNDON, ROUTE 12-BOX 22, DOTHAN, ALABAMA 36303 PHONE NUM. 205-794-3006; BRO. DAVID HIDLE, ADDRESS NOT KNOWN; BRO. WAYNE PARKER, ROUTE 1-BOX 219B, MIDLAND CITY, ALABAMA 36350 PHONE NUM. 205-795-3034.

LICENSED MINISTERS PASTORING IN THIS ASSOCIATION IS BRO. GENE A. WHITE, ROUTE 3-BOX 241, ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310, PHONE NUM. 205-585-3879.

COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

THE CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE AS SHOWN: BRO. WILLIAM SOWELL TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 1995; BRO. C. L. CULPEPPER AND BRO. DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND, TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 1994; BRO. KENNETH BLALOCK AND BRO. LOWELL VICKERS TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 1993; BRO. JOEY PETTIS AND BRO. PAUL MALLORY TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 1992.

THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMPOSED OF BRO. JAMES FRANKLIN TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 1994; BRO. MIKE GILLOCK TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 1993 AND BRO. CHARLIE RENTZ TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 1992.

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AS ELECTED: SIS. MARTHA BLALOCK TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 1994; BRO. JOHNNY CORDELL TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 1993 AND BRO. JOHN E. COATES TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 1992.

THE CHILDREN HOME COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF SIS. WILMA BULLARD TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 1994; SIS. SHIRLEY CHERRY TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 1993 AND BRO. GENE WHITE TERM EXPIRING IN OCTOBER 1992. THE BOARD MEMBER ELECTED TO REPRESENT THIS BODY AT THE HOME IN ITS WORKINGS IS BRO. DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF SIS. BARBARA REGISTER TERM EXPIRING 1994; SIS. LINDA SOWELL TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 1993 AND SIS. LILLIE THOMPSON TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 1992.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF BRO. BILLY HUDSPETH TERM EXPIRING 1994; SIS. JANE STINSON TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 1993 AND BRO. RALPH BAKER TERM EXPIRING 1992.

THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF SIS. MARTHA BLALOCK TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 1994; SIS. RUTH SMITH TERM EXPIRING IN OCTOBER 1993 AND SIS. LINDA SOWELL TERM EXPIRING IN OCTOBER 1992.

THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF SIS. PAM PETTIS TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 1994; SIS. ANN ANDERSON TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 1993 AND SIS. LINDA CORDELL TERM EXPIRING IN OCTOBER 1992.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL MEETINGS AND DATES

THE FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING WILL BE AT PLEASANT HILL CHURCH ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 1992 WITH REGISTRATION AT 9:30 AM. THE HOST CHURCH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MORNING DEVOTION AND THE SINGING. THE MORNING SPEAKER FOR THE DAY WILL BE BRO. MIKE GILLOCK, PASTOR OF NEW ZION. THE EVENING SPEAKER WILL BE BRO. RALPH BAKER, PASTOR OF MOUNT ZION.

THE SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION WILL ASSEMBLE WITH FIRST FREE WILL CHURCH ON SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1992 WITH REGISTRATION AT 9:30 AM. THE HOST CHURCH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MORNING DEVOTION AND THE SINGING. THE MORNING SPEAKER WILL BE BRO. C. L. CULPEPPER, PASTOR OF PILGRIM REST. THE EVENING SPEAKER WILL BE BRO. D.L. KIRKLAND, PASTOR AT CHESTER CHAPEL.

THE THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION WILL BE ASSEMBLED AT MOUNT ZION CHURCH ON SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1992 WITH REGISTRATION AT 9:30 AM. THE HOST CHURCH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MORNING DEVOTION AND THE SINGING. THE MORNING SPEAKER WILL BE BRO. JOEY PETTIS, PASTOR OF EVERGREEN CHURCH. THE EVENING SPEAKER WILL BE BRO. JAMES FRANKLIN, PASTOR OF SARDIS.

THE FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE AT UNION GROVE CHURCH ON FRIDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 16, 1992 AND BEGIN WITH REGISTRATION AT 6:30 PM WITH THE MEETING GETTING UNDER WAY AT 7:00 PM. THE HOST CHURCH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EVENING DEVOTION AS WELL AS SINGING. THE EVENING SPEAKER FOR THIS SESSION WILL BE BRO. GENE WHITE, PASTOR AT HICKORY GROVE CHURCH. SERVICES ARE FROM 7:00 PM UNTIL 9:00 PM.

THE SECOND DAY OF THE ANNUAL SESSION WILL ASSEMBLE WITH GOODWATER CHURCH ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1992 WITH REGISTRATION BEGINNING AT 9:30 AM. THE HOST CHURCH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MORNING DEVOTION AND THE SINGING. THE MORNING SPEAKER WILL BE BRO. BOBBY REGISTER, PASTOR OF THE FIRST FREE WILL OF EUFAULA. THE EVENING SPEAKER WILL BE LEFT OPEN AT THIS TIME FOR POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PASTOR ARRIVING IN OUR ASSOCIATION SINCE WE DO HAVE SOME VACANCIES.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE ON SATURDAY EVENING OF THE SECOND DAY OF THE ANNUAL SESSION AND WILL BE CONDUCTED BY BRO. DAVE COLLINS, PASTOR OF UNION GROVE CHURCH.

THE SUBSTITUTE SPEAKER OF THE YEAR WILL BE BRO. JAMES FRANKLIN, PASTOR AT SARDIS CHURCH IN EUFAULA.

THE THEME FOR THE 1992 YEAR IS "THE CHURCH THAT PLEASES CHRIST" WITH SCRIPTURE FROM ST. MATTHEW 16:18.

THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PLANNING FOR 1992 IS AS FOLLOWS:

YOUTH RALLIES:

FEBRUARY 8, 1992	NEW PROSPECT CHURCH
MAY 16, 1992	NEW ZION CHURCH
AUGUST 15, 1992	PILGRIM REST CHURCH
NOVEMBER 21, 1992	SARDIS CHURCH

YOUTH REVIVAL:

MARCH 22 - 25, 1992	PILGRIM REST CHURCH
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YOUTH CAMP:

DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED	KOLOMOKI MOUNDS PARK
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EVANGELIST FOR YOUTH REVIVAL AND FOR YOUTH CAMP WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER SESSION, AS WILL THE CAMP DIRECTOR. THESE HAVE NOT BEEN DECIDED AS YET. ALL CHURCHES WILL BE TIMELY NOTIFIED OF ALL EVENTS.

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE DID NOT HAVE A REPORT OR A SCHEDULED MEETING AS OF THIS TIME. POSSIBLY IN THE FUTURE ONE CAN BE PLANNED.

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION DISTRICT LADIES AUXILLARY MEETING WILL BE APRIL 3, 1992 AND WILL BE HOSTED BY PILGRIM REST CHURCH BEGINNING AT 7:00 PM. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

STATE MEETINGS:

THE ANNUAL PASTOR AND WORKERS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 10-12, 1992. THE CONFERENCE WILL BE AT THE MADISON FWB CHURCH IN MADISON, ALABAMA. DETAILS AND TIMES AND VARIOUS OTHER INDORMATION WILL BE SUPPLIED BY THE STATE ASSOCIATION PRIOR TO THE MEETEING.

THE STATE ASSOCIATION MEETING WILL BE HELD NOVEMBER 5-7, 1992. THIS MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOTHAN ON NOVEMBER 5, 6 AND 7. STATE ASSOCIATION WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY INFORMATION PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

THE STATE LADIES AUXILLARY MEETING WILL BE HELD MAY 2, 1992. SINCE WE ARE A LOCAL DISTRICT AUXILLARY ONLY AT THIS TIME, I DO NOT KNOW WHEN OR WHERE THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD. THERE WILL BE SUFFICIENT NOTICE AVAILABLE FROM THE STATE FOR

ANYONE TO MAKE PLANS THAT MIGHT DESIRE TO ATTEND.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION WILL BE MEETING ON THE FOLLOWING DATES AT THE PLACES LISTED.

JULY 19-23, 1992	INDIANPOLIS, INDIANA
JULY 18-22, 1993	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
JULY 17-21, 1994	LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
JULY 16-20, 1995	CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

TABLE ONE - CHURCH DIRECTORY
SEPTEMBER 30, 1991

CHURCH NAME	PASTOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS	CLERK'S NAME AND ADDRESS	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AND ADDRESS	CTS DIRECTOR AND ADDRESS	LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENT AND ADDRESS	MASTER'S MEN PRESIDENT AND ADDRESS
CHESTER CHAPEL	BRO. D. L. KIRKLAND RT. 5 - BOX 94 EUFULA, AL. 36027	SIS. MILDRED COATES 819 PUMP ST. ROAD EUFULA, AL. 36027	BRO. JOHN COATES 819 PUMP ST. ROAD EUFULA, AL. 36027			
EVERGREEN	BRO. JOEY PETTIS RT. 3 - BOX 466 OZARK, AL. 36360	SIS. BEULAH PEAVY RT. 1-BOX 263 ARITON, AL. 36311	BRO. BART HARDEN RT. 2 - BOX 261A ARITON, AL. 36311	BRO. BRIAN PEAVY RT. 1 - BOX 263 ARITON, AL. 36311		
FIRST FREE WILL	BRO. BOBBY REGISTER RT. 1 - BOX 78A CLOPTON, AL. 36317	SIS. MARY E. WILSON D42 BROOK HAVEN APT. EUFULA, AL. 36027	BRO. PERRY LUCK RT. 4-BOX 191-C1 EUFULA, AL. 36027			
GOODWATER	BRO. RODNEY OUTLAW RT. 2 - BOX 15E ASHFORD, AL. 36312	SIS. DOROTHY SMITH RT. 1 - BOX 258 NEWTON, AL. 36352	BRO. WAYNE SULLIVAN RT 2 NEWTON, AL. 36352			
HICKORY GROVE	BRO. GENE WHITE ROUTE 3 - BOX 241 ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310	SIS. JANE STINSON 114 N. DOSWELL ST. ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310	BRO. RAY MONEY RT. 1 - BOX 19 ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310		SIS. EUNICE STARLING RT. 1 ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310	BRO. KENNETH BLALOCK RT.1 ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310
MOUNT ZION	BRO. RALPH BAKER 107 IMPERIAL DR. EUFULA, AL. 36027	BRO. LOWELL VICKERS 607 HOLLY DR. EUFULA, AL. 36027	BRO. TRACEY OWENS 405 WARD DRIVE ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310		SIS. DOLLY VICKERS 204 DOTHAM ROAD ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310	BRO. LOWELL VICKERS 607 HOLLY DR. EUFULA, AL. 36027
NEW PROSPECT		SIS. CHRISTENE BROWN ROUTE 1 - BOX 74 CLOPTON, AL. 36317	BRO. TROY BARRON RT. 1-BOX 73-A CLOPTON, AL. 36317	BRO. JOHNNY CORDELL RT. 1 CLOPTON, AL. 36317		
NEW ZION	BRO. MICHAEL GILLOCK RT. 3 - BOX 49 HEADLAND, AL. 36345	SIS. EDNA WHITEHEAD 302 MURRAY ST. HEADLAND, AL. 36345	BRO. TOM SHELLEY RT. 2 HEADLAND, AL. 36345			
PILGRIM REST	BRO. C. L. CULPEPPER 109 NANCY ROSS DR. EUFULA, AL. 36027	SIS. RUBY MONEY RT. 1 ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310	BRO. ANDY ANDERSON RT. 3 ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310	BRO. CHARLIE RENTZ RT. 1 ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310	SIS. WINNIE RENTZ RT. 1 ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310	BRO. CHARLIE RENTZ RT. 1 ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310
PLEASANT HILL		SIS. SHIRLEY CHERRY 109 GREENTREE APTS. HEADLAND, AL. 36345	BRO. STEVE SPANN HEADLAND, AL. 36345	BRO MYRON OVERSTREET RT. 3 HEADLAND, AL. 36345		
SARDIS	BRO. JAMES FRANKLIN P. O. BOX 790 EUFULA, AL. 36072	SIS. MARTHA CODY P. O. BOX 427 EUFULA, AL. 36072	BRO. EVERETT O'HEARN RT. 2 - BOX 194G EUFULA, AL. 36027		SIS. GEORGIA GILMORE RT. 1 EUFULA, AL. 36072	
UNION	BRO. DAVE COLLINS 1202 JUDSON AVE. DOTHAN, AL. 36301	SIS. PEGGY STOKES RT. 4-BOX 521 ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310	BRO. WILL MADDOX RT. 4 ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310			

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION - ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1990/1991

CHURCH NAME	DATE ORG.	ADDITIONS MADE FOR 1991						LOSSES FOR 1991			
		MEM. 9/30/90.	BAP.	LET.	PROF. FAITH.	OTH.	TOT. REC.	DEA.	LET.	OTH.	ALL
CHESTER CHAPEL	1911	45	2	2			4	2	0	0	
EVERGREEN	1885	58	0	0			0	2	0	0	
FIRST FREE WILL	1939	37	4	6			10		3	11	
GOODWATER		180	3	3			6	1	2		
HICKORY GROVE	1938	102	1	4			5	1	1		
MOUNT ZION	1881	83		3			3	2	4	0	
NEW PROSPECT	1874	79	0	0			0	1	0	0	
NEW ZION		137	4	2			6	2	4		
PILGRIM REST	1884	101		0			0	1	0		
PLEASANT HILL	1876	24	0	0			0	1	0	0	
SARDIS	1906	250	3	5			8	0	0		
UNION	1877	65	0	0			0	0	0	0	
TOTALS:		1161	17	25	0	0	42	13	14	11	

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

TOT. LOST.	MEM. 9/30/91.	SS ROLL.	AVE.	CTS ROLL.	AVE.	LAD. AUX.	MAS. AVE.	PRAY. AVE.	ORD. MIN.	LIC. MIN.
2	47	30	25					0	1	
2	56	30	28	30	25			25	1	0
14	33	34	18			0	0	0	25	1
3	183	97	80					40	1	
2	105	44	29			8	6	0	0	18
6	80	18	10			12	9	6	5	7
1	78	38	25	23	18				20	1
6	137	72	50						15	2
1	100	40	38	30	28	6	4	6	6	30
1	23	16	14	8	5	0	0	0	0	15
0	258	80	65			15	10		55	1
0	65	14	11						6	1
38	1165	513	393	91	76	41	29	12	11	256

1990/1991 FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

CHURCH NAME	CHURCH INCOME	RENOVATION REPAIRS	CHURCH SUPPLIES	CHURCH UTILITIES	REVIVALS/ RETREATS	HOME MISSIONS
CHESTER CHAPEL	\$15,544.27	\$3,588.94	\$647.22	\$890.02	\$590.00	
EVERGREEN	\$20,874.75	\$1,400.00	\$1,946.00	\$2,219.73	\$200.00	\$900.00
FIRST CHURCH	\$13,224.03	\$2,515.71	\$944.79	\$2,595.52	\$500.00	
GOODWATER	N/S					
HICKORY GROVE	\$31,426.15	\$10,000.00	\$800.00	\$2,800.00	\$350.00	\$300.00
MOUNT ZION	\$13,921.05	\$713.42	\$1,138.16	\$2,036.88	\$450.00	
NEW PROSPECT	\$19,739.94	\$2,534.75	\$860.76	\$2,829.83	\$1,099.33	\$197.50
NEW ZION	\$40,277.74	\$6,254.95	\$3,115.88	\$3,537.07	\$1,168.63	\$1,236.87
PILGRIM REST	\$21,290.52	\$700.00	\$2,523.22	\$2,449.35	\$250.00	\$1,158.00
PLEASANT HILL	\$11,131.82	\$135.45	\$634.94	\$1,621.45	\$250.00	
SARPOIS	\$50,871.06		\$1,617.33	\$6,258.00	\$1,722.00	
UNION GROVE						
TOTALS:	\$238,301.33	\$27,843.22	\$14,228.30	\$27,237.85	\$6,579.96	\$3,792.37

FORIEGN MISSIONS	CHILDREN HOME	DELEGATES DUES	YOUTH ACTIVITY	MISC/STAFF EXPENSE	PASTOR SALARY	PROPERTY VALUES
	\$1,236.00	\$183.00	\$177.00		\$7,760.00	\$55,000.00
\$2,078.25	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$186.65	\$1,392.07	\$10,700.00	\$100,000.00
	\$1,199.75	\$153.00			\$4,100.00	\$115,000.00
						\$200,000.00
\$300.00	\$520.00	\$105.00	\$210.00		N/S	N/S
\$179.25	\$115.60	\$225.00	\$120.00		\$7,430.00	\$70,000.00
\$799.87	\$190.32	\$210.00	\$1,310.61	\$3,074.62	\$7,800.00	\$147,000.00
\$1,933.76	\$1,092.31	\$155.00	\$906.58	\$4,190.00	\$14,246.16	\$300,000.00
	\$496.09	\$105.00	\$120.00	\$2,278.00	\$6,500.00	\$175,000.00
	\$447.37	\$105.00		\$569.00	\$8,320.00	\$80,000.00
		\$255.00	\$609.40	\$18,238.87	\$21,600.00	\$379,000.00
\$5,291.13	\$5,397.45	\$1,621.00	\$3,640.24	\$29,742.76	\$38,456.16	\$1,621,000.00

