# **1995 MINUTES OF**

# THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS

**AND THE** 

# **ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH**

# **ANNUAL SESSION**

# OF THE

# SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

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### SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

SERVING DURING 1995

CLARENCE CULPEPPERLOWELL VICKERS, VICE MOD.P. O. BOX 241E07 HOLLY DRIVEEUFAULA, ALABAMA 35072-0241EFAULA, ALABAMA 35027334-587-4452334-587-3453

RALPH BAKER, CLERK/TREAS. 3422 HWY 131 CLAYTON, ALABAMA 35015 334-775-9703

THOMAS KIRKLAND, ASST CLK ROUTE 2 - BOX 49 HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345 334-693-5024

SOUTHEASTER ASSOCIATION 1995 MEETING DATES, PLACES AND SPEAKERS

MEETING JANUARY 20, 1996 MOUNT ZION FREE WILL REGISTERATION BEGINS 9:30 AM MORNING SPEAKER GENE WHITE PASTOR-PLEASANT HILL

MEETING APRIL 20, 1995

PILGRIM REST

REGISTERATION BEGINS 9:30 AM MORNING SPEAKER DAVE COLLINS PASTOR-UNION GROVE

MEETING JULY 13, 1996 NEW ZION REGISTERATION BEGINS 9:30 AM MORNING SPEAKER THOMAS KIRKLAND PASTOR-NEW ZION

MEETING OCTOBER 18, 1996 FRIDAY NIGHTEVERGREENREGISTERATION BEGINS 6:30 PMEVENING SPEAKERJOEY PETTISPASTOR-EVERGREEN

MEETING OCTOBER 19, 1995 SATURDAY UNION GROVE REGISTERATION BEGINS 9:30 AM MORNING SPEAKER RICKY GILMORE INTERIM PASTOR-SARDIS MEMORIAL SERVICE D. L. KIRKLAND PASTOR-CHESTER CHAPEL SUBSTITUTE FOR THE YEAR PAT WILSON PASTOR-FIRST CHURCH

### SCHEDULE OF ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST 1-205-924-9751

### MINISTERS

BROTHER RALPH BAKER 3422 HWY 131 CLAYTON, ALABAMA 36016 334-775-9703

BROTHER DAVE COLLINS 5479 3RD. AVE. EXIT DOTHAN, ALABAMA 36301 334-677-7793

BRDTHER C. L. CULPEPPER
P. O. BOX 241
EUFAULA, ALABAMA 35072-0241
334-597-4462

BROTHER JAMES FRANKLIN ROUTE 1 - BOX 14 ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310 334-585-5867 BROTHER PAUL MALLORY ROUTE 2 HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345 334-693-3107

BROTHER ROSS PETERS ROUTE 1 - BOX 84 ARITON, ALABAMA 36311 334-762-2946

BROTHER JOEY PETTIS ROUTE 3 - BOX 466 DZARK, ALABAMA 35360 334-795-5741

BROTHER EOBBY REGISTER ROUTE 1 - BOX 78A CLOPTON, ALABAMA 36317 334-585-3983

BROTHER RICKY GILMORE P. O. BOX 507 EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36072-0507 334-587-5821

BROTHER D. L. KIRKLAND ROUTE 5 - BOX 94 EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027 334-687-4515

BRDTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND ROUTE 3 - BOX 49 HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345 334-693-5024 BROTHER LARRY SOWELL ROUTE 1 - BOX 75 CLOPTON, ALABAMA 36317 334-585-5724

BROTHER GENE WHITE ROUTE 3 - BOX 241 ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310 334-585-3879

BROTHER PAT WILSON ROUTE 1 - BOX 205-118 EUFAULA, ALABAMA 35027 334-587-7504

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### SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION LIST OF COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING

BROTHER	WILLIAM SOWELL
BROTHER	C. L. CULPEPPER
BROTHER	D. L. KIRKLAND
BROTHER	THOMAS KIRKLAND
<b>BROTHER</b>	LOWELL VICKERS
BROTHER	RALPH BAKER
BROTHER	BOBBY REGISTER

TERM	EXPIRES	OCTOBER	1999
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TERM	EXPIRES	OCTOBER	1998
TERM	EXPIRES	OCTOBER	1997
TERM	EXPIRES	OCTOBER	1997 -
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### CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

BROTHER ASHLEY CULP	TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 1998
BROTHER JOEY PETTIS	TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 1997
BROTHER MIKE O'HEARN	TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 1995

CHILDREN	HOME
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BROTHER GENE WHITE	TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 1998
SISTER WILMA BULLARD	TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 1997
SISTER MIRIAM CHELLEY	TERM EXPIRES COTOBER 1995
BROTHER D. L. KIRKLAND	BOARD MEMBER TO HOME 1996

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SISTER	EDNA	WHITEHEAD
SISTER	LEIGH	ADAMS

TERM	EXPIRES	OCTOBER	1998
TERM	EXPIRES	OCTOBER	1997

### SISTER JANE STINSON

### TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 1996

### MISSIONS

BROTHER RICKY GILMORE BROTHER PAT WILSON BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND

TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 1998 TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 1997 TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 1995

### NOMINATING

SISTER NINA VICKERS SISTER BARBARA REGISTER SISTER LINDA SOWELL

### TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 1998 TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 1997 TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 1996

### PLACEMENT

TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 1998 SISTER LILLIE THOMPSON ISISTER VIRGINIA KIRKLAND TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 1997 SISTER RUTH SMITH TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 1996

### RESOLUTIONS

SISTER WINNIE RENTZ SISTER PAM PETTIS SISTER BARBARA KIRKLAND

TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 1998 TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 1997 TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 1996

### SCHEDULE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SERVING THROUGH ANNUAL SESSION 1995

MODERATOR, VICE-MODERATOR, CLERK/TREASURER AND ALL ORDAINED MINISTERS WHO ARE PASTORING A CHURCH IN THIS ASSOCIATION AND PASTOR AND CHURCH IS IN GOOD STANDING WITH THIS ASSOCIATION, PLUS THE ELECTED MEMBERS BELOW.

CHESTER CHAPEL BROTHER JOHN E. COATES SISTER EDNA WHITEHEAD 334-687-5229

819 PUMP STATION ROAD 312 MURRAY STREET EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027 HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345 334-693-2759 PILGRIM REST

NEW ZION

BROTHER BROTHER LARRY PEAVY BROTHER VICTOR WILSON ROUTE 1 - BOX 263 ROUTE 2 ARITON, ALABAMA 36311 HEADLAND, ALABAMA 35345

FIRST FREE WILL SISTER DORIS WILSON

PLEASANT HILL BROTHER LAVON OVERSTREET 302 STONE STREET 334-792-7208

51 SINGER LANE EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027 DOTHAN, ALABAMA 36301 334-587-7604

HICKORY GROVE

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EVERGREEN

334-762-2092

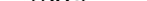
MOUNT ZION BROTHER LOWELL VICKERS 507 HOLLY DRIVE 334-687-3463

NEW PROSPECT BROTHER TROY BARRON ROUTE 1 - BOX 70 A CLOPTON, ALABAMA 36317 334-5852022

SARDIS BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE 1054 HIGHWAY 30 CLAYTON, ALABAMA 36016 334-687-5416

UNION GROVE BROTHER HOLT STOKES ROUTE 4 - 80X 521 EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027 ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310 334-585-3030

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COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS - JUNE 24 - 28, 1996 CAMP DIRECTOR - PENDING MEETING OF BOARDS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FROM STATE LINE AND SOUTHEASTERN CAMP EVANGELIST - PENDING MEETING OF TWO BOARDS

YOUTH CAMP:

YOUTH REVIVAL: PLEASANT HILL CHURCH - MARCH 25 - MARCH 28, 1995 SERVICES WILL BEGIN NIGHTLY AT 7:00 PM EVANGELIST TO BE NAMED LATER

PILGRIM REST - SHORTERVILLE, AL - FEBRUARY 18, 1996 HICKORY GROVE CHURCH - ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA - MAY 18, 1996 NEW ZION CHURCH - HEADLAND, ALABAMA - AUGUST 17, 1996 NEW PROSPECT CHURCH - CLOPTON, ALABAMA - NOV. 16, 1996

YOUTH RALLIES - 7:00 PM EACH MEETING

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION PLANNING FOR 1995

### DISTRICT LADIES AUXILLARY MEETING:

THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION DISTRICT LADIES AUXILLARY MEETING WILL BE AT MOUNT ZION CHURCH MARCH 29, 1995 BEGINNING AT 7:00 PM WITH REFRESHMENTS SERVED AFTERWARD.