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES 1991
 QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT
 OCTOBER 1, 1990 SEPTEMBER 30, 1991

DEPOSIT OR CHECK SOURCE OR DISB.	FIRST QUARTER .10/1/90	QUARTER CHECKS 12/31/90	SECOND QUARTER .1/1/91	QUARTER CHECKS 3/31/91	THIRD QUARTER .4/1/91	QUARTER CHECKS 6/30/91	FOURTH QUARTER .7/1/91	QUARTER CHECKS 9/30/91
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$2,124.20		\$2,173.26		\$2,141.12		\$3,055.74	
DEPOSITS:								
DUES AND OTHER	\$1,008.10		\$430.61		\$373.26		\$417.15	
UNION GROVE-YOUTH			\$120.00					
NEW PROSPECT-YOUTH			\$30.00		\$146.88		\$105.00	
CHESTER CHAPEL-YOUTH					\$120.00			
PILGRIM-YOUTH					\$120.00			
NEW ZION-YOUTH					\$150.00			
REVIVAL/RALLIES					\$141.98			
MISSIONS CONF.					\$415.41			
MOUNT ZION-YOUTH							\$120.00	
PLATE/CAMP DUES							\$1,816.33	
DISBURSEMENTS:								
CHILDREN HOME		\$150.50		\$71.75		\$87.50		\$165.90
NATIONAL CO-OP		\$43.00						
BRO. BOBBY REGISTER		\$30.10		\$14.35		\$17.50		\$18.55
BRO. WAYNE PARKER		\$12.90		\$6.15		\$7.50		\$7.95
BRO. RALPH BAKER		\$30.10		\$14.35		\$17.50		\$18.55
SIS. NINA VICKERS		\$12.90		\$6.15		\$7.50		\$7.95
STATE ASSOCIATION		\$240.00						
STATE ASSOCIATION		\$120.00						
GODDE PRINTING		\$245.03						
EUFULA BUSINESS MAC.		\$74.51						
CAMP KOLMOKI-YOUTH				\$350.00				\$1,150.00
REVIVAL-YOUTH				\$150.00				
BRO. DAVE FRANKS-MIS.						\$415.41		
BRO. MIKE GILLOCK								\$250.00
SOS. DONNA BLALOCK								\$85.00
FRUIT TICKER-FOOD								\$1,024.13
SIS. JEAN ETHRIDGE-C.								\$28.25
CHILDREN HOME-TRIP								\$600.00
BRO. JOEY PETTIS-CHA.								\$300.00
TOTALS:	\$3,132.30	\$959.04	\$2,753.87	\$612.75	\$3,608.65	\$552.91	\$5,514.22	\$3,656.28
ENDING BALANCE:	\$2,173.26		\$2,141.12		\$3,055.74		\$1,857.94	
GENERAL FUNDS:	\$1,652.97		\$1,877.02		\$2,031.02		\$1,609.52	
EDUCATION COMMITTEE:	\$240.54		(\$32.85)		\$690.27		(\$125.78)	
MISSIONS COMMITTEE:	\$279.75		\$296.95		\$334.45		\$374.20	

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING OF
THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
MEETING WITH UNION GROVE CHURCH
ON JANUARY 19, 1991

THE FIRST SESSION OF THIS ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR BEGAN WITH REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES, MINISTERS, DEACONS AND VISITORS AT 9:30 IN THE MORNING IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE HOST CHURCH. THERE WAS A TOTAL OF 78 REGISTERED FOR THE DAYS SESSION. A VERY GOOD GROUP OF MEMBERS. THIS CERTAINLY INDICATED WE COULD EXPECT A GREAT DAY IN THE LORD'S SERVICE.

AT 10:00 AM THE MODERATOR, BRO. BOBBY REGISTER CALLED THE SESSION TO ORDER AND WE BEGAN THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES WITH PRAYER BEING OFFERED BY BRO. LOWELL VICKERS. THE WELCOME WAS GIVEN BY THE HOST CHURCH AND THE RESPONSE WAS GIVEN BY BRO. HERMAN CALLOWAY OF PLEASANT HILL CHURCH.

THE MORNING SONG SERVICE BEGAN WITH SINGING HYMN NUMBER 157 TITLED "I AM BOUND FOR THE PROMISED LAND" FOLLOWED BY NUMBER 321 "AMAZING GRACE". VERY GOOD SPIRITUAL SINGING BY THOSE ATTENDING.

THE HOST PASTOR, BRO. DAVE COLLINS BROUGHT THE MORNING DEVOTION AND REFRESHED US WITH SOME HISTORY OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND OF OUR DENOMINATION AS WELL. VERY INTERESTING. HE IS TO MAIL THE CLERK A COPY OF FACTS AND FIGURES ASSEMBLED BY SIS. LENNIE STOKES ON THIS SUBJECT. THE CLERK WILL PLACE THIS IN THE ANNUAL MINUTES AS INFORMATION FOR THE SISTER CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

WE HAD TEN MINISTERS, ONE VISITING MINISTER REGISTERING AND THE NEW PASTOR AT SARDIS, BRO. JIM FRANKLIN, REGISTERED. BRO. FRANKLIN CAME WITH PETITIONARY LETTER FOR ACCEPTANCE INTO THE ASSOCIATION. THIS IS REFERRED TO THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FOR THEIR EXAMINATION AND SUBSEQUENT REPORT LATER IN THE DAY. THOSE REGISTERING WERE: BRO. RALPH BAKER, BRO. C. L. CULPEPPER, BRO. DAVE COLLINS, BRO. HERMAN CALLOWAY, BRO. PAUL MALLORY, BRO. DAVID HIDDLE, BRO. DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND, BRO. WAYNE PARKER, BRO. JOEY PETTIS AND BRO. BOBBY REGISTER. OUR VISITING BROTHER WAS BRO. RALPH BELL ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE.

ADDED TO THE ORDAINED AUTHORITY LISTED ABOVE THERE WAS ALSO AT THIS SESSION ELEVEN ORDAINED DEACONS REGISTERING. THESE WERE: BRO. JOE WHITEHEAD OF NEW ZION, BRO. GENE WHITE OF CHESTER CHAPEL, BRO. JOHNNY GILMORE OF SARDIS, BRO. HENRY FARMER OF PLEASANT HILL, BRO. LOWELL VICKERS OF MOUNT ZION, BRO. KENNETH BLALOCK OF HICKORY GROVE, BRO. LARRY SOWELL OF NEW PROSPECT, BRO. WILLIAM SOWELL OF NEW PROSPECT, BRO. JOHN COATES OF CHESTER CHAPEL, BRO. BILLY HUDSPETH OF CHESTER CHAPEL AND BRO. JESSIE BARNETT OF UNION GROVE.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES ELECTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE CHURCHES TO SERVE AS DELEGATES AT THIS SESSION. THESE ARE: CHESTER CHAPEL DELEGATES VIRGINIA KIRKLAND, MILDRED COATES, ANNICE HUDSPETH; EVERGREEN DELEGATES PAM PETTIS, ALGAE SUE GARNER, GRACE KLOCKE, ANDREA GARNER, ELIZABETH GARNER; FIRST FREE WILL DELEGATES CHRISTINE SCROGGINS, FLOSSIE PHILLIPS, PERRY LUCK, LINDA LUCK, FAYE LUCK, LORRAINE JERNIGAN; HICKORY GROVE DELEGATES MARTHA BLALOCK, JANE STINSON, GRACE WILSON, JOHN WHITTIER; MOUNT ZION DELEGATES NINA VICKERS, DOLLY VICKERS, CATHY OWENS; NEW PROSPECT DELEGATES LINDA CORDELL, CHRISTINE BROWN, STARLA PARKER, LINDA SOWELL; NEW ZION DELEGATES JOANN SMITH, JOHNNIE RUTH TAYLOR, RUTH HERRING, JEANETTE TRAMMELL, EDNA WHITEHEAD; PILGRIM REST DELEGATES RUTH SMITH, ANN

ANDERSON, BARBARA ANDERSON, GLADYS WILSON; PLEASANT HILL DELEGATES HILDA CALLOWAY, CAREY CHERRY, SHIRLEY CHERRY; UNION GROVE DELEGATES LINDA FLOYD, WILMA BARNETTE, PEARL COLLINS. THERE IS A TOTAL OF 40 DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES REGISTERING.

SIS. MARTHA BLALOCK REQUESTED SPECIAL PRAYER FOR BRO. A. G. LACEY WHO IS SUFFERING WITH CANCER. BRO. FARMER ANNOUNCED A SING AT PLEASANT HILL CHURCH AND INVITED ALL WHO COULD TO ATTEND. BRO. DAVID HIDLE WAS APPOINTED TO SERVE WITH THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AT THIS SESSION.

THE MORNING SONG SERVICE WAS LED BY BRO. GENE WHITE AND SIS. ANN ANDERSON. WE SANG NUMBER 265 "VICTORY IN JESUS" FOLLOWED BY PRAYER BY BRO. DAVID HIDLE. WE SANG "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL" FOLLOWED BY THE MORNING OFFERING RECEIVED BY BRO. JESSIE BARNETTE AND BRO. HOLT STOKES. THE OFFERATORY PRAYER WAS BY BRO. BOBBY REGISTER. WE CONTINUED SINGING WITH HYMN NUMBER 361 "LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS" FOLLOWED BY HYMN NUMBER 134 "ARE YOU WASHED IN THE BLOOD"

THE MORNING SPEAKER WAS BRO. JOEY PETTIS, PASTOR OF EVERGREEN CHURCH AND HE WAS INTRODUCED BY THE MODERATOR, BRO. BOBBY REGISTER. THE THEME IS "SUBMITTING OURSELVES TO GOD'S WILL" BRO. PETTIS BROUGHT A VERY GOOD MESSAGE USING SCRIPTURE FROM JAMES, ROMANS, EPHESIANS AND MATTHEW. HE COVERED SUBMISSION TO GOD, DRAWING NIGH TO GOD, FOLLOWING CLOSELY TO GOD, TAKING ON HUMILITY AND WALKING AS CHRIST WOULD HAVE US TO. TRULY A GOOD MESSAGE. VERY INSPIRING.

THE MODERATOR SPOKE A FEW WORDS CONCERNING THE MESSAGE AND THEN ASKED BRO. DAVE COLLINS, THE HOST PASTOR, IF HE WOULD GIVE THIS BODY DIRECTIONS FOR LUNCH AND REST ROOMS, ETC. BRO. COLLINS DIRECTED US IN THE DINNER AREA AND WE HAD A VERY GOOD LUNCH. VERY BOUNTIFUL AND VERY WELL PREPARED. THE BLESSING WAS PRAYED BY BRO. C. L. CULPEPPER BEFORE WE DISMISSED FOR LUNCH.

THE ASSOCIATION WAS RECALLED TO ORDER AT APPROXIMATELY 1:00 PM WITH ONE SONG AND THEN BRO. LOWELL, SIS. LEIGH AND SIS. NINA SANG AS A SPECIAL "HE'LL ROLL ME OVER THE TIDE". BRO. PERRY LUCK AND SEVERAL YOUTH FROM THE FIRST FREE WILL CHURCH SANG "STROLL OVER HEAVEN". BOTH SONGS VERY INSPIRING.

BRO. RALPH BAKER BROUGHT THE EVENING DEVOTION USING THE SAME THEME LINE AS THE MORNING SESSION IN THAT HE CONTINUED TO EXPOUND ON US BEING SUBMITTED TO GOD THROUGH SERVICE AND DEVOTION TO DUTY. A GOOD MESSAGE.

BUSINESS SESSION FOLLOWED WITH EACH COMMITTEE AS HAVING BUSINESS REPORTING TO THE BODY.

THE CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT BRO. JAMES FRANKLIN, NEW PASTOR AT SARDIS, BE ACCEPTED INTO THE ASSOCIATION WITH ALL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES. BRO. FRANKLIN ADDRESSED THE BODY FOR A FEW MINUTES PRIOR TO THE VOTE ON A MATTER OCCURRING SEVERAL YEARS AGO WHEN HE HAD LEFT US FOR ANOTHER DENOMINATION. FOLLOWING HIS ADDRESS THE VOTE OF ACCEPTANCE WAS UNANIMOUS.

BRO. LOWELL VICKERS, CHM.

THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORTED THE NEXT YOUTH RALLY WOULD BE AT HICKORY GROVE ON FEBRUARY 16, 1991 WITH THE YOUTH REVIVAL BEING AT NEW PROSPECT ON MARCH 25-27, 1991 WITH BRO. TIM TRIMBLE AS

THE EVANGELIST. THEY ARE AWAITING DATE CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH CAMP.

BRO. JOEY PETTIS, CHM.

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORTED THAT THE MISSION CONFERENCE WOULD BE HELD AT NEW ZION ON MAY 20-22, 1991 WITH THE MISSIONARIES DAVE FRANKS AND JIM TURNBOUGH IN ATTENDANCE.

BRO. LARRY SOWELL, CHM.

THE CHILDREN'S HOME PRESENTED THE HARVEST DRIVE TOTALING CASH OF \$1,536.69 AND OTHER GIFTS. THE HOME PRESENTLY HAS 39 CHILDREN. THERE IS A LOT OF GOOD WORK BEING DONE IN THE HOME. PRAYER CONTINUES TO BE OF GREAT NEED FOR THE HOME AND ALL ITS MANY NEEDS.

BRO. DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND, BD. MEM

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTED A PLATE OFFERING OF \$76.61 GO TO THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. MSC. THE BALANCE OF THE REPORT CONCERNED THE READING OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT AS SHOWN PLUS THE RECEIPT OF DUES AND SPECIALS TODAY. THE TREASURY BALANCE IS \$2,416.76. THIS IS GENERAL TREASURY \$1,729.27, BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BALANCE IS \$390.54 AND THE MISSION COMMITTEE BALANCE IS \$296.95. THESE BALANCES ARE AFTER ADDING THOSE DUES AND OFFERINGS RECEIVED AT THIS SESSION.

BRO. RALPH BAKER, SPOKESPERSON

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORT AT THIS SESSION.

THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORT THIS SESSION.

THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORT AT THIS SESSION.

IT WAS ANNOUNCED BY CHESTER CHAPEL THAT THAT CHURCH HAD SWAPPED DATES WITH HICKORY GROVE CHURCH FOR THE THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION IN JULY. THIS IS TO ACCOMMODATE THE STAFF AND CHILDREN FROM THE ELDRIDGE CHILDREN HOME TO ATTEND AND MEET THE PEOPLE OF THIS ASSOCIATION. THE CLERK IS TO MAIL NOTICES TO ALL THE CHURCHES ANNOUNCING THIS CHANGE.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED WITH PRAYER AFTER GIVING THE HOST CHURCH A RISING VOTE OF THANKS FOR A VERY ENJOYABLE DAY IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING OF
THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
MEETING WITH EVERGREEN CHURCH
ON APRIL 20, 1991

THE SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION BEGAN WITH REGISTRATION AT 9:30 IN THE VESTIBULE OF EVERGREEN CHURCH AS THE DELEGATES, MINISTERS, DEACONS AND VISITORS BEGAN ARRIVING. FOR THE DAY WE HAD A TOTAL OF 56 REGISTERING. THERE WERE MANY MORE THAN THIS NUMBER PRESENT IT WAS COMMONLY FELT BY THOSE ATTENDING.

THE MODERATOR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:00 AM WITH OPENING PRAYER BY BRO. LOWELL VICKERS FOLLOWED BY THE MODERATOR REMARKS. THERE WAS A WELCOME GIVEN BY THE HOST CHURCH PASTOR, BRO. JOEY PETTIS. THE MODERATOR CALLED ON BRO. DAVE COLLINS TO GIVE THE RESPONSE. WE ALL FELT

VERY MUCH AT HOME IN EVERGREEN TODAY.

THE CONGREGATION SANG HYMN #21 "STANDING ON THE PROMISES" FOLLOWED BY HYMN #25 "JESUS SAVES". BRO. JOEY PETTIS, PASTOR OF THE HOST CHURCH THEN BROUGHT THE MORNING DEVOTION USING PSALMS 68:30. HE POINTED OUT TO THE CONGREGATION HOW JESUS SUBMITTED HIMSELF TO THE FATHER, THUS BECOMING THE PATTERN FOR US. DO THE WILL OF THE FATHER, SUBMIT TO THE CHURCH, FAMILY, WORK. CLOSED WITH PRAYER.

THE MODERATOR THEN CALLED FOR RECOGNITION OF MINISTERS, DEACONS AND VISITORS. MINISTERS ATTENDING WERE BRO. C. L. CULPEPPER, BRO. BOBBY REGISTER, BRO DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND, BRO. DAVE COLLINS, BRO. JAMES FRANKLIN, BRO. JOEY PETTIS AND BRO. RALPH BAKER. BRO. BOBBY NED PETERS WAS VISITING FROM THE STATE LINE ASSOCIATION.

DEACONS REGISTERING FOR THE DAY WERE BRO. LOWELL SAMMONS, BRO. EARL MONEY, BRO. LOWELL VICKERS, BRO. KENNETH BLALOCK, BRO. HUBERT PHILLIPS, BRO. JOHN COATES, BRO. JOHNNY GILMORE AND BRO. JESSIE BARNETTE.

ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES FOLLOWED AND THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS AND SISTERS ANSWERED THE ROLL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE CHURCHES: ELIZABETH GARNER, LISA HARDEN, BEULAH PEAVY, MARJORIE PHILLIPS AND LARRY PEAVY FROM EVERGREEN; PERRY LUCK, RAY TROESCH, TAMI TROESCH, LORAIN JEERNIGAN, FLOSSIE PHILLIPS, CHRISTINE SCROGGINS FROM FIRST FREE WILL OF EUFAULA; MARTHA BLALOCK FROM HICKORY GROVE; NINA VICKERS FROM MOUNT ZION; CHRISTINE BROWN, JOHNNY CORDELL FROM NEW PROSPECT; MIRIAM SHELLEY, JOHNNIE RUTH TAYLOR, JEAN ETHRIDGE AND EDNA WHITEHEAD FROM NEW ZION; CHARLIE RENTZ, MARY CULPEPPER AND RUBY MONEY FROM PILGRIM REST; GEORGIA GILMORE FROM SARDIS; BETTY ETHRIDGE, WILMA BARNETTE, CAITLIN POWELL AND PEARL COLLINS FROM UNION GROVE. THERE WAS A TOTAL OF 20 DELEGATES AND 7 ALTERNATES ANSWERING. WITH 27 AUTHORIZED DELEGATES, 8 ORDAINED DEACONS AND 7 ORDAINED MINISTERS THERE WAS A TOTAL OF 42 REPRESENTATIVES TO CARRY THE BUSINESS OF THE DAY.

THE MODERATOR ASKED FOR ANY REPORTS THAT MIGHT BE READY AT THIS TIME. THE CHILDREN HOME REPRESENTATIVE, BRO. DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND, MADE A REPORT ON THE CAHABA CAMP FOR INFORMATION ONLY. THERE IS YET MUCH WORK TO BE DONE, LEGALLY AND PHYSICALLY. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HOME WILL BE WITH THIS ASSOCIATION IN JULY AT HICKORY GROVE TO BE IN CHARGE OF THE DAYS PROGRAM. IT IS HOPED THAT OUR PEOPLE WILL TURN OUT AND MEET THESE CHILDREN AND STAFF. WE ARE SURE EACH WILL BE BLESSED. THE MOBILE HOME GIVEN TO THE CHILDREN HOME IN TALLAHASSEE HAS YET TO BE SOLD. IT IS NOT FEASIBLE TO TRY AND MOVE THIS GIFT SO EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO SELL IT AND USE THE MONEY TO RE-INVEST IN ANOTHER MODEL NEWER PERHAPS AND CLOSER TO THE HOME. BROTHER KIRKLAND ALSO NOTED THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED BY BRO. CORY IN THE HOME AT ELDRIDGE IS AVAILABLE TO ANY WHO WANT IT. ALL THAT IS NECESSARY IS TO WRITE BRO. CORY AND GIVE COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS TO GET ON THE MONTHLY MAILING LIST.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWED WITH OUR VISITOR, BRO. BOBBY PETERS, GIVING AN UPDATE ON THE MISSIONS WALK-A-THON TO BE HELD AT PLEASANT HILL CHURCH ON SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1991. HE ASKED FOR VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE SOME DRINK AND SANDWICHES FOR REFRESHMENTS. VOLUNTEERS WERE HICKORY GROVE AND FIRST FREE WILL OF EUFAULA. BRO. PETERS ALSO STATED THEE GOAL THIS YEAR IS \$30,000.00. HE ALSO MENTIONED A NEW WORK IN SOUTH HUNTSVILLE. THE STATE LINE AND SOUTHEASTERN LAST YEAR RAISED \$5,500.00 WHICH WAS

VERY GOOD.

WE RECESSED FOR TEN MINUTES AND REASSEMBLED AT 10:50 AM WITH THE HOST CHURCH CONDUCTING THE MORNING SONG SERVICE. BRO. JOEY PETTIS, HOST PASTOR LED THE SINGING AND WE BEGAN WITH HYMN #23 "JESUS, SWEETEST NAME" FOLLOWED BY THE MORNING OFFERING WITH THE HOST CHURCH PROVIDING USHERS THE OFFERATORY PRAYER PRAYED BY BRO. BOBBY REGISTER. OFFERING WILL BE DESIGNATED THIS PM BY THE DELEGATES. NOW WE SANG HYMN #51 "TAKE THE NAME OF JESUS WITH YOU" AND #265 "VICTORY IN JESUS". THE HOST CHURCH GAVE A SPECIAL TITLED "UNFINISHED TASK" A REAL BLESSING IN SONG.

BRO. C. L. CULPEPPER WAS INTRODUCED BY THE MODERATOR AND BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE ON THE THEME OF THE YEAR "SUBMITTING TO GOD". BRO. CULPEPPER MADE SEVERAL VERY GOOD POINTS. OUR ADVERSARY IS REAL. WE NEED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE FATHER AT ALL TIMES. LET JESUS TRULY BECOME LORD OF OUR LIVES. RESISTING SATAN IS IN KEEPING WITH THE WILL OF GOD. TEMPTATION COMES THRU BEING EXPOSED TO THE WRONG IDEAS. ADAM BY LISTENING, DAVID BY LOOKING. WE NEED TO LOOK TO GOD AND LISTEN TO GOD. DRAW NIGH TO GOD AND HE WILL DRAW NIGH TO US. BROTHER BOBBY REGISTER MADE SOME COMMENTS AS TO THE CONTEXT OF THE MESSAGE AND THEN ASKED BRO. JOEY PETTIS TO ADVISE AS TO ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE DAY. EVERYONE ENJOYED THE MESSAGE.

THE HOST CHURCH CERTAINLY SERVED A BOUNTIFUL AND DELICIOUS MEAL. IT WAS MOST ENJOYABLE TO ALL.

THE EVENING SESSION BEGAN WITH THE MODERATOR CALLING THE ASSEMBLY TO ORDER AT 12:58 PM. BRO. JAMES FRANKLIN LED IN THE OPENING PRAYER. WE SANG HYMN #129 "HEAVENLY SUNLIGHT" AND HYMN #31 "AT CALVARY". THERE WAS A REQUEST FOR SPECIAL PRAYER ON BEHALF OF BRO. LARRY SOWELL, SIS. STARLA PARKERS' MOTHER, BRO. ROY WILSON, BRO. HERMAN CALLOWAY. PRAYER BY BRO. JOHNNY CORDELL. WE THEN SANG HYMN #160 "TO GOD BE THE GLORY".

THE EVENING DEVOTION WAS BROUGHT BY BRO. LOWELL VICKERS WHO READ FROM GENESIS 43 AND TALKED ABOUT TAKING A LITTLE HONEY AND CATCHING WITH HONEY SO MUCH EASIER THAN WITH VINEGAR. MOST ENJOYABLE THOUGHTS.

WE MOVED INTO THE BUSINESS SESSION AND THERE WAS VERY LITTLE TO HANDLE. THE COMMITTEE REPORTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

THE CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORT. THE ONLY ITEM OF BUSINESS FOR THIS COMMITTEE WAS THE MOTION TO SEAT THE DELEGATES HANDLED AT THE MORNING SESSION.

THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION GAVE AN INFORMATIONAL REPORT ONLY AND ADVISED THE ASSEMBLY THE LAST YOUTH RALLY WAS HELD AT HICKORY GROVE AND WAS A VERY GOOD PROGRAM CENTERED AROUND PATRIOTISM AND YOUTH CAMP. THE YOUTH CAMP WILL BE JULY 14-19, 1991 AND WILL BE HELD AT CAMP HACITA IN BLAKELY, GEORGIA AGAIN THIS YEAR. THERE WILL BE A MEETING CONCERNING THE CAMP AT NEW PROSPECT ON MAY 2, 1991 AT 7:00 PM AND LIGHT SNACKS WILL BE SERVED. THE NEXT YOUTH RALLY HAS BEEN SWAPPED. EVERGREEN WILL HOST THE RALLY ON MAY 18, 1991 AND AT FIRST FREE WILL ON AUGUST 18, 1991.

BRO. JOEY PETTIS, CHM.

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE HAD NO FORMAL REPORT BUT DID EMPHASIZE THAT THE MISSIONS PROGRAM WAS ON GO FOR NEW ZION AND WANTED ALL PRAYING

PEOPLE TO KEEP THIS PROGRAM BEFORE THEM AND TO PRAY MIGHTILY.

BRO. JOHNNY CORDELL, SPOKESPERSON

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, PLACEMENT COMMITTEE AND REGISTRATION COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORTS.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE PLATE OFFERING GO TO THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. MSC THE FURTHER REPORT SHOWED A NET GAIN IN THE ASSOCIATIONS FUNDS OF \$764.62. THE RESULTS IS AN INCREASE IN THE GENERAL FUND FROM \$1,877.02 TO \$2,031.02; THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE INCREASED FROM \$296.95 TO \$334.45 AND THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INCREASED FROM A NEGATIVE OF (\$32.85) TO \$540.27. THE LORD IS REALLY GOOD TO HIS PEOPLE.

BRO. RALPH BAKER, SPOKESPERSON

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE DAY WE GAVE A RISING VOTE OF THANKS TO THE HOST CHURCH AND WAS DISMISSED WITH PRAYER BY BRO. JOEY PETTIS.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING OF
THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
MEETING WITH HICKORY GROVE CHURCH
ON JULY 20, 1991

THE THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION BEGAN AT 9:30 AM ON A HOT, HUMID SATURDAY MORNING WITH THE EXPECTATION OF A VERY GOOD DAY IN THE AIR. WE WERE EXPECTING A GROUP FROM THE CHILDREN'S HOME IN ELDRIDGE TODAY. FOR MANY THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO SEE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HOME, NOT HAVING HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF GOING TO THE HOME FIRST HAND.

AT 10:00 AM THE MODERATOR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER FOR THE MORNING SESSION WITH OPENING PRAYER BY BRO. C. L. CULPEPPER. THE MODERATOR CALLED ON BRO. KENNETH BLALOCK FOR THE WELCOME AND BRO. JOEY PETTIS FOR THE RESPONSE.

FOR SOME REASON AT THIS TIME A MORNING SONG SERVICE WAS COMPLETELY OVERLOOKED AND WE MOVED INTO THE MORNING DEVOTION BROUGHT BY BRO. GENE WHITE OF THE HOST CHURCH WHO SPOKE ON SUBMITTING OURSELVES TO THE WILL OF GOD FROM JAMES 4:7.

THE MODERATOR THEN CALLED FOR RECOGNITION OF MINISTERS. THERE WAS A TOTAL OF NINE PRESENT: BRO. RALPH BAKER, FIRST FWB; BRO. HERMAN CALLOWAY, PLEASANT HILL; BRO. DAVE COLLINS, UNION GROVE; BRO. C. L. CULPEPPER, PILGRIM REST, BRO. MIKE GILLOCK, NEW ZION (TO BE EXAMINED TODAY AT THE REQUEST OF HOME CHURCH FOR ACCEPTANCE); BRO. DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND, CHESTER CHAPEL; BRO. JOEY PETTIS, EVERGREEN; BRO. BOBBY REGISTER, MOUNT ZION AND BRO. GENE WHITE, HICKORY GROVE PASTOR WHO IS RECENTLY LICENSED BY CHESTER CHAPEL AND CALLED BY HICKORY GROVE.

THERE WAS A TOTAL OF 6 DEACONS REGISTERING FOR THE DAY. BRO. RAY MONEY, HICKORY GROVE; BRO. KENNETH BLALOCK, HICKORY GROVE; BRO. HENRY FARMER, PLEASANT HILL; BRO. EARL MONEY, PILGRIM REST; BRO. JOHN COATES, CHESTER CHAPEL AND BRO. WILLIAM SOWELL, NEW PROSPECT.

DELEGATES ANSWERING THE ROLL WERE AS FOLLOWS: CHESTER CHAPEL, SIS. VIRGINIA KIRKLAND; EVERGREEN, SIS. ALGAE SUE GARNER, SIS. MARJORIE PHILLIPS AND SIS. LILLIAN WILSON; FIRST FREE WILL, BRO. PERRY LUCK, SIS. LORRAINE JERNIGAN, SIS. MISTY SPURLOCK AND ALTERNATE SIS. REBECCA FAIRCLOTH; GOODWATER, NONE; HICKORY GROVE, SIS. SHIRLEY TAYLOR, SIS. ELIZABETH TAYLOR AND BRO. CHARLIE BLALOCK; MOUNT ZION, SIS. NINA VICKERS, SIS. DOLLY VICKERS, SIS. LILLIE THOMPSON AND SIS. LEIGH ADAMS; NEW PROSPECT, SIS. STARLA PARKER AND SIS. CAROL HELMS; NEW ZION, SIS. MIRIAM SHELLEY, SIS. JOANN SMITH, SIS. MARSHA GILLOCK, SIS. RUTH HERRING AND BRO. JACK SHELLEY; PILGRIM REST, SIS. RUTH SMITH, SIS. ROSIE LEE BAGWELL AND SIS. RUBY MONEY; PLEASANT HILL, SIS. HILDA CALLOWAY; SARDIS, NONE; UNION GROVE, SIS. PEARL COLLINS, SIS. LYNDA FLOYD, A TOTAL OF 28 DELEGATES. MSC TO SEAT DELEGATES.

THERE WAS SEVERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS GIVEN CONCERNING SINGS, REVIVALS AND EVANGELIST BEING GIVEN. REVIVALS IN THE NEAR FUTURE IS NEW PROSPECT, NEW ZION, UNION GROVE WITH BRO. THOMAS KIRKLAND AT NEW PROSPECT AND BRO. JOEY PETTIS AT UNION GROVE. FAILED TO RECORD NAME OF EVANGELIST AT NEW ZION. RECESSED UNTIL 10:50 AM.

WE REASSEMBLED AT 10:50 WITH SINGING "I'M IN THE GLORY LAND WAY" LED BY BRO. GENE WHITE WITH WIFE ANNETTE ON PIANO. BRO. PERRY LUCK LED IN PRAYER. THE MORNING OFFERING FOLLOWED WITH BRO. KENNETH BLALOCK MAKING THE OFFERATORY PRAYER. THE MORNING OFFERING WILL BE DESIGNATED THIS AFTERNOON.

THE HOST CHURCH SANG A SPECIAL "BECAUSE HE LIVES" AND BRO. PERRY LUCK AND SOME OF THE YOUTH GROUP FROM THE FIRST FWB CHURCH SANG "STAND UP AND TESTIFY".

THE MORNING PROGRAM WAS TURNED OVER TO BRO. LEVY COREY AND THE GROUP FROM THE CHILDREN'S HOME AND WE WERE ALL RICHLY BLESSED BY THE SERVICE. THERE WAS 27 CHILDREN PLUS ABOUT 8 STAFF PRESENT. THIS GROUP SANG "GOD BLESS AMERICA", "EXPRESS", "SOMEBODY PRAYED", "JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN", "HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS", "WHAT I WANNA BE", "HE'S STILL WORKING ON ME", AND THEY DID A REALLY FINE JOB ON A SON TITLED "EXCUSES", "THERE IS A NAME I LOVE TO HEAR", "I AM A PROMISE, A POSSIBILITY AND A POTENTIALITY", A VERY FINE AND MOVING PROGRAM.

WE ADJOURNED FOR LUNCH WITH DIRECTIONS COMING FROM BRO. GENE WHITE.

WE REASSEMBLE AT 1:05 PM TO BEGIN THE EVENING SESSION. BRO. GENE WHITE AND SIS. ANNETTE WHITE LED IN SINGING "WHEN WE MEET OUR LORD IN THE SKY". BRO. KENNETH BLALOCK LED IN PRAYER FOLLOWED BY A SPECIAL IN SON "HALLELUJAH".

BRO. GILLOCK FROM NEW ZION BROUGHT THE EVENING DEVOTION FROM I CORINTHIANS 4:1-20 WITH EMPHASIS ON VERSES 10, 11, 17 AND 20. HE BROUGHT A VERY INSPIRING MESSAGE.