### STATE MEETINGS:

THE ANNUAL PASTORS AND WORKERS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD FEB. 5,5 & 7, 1995 - FIRST FWB - FLORENCE, ALABAMA CONNIE CARIKER, RANDY SAWYER, FRED WARNER - SPEAKERS

THE ANNUAL STATE ASSOCIATION MEETING IS NOVEMBER 7-9, 1996 - FIRST FREE WILL - DOTHAN, ALABAMA

### NATIONAL MEETINGS:

FORT WORTH, TEXAS	JULY 21-25, 1996
CINCINNATI, CHID	JULY 20-24, 1997
TULSA, OKLAHOMA	JULY 12-15, 1998
ATLANTA, GEORGIA	JULY 18-22, 1999
ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	JULY 15-20, 2000
DETRDIT, MICHIGAN	JULY 15-19, 2001
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	JULY 21-25, 2002

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			TABLE ONE - CHURCH DI OCT. 1, 1995 - SEPT.		
CHURCH NAME	PASTOR'S NAME	CLERK'S NAME	.SUPERINTENDENT	CTS DIRECTOR AND ADDRESS	LADIES AUXILLARY PRESIDENT AND RODRESS
CHESTER CHAPEL		.819 PUMP ST. ROAD	BRO. CRAWFORD BUSH ROUTE 3 ABBEVILLE, AL 36310	•	
EVERGREEN	.RT. 3 - BOX 466	.RT. 1-BOX 263	_	.RT 1	SIS. LISA HARDEN ROUTE 2 ARITON, AL. 36311
FIRST FREE WILL		SIS. DORIS WILSON ROUTE 1-BOX 206-118 EUFAULA, AL. 36027	SIS. DORIS WILSON ROUTE 1-BOX 206-118 .EUFRULA, AL. 36027	•	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
HICKORY GROVE	BRO. JAMES FRANKLIN ROUTE 1 ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310		.RT. 1	•	SIS. EUNICE STARLING . ROUTE 1 .ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310 .
MOUNT ZION	BRO. RALPH BAKER ROUTE 1-BOX 405A CLAYTON, AL 36016	BRO. LOWELL VICKERS 607 HOLLY DR. EUFAULA, AL. 36027	BRO. JOHN ADAMS .RT. 4 - BOX 388 .RBBEVILLE, AL. 36310	• • •	SIS. LILLIE THOMPSON . 402 KENT DRIVE EUFRULA, AL. 36027
NEW PROSPECT		-	BRO. LARRY SOWELL ROUTE 1 - BOX 75 .CLOPTON, AL. 36317	- - -	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
NEW ZION	.RT. 3 - BOX 49	SIS. EDNA WHITEHEAD 302 MURRAY ST. HEADLAND, AL. 36345	.RT. 2 - BOX 129	• • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
PILGRIM REST	.P. 0. BOX 241	.RT. 1 - BOX 106	.BRO. GENE CARR .BOX 111-DOTHAN ROAD .ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310	.RT. 1	
PLEASANT HILL	.ROUTE 3-BOX 241	.302 STONE STREET	BRO DANNY HENDERSON ROUTE 1-BOX 251 HEADLAND, AL 36345	.ROUTE 1-BOX 251	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
SARDIS	BRO. RICKY GILMORE .P. O. BOX 507 .EUFRULR, AL. 96072	SIS. SUSAN HURST ROUTE 4 - BOX 64 EUFAULA, AL. 36027	BRO. EVERETT O'HEARN RT. 2 - BOX 1946 EUFAULA, AL. 36027	- - - -	.SIS. GEORGIA GILMORE . .1064 HWY 30 .CLRYTON, RL. 36016
UNION	.5479 3RD. AVE. EXIT	SIS. SYLVIA ETHRIDGE RT 4 - BOX 546 ABBEVILLE, AL. 96910		* • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •

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### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION - ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1994/1995

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### 1994/1995 CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION SOUTHERSTERN ASOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

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	. CHURCH . . INCOME .	RENOVATION	. CHURCH . SUPPLIES	. CHURCH . UTILITIES	. REVIVALS/ . RETREATS	. HOME . HISSIONS	. YARD/LAHN . . NAINTENANC.	. CHILDREN HOME	DELEGATES	. YOUTH ACTIVITY	. HISC/STAFF . EXPENSE	PASTOR SALARY	. PROPERTY . VALUES
CHESTER CHAPEL	. \$25,261.20	\$9 <b>,994.5</b> 0	. \$537.86	. \$1,066.98	. \$65.00	•		\$915.00	. \$155.00	\$154.62	. \$138.71	\$6,910.00	• \$55,000.00
EVERGREEN	527,855.22		\$2,609.95	\$1,989.06	\$375.00	\$1,050.00	\$741.06	\$758.00	\$205.00	\$702.91	•	\$13,250.00	\$100,000.00
TRST CHURCH	\$11,930.41	\$2,481.77	. \$275.19	\$1,612.82	. \$345.00	•	•	\$015.52	. \$125.00	•	<b>\$162.00</b>	\$5,200.00	\$133,000.00
LICKORY GROVE	HOT GIVEN	NOT GIVEN	. NOT GIVEN	NOT GIVEN	. NOT GIVEN	NOT GIVEN	NOT GIVEN	NOT GIVEN	NOT GIVEN	NOT GIVEN	HOT GIVEN	NOT GIVEN	. NOT GIVEN
NUNT ZION	. \$15,488.28	51,604.81	51,621.18	\$2,015.21	. \$1,147.21	\$102.87	\$235.00	\$200.00	\$275.00	\$649.17	•	\$7,430.00	. \$83,000.00
EN PROSPECT	. \$25,131.26	\$6,741.96	. \$508.61	\$2,627.52	- . \$695.21	. \$268.00	• •	\$691.62	\$300.00	. \$664.32	\$5,727.57	\$8,030.00	\$151,000.00
EH ZION	. \$53,453.61 .	\$12,599.96	. \$601.53	. \$1,858.56	. \$1,984.16	. \$3,350.20	\$585.00	, \$1,724.66	. \$250.00	. \$1,200.00	. \$8,629.14	\$17,775.00	\$300,000.00
PILGRIM REST	. \$17,993.58	\$1,638.00	. \$81.33	\$2,050.43	. \$300.00	• • \$725.00	\$1,921.75	\$300.00	\$192.50	\$200.00	\$22.50	. \$6,500.00	\$100,000.00
PLEASANT HILL	\$19,269.46	\$1,613.50	. \$1,000.97	\$2,077.14	\$350.00	• • \$155.00	\$60.59	\$718.36	\$167.00	\$350.00	\$630.00	. 59,100.00	\$125,000.00
SARDIS	\$113,298.08	\$55,000.00 \$1,873.29	\$1,124.09	\$8,776.51	. \$2,682.76	\$1,198.00	\$685.00		\$225.00	\$140.66	\$21,937.50	\$21,015.95	. \$415,000.00
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT - ALL FUNDS SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FWB OCTOBER 1, 1994-SEPTEMBER 30, 1995