IN THE BUSINESS MEETING THERE WAS ONLY COMMITTEE REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED AND THEY WERE GIVEN AS CALLED FOR.

THE CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE MET TO EXAMINE BRO. MIKE GILLOCK FROM NEW ZION AND THERE WAS A RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT BRO. GILLOCK INTO THE ASSOCIATION WITH ALL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF

AN ORDAINED MINISTER, PENDING RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM HIS PREVIOUS ASSOCIATION.

BRO. JOEY PETTIS
BRO. DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND
BRO. C. L. CULPEPPER

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MET (TEMPORARY COMMITTEE DUE TO NO STANDING MEMBER OF THIS COMMITTEE BEING PRESENT) AND RECOMMENDED BRO. JOEY PETTIS BE NOMINATED TO COMPLETE THE BALANCE OF THIS YEARS TERM FOR BRO. LACY, WHO HAD PASSED AWAY, ON THE CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE. THIS ELECTION TO BE THROUGH THE ANNUAL SESSION IN OCTOBER 1991 ONLY WHEN THE REGULAR NOMINATING COMMITTEE CAN MEET AND NOMINATE A PERMANENT REPLACEMENT.

BRO. JOEY PETTIS
BRO. PERRY LUCK
BRO. DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND

CHILDREN HOME REPORT WAS INFORMATION ONLY AS BRO. KIRKLAND SIMPLY MENTIONED HOW MANY WERE AT THE HOME, HOW THE HOME WAS FARING AND HOW WELL BRO. CORY WAS DOING AS THE HOME SUPERINTENDENT.

BRO. DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND

THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT RECOMMENDED THAT A PLAQUE BE PREPARED TO HONOR SIS. ALETHA DEESE FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE ASSOCIATION AS CLERK. MSC. THE MODERATOR APPOINTED BRO. KENNETH BLALOCK TO HANDLE THIS FOLLOWING A MOTION AND SECOND THAT HE APPOINT SOMEONE TO THIS POSITION.

BRO. KENNETH BLALOCK
BRO. DAVE COLLINS
BRO. DAVEY KIRKLAND
SIS. HILDA CALLOWAY

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE PLATE OFFERING GO TO THE CHILDREN HOME TO DEFRAY SOME OF THE COST OF COMING TO THIS MEETING. MSC. FOLLOWING THIS MORNINGS DUES AND OFFERINGS RECEIVED EACH OF THE TREASURIES SHOW AS FOLLOWS; GENERAL BOARD RECEIPTS \$342.00, BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION \$225.00. THE GENERAL TREASURY WILL DISBURSE TO OFFICERS AND CHILDREN'S HOME AND TRANSFER TO THE MISSION BOARD THE TOTAL OF \$185.50 WHICH WILL LEAVE THE GENERAL TREASURY AT \$2,187.50 (INCREASE OF \$156.48), THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION GOES TO \$915.27 (INCREASE OF \$225.00) AND THE MISSION BOARD GOES TO \$374.20 (INCREASE OF \$39.75). TOTAL FUNDS INCREASED TO \$3,476.99, HOWEVER, THE YEARS YOUTH CAMP ENDED YESTERDAY, JULY 19, 1991 AND AN OVER-ALL ACCOUNTING HAS NOT YET BEEN DONE.

BRO. RALPH BAKER
SIS. STARLA PARKER

A MOTION WAS ENTERTAINED TO GIVE THE HOST CHURCH A RISING VOTE OF THANKS AND SECONDED BEFORE A CALL WAS MADE FOR THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT SO THIS COMMITTEE DID NOT REPORT. DISMISSED BY PRAYER BY BRO. GENE WHITE.

SPECIAL NOTE: FOLLOWING THE MEETING BRO. KIRKLAND APPROACHED THE

CLERK'S TABLE AND VOICED A CONCERN AS TO NO SET AMOUNT WAS GIVEN TO THE CHILDREN'S HOME FOR COMING DOWN. HE NOTED THAT THIS WAS A SCHEDULE VISIT BY THE HOME AT OUR REQUEST AND SOMETHING SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE. THERE WAS SOME GENERAL DISCUSSION AND IT WAS DECIDED AMONG THE OFFICERS PRESENT TO WRITE TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ASK THAT THEY VOTE ON THIS MATTER, THIS IS HIGHLY UNUSUAL AND RARE TO OCCUR. THE CLERK WILL WRITE LETTERS TO ALL MEMBERS AND ASK FOR AN ANSWER BY NEXT FRIDAY AS THIS IS THE DAY BRO. KIRKLAND IS TO GO TO THE HOME FOR HIS SCHEDULED VISIT. PRESENT AS OFFICERS WERE THE MODERATOR, CLERK AND ASST. CLERK.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION OF ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES
ASSEMBLED WITH SARDIS CHURCH ON
OCTOBER 18, 1991

THE FRIDAY NIGH SESSION BEGAN WITH REGISTRATION PRECEDING THE FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION BEING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE MODERATOR, BRO. BOBBY REGISTER. BRO. LOWELL VICKERS LED THE OPENING PRAYER. THE EVENING WELCOME WAS GIVEN BY BRO. MICHAEL O'HEARN. BRO. JOEY PETTIS RESPONDED TO THE WELCOME BY THE HOST CHURCH. THE EVENING SONG SERVICE WAS LED BY BRO. BRYAN GILMORE WITH SIS. ANN ANDERSON ON PIANO.

THE EVENING DEVOTION WAS DELIVERED BY BRO. JOE GRIMSLEY OF THE HOST CHURCH USING ST. JOHN 17:24 AS SCRIPTURE READING. GOOD FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

IN RECOGNIZING THOSE PRESENT WE HAD 6 MINISTERS; BRO. D. L. KIRKLAND, CHESTER CHAPEL; BRO. JOEY PETTIS, EVERGREEN; BRO. BOBBY REGISTER, FIRST FREE WILL; BRO. MIKE GILLOCK, NEW ZION; BRO. C. L. CULPEPPER, PILGRIM REST AND BRO. JAMES FRANKLIN, SARDIS.

THERE WAS FIVE DEACONS REGISTERING; BRO. KENNETH BLALOCK, HICKORY GROVE; BRO. LOWELL VICKERS, MOUNT ZION; BRO. WILLIAM SOWELL, NEW PROSPECT; BRO. JOE WHITEHEAD, NEW ZION AND BRO. BRYAN GILMORE, SARDIS. BRO. HENRY FARMER WAS PRESENT FROM PLEASANT HILL CHURCH.

VISITORS REGISTERING FOR THE FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION WAS SIS. RUTH SMITH OF PILGRIM REST CHURCH; SIS. BARBARA REGISTER, BRO. BYRON REGISTER AND BRO. BRUCE REGISTER OF FIRST FREE WILL IN EUFAULA; SIS. TRACY GISSENDANER, SIS. RENEE FRANKLIN, SIS. CATHY GILMORE AND SIS. BEVERLY O'HEARN FROM THE HOST CHURCH, SARDIS.

ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES WE HAD DELEGATES TO REGISTER FROM EIGHT OF THE TWELVE CHURCHES IN THE ASSOCIATION. THOSE ARE: EVERGREEN CHURCH, SIS. PAM PETTIS AND SIS. ALGAE SUE GARNER; HICKORY GROVE CHURCH, SIS. MARTHA BLALOCK, SIS. JANE STINSON AND SIS. LAVERNE ROLLINS; MOUNT ZION CHURCH, SIS. LILLIE THOMPSON AND SIS. NINA VICKERS; NEW PROSPECT CHURCH, SIS. LINDA SOWELL AND SIS. BELINDA SOWELL; NEW ZION CHURCH, SIS. EDNA WHITEHEAD AND BRO. LARRY WHITEHEAD; PILGRIM REST CHURCH, SIS. ANN ANDERSON, SIS BARBARA ANDERSON AND SIS. MARY CULPEPPER; PLEASANT HILL CHURCH, BRO. CAREY CHERRY AND SIS. SHIRLEY CHERRY; SARDIS CHURCH, SIS. JULEEN GILMORE, SIS. WYLENA CUTCHENS, SIS. SUSAN HURST, BRO. JOE GRIMSLEY AND BRO. MIKE O'HEARN.

ALL THOSE REGISTERING TOTALED 42 DELEGATES, VISITORS, MINISTERS

AND DEACONS. A GOOD ATTENDANCE FOR THE NIGHT SESSION. WE WOULD BE MOST DELIGHTED, HOWEVER, TO SEE DOUBLE THIS NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE, OR MORE. THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND LOVE ENJOYED AT OUR MEETINGS.

WE THEN HAD SPECIAL SINGING BY THE HOST CHURCH. THE NEW VISIONS SANG SEVERAL NUMBERS TO THE ENJOYMENT OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE.

WE THEN RECEIVED THE EVENING OFFERING JUST PRIOR TO THE EVENING MESSAGE TO BE BROUGHT BY BRO. DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND, PASTOR AT CHESTER CHAPEL CHURCH. BRO. CLARENCE CULPEPPER LED THE OFFERATORY PRAYER. THE OFFERING WAS \$34.00. THIS WILL BE PLACED WITH THE OFFERING TOMORROW AND PLACEMENT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

THE EVENING SPEAKER WAS THEN INTRODUCED BY THE MODERATOR AND BRO. KIRKLAND BROUGHT A VERY STIRRING MESSAGE FROM SEVERAL PASSAGES IN THE SCRIPTURES. HE USED DEUT. 34:1-4, JOSHUA 1:1-3, I THESS. 5:3 AND II THESS. 2:1-5. A VERY STIRRING MESSAGE AS IT COVERED IN SEVERAL WAYS ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL FAMILY OF THE LORD AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO BE ABOUT THE LORD'S WORK AND BUSINESS.

THE FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION WAS DISMISSED WITH PRAYER BY BRO. JAMES FRANKLIN, TO RECONVENE AT CHESTER CHAPEL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1991 AT 10:00 AM IN THE MORNING.

SATURDAY SESSION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES
ASSEMBLED WITH CHESTER CHAPEL CHURCH
ON OCTOBER 19, 1991

THE SATURDAY. DAY TWO, OF THE ANNUAL SESSION BEGAN WITH REGISTRATION AT CHESTER CHAPEL AT 9:30 AM IN THE MORNING. BRO. BOBBY REGISTER, THE MODERATOR, CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:00 AM. THE MODERATOR APPOINTED PEOPLE TO SERVE ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND CHILDREN HOME COMMITTEE FOR THE DAY. HE THEN HAD A FEW REMARKS CONCERNING THE SUPPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE CROWD PRESENT LAST NIGHT AND THE NUMBER PRESENT TODAY. HE WAS PLEASED WITH THE TURNOUT.

THE WELCOME WAS GIVEN BY BRO. JACK BEDSOLE OF THE HOST CHURCH AND THE RESPONSE WAS GIVEN BY BRO. LOWELL VICKERS OF MOUNT ZION. WE LOOKED FOR A VERY GOOD DAY IN THE LORD'S HOUSE.

BRO. DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND BROUGHT THE MORNING DEVOTION USING MATT. 11:28 AS REFERENCE AND TALKED ABOUT THE REST PROMISED OF THE LORD AND HOW WE ARE BLESSED BY ENTERING INTO THIS REST. A VERY INSPIRING MOMENT OF MEDITATION.

THERE WAS SEVEN MINISTERS REGISTERING FROM THE CHURCHES. THESE ARE BRO. DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND, CHESTER CHAPEL; BRO. JOEY PETTIS, EVERGREEN; BRO. BOBBY REGISTER, FIRST FREE WILL OF EUFAULA; BRO. RALPH BAKER, MOUNT ZION; BRO. MICHAEL GILLOCK, NEW ZION; BRO. C. L. CULPEPPER, PILGRIM REST AND BRO. JAMES FRANKLIN FROM SARDIS.

THERE WAS A TOTAL OF SEVEN DEACONS REGISTERING FOR THE DAY. THESE ARE; BRO. BILLY HUDSPETH AND BRO. JOHN COATES, CHESTER CHAPEL; BRO. KENNETH BLALOCK, HICKORY GROVE; BRO. LOWELL VICKERS, MOUNT ZION; BRO. WILLIAM SOWELL, NEW PROSPECT; BRO. JOE WHITEHEAD, NEW ZION AND BRO. JESSIE BARNETTE, UNION GROVE.

WE HAD TWO NON ASSOCIATIONAL VISITORS PRESENT, BRO. AND SIS. PETER LEE WHO WERE VISITING FROM DALEVILLE. OTHER VISITORS ATTENDING THIS MEETING ARE BRO. JOHN MORRIS AND SIS. JOLENE MORRIS FROM CHESTER CHAPEL; SIS. REBECCA FAIRCLOTH. SIS ANNA FAIRCLOTH, SIS. BARBARA REGISTER, BRO. BYRON REGISTER AND BRO. BRUCE REGISTER FROM THE FIRST FREE WILL OF EUFAULA; SIS. HANNAH GILLOCK FROM NEW ZION; SIS. RUTH SMITH AND ROSA LEE BAGWELL FROM PILGRIM REST.

THE ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES HAD THE FOLLOWING ANSWERING THE ROLL, EITHER AS DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE TO TAKE THE PLACE OF A DELEGATE; CHESTER CHAPEL, BRO. JACK BEDSOLE, BRO. JOHN PAT VINSON, SIS. JEAN BUSH AND SIS. ANNICE HUDSPETH; EVERGREEN, SIS. ALGAE SUE GARNER AND SIS. PAM PETTIS; FIRST FREE WILL CHURCH, BRO. PERRY LUCK, SIS. MISTY SPURLOCK, SIS. WILMA BULLARD AND SIS. LORENE JERNIGAN; HICKORY GROVE, SIS. MARTHA BLALOCK, SIS. JANE STINSON, SIS. LAVERNE ROLLINS AND BRO. JOHN WEDDLE; MOUNT ZION, SIS. NINA VICKERS, SIS. LILLIE THOMPSON, SIS. LEIGH ADAMS AND SIS. MELINDA OWENS; NEW PROSPECT, SIS. LINDA SOWELL, SIS. CAROL HELMS, SIS. BELINDA SOWELL, SIS. GWEN SOWELL; NEW ZION, SIS. MARTHA SHELLEY, SIS. CATHY GREENE, SIS. EDNA WHITEHEAD, SIS. MARSHA GILLOCK AND BRO. JESSIE GREENE; PILGRIM REST, SIS. RUBY MONEY, SIS. ANN ANDERSON, SIS. JUDY WILSON, SIS. BARBARA ANDERSON AND SIS. MARY CULPEPPER; SARDIS, BRO. JOE GRIMSLEY AND UNION, SIS. WILMA BARNETTE, SIS. LINDA FLOYD AND SIS. MURRELL SHORT. OUR TOTAL REGISTRATION FOR THE DAY WAS A TOTAL OF 62. THERE WAS SEVERAL PRESENT FROM CHESTER CHAPEL BUSY WITH THE DAYS EVENTS WHO DID NOT GET REGISTERED. ALSO SIS. ANNETE WHITE FROM HICKORY GROVE. OTHERS AS WELL. WE REALLY HAD A GREAT TURNOUT FOR THE MEETING. A GREAT TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AND CHRISTIAN WITNESS WAS SEEN.

THE MODERATOR CALLED FOR ANY COMMITTEE REPORTS AT THIS TIME THAT MIGHT BE READY. THE ONLY ONES TO BE PRESENTED WERE THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE CHILDREN HOME BOARD MEMBER REPORT. THE BOARD MEMBER REPORT WAS INFORMATION ONLY. SEE THE REPORTS SECTION FOLLOWING THE BUSINESS SESSION FOR THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT.

WE TOOK A SHORT RECESS AT THIS TIME TO BE REASSEMBLED AT APPROXIMATELY 11:50 AM TO BEGIN THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE.

WE REASSEMBLED AFTER RECESS AND BEGAN THE MORNING SONG SERVICE WITH BRO. LOWELL VICKERS LEADING AND SIS. ANN ANDERSON ON PIANO. WE BEGAN BY SINGING "I'D RATHER BE AN OLD TIME CHRISTIAN" FOLLOWED BY "PRAISE HIM, PRAISE HIM". WE THEN HAD THE MORNING OFFERING IN WHICH A TOTAL OF \$64.50 WAS RECEIVED. THIS WILL BE ADDED TO LAST EVENING'S OFFERING AND DESIGNATED AT THE BUSINESS MEETING THIS AFTERNOON. THE OFFERATORY PRAYER WAS LED BY BROTHER BOBBY REGISTER. BRO. JACK BEDSOLE AND BRO. BILLY HUDSPETH RECEIVED THE OFFERING. WE THEN CLOSED THE MORNING SONG SERVICE BY SINGING "GLAD REUNION DAY." A SPECIAL SONG WAS RENDERED BY BRO. BILLY HUDSPETH AND SIS. JEAN BUSH SINGING "LET'S MEET BY THE RIVER." VERY GOOD. ALL THE SINGING WAS VERY SPIRITUAL AND UPLIFTING.

THE MORNING MESSAGE WAS BROUGHT BY BRO. JAMES "JIM" FRANKLIN OF SARDIS CHURCH. HE BROUGHT A VERY STIRRING MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD ON OUR COMMITMENT. WE SPEAK OF SUBMISSION, BUT, IN ORDER TO SUBMIT WE MUST ALSO HAVE A COMMITMENT. HE READ ST. LUKE 14:25-33 AND I CHRON. 29:5, JOSHUA 1:8 AND EPHESIANS 6:6. HE THEN RETURNED TO ST. LUKE AND BEGAN BY POINTING OUT PEOPLE HAVE VARYING POINTS OF COMMITMENT AS THEY APPROACH LIFE. MANY SAY I REALLY WANT TO DO THIS OR THAT, BUT

I DON'T HAVE THE TIME, I DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY, I DON'T HAVE THE PROPER EDUCATION, ETC. OTHERS SAY, WELL, I WILL TRY. I'LL TRY THIS OR I'LL TRY THAT, BUT, I WANT TRY THIS OR THAT. SIMPLY I WILL TRY. THE MAIN THING IS TO APPROACH A COMMITMENT WITH THE THOUGHT THAT I CAN DO ALL THINGS THRU CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME. HE POINTED OUT IN THE CHAPTER HE HAD READ FROM THAT IN VERSE 7-11 JESUS TALKS OF BEING BIDDEN TO A WEDDING; IN VERSES 12-14 HE TALKS OF MAKING A SUPPER AND BIDDING MANY TO COME AND IN VERSES 15-24 HE MADE A FEAST AND BADE MANY. BRO. JIM THEN WENT TO THE TEXT AND POINTED OUT TO ALL ASSEMBLED THAT THREE TIMES, VERSE 26, VERSE 27 AND VERSE 33, JESUS SAID UNLESS YOU DO SOMETHING YOU CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE. IN ONE HE SPOKE OF BEING FIRST, IN ONE HE SPOKE OF BEARING OUR CROSS AND COMING AFTER HIM AND IN THE OTHER HE SPOKE FORSAKING ALL THAT HE HATH. THIS RELATED TO THREE AREAS OF OUR PERSONAL LIFE; PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR; OUR GOALS IN LIFE AS WE SET THEM AND SUBMITTING WHAT WE HAVE TO THE MASTER. A VERY INSPIRING MESSAGE. ONE THAT CERTAINLY CHALLENGED AND OPENED A BROAD AREA OF MEDITATION.

BRO. REGISTER MADE SEVERAL COMMENTS AS TO THE QUALITY OF THE MESSAGE AND THEN, SINCE LUNCH WAS NOT QUITE READY WE SOUGHT DELEGATES TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION. WE PICKED UP ONE. WE WILL HOLD THE STATE LETTER OPEN UNTIL THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING TO SEE IF OTHERS MAY BE ABLE TO ATTEND. BRO. KIRKLAND THEN GAVE DIRECTIONS FOR THE NOON MEAL. A TASTY MEAL WAS ENJOYED BY ALL.

AT 1:00 PM THE MODERATOR CALLED THE SESSION BACK INTO ORDER FOR THE EVENINGS SESSION. SONG SERVICE WAS LED BY BRO. LOWELL VICKERS WITH SIS. ANN ANDERSON ON THE PIANO. WE SANG ONE SONG "HE SET ME FREE". BRO. JIM FRANKLIN LED US IN PRAYER. BRO. BILLY HUDSPETH AND SIS. JEAN BUSH SANG A BEAUTIFUL SONG ENTITLED "SILVER AND GOLD" THAT TRULY BLESSED ALL PRESENT.

BRO. MIKE GILLOCK, PASTOR OF NEW ZION, BROUGHT THE EVENING DEVOTION, USING AS SCRIPTURE ROMANS 6:19. HE SPOKE OF THREE AREAS OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. ONE, THE GREEN LIGHT. SO MANY SEE THE GREEN LIGHT, SLOW DOWN UNTIL IT TURNS ORANGE AND THEN SPEED UP TO SEE IF THEY CAN GET THROUGH THE LIGHT. OTHERS SEE THE STOP SIGN, KNOW WHAT IT SAYS AND MEANS AND YET ROLL UP TO IT AND THEN DRIVE ON THROUGH IT. OTHERS COME TO THE YIELD SIGN ON THE HIGHWAY AND ACT AS THOUGH IT SAYS SPEED UP, YOU HAVE THE ABSOLUTE RIGHT OF WAY. GO AHEAD. IN LIFE THERE ARE MANY GREEN LIGHTS TELLING US TO MOVE AHEAD AT A NORMAL RATE. THEN WE SEE THE CAUTION LIGHT GO ON AND WE ARE TO STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN AND SEE THAT IT IS SAFE TO PROCEED. THEN THERE ARE STOP SIGNS IN LIFE. WE NEED TO STOP WHATEVER WE ARE DOING AND START AGAIN. THE YIELD SIGN MEANS, YIELD TO THE WORD, TO THE SPIRIT OF GOD AND DO THAT WHICH WE ARE BIDDEN. THIS WAS A VERY GOOD DEVOTION. THOROUGHLY ENJOYABLE.

WE NOW MOVED INTO THE EVENINGS BUSINESS SESSION. BRO. REGISTER DECIDED TO SWITCH THE MEMORIAL SERVICE TO LAST AND GET THE BUSINESS OUT OF THE WAY FIRST. THE FOLLOWING REPORTS WAS SUBMITTED AND APPROVED BY THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES.

THE ONLY ITEM FOR THE CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE HAD BEEN THE EXAMINATION OF THE CHURCH LETTERS AND RECOMMENDING THE SEATING OF ALL DELEGATES WHICH WAS DONE AT THE MORNING SESSION & RECEIVED MSC.

THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MADE THE FOLLOWING REPORT SO FAR AS YOUTH RALLIES, YOUTH REVIVAL AND YOUTH CAMP WAS CONCERNED.

YOUTH RALLIES:

FEBRUARY 8, 1992 - NEW PROSPECT CHURCH
MAY 16, 1992 - NEW ZION CHURCH
AUGUST 15, 1992 - PILGRIM REST CHURCH
NOVEMBER 21, 1992 - SARDIS CHURCH

YOUTH REVIVAL:

MARCH 23-25, 1992 - PILGRIM REST CHURCH

YOUTH CAMP:

DATES NOT KNOWN - KOLOMOKI MOUNDS STATE PARK
CAMP DIRECTOR NOT KNOWN AS YET-WILL NOMINATE LATER

EACH YOUTH RALLY AND THE YOUTH REVIVAL WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 PM EACH NIGHT. EACH CHURCH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM FOR THAT EVENING.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO EACH ONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT DURING THE PAST YEAR. ATTENDANCE HAS BEEN GOOD AT THE RALLIES WHERE THE CHURCHES PRESENTED FINE PROGRAMS. THOUGH CAMP WAS DOWN THIS YEAR AND WE WERE ON THE VERGE OF HAVING TO CANCEL, WE APPRECIATE THOSE WORKERS WHO COMMITTED TO THE WEEK. WE THANK THE CAMPERS FOR THEIR ATTENDANCE, ATTITUDE AND PARTICIPATION DURING THE WEEK'S ACTIVITIES. WE PRAY FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT DURING THE COMING YEAR.

BRO. JOEY PETTIS
BRO. DAVID HIDLE
BRO. CHARLIE RENTZ

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORT FOR THIS SESSION.

THE CHILDREN HOME COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE ASSOCIATION CONTINUE THE HARVEST DRIVE AS WE HAVE BEEN DOING IN THE PAST WITH THE GROUPING OF THE CHURCHES REMAINING IN THE SAME ORDER. THEY ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT NOVEMBER 24, 1991 BE THE CUTOFF DATE FOR THIS DRIVE AS BRO. KIRKLAND, THE BOARD MEMBER WOULD BE GOING TO THE HOME SHORTLY THEREAFTER AND WOULD NEED TO HAVE ASSEMBLED ALL GOODS FOR THIS TRIP. CHURCH GROUPINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

GROUP ONE - EVERGREEN AND NEW PROSPECT
GROUP TWO - MOUNT ZION AND FIRST FREE WILL
GROUP THREE - PILGRIM REST, UNION, HICKORY GROVE AND
CHESTER CHAPEL
GROUP FOUR - GOODWATER, PLEASANT HILL AND NEW ZION
GROUP FIVE - SARDIS

PLEASANT HILL HAS ALREADY HOSTED A FUND RAISER ON AUGUST 30, 1991 FOR RAISING FUNDS FOR THE HOME. THEY HAD ENLISTED THE SERVICES OF SEVERAL GROUPS OF SINGERS TO DONATE TIME AND TALENT AND HAD RAISED SOME \$447.37 FOR THE HOME.

BRO. LOWELL VICKERS
BRO. WILLIAM SOWELL
SIS. SHIRLEY CHERRY

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE NOMINATED THE FOLLOWING TO SERVE AS OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE COMING YEAR(S).

OFFICERS:

MODERATOR - BRO. BOBBY REGISTER
VICE-MOD. - BRO. LOWELL VICKERS
CLERK/TREASURER - BRO. RALPH BAKER
ASST. CLERK/TREAS.-SIS. PAM PETTIS

COMMITTEES:

CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE:

BRO. JOEY PETTIS - REPLACING BRO. HERMAN CALLOWAY
BRO. KENNETH BLALOCK-REPLACING BRO. A.G. LACEY
BRO. WILLIAM SOWELL-REPLACING BRO. HORACE HERNDON

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

BRO. JAMES FRANKLIN - REPLACING BRO. JOEY PETTIS
BRO. MIKE GILLOCK - REPLACING BRO. DAVID HIDLE

MISSIONS COMMITTEE:

SIS. MARTHA BLALOCK - REPLACING BRO. LARRY SOWELL
BRO. JOHN E. COATES - REPLACING BRO. WILLIAM ELLIS

CHILDREN HOME COMMITTEE:

SIS. WILMA BULLARD - REPLACING BRO. LOWELL VICKERS
BRO. GENE A. WHITE - REPLACING BRO. DAVID HIDLE
BRO. D. L. KIRKLAND- REPLACING BRO. D.L. KIRKLAND
BOARD MEMBER TO HOME

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

SIS. BARBARA REGISTER - REPLACING SIS. BARBARA REGISTER
SIS. LILLIE THOMPSON - REPLACING BRO. HERMAN CALLOWAY

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

BRO. BILLY HUDSPETH - REPLACING BRO. DAVE COLLINS
SIS. JANE STINSON - REPLACING SIS. STARLA PARKER

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE:

SIS. MARTHA BLALOCK - REPLACING BRO. JOHN E. COATES

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

SIS. PAM PETTIS - REPLACING SIS. HILDA CALLOWAY

ALL THESE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED A MOTION TO ADOPT, SECOND AND CARRIED. SOME OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE REPLACING UNEXPIRED TERMS

AND THUS WILL SERVE LESS THAN A FULL TERM ON THIS NOMINATION.

SIS. LINDA SOWELL
SIS. BARBARA REGISTER
SIS. LILLIE THOMPSON

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE PLATE OFFERING FROM BOTH DAYS COLLECTION TOTALING \$98.50 GO TO THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND GET THEM BACK INTO THE BLACK BY \$.37. THIS BOARD HAD A VERY GOOD YOUTH CAMP AND STAYED ALMOST WITHIN THEIR FUNDS. THIS COMMITTEE IS TO BE TRULY COMMENDED FOR THE EFFORTS PUT FORTH ON BEHALF OF THE YOUTH AND THE ASSOCIATION. ALSO WITH TODAY'S RECEIPTS, LESS LIABILITIES OUR OVER-ALL CASH FLOW WILL INCREASE BY GENERAL FUND \$160.00, MISSION BOARD \$72.00 AND THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION \$98.50 FOR A TOTAL INCREASE OF \$330.50. INADVERTENTLY THIS COMMITTEE FAILED TO DO A BUDGET FOR THE COMING YEAR SO UNTIL AT LEAST THE JANUARY SESSION, ACCORDING TO MY KNOWLEDGE, WE WILL OPERATE UNDER THE PRESENT ONE. PLATE OFFERING AND THE FINANCIAL STRENGTH RECEIVED A MSC. THE BUDGET WAS NOT GIVEN AND THUS WAS NOT VOTED ON.

BRO. RALPH BAKER
SIS. NINA VICKERS

THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE MADE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COMING ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR. FOR OUR QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL MEETING PLACES WE RECOMMEND ON JANUARY 18, 1992 PLEASANT HILL CHURCH, ON APRIL 18, 1992 FIRST FREE WILL OF EUFAULA, ON JULY 18, 1992 MOUNT ZION AND FOR THE FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING WE RECOMMEND UNION GROVE CHURCH AND FOR THE SATURDAY SESSION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING WE ASK THAT GOODWATER HOST THIS DAY. WE FURTHER RECOMMEND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEET AT NEW ZION CHURCH ON OCTOBER 21, 1991 AT 7:30 IN THE EVENING TO PLAN THE ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR FOR 1992. MSC.

BRO. JOHN E. COATES
SIS. LINDA SOWELL
SIS. RUTH SMITH

THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORT.

BRO. DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND, THE CHILDREN HOME BOARD MEMBER REQUESTED THIS ASSOCIATION PAY HIS COST OF ATTENDING THE HOME FOR BOARD MEETINGS, THUS REDUCING COST AT THE HOME SINCE THEY WERE PAYING HIM NOW. THIS COST IS \$100.00 PER TRIP. BRO. KIRKLAND MAKES FIVE TRIPS PER YEAR FROM THE ASSOCIATION TO THE HOME. THERE WAS A MOTION AND A SECOND THAT IF WE COULD AFFORD TO PAY THE COST THEN WE SHOULD DO SO. BRO. JOEY PETTIS MADE AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION THAT WE ALSO PAY BRO. KIRKLAND FOR EXPENSE INVOLVING ROUNDING UP THE GOODS WE WOULD BE SENDING TO THE HOME. BRO. C. L. CULPEPPER POINTED OUT TO THE MODERATOR THAT THE AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION WOULD HAVE TO BE VOTED ON FIRST AND DISPOSED OF. THIS WAS DONE AND THEN THE MOTION READ "I MOVE THAT THIS ASSOCIATION PAY COST OF BOARD MEMBERS TRIPS TO ATTEND THE FOUR QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF THE BOARD AT ELDRIDGE, ALABAMA PLUS THE TRIP HE MAKES AT THE END OF THE HARVEST DRIVE TO CARRY THIS ASSOCIATIONS CONTRIBUTION TO THE HOME AND TO PAY FOR EXPENSE INVOLVED IN GOING FROM PLACE TO PLACE TO GATHER THE OFFERING FOR THE HOME. MSC.

THE CLERK THEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION THE PLAQUE THAT HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED TO BE BOUGHT AT THE THIRD QUARTER MEETING TO HONOR SIS.

ALETHA DEESE FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE ASSOCIATION. BRO. KENNETH BLALOCK FROM HICKORY GROVE HAD BEEN APPOINTED TO HANDLE THIS TASK. HE HAD BROUGHT TO THE ASSOCIATION THE FINISHED PLAQUE. THE CLERK READ THE INSCRIPTION TO THE ASSEMBLED MEMBERS. IT WAS THOUGHT TO BE VERY NICE. COST OF THE PLAQUE WAS \$37.00 FROM TROPHY WORLD IN OZARK.

BRO. RALPH BAKER THEN BROUGHT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE FILLING IN FOR BRO. HERMAN CALLOWAY WHO THE LORD HAD CALLED HOME JUST RECENTLY. IN THIS IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THESE WHO HAD LABORED SO LONG AND SO HARD HAD NOW GONE HOME. THEY WERE STRANGERS AND PILGRIMS HERE. THEY HAD NO CERTAIN DWELLING PLACE. THEY GROANED TO BE CLOTHED UPON WITH THAT BRIGHT CLOTHING OF THE HEREAFTER AND NOW, THEY HAVE GONE HOME. THOSE FOR WHOM WE HAVE SEEN SO FREQUENTLY AT SO MANY MEETINGS AND WHO HAVE NOW GONE ARE: SISTER FANNIE BEDSOLE, BRO. GILBERT LACEY (PASTOR), SISTER PAULINE SASSER, SISTER NANCY ROBERTS, BRO. BOYD DEESE, SISTER MARTHA STANLEY, SISTER EVELETA WILKERSON, SISTER JEWELL SHELLEY, SISTER MAVIS SMITH, SISTER VIDA PALMER AND BRO. HERMAN CALLOWAY (PASTOR). THESE WE TRUST AND PRAY HAVE NOW FOUND THAT FINAL PEACE.