TOTAL BALANCE ON HAND-ALL FUNDS DEPOSITS DEPOSITS DEPOSITS DEPOSITS	10/1/94 10/1-12/31/94 1/1/95-2/31/95 4/1/95-5/30/95 7/1/95-9/30/95	\$2,955.54 \$1,351.65 \$599.75 \$3,357.27 \$1,090.70
ند :	ERROR CORRECTION	\$1.00
TOTAL RECEIPTE		\$6,399.38
TOTAL FUNDS		\$9,254.92
DISBURSEMENTS:		
OFFICERS		\$198.70
CHILDREN HOME		\$320.35
CHILDREN HOME BOARD MEMBER FEES		\$500.00
ALABAMA STATE DUES		\$550.00
GOODE PRINTING SERVICE		\$551.75
YOUTH REVIVAL		\$310.00

CREEFE BARTIST VINEYARDS \$2,831,50

COLLED DURITOL VINCHUND	유민홍민리부부리신
YOUTH CAMP EVANGELIST	\$450.00
ALABAMA STATE HOME MISSIONS	\$434.00
BROTHER FRED JONES	\$300.00
TEAM MEXICO - JONI PETTIS	\$500.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$8,056.30

NET FUNDS - 9/30/95 \$1,198.62

SEE SCHEDULE A FOLLOWING FOR GENERAL ACCOUNT SEE SCHEDULE B FOLLOWING FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION SEE SCHEDULE C FOLLOWING FOR MISSIONS FUND

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SOUTNEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FWB OCTOBER 1, 1994-SEPTEMBER 30, 1995		
GENERAL TREASURY BALANCE DEPOSITS DEPOSITS DEPOSITS	10/1/94 10/1-12/31/94 1/1-3/31/95 4/1-5/30/95	\$528.78 \$1,351.65 \$598.76 \$3,357.27
DEPOSITS TOTAL RECEIPTS	7/1-9/30/95 ERROR CORRECTION	\$1,090.70 \$1.00 \$5,399.38
TOTAL FUNDS		\$8,928.16
DISBURSEMENTS: DFFICERS CHILDREN HOME BOARD MEMBER DUES CHILDREN HOME ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION GOODE PRINTING MISSIONS FUNDS AND TRANSFERS BDARD OF EDUCATION AND TRANSFERS	05 W10010W0 01FT	\$198.70 \$600.00 \$320.35 \$550.00 \$561.75 \$576.71 \$3,727.83
BROTHER FRED JONES-MISSIONARY-BAL.	OF MISSIONS GIFT	\$130.21

SCHEDUL A - GENEERAL FUND ACCOUNT

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GENERAL FUND BALANCE 9/30/94 252.51

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SCHEDULE B - BOARD OF EDUCATION SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FWB OCTOBER 1, 1994-SEPTEMBER 30, 199	5	
BALANCE ON HAND	10/1/94	\$1,799.68
DEPOSITS AND CONTRIBUTORS:		
DUES FROM GENERAL TREASURY		\$230.15
RECEIVED FROM OFFICERS DEPOSITS		\$19.95
NEW PROSPECT CHURCH		\$454.32
YOUTH RALLIES		\$77.41
YOUTH REVIVAL - LESS CASH FOR MIL	EAGE \$100.00	\$55.00
RUTH SMITH		\$100.09
MOUNT ZION		\$120.00
NEW ZION		\$150.00
SARDIS		\$120.00
PILGRIM REST		\$200.00
HICKORY GROVE		\$220.00
CAMP FUNDS - DUES		\$1,756.00
CAMP REFUND		\$225.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$3,727.83

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\$5,527.51

DISBURSEMENTS:	
REUBEN CASON - YOUTH REVIVAL	\$250.00
FOOD - YOUTH REVIVAL	\$50.00
COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS - CAMP	\$3,831.50
SROTHER DICKIE DEES - EVANGELIST	\$250.00
JOEY PETTIS - EVANGELIST	\$200.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$4,591.50

NET FUNDS ON HAND 9/30/95 \$935.01

BALANCE ON HAND	10/1/94	\$527.08
RECEIPTS-PERCENT OF DUES	10/1-12/31/94	\$31.75
RECEIPTS-PERCENT OF DUES	1/1-3/31/95	\$15.04
RECEIPTS-PERCENT OF DUES/PLATE	4/1-5/30/95	\$83,92
RECEIPTS-PERCENT OF DUES	7/1-9/30/95	\$11.00
MISSIONS REVIVAL		\$434.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$576.71
TOTAL FUNDS		\$1,103.79
DISBURSEMENTS:		
JONI PETTIS-TEAM MEXICO MISSION TO	RIP	\$500.00
BRG. FRED JONES-MISSIONS SERVICE		\$300.00
ALABAMA HOME MISSIONS-PRATTVILLE	MIESION	¢434.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT	5	\$1,234.00
BALANCE ON HAND 9/30/95		(\$120.21)

SCHEDUL C - MISSIONS TREASURY SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FWB OCTOBER 1, 1994-SEPTEMBER 30, 1995

PAID FROM GENERAL	FUND	\$130.21
MISSIONS BALANCE 9	/30/95	\$0.00

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### JANUARY 14, 1995 SARDIS FREE WILL BAPTIST

THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES BEGAN ITS 1995 ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR ON JANUARY 14, 1995 WHEN WE ASSEMBLED AT SARDIS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH IN EUFAULA, ALABAMA.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JAMES FRANKLIN. WE OPENED WITH AN ALTER OF PRAYER WITH THE OPENING PRAYER LED BY BROTHER LOWELL VICKERS. THE MEETING GOT OFF TO A VERY SPIRITED BEGINNING. BROTHER FRANKLIN THEN ASKED THE BODY TO GET ANY QUESTION THEY MIGHT HAVE RESOLVED IN ANY MANNER. IF WE HAD TO SPEED UP, SLOW DOWN, TAKE MORE TIME, WHATEVER. BE SATISFIED.

THE WELCOME WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE AND THE RESPONSE BY BROTHER JOEY PETTIS. EVEN THOUGH IT IS BAD WEATHER OUTSIDE, INSIDE WE ARE WARM, COMFORTABLE AND BLESSED. WE APPRECIATE SARDIS INVITING US AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO A WONDERFUL DAY IN THE LORD.

THE HOST CHURCH THEN LED US IN TWO SONGS; "I'LL BE SATISFIED" AND "I'D RATHER BE AN OLD TIME CHRISTIAN." BROTHER BRYAN GILMORE LED AND SISTER GEORGIA GILMORE FLAYED THE PIANO.

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THE MORNING DEVOTION WAS DELIVERED BY BROTHER RICKY GILMORE WHO PRESENTLY IS

MINISTER OF THE GIRLS RANCH. HE CHOSE 2ND CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 13 VERSE 5. HIS TOPIC WAS LIFESTYLE - PERSONALLY. HE MADE SEVERAL QUICK, IMPORTANT POINTS; BE USED OF CHRIST-SHOW HIM AS LORD, REALIZE MY LIFE MAKES A DIFFERENCE, STUDY GOD'S WORD-NOT JUST READ, PRIORITIES CENTERED AROUND CHRIST. HE MADE OTHER RATHER INTERESTING POINTS BUT ONE POINT HE BROUGHT OUT WAS A VERY PERSONAL QUESTION "A THOUSAND YEARS FROM NOW, WILL MY LIFE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?" VERY GOOD.