BRO. LOWELL VICKERS MADE MOTION TO GIVE CHESTER CHAPEL A RISING VOTE OF THANKS FOR A WONDERFUL DAY, THE GOOD FOOD AND HOSPITALITY WE ALL HAD ENJOYED. MSC. MOTION MADE TO ADJOURN WITH DISMISSAL BY PRAYER BY BRO. JOEY PETTIS.

EXECUTIVE MEETING:

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ASSEMBLED WITH NEW ZION CHURCH ON MONDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 21, 1991 AT 7:30 PM TO DISCUSS AND PLAN THE ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR FOR 1992. ATTENDING THE MEETING AS MEMBERS WERE BRO. BOBBY REGISTER, BRO. RALPH BAKER, BRO. C. L. CULPEPPER, BRO. MIKE GILLOCK, BRO. DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND, BRO. JOE GRIMSLEY, BRO. CHARLIE RENTZ, SIS. MARTHA BLALOCK, SIS. EDNA WHITEHEAD, BRO. LOWELL VICKERS, BRO. BYRON REGISTER, BRO. LARRY SOWELL, BRO. JOHN E. COATES.

THE MODERATOR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER WITH PRAYER BY BRO. LOWELL VICKERS. A THEME WAS DISCUSSED AND SETTLED ON "THE CHURCH THAT PLEASES CHRIST" WITH SCRIPTURE REFERENCE FROM MATTHEW 16:18.

THE COMMITTEE THEN PROCEEDED TO NOMINATE AND ELECT SPEAKERS FOR THE MORNING AND EVENING MEETINGS OF THE CALENDAR YEAR, WHERE APPROPRIATE. THOSE NOMINATED AND ELECTED ARE:

JANUARY 18, 1992 - PLEASANT HILL	- MORNING BRO. MIKE GILLOCK AFTERNOON BRO. RALPH BAKER
APRIL 18, 1992 - FIRST FREE WILL	- MORNING BRO. C.L. CULPEPPER AFTERNOON BRO. D.L. KIRKLAND
JULY 18, 1992 - MOUNT ZION	- MORNING BRO. JOEY PETTIS AFTERNOON BRO. JAMES FRANKLIN
OCTOBER 16, 1992-UNION GROVE	- EVENING BRO. GENE A. WHITE
OCTOBER 17, 1992-GOODWATER	- MORNING BRO. BOBBY REGISTER AFTERNOON LEFT OPEN FOR THE PRESENT IN CASE A NEW MINISTER COMES INTO THE ASSOCIATION AND COULD BE THEN APPOINTED TO THIS SERVICE IF

DESIRED.

MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE ON SATURDAY EVENING OF THE ANNUAL SESSION AND WILL BE CONDUCTED BY BRO. DAVE COLLINS, PASTOR AT UNION GROVE.

THE SUBSTITUTE SPEAKER FOR THE YEAR WILL BE BRO. JAMES FRANKLIN, PASTOR AT SARDIS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH.

SISTER WINNIE RENTZ WAS THE ONLY ADDITIONAL PERSON TO AGREE TO ATTEND THE STATE ASSOCIATION IN MADISON AS A DELEGATE. OUR DELEGATES WILL BE BRO. JOE GRIMSLEY, SARDIS; SIS. MARTHA BLALOCK, HICKORY GROVE; SIS. LINDA SOWELL, NEW PROSPECT; SIS. MARSHA GILLOCK, NEW ZION; SIS. RUTH SMITH AND SIS. WINNIE RENTZ, PILGRIM.

ANNUAL REPORT
SOUTHEASTERN FREE WILL BAPTIST LADIES AUXILIARY

THE SOUTHEASTERN FREE WILL BAPTIST LADIES AUXILIARY MET AT HICKORY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ON FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1991 AT 7:00 PM.

SIS. MARTHA BLALOCK CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER. SIS. MARTHA BLALOCK GAVE THE WELCOME AND SIS. HILDA CALLOWAY GAVE THE RESPONSE. SIS. NINA VICKERS LED THE GROUP IN SINGING "AT CALVARY" AND "AT THE CROSS" WITH SIS. LEIGH ADAMS AS PIANIST.

THE ROLL CALL SHOWED 15 MEMBERS FROM 4 CHURCHES IN ATTENDANCE.

DURING THE BUSINESS SESSION THE MINUTES WERE READ AND APPROVED. WE DISCUSSED THE STATE AND NATIONAL AUXILIARY PROGRAMS AND DECIDED TO REMAIN INACTIVE. WE DECIDED TO SET OUR DUES AT \$1.00 PER MEMBER PER YEAR. WE ELECTED NEW OFFICERS FOR THE YEARS 1992-1993. THESE WERE: SIS. WINNIE RENTZ, PRESIDENT; SIS. EUNICE RICHARDSON, VICE PRESIDENT; SIS. NINA VICKERS, SECRETARY-TREASURER AND SIS. JUDY WILSON, FIELD WORKER. PILGRIM REST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH WILL HOST THE NEXT CONVENTION ON FRIDAY NIGHT, APRIL 3, 1992 AT 7:00 PM. WE ENJOYED HEARING ORAL REPORTS FROM EACH AUXILIARY ABOUT WORK IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

FOR THE PROGRAM A FILM ON THE LIFE AND WORKS OF MRS. LAURA BELLE BARNARD WAS PRESENTED. THIS WAS ENJOYED BY ALL.

SIS, MARY GEORGE DISMISSED WITH PRAYER AND THE HOST CHURCH SERVED DELICIOUS REFRESHMENTS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

SIS. NINA VICKERS, SECRETARY

TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$ 68.67
RECEIVED COLLECTION AT CONVENTION	<u>\$ 33.50</u>
TOTAL	\$102.17
NO EXPENDITURES	

SIS. NINA VICKERS, TREASURER

BITS AND PIECES OF THE HISTORY OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST AND THE
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

DID YOU KNOW

THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES WAS FORMED BY PAUL PALMER IN CHOWAN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA IN 1727. THIS WAS KNOWN AS THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES OF THE SOUTH. FIFTY YEARS LATER BENJAMIN RANDALL FORMED THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES OF THE NORTH. THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE IN THE ORDINANCES ON THE PRACTICE OF FEET WASHING BETWEEN THE TWO. THE SOUTH PRACTICED FOOT WASHING, BUT THE NORTH DID NOT. IN THE YEAR OF 1827 THERE WAS THREE CHURCHES IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. THE FREE WILL BAPTIST DENOMINATION MOVED ON TO THE STATE OF GEORGIA IN APPROXIMATELY 1835 AND SETTLED IN THE COLUMBUS, GEORGIA AREA WE BELIEVE THE FREE WILL BAPTIST THEN MOVED ON TO EUFAULA, ALABAMA AREA AS COLUMBUS, GEORGIA AND EUFAULA WAS TRADING POST CENTERS. AS THE PEOPLE MOVED THE FREE WILL BAPTIST DENOMINATION MOVED. THIS TOOK PLACE SOMETIMES BETWEEN 1835 AND THE CIVIL WAR.

IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION HAD IT'S BEGINNING ABOUT 1878 FROM INFORMATION WE HAVE GATHERED FROM JOSEPH WHITAKER WHO WAS BORN IN 1865. HE IS BURIED AT HOWARD GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. WE HAVE OBTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM HIS RECORDS. IN THE YEAR OF 1879 HOWARD GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH WAS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES.

IN THE YEAR OF 1886 THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION CONVENED AT GOODWATER FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH THEN LOCATED IN DALE COUNTY, ALABAMA. IN THE YEAR OF 1886 THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES PROPOSED TO ABOLISH THE PRACTICE OF FOOT WASHING AS A CHRISTIAN ORDINANCE. HOWARD GROVE LEFT THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION, FOLLOWED BY HICKORY, SILVER RUN AND NEW PROSPECT CHURCHES. THEY APPOINTED HOWARD GROVE AS THEIR MEETING PLACE AND FORMED THE STATE LINE ASSOCIATION.

IN THE EARLY CHURCHES PEOPLE WAS OFTEN CALLED UP FOR DOING WRONG. DANCING AND DRINKING WAS TWO OF THE MAIN ACKNOWLEDGMENTS MADE.

FROM THE EARLY MINUTES OF THE UNION GROVE CHURCH ESTABLISHED IN 1877 WE HAVE TAKEN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. ON SATURDAY BEFORE THE 5TH SUNDAY IN AUGUST 1890 THERE WAS AN ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING HELD AT MOUNT ZION. THIS WAS TO ESTABLISH OR DISCUSS A NEW CONSTITUTION FOR THE SE ASSOCIATION. ON AUGUST 1, 1891 DELEGATES WAS ELECTED FROM UNION GROVE TO GO TO THE ASSOCIATION. IN 1891 THE UNION GROVE CHURCH PAID 50 CENTS FOR MINUTES AND 50 CENTS FOR ASSOCIATIONAL PURPOSES.

THE ASSOCIATION MEETING WAS HELD AT PLEASANT HILL FWB CHURCH ON THE 3RD SATURDAY IN DECEMBER 1892.

DID YOU KNOW IN APRIL 1894 THE CHURCH OF UNION GROVE APPROVED THE BUYING OF ONE HALF DOZEN HYMN BOOKS?

IN SEPTEMBER 1896 UNION CHURCH ELECTED DELEGATES TO REPRESENT THEM IN THE ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING AND THE CHURCH PAID \$1.00 FOR MINUTES AND 75 CENTS FOR ASSOCIATIONAL PURPOSES.

IN THE YEAR OF 1897 THE ASSOCIATIONAL DUES WAS RAISED TO \$2.00. (TIMES HAVE CHANGED).

IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1898 THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SE ASSOCIATION WAS HELD WITH PROSPECT CHURCH IN HENRY COUNTY, ALABAMA. PINEY GROVE, NEW PROSPECT, ANTIOCH AND EVERGREEN WITHDREW FROM THE SE ASSOCIATION WITHOUT ANY AUTHORITY FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE CHURCHES. THEY THEN FORMED AN ASSOCIATION KNOWN AS THE EVERGREEN ASSOCIATION.

ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER 1910 THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FWB CONVENED AT NEW PROSPECT CHURCH IN HENRY COUNTY, ALABAMA FOR THE 32ND ANNUAL SESSION. BRO. J. H. GUILFORD WAS MODERATOR AND BRO. C. B. SEARCY CLERK. THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS BROUGHT

BEFORE THE ASSOCIATION ON DOCUMENTS. TEMPERANCE: WE YOUR COMMITTEE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING REPORT; AS THE LORD HAS COMMANDED HIS CHILDREN TO BE TEMPERATE IN ALL THINGS, WE WILL SUBMIT AND SURRENDER TO BE TEMPERATE IN SUCH ACTS AND DEEDS AND AS GOD'S WORD PRONOUNCES "WOE UNTO HIM THAT GIVETH HIS NEIGHBOR DRINK OR PUTTETH THE BOTTLE TO HIS NEIGHBOR'S LIPS TO MAKE HIM DRUNK" WE WILL NOT ONLY ABSTAIN FROM IT OURSELVES, BUT DO EVERYTHING AGAINST THE SALE OF IT OR THE USE OF IT IN ANY WAY. WE SEE THAT WHISKEY IS A DESTRUCTION OF HUMANITY AND THE CHURCH. WE GIVE BELOW THE ESTIMATE OF WHAT ONE BUSHEL OF CORN WILL MAKE. THE DISTILLER GETS FOUR GALLONS OF WHISKEY WHICH RETAILS AT \$16.00.; THE FARMER GETS ONE DOLLAR FOR HIS CORN, THE GOVERNMENT GETS \$4.40, THE RAILROAD GETS \$1.00 FOR CARRYING, THE MANUFACTURER GETS \$9.85, THE DRAYMAN GET 15 CENTS, THE CONSUMER GETS DRUNK, AND THE WIFE AND CHILDREN GO HALF CLAD IN IGNORANCE AND SHAME.

IN 1910 THE ASSOCIATION PAID \$15.00 FOR THEIR MINUTES AND ON SATURDAY THE PUBLIC COLLECTION WAS \$8.65. A MOTION WAS MADE TO SEND \$10.00 TO THE AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL. THERE WAS ALSO A MOTION MADE TO PAY THE MODERATOR \$10.00 FOR HIS SERVICES.

ONLY 4 CHURCHES IN THE ASSOCIATION WAS HAVING SUNDAY SCHOOL (SABBATH SCHOOLS). C. A. ARNOLD ASKED THAT THE CHURCHES PUT FORTH SPECIAL EFFORT TO HAVE SABBATH SCHOOLS AS IT WAS A STEPPING STONE TO RELIGION FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS.

IN 1910 THERE WAS 15 CHURCHES IN THE SE ASSOCIATION. THEY WERE: ANTIOCH, BETHSIADA, CHRISTIAN HOME, EPHEBUS, EVERGREEN, GOODWATER, JUDSON, MT. ZION, NEW PROSPECT, PINEY GROVE, PLEASANT HILL, PILGRIM'S REST, SARDIS, UNION GROVE AND ZION.

ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE 3RD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER 1936 THE SE ASSOCIATION CONVENED AT NEW ZION CHURCH FOR THEIR 58TH ANNUAL SESSION. REV. J. H. GUILFORD, MODERATOR; REV. D. F. PELT, VICE MODERATOR; J. S. VICKERS, CLERK AND D. E. SHIRLEY, TREASURER.

THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS GIVEN ON TEMPERANCE. WE URGE THAT OUR MEMBERS OBEY PAUL'S INSTRUCTION, "BE YE TEMPERATE IN ALL THINGS, ESPECIALLY PERTAINING TO STRONG DRINKS, AND WE RECOMMEND THAT ALL OUR CHURCHES DEAL WITH IT'S MEMBER THAT WALK DISORDERLY IN ANY RESPECT.

SIX CHURCHES WAS REPORTED AS HAVING SUNDAY SCHOOLS. EACH CHURCH WAS URGED TO ORGANIZE A SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TAKE THE WORK TO HEART.

REV. J. T. HUTTO HELD THE CONGREGATION ALMOST SPELLBOUND WITH OLD TIME PREACHING. THIS WAS VERY IMPRESSIVE AND ENJOYED BY ALL.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION WAS SET TO MEET SATURDAY BEFORE THE SECOND FIFTH SUNDAY IN 1937 AND GOES TO GOODWATER.

THE FOLLOWING MEN WAS GIVEN AS MINISTERS: E. O. SELLERS, BOB BEASLEY, J. H. GUILFORD, C. P. GUILFORD, THOMAS GILLEY, J. M. SHIRLEY, D. F. PELT. THERE WAS 12 CHURCHES IN THE ASSOCIATION IN 1936.

ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE 3RD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER 1938 THE SE ASSOCIATION OF FWB MET AT UNION GROVE CHURCH. REV. J. H. GUILFORD, MODERATOR; REV. D. F. PELT, VICE MODERATOR; J. S. VICKERS, CLERK AND J. L. (LONG) STOKES, TREASURER.

ON FRIDAY REV. T. B. MILETTE PREACHED THE TRUE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST TO A CONGREGATION THAT ENJOYED IT AS WAS TRULY THANKFUL FOR SUCH A MESSAGE. AN INTERMISSION OF ONE HOUR AND FIFTEEN MINUTES WAS GIVEN DURING WHICH A BOUNTIFUL FEAST WAS SPREAD AND ENJOYED BY ALL.

SONG SERVICE WAS LED BY BRO. BOB STOKES. ONLY 5 CHURCHES WAS HAVING SUNDAY SCHOOL IN 1938.

PILGRIM CHURCH GAVE THE FOLLOWING REPORT. FROM THE DAY OF JESUS DOWN TO OUR AGE OR THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION, WOMEN HAVE BEEN FOUND AMONG THE MOST LOYAL AND ARDENT FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST. THE LADIES AUXILIARY WORK AFFORDS OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN TO LEND A HELPING HAND IN CARRYING OUT JESUS COMMAND "GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD."

A MOTION WAS MADE TO PAY THE CLERK \$15.00 AND \$10.00 WAS GIVEN TO

D. F. PELT FOR HIS EXPENSES TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION. THERE WAS 12 CHURCHES IN THE ASSOCIATION. EVERGREEN HAD THE LARGEST ATTENDANCE WITH 229 MEMBERS. BRO. G. W. NOBLES WAS PASTOR.

ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE 3RD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FWB CONVENED AT SARDIS CHURCH FOR THE 68TH ANNUAL SESSION. THIS WAS IN THE YEAR 1946. REV. D. F. PELT WAS MODERATOR. J. L. STOKES WAS TREASURER.