WE THEN RECOGNIZED MINISTERS AND DEACONS. WE HAD 9 DEACONS AND 14 TOTAL MINISTERS, 12 ORDAINED AND 2 LICENSED. DEACONS WHO REGISTERED; LOWELL VICKERS, MOUNT ZION; JOHNNY GILMORE AND BRYAN GILMORE, SARDIS; JACK STARLING AND JESSIE BARNETTE, UNION GROVE; JOE WHITEHEAD, NEW ZION; KENNETH BLALOCK, HICKORY GROVE; ERMAL BREWER, FIRST FREE WILL; AND WILLIAM SOWELL, NEW PROSPECT. THE MINISTERS REGISTERING FOR THE MEETING: BROTHERS PAT WILSON, FIRST FREE WILL; RALPH BAKER, MOUNT ZION; DAVID YOUNG, NEW ZION; REUBEN CASON, SARDIS; DAVE COLLINS, UNION GROVE-INTERIM PASTOR; GENE WHITE, PLEASANT HILL; JOEY PETTIS, EVERGREEN; CLARENCE CULPEPPER, PILGRIM REST; BOBBY REGISTER, NEW PROSPECT; DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND, CHESTER CHAPEL; THOMAS KIRKLAND; JAMES FRANKLIN, HICKORY GROVE. LICENSED MINISTERS RICKY GILMORE AND CHARLES HIEMSLEY.

ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES WITH 30 DELEGATES AND 11 ALTERNATES ANSWERING THE ROLL. THOSE WHO ANSWERED THE ROLL WERE: CHESTER CHAPEL-VIRGINIA KIRKLAND, THELMA CLARK, TERESA KETCHUM; EVERGREEN-PAM PETTIS, LILLIAN WILSON, LISA HARDEN; FIRST FREE WILL-WILMA BULLARD, LORENE JERNIGAN, GERALDINE BREWER, DORIS WILSON; HICKORY GROVE-MARTHA BLALOCK, IRENE BLALOCK, CHARLES HIEMSLEY; MOUNT ZION-LEIGH ADAMS; NEW PROSPECT-BARBARA REGISTER, TERRY NANCE, LANG SOWELL, GWEN SOWELL; NEW ZION-ROY DEAN SMITH, EDNA WHITEHEAD, INEZ BULGER, MIRIAM SHELLEY, DEBBIE YOUNG; PILGRIM REST-RUTH SMITH, MARY CULPEPPER; PLEASANT HILL-MARY FOLDS, GRACE GRAHAM, ANNETTE WHITE, MAXINE DEW, INA DEW; SARDIS-BEVERLY O'HEARN, JENNINGS GILMORE, FRANKIE GILMORE, GEORGIA GILMORE, MIKE CODY, TERRY CASON, PEGGY SHELLEY; UNION GROVE-LINDA FLOYD, SYLVIA ETHERIDGE, DORIS STARLING. MSC TO SEAT THE DELEGATES.

FOLLOWING THE ROLL CALL THE MODERATOR GAVE THE RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP TO THOSE ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE AISLE AND THE VICE-MODERATOR TO THOSE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE AISLE WHILE ALL MEMBERS STOOD.

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NO REPORTS ARE READY AT THIS TIME. DISMISSED FOR SHORT RECESS OF 15 MINUTES. RECESSED BY THE MODERATOR.

REASSEMBLED AT 10:59 AND BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND LED IN PRAYER WHILE ALL ATTENDING STOOD. THERE FOLLOWED THE MORNING SONG SERVICE AND IT WAS VERY SPIRITED AND UPLIFTING. THE HOST CHURCH SONG LEADER AND PIANIST WITH ONE OF THEIR OTHER MUSICIANS LED THE SINGING. SONGS SELECTED TO SING WERE "NO TEARS IN HEAVEN" "HOW BEAUTIFUL HEAVEN MUST BE" "I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT MY LORD."

THE MORNING OFFERING WAS RECEIVED WITH THE CHURCH USHERS RECEIVING THE OFFERING. MIKE CODY LED THE OFFERATORY PRAYER.

THE COLLECTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AT THE BUSINESS SESSION BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND VOTED ON BY THE DELEGATION.

THE HOST CHURCH THEN PRESENTED SOME VERY GOOD SPECIAL SINGING. BEFORE THEY SANG BROTHER BRYAN GILMORE ASK FOR SPECIAL PRAYER ON THE SICK, LOST, FAMILY. THE SPECIALS BY

BROTHERS BRYAN, JOHNNY, TODD, AND SISTERS JEAN AND GEORGIA WERE "I BOWED ON MY KNEES AND CRIED HOLY" AND "SOMEBODY TOUCHED HEAVEN FOR ME" VERY INSPIRING.

THE MORNING MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED BY THE HOST CHURCH PASTOR, BROTHER REUBEN CASON. FOR HIS MESSAGE HE USED TITUS 2:1-15 AND TITLED THE MESSAGE "KEEPING THE CHURCH ON LINE." POINTS HE MADE; SCREEN AND PRINTER-GOD'S WORD THE SCREEN,

WE THE PRINTER. ENLARGE AND GROW DAILY. WE ARE IN A WAR. THOSE AROUND US ARE NOT OUR ENEMIES, SATAN IS. FOR THIS CAUSE I LEFT THEE IN CRETE; TO SET IN ORDER, TO ORDAIN ELDERS IN EVERY CITY, TO PRODUCE SOUND DOCTRINE. SPEAK, PREACH, COMMIT, PROGRAM. A VERY WARMING MESSAGE FOR THE DAY. THE INVITATION WAS SUNG BY MEMBERS OF THE HOST CHURCH, BROTHER BRYAN, JOHNNY AND SISTER JEAN WITH BROTHER TODD ON THE PIANO.

TODAY HAS BEEN A MOST GLORIOUS DAY IN THE LORD. HE HAS BEEN PRESENT TO BLESS, TO OWN, TO COMFORT, TO ENCOURAGE. BROTHER CASON GAVE US DIRECTIONS FOR LUNCH AND WE WERE DISMISSED FOR THIS TIME OF FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP AND TO CONDUCT SUCH COMMITTEE MEETINGS AS NEEDED.

LUNCH BEING ENDED WE REASSEMBLED AT 1:20 FOR THE EVENING SESSION. OPENED WITH PRAYER BY BROTHER PAT WILSON. WE HAD ONLY ONE SONG THIS AFTERNOON LED BY

BROTHER BRYAN GILMORE WITH SISTER GEORGIA GILMORE PLAYING THE PIANO. WE SAND "GLORY TO HIS NAME."

BROTHER JOEY PETTIS OF EVERGREEN BROUGHT THE EVENING MESSAGE IN WHICH HE READ FROM I CORINTHIANS 3:6. I HAVE PLANTED, APPOLOS HATH WATERED, BUT IT IS GOD THAT GIVETH THE INCREASE. HE WENT ON TO POINT OUT THAT DADDY IS NO LONGER DADDY, MAMA IS NO LONGER MAMA, CHILDREN

NO LONGER RESPECT OR FOLLOW PARENTS. A SAD DAY IN AMERICA. HE WENT ON TO EXPOUND ON WHAT BECOMETH A GODLY WOMAN, WHAT IS EXPECTED OF HER, HOW THE FAMILY SHOULD BE TOGETHER AND WHAT IT TOOK FOR THE FAMILY TO STICK TOGETHER. HE SUED SCRIPTURE FROM I TIMOTHY CHAPTER 1 AND 2, HEBREWS 12 AND ROMANS 8:13. IF YE LIVE AFTER THE FLESH YE SHALL OF THE FLESH REAP DESTRUCTION BUT IF YE LIVE AFTER THE SPIRIT YE SHALL REAP EVERLASTING LIFE.

TIME NOW FOR THE BUSINESS SESSION WITH A CALL FOR THE OLD BUSINESS AND THE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

OLD BUSINESS: THE RECOMMENDATION TO MOVE THE THIRD SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION FROM SATURDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY TO ANOTHER SATURDAY WAS REMOVED FROM THE TABLE. AFTER A MINOR AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION IT WAS MOVED THAT THE SESSION BE MOVED TO THE SATURDAY BEFORE THE SECOND SUNDAY IN JULY SO AS TO ACCOMMODATE THOSE WHO WERE ABLE AND WISHED TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING WHICH WAS SOMEWHAT OF A CONFLICT IN THAT PASTORS ESPECIALLY WHO DESIRED TO GO THE NATIONAL FELT SOMEWHAT DUTY BOUND TO ATTEND THE LOCAL ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING AND COULD NOT DO BOTH. UNANIMOUS VOTE TO MOVE. THIS WILL BE IN EFFECT FOR THE JULY MEETING OF THIS ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR. THE JULY MEETING WILL NOW BE ON JULY 8, 1995.

CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORT TO GIVE.

BOARD OF EDUCATION GAVE NO FORMAL REPORT BUT ADVISED THAT RICKY DEES FROM NORTH ALABAMA WILL BE THE YOUTH CAMP EVANGELIST AND IT WILL BE AT COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS AGAIN FOR THIS YEAR. THE COMMITTEE HAD VISITED SEVERAL LOCATIONS AND FOUND THAT COST, ACCOMMODATIONS AND SO FORTH WAS MORE EXPENSIVE AND LESS ACCOMMODATION THAN THE PRESENT SITE. THE YOUTH REVIVAL IS NOT FINALIZED AT THIS TIME. MSC INFORMATION

THE CHILDREN HOME COMMITTEE SPOKE THROUGH THE BOARD MEMBER TO THE HOME, BROTHER DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND. PRESENTLY THERE IS 26 CHILDREN AT THE HOME, OPERATIONS ARE RETURNING TO NORMAL. SEVERAL OTHERS ARE EXPECTED BACK SHORTLY. HE ALSO GAVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE HOME. THE YEAR BEGAN AS FOLLOWS: MSC AS INFORMATION TO THE ASSOCIATION.

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GENERAL FUND	
BEGINNING BALANCE	28,222.23
FUNDS ADDED	449,276.91
DISBURSEMENTS	460,366.90
ENDING BALANCE	17,132.24
SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE	1,584.15
MISC. FUND BALANCE	112.30

FOSTER FUND BALANCE 1,727.80

COLLEGE FUND BALANCE 532.39

BUILDING FUND BALANCE 61,007.25

MISSIONS COMMITTEE IS FLANNING A MISSIONS MEETING AS SOON AS AVAILABILITY OF A MISSIONARY IS ESTABLISHED. THE DATE AND TIME WILL BE FUBLISHED WELL IN AD-VANCE WITH SUCH DETAILS AS NEEDED SO EACH CHURCH WILL BE ABLE TO FLAN ON ATTENDING. MSC.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE PLATE OFFERING BE RETAINED IN THE LOCAL TREASURY DUE TO THE LOW BALANCE AND THE NEED TO REPLENISH. MSC.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE, NOMINATING COMMITTEE, PLACEMENT COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORT TO OFFER.

WE ARE REMINDED THAT MARCH 11, 1995 WILL BE THE SING FOR SUPPORT OF THE CHILDREN HOME TO BE HOSTED BY HICKORY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH BEGINNING AT 7:00 PM.

BROTHER REUBEN CASON MOVED THAT \$500.00 BE GIVEN TO SISTER JONI PETTIS, THE TEENAGE DAUGHTER OF BROTHER AND SISTER JOEY PETTIS WHO WILL BE GOING ON TEAM MEXICO MISSION AS A MEMBER. SHE MUST RAISE THE FUNDS FOR HER TRIP. THIS

IS PART OF OUR OWN AND WE NEED TO SUPPORT OUR OWN. MOTION MSC.

A RISING VOTE OF THANKS TO THE HOST CHURCH AND DISMISSED WITH PRAYER. A WONDERFUL DAY IN THE LORD'S SEVICE.

> APRIL 14, 1995 HICKORY GROVE FWB CHURCH

THE ASSOCIATION CAME TOGETHER FOR ITS' SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING WITH REGIS-TRATION AT 9:30 AM AND THE BODY CALLED TO ORDER BY BROTHER JAMES FRANKLIN AT 10:00 AM WITH OPENING REMARKS. BROTHER JAMES CALLED ON BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND TO OPEN THE SESSION WITH PRAYER. BROTHER FRANKLIN THEN READ FROM JOEL, CHAPTER TWO VERSE 11 "THE LORD SHALL UTTER HIS VOICE" BROTHER KENNETH BLALOCK GAVE THE WELCOME AND BROTHER PAT WILSON THE RESPONSE.

WE HAD A SHORT SONG SERVICE WITH BROTHER CHARLES HIEMSLEY LEADING AND

SISTER LEIGH ADAMS PROVIDING MUSIC AT THE PIANO. SELECTED WAS "STAND UP FOR JESUS" FOLLOWED BY THE MORNING DEVOTION GIVEN BY BROTHER CHARLES HIEMSLEY USING JOHN'S GOSPEL AND CITING "THE FIELDS ARE WHITE UNTO THE HARVEST." INDEED THEY ARE.

THE MODERATOR ASKED FOR RECOGNITION OF THOSE ATTENDING AT THIS TIME. WE HAD PRESENT 11 MINISTERS, 7 DEACONS, 25 DEL-EGATES, 3 VISITORS. FOLLOWING ATTENDED:

MINISTERS: DAVE COLLINS, UNION GROVE; PAT WILSON, FIRST FREE WILL; JAMES FRANKLIN, HICKORY GROVE; REUBEN CASON, SARDIS; BOBBY REGISTER, NEW PROSPECT; CLARENCE CULPEPPER, PILGRIM REST; DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND, CHESTER CHAPEL; GENE WHITE, PLEASANT HILL; THOMAS KIRKLAND, NEW ZION; JOEY PETTIS, EVERGREEN; RALPH BAKER, MOUNT ZION. BROTHER PAUL MALLORY ALSO WAS ABLE TO BE IN ATTENDANCE. HE HAD SUFFERED A STROKE AND WAS ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY. IT WAS GOOD TO HAVE HIM WITH US AT THIS SESSION AND WE ALL WISH HIM CONTINUED RECOVERY AND GOD'S MERCY.

DEACONS: LOWELL VICKERS, MOUNT ZION; KENNETH BLALDCK, HICKORY GROVE; WILLIAM SOWELL, NEW PROSPECT; JOE WHITEHEAD, NEW ZION; LARRY PEAVY, EVERGREEN; BART HARDEN, EVERGREEN; LAVON OVERSTREET, FLEASANT HILL.

DELEGATES: VIRGINIA KIRKLAND, CHESTER CHAPEL; PAM PETTIS, RITA MOFFITT, EVERGREEN; WILMA BULLARD, DORIS WILSON, FIRST FREE WILL; IRENE BLALOCK, ESTELLE BLALOCK, MARTHA BLALOCK, BEA DOSWELL, HICKORY GROVE; LEIGH ADAMS, MOUNT ZION; CHRISTINE BROWN, SANDRA HEMBREE, LINDA SOWELL, NEW PROSPECT; FAYE CULP, EDNA WHITEHEAD, BARBARA KIRKLAND, THYRA MALLORY, NEW ZION; RUTH SMITH, RUBY MONEY, PILGRIM REST; MARY FOLDS, GRACE GRAHAM, DOROTHY OVERSTREET, ANNETTE WHITE, PLEASANT HILL; PAUL GOODSON, SARDIS; VIVIAN HOPKINS, WILLIE MAE SKEEN,

ROSA MCCOY, PEARL COLLINS, UNION GROVE.