ON SATURDAY MORNING THE SONG SERVICE WAS LED BY BRO. LONG STOKES. BRO. HUMAN HAD THE DEVOTION FOR THE MORNING AND BRO. PELT IN THE AFTER-NOON.

A MOTION WAS CARRIED TO SELL JAMES CHAPEL CHURCH AND TO PROCEEDS TO BE DONATED TO HOLMES NEW CHURCH.

THERE WAS 14 CHURCHES IN THE ASSOCIATION. THEY WERE: CHESTER CHAPEL, EVERGREEN, FRIENDSHIP, GOODWATER, HOLMES, MT. ZION, NEW PROSPECT, NEW ZION, PLEASANT HILL, SARDIS, UNION GROVE, HICKORY GROVE, JUDSON AND PILGRIM REST.

EVERGREEN STILL HAD THE LARGEST MEMBERSHIP 239 MEMBERS.

ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE 3RD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER 1947 THE SE ASSOCIATION OF FWB CONVENED AT UNION GROVE CHURCH FOR THE 69TH ANNUAL SESSION. REV. D. F. PELT, MODERATOR; LUCILLE BODIFORD, CLERK AND J. LONG STOKES, TREASURER. THE THEME FOR THIS SERVICE WAS CHRISTIANITY WILL NEVER END.

BRO. K. V. SHUTES GAVE A REPORT ON THE JUNIOR COLLEGE, THE CHILDREN HOME IN ELDRIDGE, ALABAMA AND A DONATION OF \$47.28 WAS GIVEN.

PILGRIM HOME HAD JOHNNIE WILSON AND CARL WILSON ORDAINED AS DEACONS.

J. LONG STOKES WAS TREASURER AND HE SHOWED A BALANCE OF \$51.20 IN THE TREASURY.

THERE WAS 14 CHURCHES LISTED AS MEMBERS. THE LARGEST MEMBERSHIP WAS UNION GROVE WITH 191 MEMBERS. THE PASTOR PAID THE LARGEST SALARY WAS T. B. MILETTE FROM FRIENDSHIP. HE WAS PAID \$600.00.

THE SEVENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SE FWB ASSOCIATION CONVENED WITH MT. ZION CHURCH FRIDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER 1948.

THE OFFICERS WERE; MODERATOR, BRO. D. F. PELT; CLERK, LUCILLE BODIFORD; TREASURER, LINNIE J. STOKES. THERE WERE 14 CHURCHES IN THE ASSOCIATION.

THE FINANCIAL REPORT WAS GIVEN BY LINNIE J. STOKES, TREASURER FOR 1948 AND THERE WAS A BALANCE OF \$31.94.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS GIVEN ON BRO. J. LONG STOKES.

WHEREAS BROTHER J. LONG STOKES, A MEMBER OF THE SE ASSOCIATION OF LONG STANDING, A FAITHFUL WORKER IN THE ASSOCIATION, WAS TREASURER OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR YEARS, A DEVOUT CHRISTIAN, A BELIEVER OF CHRIST AND CHILD OF GOD, PASSED FROM THIS EARTHLY SOJOURN ON DECEMBER 31, 1947.

WHEREAS WE WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR LOVE AND RESPECT OF OUR DEPARTED BROTHER AND FOREVER INSCRIBE HIS NAME IN THE RECORDS OF THIS ASSOCIATION AS ONE WHO WAS FOUND FAITHFUL.

THERE WAS MUCH GOOD SAID ABOUT BROTHER J. LONG STOKES IN THE MINUTES WHICH HIS FAMILY CAN REMEMBER AND CHERISH FOREVER.

THE SEVENTY THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SE FWB ASSOCIATION CONVENED WITH NEW PROSPECT CHURCH FRIDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER 1951. IN THE YEAR 1951 THERE WAS A TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF ALL CHURCHES OF 1,376. THE CHURCHES RECEIVED 40 AND DISMISSED 17. THE PASTORS WERE PAID A TOTAL OF \$3,650.90. THERE WERE 8 SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND 5 LEAGUES ORGANIZED. THE CHURCH WITH THE LARGEST SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT WERE CHESTER CHAPEL WITH 62 AND NEW ZION WITH 69.

THE SEVENTY SEVENTH SE FWB ASSOCIATION WAS CONVENED WITH SARDIS CHURCH ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER 1955. OFFICERS WERE; MODERATOR, BRO. HUEY P. LONG; VICE-MODERATOR, BRO. DURWOOD ADKINSON; CLERK, EVELYN SUTTON AND TREASURER, LINNIE J. STOKES.

DELEGATES WERE ELECTED TO GO TO THE STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION. GOODWATER, MRS. DOROTHY SMITH; UNION GROVE, MISS LUCY FLOYD

KIRKLAND;.FRIENDSHIP, MRS. EDNA LAWRENCE; EVERGREEN, MRS. EDNA BEASLEY; SARDIS, MRS. HOWARD GILMORE AND NEW ZION, MRS. HERBERT RONEY.

THE SEVENTY EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SE FWB ASSOCIATION CONVENED WITH PLEASANT HILL AND EVERGREEN CHURCHES ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER 1956. OFFICERS WERE; BRO. HUEY P. LONG, MODERATOR; BRO. JOHN GOLDEN, VICE-MODERATOR; EVELYN SUTTON, CLERK AND GENE CARR, TREASURER.

THERE WERE 13 CHURCHES IN THE ASSOCIATION. THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP WAS 1,147. THERE WERE 4 LEAGUES, 9 SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND 5 LADIES' AUXILIARIES.

THE EIGHTIETH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SE FWB ASSOCIATION CONVENED WITH UNION GROVE AND NEW ZION CHURCHES FRIDAY AND SATURDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER 1958. THE OFFICERS WERE; BRO. PAUL MALLORY, MODERATOR; BRO. DURWOOD ADKINSON, VICE-MODERATOR; EVELYN SUTTON, CLERK AND GENE CARR, TREASURER. NEW ZION HAD THE LARGEST MEMBERSHIP WITH 117 IN SUNDAY SCHOOL. REV. PAUL MALLORY WAS THE PASTOR.

DURING THE SESSION THE SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE MODERATOR BE PAID \$10.00 FOR HIS EXPENSES AND THE CLERK \$35.00 FOR PREPARING THE MANUSCRIPT. THE CHURCHES WERE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL EXPENSES IN PREPARING THE PROGRAM.

THE EIGHTY SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SE FWB ASSOCIATION BEGAN THE 60'S BY MEETING WITH NW PROSPECT CHURCH AND SARDIS CHURCH IN OCTOBER 1960. THE OFFICERS WERE REV. DURWOOD ADKINSON, MODERATOR; REV. W. T. HUTTO, VICE-MODERATOR; EVELYN SUTTON, CLERK AND GENE CARR, TREASURER. NEW ZION HAD THE LARGEST SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT WITH 100.

THE EIGHTY NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SE FWB ASSOCIATION WAS AT HICKORY GROVE AND GOODWATER CHURCHES ON OCTOBER 13 AND 14, 1967. OFFICERS WERE PAUL MALLORY, MODERATOR; DURWOOD ADKINSON, VICE-MODERATOR; KATE PALMER, CLERK AND LOWELL VICKERS, TREASURER.

THE NINETY FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SE FWB ASSOCIATION MET WITH PLEASANT HILL AND UNION GROVE CHURCHES ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER 1969. OFFICERS WERE; BRO. JAMES FRANKLIN, MODERATOR; BRO. THOMAS KIRKLAND, VICE-MODERATOR; ALETHA DEESE, CLERK AND CHESTER CALHOUN, TREASURER.

THE 70'S BEGAN WITH THE NINETY SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SE FWB ASSOCIATION WITH THE OFFICERS BEING; BRO. PAUL MALLORY, MODERATOR; BRO. THOMAS KIRKLAND, VICE-MODERATOR; MRS. ALETHA DEESE, CLERK AND MR. CHESTER CALHOUN, TREASURER. THERE WERE 14 CHURCHES IN THE ASSOCIATION AT THIS TIME.

THE EXAMINING AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE ASSOCIATION APPROVE THE REQUEST OF MOUNT ZION FOR THE ORDINATION OF BRO. CLARENCE CULPEPPER. BRO. WILLIAM WALTER BUSH WAS ALSO RECOMMENDED FOR ORDINATION TO THE GOSPEL MINISTRY.

REV. CHARLES CRADDOCK MADE A MOTION AT THE DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE WHICH WAS HELD ON MARCH 29, 1970, THAT A YOUNG PEOPLE FELLOWSHIP RALLY BE STARTED. THIS WAS SECONDED AND CARRIED.

PROBABLY THE OLDEST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH IN THIS AREA IS THE NEW HOPE CHURCH WHICH WAS ORGANIZED IN 1860. THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOTHAN (PROSPECT) ORGANIZED IN 1867 IS PROBABLY THE SECOND OLDEST. NEW PROSPECT WAS ORGANIZED IN 1875, PLEASANT HILL IN 1876, UNION GROVE IN 1879, EVERGREEN IN 1883. THE EXACT DATE OF THE ORGANIZATION OF GOODWATER SPRINGS CHURCH IS UNKNOWN, BUT THE DEED TO THE PRESENT SITE OF GOODWATER WAS DATED 1890. SARDIS WAS ORGANIZED ON JUNE 10, 1906 BY W. M. SHIRLEY AND C. C. MARTIN. CHESTER CHAPEL WAS ORGANIZED IN 1915.

IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE FOR THE GOODWATER FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH TO HOST THE 100TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FWB. IT HAS ALSO BEEN A PLEASURE FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE GOODWATER CHURCH TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS PROGRAM OF MUSIC AND A BIT OF INTEREST OF THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED OVER THE PAST 100 YEARS IN OUR ASSOCIATION.

LEFT BLANK FOR
FUTURE HISTORY

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

PREAMBLE:

IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE AND INSPIRE THE CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION TO ENGAGE IN A MORE DEFINITE PLAN OF WORK, TO LABOR TOGETHER IN UNITY AND TO CO-ORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS FOR A GREATER PROGRAM TO CHRIST AND HIS KINGDOM, WE DO HEREBY ADOPT THIS CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

CONSTITUTION:

ARTICLE 1. NAME - THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES.

ARTICLE 2. OFFICERS - THE OFFICERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL BE A MODERATOR, AN ASSISTANT MODERATOR, A CLERK AND A TREASURER AND AN ASSISTANT CLERK AND TREASURER. THE OFFICES OF CLERK AND TREASURER MAY BE COMBINED.

ARTICLE 3. 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 BAPTIST.

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 AND 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 PASTOR 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. ALL CHURCHES ARE EXPECTED TO REQUIRE THEIR PASTOR TO PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP INTO THIS ASSOCIATION UPON JOINING HIMSELF WITH THE CHURCH HE IS PASTORING IN THIS ASSOCIATION.

SECTION 3. ACCEPTANCE ON MINISTERS INTO THIS ASSOCIATION. NO MINISTER SHALL HAVE ANY VOTE NOR HOLD ANY OFFICE TIL 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 RECOMMENDATION OF THE CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE, BE PUT UNDER THE WATCH CARE OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR A PERIOD OF TIME, (NOT TO EXCEED ONE (1) YEAR). MINISTERS ARE EXPECTED TO REQUEST MEMBERSHIP IN THIS ASSOCIATION ON BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH HE IS PASTORING WITH SUCH REQUEST COMING NO LATER THAN THE SECOND MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION FOLLOWING HIS ACCEPTANCE OF A PASTORATE IN THIS ASSOCIATION. FAILURE BY A MINISTER TO REQUEST MEMBERSHIP IN THIS BODY WILL RESULT IN THE PASTOR BEING OUT OF FELLOWSHIP WITH THIS BODY.

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 CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE HIM ACCORDING TO THE HOLY SCRIPTURES AND THE FAITH AND PRACTICES IN THE TREATISE OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST. THIS COMMITTEE SHALL 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 MINISTER OR DEACON SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THIS ASSOCIATION WHOSE MEMBERSHIP IS OUTSIDE THE ASSOCIATION.

D. MINISTERS OR DEACONS SHALL NOT HAVE MORE THAN ONE LIVING WIFE; LIKEWISE, A MINISTER OR DEACON'S WIFE MAY NOT HAVE MORE THAN ONE LIVING HUSBAND. MINISTERS AND DEACONS MUST BELIEVE AND PRACTICE FREE WILL BAPTIST DOCTRINE.

ARTICLE 4. 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 FIFTY (50) MEMBERS ENTITLES A CHURCH TO THREE (3) DELEGATES AND ONE (1) ADDITIONAL DELEGATE FOR EACH TWENTY FIVE (25) MEMBERS OR PART THEREOF; AS GIVEN IN THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL MEETING.

SECTION 2. STANDING DELEGATES - ALL ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ORDAINED DEACONS WHO ARE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING IN THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE A STANDING DELEGATE.

SECTION 3. SEATING OF DELEGATES - IN ORDER FOR DELEGATES TO BE SEATED AT ANY SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION AS A DELEGATE SUCH MEMBER MUST HAVE BEEN ELECTED BY THEIR HOME CHURCH TO SERVE IN SUCH CAPACITY. DELEGATE NAMES MUST APPEAR ON THE CHURCH LETTER BEING PRESENTED ALONG WITH A LIST OF ALTERNATES WHO MAY SERVE IN THE ABSENCE OF DULY ELECTED DELEGATES. EACH CHURCH SHOULD USE ONE OF TWO METHODS IN SENDING DELEGATES/ALTERNATES.

A. A CHURCH MAY USE THE DIRECT DELEGATE/ALTERNATE METHOD WHEREBY A ALTERNATE IS ELECTED TO SERVE IN THE ABSENCE OF A SPECIFIED DELEGATE; I.E., JOHN SERVES FOR JOE.

B. A LIST OF DELEGATES AND A LIST OF ALTERNATES IS SUBMITTED ON THE CHURCH LETTER AND IN THE ABSENCE OF A DELEGATE THE FIRST ALTERNATE NAME CALLED WOULD MOVE UP TO SERVE AS THAT DELEGATE. EACH TIME A DELEGATE NAME CALLED AND NOT ANSWERED THE ALTERNATE LIST WOULD BE READ UNTIL ANSWERED AND THAT PERSON WOULD MOVE UP TO SERVE. THIS WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL ALL DELEGATES HAD ANSWERED OR AN ALTERNATE HAD MOVED UP TO SERVE OR UNTIL BOTH LIST HAD BEEN EXHAUSTED, IN WHICH CASE THE CHURCH WOULD THEN BE REPRESENTED BY THAT NUMBER ANSWERING THE ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES.

NO PERSON MAY BE APPOINTED BY A PASTOR OR ANOTHER CHURCH MEMBER WHILE AT THE ASSOCIATION. ALL DELEGATES BEING RECOGNIZED AND SEATED MUST HAVE BEEN ELECTED BY THEIR HOME CHURCH AND NAMES MUST PROPERLY APPEAR ON THE CHURCH LETTER BEING PRESENTED.

SECTION 4. REPRESENTATION FEES SHALL BE FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00) PER DELEGATE FOR THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERLY SESSIONS AND TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) PER DELEGATE AT THE ANNUAL SESSION.

SECTION 5. IT IS HEREBY REQUESTED THAT ALL CHURCHES REGULARLY CONTRIBUTE TO EACH SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION A SUM OF FIFTY CENTS (\$.50) PER ACTIVE MEMBER TO BE USED BY THE ASSOCIATION FOR LOCAL CAUSES AND ANY OTHER NEED THE ASSOCIATION MAY DETERMINE WHILE IT IS CONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION AND ANY MOTION SHALL PROPERLY COME BEFORE THIS BODY. THE ANNUAL SESSION IS CONSIDERED AS ONE.

SECTION 6. FUNDS RECEIVED AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 5 ABOVE SHALL BE RETAINED FOR LOCAL CAUSES AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO DISTRIBUTION AS OTHER FUNDS AS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE 6, SECTIONS 2 THROUGH 5 OF THE BY-LAWS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

SECTION 7. MEMBER CHURCH ATTENDANCE - ALL OUR SISTER CHURCHES WHO ARE

MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING WITH THIS ASSOCIATION IS EXPECTED TO BE REPRESENTED BY LETTER AND DELEGATES AT EACH SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 5. COMMITTEES - ALL COMMITTEES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE ASSOCIATION FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL VOTE ON THEIR ACTIONS, EXCEPT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION UNDER AUTHORITY GRANTED AT SECTION 3 - PARAGRAPH B AND THE CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE AT SECTION 2 - PARAGRAPHS E AND F. ALL COMMITTEES SHALL GIVE A REPORT OF THEIR ACTIONS AT EACH ASSOCIATIONAL SESSION. EACH COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE ONE OR MORE OF ITS MEMBERS COMING UP FOR ELECTION OR RE-ELECTION EACH ANNUAL SESSION OF THIS ASSOCIATION; EXCEPT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL BE COMPOSED OF THE MODERATOR, VICE MODERATOR, CLERK/TREASURER, ALL ORDAINED MINISTERS WHO ARE IN GOOD STANDING WITH THIS BODY AND WHO ARE PASTORING CHURCHES IN THIS ASSOCIATION AND ONE MEMBER ELECTED BY AND FROM EACH CHURCH IN GOOD STANDING IN THE ASSOCIATION. THE DUTIES ARE:

A. TO ACT FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES WHEN IT IS NOT IN SESSION ON THINGS THAT CANNOT WAIT UNTIL THE ASSOCIATION IS IN REGULAR SESSION.