VISITORS: EUNICE DARLING, BILL DANFORD, OSCAR RICHARDS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: HOMECOMING PILGRIM REST ON MAY 5, 1995. CANAAN LAND SINGERS WILL BE AT HEADLAND HIGH SCHOOL. EASTER SERVICE AT NEW ZION. REVIVAL AT PILGRIM REST. SING AT FIRST FREE WILL ON MAY 13, 1995 AT 6:00 PM. JONI PETTIS ADVISED ALL FUNDS FRO TEAM MEXICO HAD BEEN RAISED AND SHE IS READY TO GO. AGAIN, SHE THANKED THE ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR GIFT AND SUPPORT. HARMONY CREEK SINGERS WILL BE AT SARDIS CHURCH ON MAY 17, 1995.

BROTHER JOEY PETTIS GAVE THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT AT THIS TIME. CAMP DUES WILL BE THE SAME THIS YEAR. THE BOARD HOPES TO MEET EXPENSES AND LEAVE APPROXIMATELY \$1,000.00 IN THE ACCOUNT. THE CAMP DIRECTOR WILL BE BROTHER JAMES OSBORN. THE CAMP EVANGELIST WILL BE BROTHER RICKY DEES. THE JUNIORS AND TEENS WILL HAVE SEPARATE WORSHIP SERVICES. BROTHER JOEY PETTIS AND SISTER PAM PETTIS WILL CONDUCT SERVICES FOR THE JUNIORS. APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE WITH CAMP RULES IN NEXT TWO WEEKS. WE HAD A GOOD REVIVAL AT SARDIS WITH BROTHER TODD PARISH AS EVANGELIST. THE NEXT YOUTH RALLY WILL BE MAY 20, 1995 AT PLEASANT HILL. BROTHER RICKY GILMORE SPOKE AT OUR FEBRUARY RALLY AND A GREAT BLESSING WAS HAD BY ALL. THE

### BOARD APPRECIATES ALL THE SUPPORT RECEIVED FROM THE ASSOCIATION.

BROTHER REUBEN CASON GAVE A MISSIONS REPORT IN THAT APRIL IS MISSIONS MONTH. HE URGED US TO BE CHALLENGED FOR SOULS. BE SACRIFICIAL IN GIVING THAT THE LOST MY SEE, II SAMUEL 24:24.

BROTHER DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND, BOARD MEMBER, GAVE AS INFORMATION THAT THE CHILDREN HOME IS IN HARMONY, WE ARE BACK UP TO 26 CHILDREN, THE COURT IS TRYING TO GET THE LADY TO DROP HER CHARGES AS THEY CERTAINLY APPEAR TO BE UNFOUNDED AND WITHOUT MERIT.

SISTER MARTHA BLALOCK OF HICKORY GROVE URGED OTHER CHURCHES NOT NOW HAVING A WNAC (LADIES AUXILIARY) TO PRAYFULLY CONSIDER ORGANIZING ONE.

DISMISSED FOR A SHORT RECESS.

REASSEMBLED AT 11:00 AM FOR THE MORNING WORSHIP HOUR. BROTHER CHARLES HIEMSLEY AND SISTER RITA BLALOCK PROVIDED THE MUSIC LEADERSHIP AND MUSIC. WE SANG "KEEP ON THE FIRING LINE" "SEND THE LIGHT" AFTER WHICH WE RECEIVED THE MORNING OFFERING TO BE DESIGNATED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AT THE EVENING BUSINESS SESSION. AT TOTAL OF \$66.00 WAS RECEIVED. BROTHER BOBBY REGISTER PRAYED THE OFFERA-TORY PRAYER. BROTHER BOBBY REGISTER AND BROTHER KENNETH BLALOCK RECEIVED THE

MORNING OFFERING. WE THEN SANG "I'M RE-DEEMED." RITA BLALOCK SANG A SPECIAL WHICH WAS VERY GOOD.

BROTHER JAMES FRANKLIN INTRODUCED THE MORNING SPEAKER, BROTHER DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND, PASTOR AT CHESTER CHAPEL. HE MADE SEVERAL VERY GOOD POINTS; 1. IF PEOPLE WILL BE GOD'S PEOPLE, GOD WILL BE PEOPLE'S GOD. 2. THE WORLD WAS FAT WITH WICKEDNESS. MEN WERE DYING EVERYWHERE. TIME TO REALIZE THE TRUTH OF THE TIMES. 3. GET OUT THE SHARP SICKLE, JOHN 4:34, MY MEAT OR DESIRE IS TO DO GOD'S WILL ALWAYS. 4. WE HAVE TO BE RIGHT WITHIN OUR OWN HEARTS BEFORE WE CAN BRING OTHERS IN. 5. I CORINTHIANS 2:8 ONE PLANTS, ANOTHER WATERS, BUT IT IS ALWAYS GOD WHO GIVES THE INCREASE. 6. VALLEY OF DECISION. MANY ARE LOOKING. THEY NEED TO FIND. · 7. TERRIBLE TO BE IN THE BONDS OF SATAN.

TO BE BOUND BY SIN. FREEDOM IS AVAILABLE. 8. ASK DURSELVES, AM I REALLY A LABORER? INVITATION "ALL TO JESUS I SURRENDER."

WE RECEIVED DIRECTIONS FOR THE NOON MEAL AND BROTHER LOWELL VICKERS ASKED GOD'S BLESSINGS UPON THE MEAL AND TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AND COMMITTEES WHO MAY MEET.

WE REASSEMBLED AT 1:00 PM FOR THE EVENING SESSION. THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH PRAYER BY BROTHER

BOBBY REGISTER. MUSIC PROVIDED BY SISTER LINDA SOWELL AND BROTHER CHARLES HIEMSLEY LED THE SINGING. "OH I WANT TO SEE HIM." BROTHER GENE WHITE, PASTOR AT PLEASANT HILL, BROUGHT THE EVENING DEVOTION. HE READ FROM REVELATION 14:14-20. HE MADE THE POINT ABOUT CHURCH CLEANING-JUDGEMENT BEGINS AT THE HOUSE OF GOD, THEN WHERE SHALL THE UNGODLY STAND. WE NEED TO WAKE UP AND SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND US, TO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND US. WE WITNESS CHURCH SPLITS, COMPLAINTS, GRIPES, DIVISIONS, ETC. TODAY. WE NEED TO REALIZE THE SHARP SICKLE IS GOING TO BE THRUST IN. WE NEED TO FOLLOW THE PLAN OUTLINED IN GOD'S WORD. CLOSED WITH PRAYER.

### BUSINESS SESSION:

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE-NO REPORT GIVEN.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE-AREA MISSION CONFERENCE WITH BROTHER FRED JONES AND ANOTHER SPEAKER. BROTHER JONES IS THE HOME MISSIONARY TO PRATTVILLE WORK.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORT.

FINANCE COMMITTEE-PLATE OFFERING OF \$66.00 TO GO TO THE MISSION FUND. MSC

CHILDREN'S HOME - BROTHER GENE WHITE -PRAYER - SUPPORT - GIVE.

BROTHER C. L. CULPEPPER GAVE A NATIONAL REPORT THAT WAS SOME DISTURBING. ON ROLL CALL SUNDAY 1993-94 WE DECLINED BY 40, ON ROLL CALL SUNDAY 1994-95 WE DECLINED 171 IN SUNDAY MORNING ATTENDANCE. NOT GOOD AT ALL,

BROTHER PAT WILSON SUGGESTED THAT THE MINISTERS COME TOGETHER AND DISCUSS ONCE A MONTH WHAT CAN BE DONE TO INCREASE ATTENDANCE. THE MODERATOR, BROTHER FRANKLIN ADVISED THIS WAS NOT SOMETHING THE ASSOCIATION COULD PROPERLY REQUIRE THE MINISTERS TO DO. IT IS A GOOD IDEA BUT WOULD HAVE TO BE VOLUNTARY ON THE PART OF THOSE ATTENDING.

A RISING VOTE OF THANKS WAS GIVEN TO HICKORY GROVE FOR A WONDERFUL DAY IN THE LORD AND A GREAT MEAL THAT WAS SERVED. BROTHER JOEY PETTIS DISMISSED WITH PRAYER.

JULY 8, 1995

## NEW PROSPECT FREE WILL BAPTIST

THE THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION MET AT NEW PROSPECT CHURCH ON THE ABOVE DATE WITH REGISTRATION BEGINN-ING AT 9:30 AM. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:00 AM BY ASSISTANT MODERATOR, BROTHER LOWELL VICKERS. BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE OPENED THE SESSION WITH PRAYER. AT THIS TIME THE MODERATOR ASKED THE CLERK TO READ A LETTER RECEIVED FROM BROTHER JAMES FRANKLIN RESIGNING

### FROM HIS POSITION AS MODERATOR AND ADVISING HE WOULD NOT BE PREACHING AT THE ANNUAL SESSION IN OCTOBER AS SCHEDULED. HE GAVE NO REASON IN HIS NOTE. DELEGATES FROM HIS PASTORATE, HICKORY GROVE AS UNAWARE OF ANY REASON FOR THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION. ANY ACTION ON THE RESIGNATION WOULD BE HANDLED DURING THE BUSINESS SESSION THIS EVENING.

WE SANG ONE SONG "AT CALVARY" FOLLOWING WHICH BROTHER BOBBY REGISTER GAVE THE ASSOCIATION A HEARTY WELCOME AND BROTHER PAT WILSON GAVE THE RESPONSE TO THE WELCOME. BROTHER LARRY SOWELL BROUGHT THE MORNING DEVOTION. HE URGED THOSE PRESENT TO NOT BE ASHAMED, BE BOLD IN THE FAITH, BE FIRM IN YOUR COMMITMENT AND WALK, BE FILLED WITH THE WORD AND TO BE FULL IN ORDER TO SHARE WITH OTHERS AND TO HAVE POWER WITH OTHERS

WE HAD PRESENT TODAY 12 MINISTERS, 7 DEACONS, 8 VISITORS AND 36 DELEGATES. MOTION BY C. L. CULPEPPER AND SECOND BY DAVE COLLINS TO SEAT THE DELEGATES. CARRIED.

MINISTERS: DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND, CHESTER CHAPEL; JOEY PETTIS, EVERGREEN; PAT WILSON, FIRST FREE WILL; RALPH BAKER, MOUNT ZION; BOBBY REGISTER, NEW PROSPECT; THOMAS KIRKLAND, NEW ZION; CLARENCE CUL-PEPPER, PILGRIM REST; GENE WHITE, PLEASANT HILL; DAVE COLLINS, UNION GROVE. ROSS PETERS, LARRY SOWELL, RICKY GILMORE.

### VISITING MINISTER, BROTHER FRED JONES.

DEACONS: LOWELL VICKERS, MOUNT ZION; EARL MONEY, PILGRIM REST; JOE WHITEHEAD, NEW ZION; LAVON OVERSTREET, PLEASANT HILL; JOHNNY GILMORE, SARDIS; KENNETH BLALOCK, HICKORY GROVE; WILLIAM SOWELL, NEW PROSPECT.

DELEGATES: VIRGINIA KIRKLAND, THELMA CLARK, KAY LUDLUM, CHESTER CHAPEL; PAM PETTIS, RITA MOFFETT, RODNEY MOFFETT, JONI PETTIS, EVERGREEN; CHRISTINE SCROGGINS, OUIDA WATSON, BILL DANFORD, FIRST FREE WILL; OSCAR RICHARDS, ESTELLE BLALOCK, IRENE BLALOCK, HICKORY GROVE; LEIGH ADAMS, NINA VICKERS, MOUNT ZION; CHRISTINE BROWN, LINDA SOWELL, JANE SOWELL, JOYCE MULLINS, NEW PROSPECT; JEANETTE TRAMMELL, BARBARA KIRKLAND, EDNA WHITEHEAD, WILMA NELL BARNETTE, JESSIE BARNETTE, NEW ZION; RUTH SMITH, RUBY MONEY, MARY CULPEPPER, PILGRIM REST; CAREY CHERRY, SHIRLEY CHERRY, DOT CHERRY, ANNETTE WHITE, PLEASANT HILL; GEORGIA GILMORE, RICKY GILMORE, SARDIS; VIVIAN HOPKINS, WILLIE MAE SKEEN, MINNIE ETHRIDGE, UNION GROVE.

VISITORS: SHARON PETERS, CAROL DANFORD, CORINA FIKES, DOROTHY OVERSTREET, GWEN SOWELL, ELLEN BROOKS, JEFFERY PETTIS. BROTHER FRED JONES IS LISTED AS VISITING MINISTER ABOVE.

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE GAVE A PARTIAL REPORT AT THIS TIME. SEE THE BUS-INESS SESSION IN THE EVENING FOR COMPLETE REPORT.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: REVIVALS; NEW PROSPECT, JULY 24-28; MOUNT ZION, JULY 10-14; FIRST FREE WILL, JULY 17-21; NEW ZION, JULY 13 THRU WEEKEND AND UNION GROVE WEEKEND 24,25 & 26. PLEASANT HILL WILL BE HAVING OLD FASHION DAY ON JULY 23, 1995. A SHORT RECESS WAS THEN GIVEN.

AT 11:00 AM WE REASSEMBLED WITH BROTHER BOBBY REGISTER LEADING THE SONG SERVICE AND SISTER LINDA SOWELL AT THE PIANO. WE SANG FIRST "HE LIVES" FOLLOWED BY PRAYER BY BROTHER GENE WHITE. WE THEN SANG "RESCUE THE PERISHING." SISTER LINDA SOWELL OF THE HOST CHURCH THEN SANG FOR US "OH FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES AND HOLY GROUND." TWO VERY BEAUTIFUL HYMNS.

BROTHER BOBBY REGISTER AND BROTHER LARRY SOWELL RECEIVED THE MORNING OFFER-ING OF \$192.00. BROTHER BOBBY REGISTER PRAYED THE OFFERATORY PRAYER.

THE MORNING SPEAKER, BROTHER FRED JONES OF PRATTVILLE, WAS INTRODUCED. FOR HIS SCRIPTURE READING HE HAD CHOSEN HEBREWS 11:23-28. TOPIC, BY FAITH. POINT A MAN OF GOD, A MESSAGE OF GOD. A MAN WITH A MISSION TO DELIVER GOD'S PEOPLE. INNOVATIVE WITH INNER DISPOSITION BUT WITH THE MASTER PLAN OF GOD. BROTHER

BOBBY REGISTER AND SISTER LINDA SOWELL LED THE INVITATIONAL HYMN "ALMOST PERSUADED."

THE ALTER WAS FILLED WITH MINISTERS, DEACONS, MEMBERS AS THEY SOUGHT TO PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER, FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE COMMUNITY. BROTHER LOWELL VICKERS LED IN PRAYER. A VERY DELICIOUS MEAL WAS SERVED AND ENJOYED BY ALL.

THE EVENING SESSION CONVENED AT 1:00 PM AND WAS OPENED WITH PRAYER BY BROTHER BOBBY REGISTER. WE SANG "I'LL GO WHERE YOU WANT ME TO GO" AND "HOLD TO MY HAND"

THE EVENING DEVOTION WAS DELIVERED BY BROTHER DAVE COLLINS, PASTOR OF UNION GROVE CHURCH. HE CHOSE JOHN 12:26 AND MATTHEW 5:14-16. THE EMPHASIS WAS ON LIGHT. LET OUR LIVES REFLECT THE LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS THE CHRIST. VERY GOOD DEVOTION.

BROTHER LOWELL APPOINTED BROTHER C. L. CULPEPPER AS ASSISTANT MODERATOR TO ASSIST HIM IN THE DUTIES OF MODERATING.