B. TO PLAN AND ARRANGE THE YEARS PROGRAM FOR ALL SESSIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

C. TO 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, THE VICE MODERATOR.

SECTION 2. CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE - ALL MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE SHALL BE FROM THE ORDAINED AUTHORITY IN GOOD STANDING WITH THIS ASSOCIATION. THIS BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF SEVEN (7) MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE ASSOCIATION WHILE IN SESSION. MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED AS FOLLOWS: ONE FOR FOUR (4) YEARS, TWO (2) FOR THREE (3) YEARS, TWO FOR TWO (2) YEARS AND TWO (2) FOR ONE (1) YEAR. ALL MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL SESSION, HOWEVER, SHOULD THE NEED ARISE FOR A MEMBER TO BE REPLACED FOR ANY REASON THE ASSOCIATION MAY DO SO AT ANY QUARTERLY SESSION. RECOMMENDATION FOR REPLACEMENT MAY COME FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND/OR FROM THE DELEGATES ON THE FLOOR. THE DUTIES OF THIS COMMITTEE SHALL BE:

A. TO EXAMINE ALL CHURCH LETTERS AND PRESENT RECOMMENDATION TO THE ASSOCIATION AS TO ORDER AND SEATING OF THE DELEGATES.

B. TO EXAMINE ALL CANDIDATES FOR LICENSING TO THE MINISTRY AT THE REQUEST OF THE LOCAL CHURCH, EITHER AT THE ASSOCIATION OR AT THE LOCAL CHURCH BY REQUEST OF THE PASTOR AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP. IF REQUESTED BY A LOCAL CHURCH TO EXAMINE A CANDIDATE FOR THE MINISTRY WHILE THE ASSOCIATION IS NOT IN SESSION, THIS COMMITTEE MAY, BY A 3/4 MARGIN, (5), MEMBER MAJORITY EXAMINE SUCH CANDIDATE AND MAKES ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE LOCAL PASTOR AND CHURCH. THIS COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT ANY SUCH ACTION TO THE NEXT ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING.

C. TO EXAMINE ALL CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION INTO THE MINISTRY AND OF DEACONSHIP AT THE REQUEST OF THE LOCAL CHURCH. REQUIREMENTS FOR BEING ORDAINED BEING THAT SAID CANDIDATE MUST SHOW AND HAVE SHOWN FRUITS EVIDENCING A BORN AGAIN CHRISTIAN CONDUCT. MINISTERS AND DEACON CANDIDATES SHALL BE GIVEN AN ORAL AND WRITTEN EXAMINATION. THIS EXAMINATION SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: (A) THE HOLY SCRIPTURES (B) THE FAITH AND PRACTICE OF FREE WILL BAPTIST AND (C) MORAL CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY. THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION FORM SHALL BE FURNISHED BY THIS COMMITTEE.

D. TO EXAMINE MINISTERS MAKING REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THIS ASSOCIATION WHO ARE COMING FROM ANOTHER ASSOCIATION, OTHER DENOMINATIONS, INDEPENDENT CHURCHES OR FROM A LICENSED POSITION TO ORDAINED REQUEST. ALL

SUCH CANDIDATES SHALL BE GIVEN AN ORAL EXAMINATION AND AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE A WRITTEN EXAMINATION WILL BE GIVEN.

E. BY A 3/4 MAJORITY, (5), THIS COMMITTEE MAY GRANT A LETTER OF DISMISSAL TO ANY MINISTER LEAVING THIS ASSOCIATION AND GOING TO ANOTHER ASSOCIATION DURING THE TIME THIS ASSOCIATION IS NOT IN SESSION; PROVIDING THERE ARE NO CHARGES FILED AGAINST THE MINISTER BY THE CHURCH HE IS LEAVING, OR THERE IS NO OTHER REASON KNOWN TO THIS COMMITTEE, EITHER SPIRITUAL OR MORAL, THAT THE LETTER WOULD BE GRANTED WERE THIS BODY IN SESSION. ANY SUCH ACTION SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE ASSOCIATION AT THE NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING.

SECTION 3. BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - THERE SHALL BE A CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION CONSISTING OF THREE (3) MEMBERS ELECTED TO TERMS OF ONE (1) FOR THREE (3) YEARS, ONE (1) FOR TWO (2) YEARS AND ONE (1) FOR ONE (1) 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 FIVE (5) PERTAINING TO A VOTE BY THE ASSOCIATION ON COMMITTEE ACTIONS.

C. TO PROMOTE THE BIBLE COLLEGE AND THE EDUCATION OF OUR PEOPLE.

SECTION 4. MISSIONS COMMITTEE - THERE SHALL BE A MISSIONS COMMITTEE CONSISTENT OF THREE (3) MEMBERS ELECTED TO TERMS OF ONE (1) FOR THREE (3) YEARS, ONE (1) FOR TWO (2) YEARS AND ONE (1) FOR ONE (1) YEAR. THE DUTIES ARE:

A. TO PROMOTE MISSION WORK IN THIS ASSOCIATION.

B. TO CO-ORDINATE 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 HOME COMMITTEE - THERE SHALL BE A CHILDREN HOME COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF THREE (3) MEMBERS ELECTED TO TERMS OF ONE (1) FOR THREE (3) YEARS, ONE (1) FOR TWO (2) YEARS AND ONE (1) FOR ONE (1) YEAR. THE BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHILDREN HOME SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE ASSOCIATION WHILE IN ANNUAL SESSION. THE DUTIES ARE:

A. TO CO-ORDINATE EFFORTS TO RELIEVE THE STRAIN ON THE CHILDREN HOME AND THE ASSOCIATION INFORMED OF THE HOME.

SECTION 6. FINANCE COMMITTEE - THERE SHALL BE A FINANCE COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF THREE (3) MEMBERS ELECTED TO TERMS OF ONE (1) FOR THREE (3) YEARS, ONE (1) FOR TWO (2) YEARS AND ONE (1) FOR ONE (1) YEAR. THE TREASURER SHALL SIT IN THIS COMMITTEE AT THEIR 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 DISTRIBUTIONS OF THE MONIES FOR THE ASSOCIATION. THE BUDGET WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL SESSION FOR APPROVAL.

B. RECOMMEND DISTRIBUTION OF THE PLATE OFFERINGS FROM EACH SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

SECTION 7. PLACEMENT COMMITTEE - THERE SHALL BE A PLACEMENT COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF THREE (3) MEMBERS ELECTED TO TERMS OF ONE (1) FOR THREE (3) YEARS, ONE (1) FOR TWO (2) YEARS AND ONE (1) FOR ONE (1) YEAR. THE DUTIES ARE:

A. TO CO-ORDINATE THE PLACES 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 TO TERMS OF ONE (1) FOR THREE (3) YEARS, ONE (1) FOR TWO (2) YEARS AND ONE (1) FOR ONE (1) YEAR. THE DUTIES ARE:

A. TO MAKE NOMINATIONS TO FILL VACANCIES ON THE VARIOUS BOARDS. TO NOMINATE ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS AND SUCH OTHER ACTIONS AS MAY COME BEFORE THIS COMMITTEE.

SECTION 9. ANY MEMBER OF THE ABOVE COMMITTEES THAT FAILS TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE COMMITTEE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR, MAY, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE, BE REPLACED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 6. INDEPENDENCE OF CHURCHES - EACH CHURCH OF THIS ASSOCIATION IS AS DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION WITH FULL AND ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY TO MANAGE ITS OWN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, TO ELECT IT'S PASTOR, OFFICERS AND TO RECEIVE AND DISMISS MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. EACH CHURCH OF THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL HAVE, HOLD AND CONTROL IT'S 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 CO-OPERATE 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 IN DOCTRINE, PRACTICES OR DISCIPLINE, THE BIBLE AND THE TREATISE OF THE FAITH AND PRACTICES OF FREE WILL BAPTIST 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 THE DELEGATES PRESENT, WITHDRAW THE HAND OF FELLOWSHIP FROM SAID CHURCH(ES) UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT THEY HAVE SET THEIR HOUSE IN ORDER.

ARTICLE 7. MEETINGS - THE ASSOCIATION SHALL MEET IN QUARTERLY SESSIONS ON SATURDAY BEFORE THE THIRD (3RD.) SUNDAY IN JANUARY, APRIL AND JULY. THE ANNUAL SESSION SHALL MEET ON FRIDAY NIGHT FROM 7:00 PM UNTIL 9:00 PM AND ON SATURDAY BEFORE THE THIRD (3RD) SUNDAY IN OCTOBER.

SECTION 1. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER SHALL BE USED AS A GUIDE IN ALL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS AND PARLIMENTARY USAGES.

ARTICLE 8. 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.

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ARTICLE 1. DUTIES OF ASSOCIATION 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. VICE MODERATOR - THE VICE 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 HAVE THEM EDITED AND PRINTED INTO ANNUAL MINUTES. CLERK SHALL TURN ALL RECORDS OF THE ASSOCIATION OVER TO HIS/HER SUCCESSOR IN OFFICE. THE CLERK SHALL ALSO MAINTAIN A CURRENT FILE ON ALL THE MINISTERS IN THE ASSOCIATION WHO DESIRE TO SUBMIT THE INFORMATION AS TO THEIR AVAILABILITY FOR PASTOR AND TYPE OF PASTORATE DESIRED, WILLINGNESS TO RE-LOCATE AND SO FORTH. THIS WILL BE AN INFORMATION FILE ONLY AND SHALL BE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND THE INFORMATION RELEASED TO OTHER CHURCHES ONLY WITH THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE MINISTER SUBMITTING THE INFORMATION. A FORM WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CLERK TO EACH MINISTER IN THE ASSOCIATION FOR HIS USE AND ALSO THE CLERK WILL REPORT TO EACH MINISTER, UPON HIS REQUEST, ANY CHURCHES SEEKING A PASTOR.

SECTION 4. TREASURER - THE TREASURER SHALL HAVE CHARGE OF ALL ASSOCIATION FUNDS. TREASURER SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF ALL MONIES RECEIVED AND PAID OUT BY THE ASSOCIATION. TREASURER SHALL DISTRIBUTE FUNDS AT THE DIRECTION OF THE ASSOCIATION WHILE IN SESSION OR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BY A MAJORITY PRESENT. TREASURER SHALL TURN ALL RECORDS OF THE ASSOCIATION OVER TO HIS/HER SUCCESSOR IN OFFICE.

SECTION 5. PROVISION FOR MODERATOR - IN CASE OF THE ABSENCE OF BOTH THE MODERATOR AND VICE MODERATOR, THE SENIOR MINISTER OF THE STANDING DELEGATES SHALL ACT IN THAT CAPACITY.

ARTICLE 2. REPORTS.

SECTION 1. EACH CHURCH IS EXPECTED 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 CHURCHES.

ARTICLE 3. STANDING DELEGATES - ALL ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ORDAINED DEACONS WHO ARE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING OF CHURCHES AFFILIATED WITH THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL BE STANDING DELEGATES.

ARTICLE 4. OFFICERS - 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 5. USE OF FUNDS.

SECTION 1. FUNDS OF THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL BE USED TO PAY FOR THE PRINTING OF THE ANNUAL MINUTES AND FOR SUCH PURPOSES AS DESIGNATED IN THE APPROVED BUDGET AND AS OTHERWISE SET FORTH BY THIS BODY WHILE IN SESSION.

SECTION 2. THE ASSOCIATION SHALL SUPPORT HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS, THE BIBLE COLLEGE IN NASHVILLE, TN., THE CHILDREN HOME IN ELDRIDGE, AL. AND THE SUPERANNUATION OF OUR OLDER MINISTERS.

SECTION 3. THE ASSOCIATION SHALL OPERATE ACCORDING TO THE BUDGET AS PRESENTED AND APPROVED AT THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THIS BODY.

SECTION 4. ALL PLATE OFFERINGS RECEIVED AT THE QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL SESSIONS SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPROVAL BY THIS BODY.

SECTION 5. FUNDS SHALL BE DISBURSED IN THE MANNER AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT AND AS APPROVED BY THIS BODY.

ARTICLE 6. AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. THIS CONSTITUTION AND THESE BY-LAWS SHALL NOT BE CHANGED OR

ALTERED EXCEPT AND ONLY BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) MAJORITY VOTE OF DELEGATES PRESENT FROM MEMBER CHURCHES IN ANY SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

SECTION 2. ALL AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS SHALL BE PRESENTED IN WRITING TO ANY SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION AND SHALL BE READ IN THE HEARING OF THOSE ASSEMBLED DELEGATES AND SHALL BE TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT SCHEDULED ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING AND THEN SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE TABLE, READ AGAIN IN THE HEARING OF THOSE ASSEMBLED, AND THEN ACTED UPON AS DEEMED BEST BY THE ASSOCIATION.

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 GETS OUT OF ORDER.
4. THE PERSON THUS 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 (3) 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 BRETHERN AND SISTER(S).
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 FIVE (5) MINUTES AT ANY ONE TIME WITHOUT LEAVE OF THE MODERATOR.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. THE BIBLE - THE SCRIPTURE 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 TRUE AND LIVING GOD, REVEALED IN NATURE AS THE CREATOR, PRESERVER AND RIGHTEOUS GOVERNOR OF THE UNIVERSE AND IN SCRIPTURE 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 BY MAINTAINING THE CONSTRUCTION AND LAWS OF NATURE. HE ALSO PERFORMS SPECIAL ACTS, NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR AS THE HIGHEST WELFARE OF MEN REQUIRE.
6. THE SINFULNESS OF MAN - MAN WAS CREATED INNOCENT, BUT BY DISOBEDIENCE FELL INTO SIN AND CONDEMNATION. HIS POSTERITY THEREFORE INHERIT A FALLEN NATURE OF SUCH TENDENCIES THAT ALL WHO COME TO YEARS OF ACCOUNTABILITY SIN AND BECOME GUILTY BEFORE GOD.
7. THE WORK OF CHRIST - THE SON OF MAN BY HIS INCARNATION, LIFE AND 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 THE HEARTY RENUNCIATION OF IT. (2) FAITH OR THE RESERVED COMMITMENT 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 MEN BECOME HIS ELECT.

10. FREEDOM OF THE WILL - THE HUMAN WILL IS FREE AND SELF CONTROLLED, 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. PERSEVERANCE - ALL BELIEVERS IN CHRIST, WHO THROUGH GRACE PERSEVERE IN HOLINESS TO THE END OF LIFE, HAVE PROMISE OF ETERNAL SALVATION.

13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES - BAPTISM - 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 BELIEVERS.

14. TITHING - GOD COMMANDED TITHES AND OFFERINGS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT AND 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 CORINTHIANS 16:2).

15. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH - THE DIVINE LAW REQUIRES THAT ONE DAY IN SEVEN BE SET APART FROM SECULAR EMPLOYMENTS AND AMUSEMENTS FOR THE REST, WORSHIP, HOLY WORKS AND ACTIVITIES AND FOR THE PERSONAL COMMISSION WITH GOD.

16. RESURRECTION, JUDGEMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION - THE SCRIPTURES TEACH THE RESURRECTION OF ALL MEN AT THE LAST DAY, THEY THAT HAVE DONE GOOD WILL COME FORTH TO THE RESURRECTION OF LIFE AND THEY THAT HAVE DONE EVIL UNTO THE RESURRECTION OF DAMNATION; THE WICKED WILL "GO AWAY INTO ETERNAL PUNISHMENT, BUT THE RIGHTEOUS INTO LIFE ETERNAL."

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 APPEARANCE 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 THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST."

WE WILL NOT FORSAKE THE ASSEMBLING 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 THE GOSPEL.

WE WILL EVERYWHERE HOLD CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLE SACRED AND CHRISTIAN

OBLIGATIONS AND ENTERPRISES SUPREME, COUNTING IT OUR CHIEF BUSINESS IN LIFE TO EXTEND THE INFLUENCE OF CHRIST IN SOCIETY, AND 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 SCHOOLS AND THE EVANGELISTIC EFFORTS FOR THE SALVATION OF THE WORLD. AND MAY THE GOD OF PEACE SANCTIFY US WHOLLY AND PERSEVERE US BLAMELESS UNTO THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.