BUSINESS SESSION:

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: WE RECOMMEND THAT BROTHER DAVID YOUNG BE GIVEN LETTER OF GOOD STANDING TO THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION. MSC.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: THE YOUTH CAMP WAS A GREAT SUCCESS THIS YEAR AS MANY MADE

DECISIONS FOR THE LORD. WE HAVE NOT AS YET MET TO GET THE FINAL NUMBERS BUT THERE WERE MANY DECISIONS. WE HAD 39 FROM THE STATE LINE ASSOCIATION AND 31 FROM THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION ATTEND-ING. WE WERE DOWN 45 FROM A YEAR AGO. WE BEGIN NOW TO ENCOURAGE OUR YOUTH TO BEGIN TO PLAN TO ATTEND THIS YEARS CAMP. THE NEXT YOUTH RALLY WILL BE AUGUST 19, 1995 AT EVERGREEN. MSC.

CHILDREN HOME: NO REPORT GIVEN.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: WE RECOMMEND THAT THE OFFERING FROM THE REVIVAL AND THE PLATE OFFERING TODAY TOTALLING \$434.00 BE GIVEN TO THE ALABAMA HOME MISSION WORK TO BE EARMARKED FOR THE PRATTVILLE WORK. MSC.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE: WE RECOMMEND THAT BROTHER FRED JONES BE GIVEN A GRATUITY OF THE MISSION BALANCE \$170.00 PLUS TAKE FROM THE GENERAL FUND THE SUM OF \$130.00 MAKING THE GRATUITY A TOTAL OF \$300.00. MSC. FOR SAKE OF CLARITY THE COMMITTEE REPORTS HAVE BEEN DIVIDED BETWEEN THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE. BOTH COMMITTEES DESIGNATED A PORTION OF THE FUNDS IN DUAL MOTIONS. MSC

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: NO REPORT

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE: NO REPORT

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: WHEREAS 2 CHRONICLES 7:14 TEACHES US TO HUMBLE

OURSELVES AND PRAY FOR GOD TO HEAL OUR LAND, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS ASSOCI-ATION SUPPORT OUR YOUTH BY ENCOURAGING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE ANNUAL "MEET YOU AT THE POLE" EVENT TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER. IF WE ARE TO RECLAIM OUR SCHOOLS FOR GOD, WE AS ADULTS MUST FIRST PRAY AND BE THE EXAMPLE FOR OUR YOUTH TO FOLLOW SO THAT THEY CAN TAKE A STAND ON OUR SCHOOL CAMPUSES. MSC

BOARD MEMBER, CHILDREN HOME: INFORMATION ONLY ON NUMBER OF CHILDREN PRESENT, ATTITUDE IS GOOD, NO FURTHER ACTION IS ANTICIPATED ON THE SUIT. ALL SEEMS TO BE GOING WELL AT THIS TIME. WE ARE BACK TO CAPACITY AT THE HOME. HE ALSO PROVIDED US WITH NOTICE THAT AN OPENING WAS AVAILABLE FOR MAN AND WIFE AT THE HOME, PREFERABLE WITH NO CHILDREN.

RISING VOTE OF THANKS FOR A VERY GOOD DAY IN THE LORD AND A MOST WONDERFUL MEAL PREPARED BY NEW PROSPECT CHURCH. ADJOURNED UNTIL NEXT SESSION IN OCTOBER.

> OCTOBER 13, 1995 CHESTER CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST ANNUAL SESSION - DAY ONE

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION CONVENED WITH CHESTER CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ON FRIDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 13, 1995 WITH REGISTRATION BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER

BY THE MODERATOR, BROTHER LOWELL VICKERS, AT 7:00 PM. OPENING PRAYER WAS OFFERED BY BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE OF SARDIS. THE MODERATOR MENTIONED OUR THEME AND THEN HOW THAT OPAL, THE RECENT HURRICANE, HAD BROUGHT TO THE FORE MANY MEMORIES AND REMINDERS OF THE MIGHTY POWER OF ALMIGHTY GOD. HOPEFULLY MANY HAD SAT UP AND TOOK NOTE OF WHAT GOD WAS DOING.

THE WELCOME WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER BILLY HUDSPETH OF THE HOST CHURCH AND BROTHER KENNETH BLALOCK OF HICKORY GROVE GAVE THE RESPONSE. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING WAS LED BY BROTHER BRYAN GILMORE WITH SISTER LINDA SOWELL AT THE PIANO. WE SANG "I'LL BE SATISFIED" AND "TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS."

THE EVENING OFFERING WAS RECEIVED BY BROTHER BILLY HUDSPETH AND BROTHER JOHN COATES WITH THE OFFERATORY PRAYER BEING OFFERED BY BROTHER BOBBY REGISTER. THE OFFERING RECEIVED WAS \$67.30. THIS WILL.

BE DESIGNATED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AT THE BUSINESS SESSION TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

THERE WAS PRESENT AT THIS SESSION 9 MINISTERS AND 9 DEACONS. THERE WAS NO ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES AND WE HAD NO ACKNOWLEDGED VISITORS. ROLL CALL WILL BE TOMORROW AT THE SATURDAY SESSION FOR SEATING OF DELEGATES.

MINISTERS: PAT WILSON, FIRST FREE WILL; RALPH BAKER, MOUNT ZION; DAVEY LEE

KIRKLAND, CHESTER CHAPEL; CLARENCE CULPEPPER, PILGRIM REST; BOBBY REGISTER, NEW PROSPECT; DAVID COLLINS, UNION GROVE; THOMAS KIRKLAND, NEW ZION; JOEY PETTIS, EVERGREEN; RICKY GILMORE, INTERIM PASTOR AT SARDIS.

DEACONS: JOHN E. COATES, BILLY HUDSPETH, CHESTER CHAPEL; BRYAN GILMORE, JOHNNY GILMORE, SARDIS; LOWELL VICKERS, MOUNT ZION; JOE WHITEHEAD, NEW ZION; LAVON OVERSTREET, PLEASANT HILL; KENNETH BLALOCK, HICKORY GROVE; AND EARL MONEY, PILGRIM REST.

VISITORS: ESTELLE BLALOCK, LODELL HANKINS, HICKORY GROVE; R N WATSON, FIRST FREE WILL; ELLEN BROOKS, PILGRIM REST; LINDA SOWELL, NEW PROSPECT; JEFFERY PETTIS, EVERGREEN; GENE AND GWEN SPENCE, FIRST ASSEMBLE OF GOD.

TOTAL REGISTERED FOR THE NIGHT WAS 54.

THE MODERATOR INTRODUCED THE EVENING SPEAKER, BROTHER PAT WILSON FROM THE FIRST FREE WILL CHURCH. BROTHER PAT READ THE THEME FOR THE YEAR AND THEN JEREMIAH 7:23-28,30; JEREMIAH 8:12,13,20 AND MATT. 9:36,38. LOOK AT THE HARVEST. YOU PLANT, CULTIVATE, GATHER, AND STORE. THEN YOU SIT BACK AND OBSERVE. CAREFUL STUDY FROM EXODUS TO JEREMIAH SHOWS ISRAEL PLAYING ROLLER BLADES; UF, DOWN, AROUND AND AROUND THEY GO. FIELDS NEED LABORERS TO DO THE PLANTING, CULTIVATING, GATHERING

AND STORING. CHURCHES NEED CHRISTIANS TO GO OUT INTO ALL THE WORLD AND WITNESS. CHRISTIANS ARE OFTEN LIVING BELOW THEIR TRUE STANDARDS. CHANGES ARE WROUGHT IN GOD. CHRISTIANS NEED TO STAY CLOSE TO GOD, WALK WITH GOD, LOOK TO GOD. CHURCHES NEED TO WAKE UP. JESUS IS COMING AGAIN. WE DON'T NEED TO BE ASLEEP AT THE HELM. WE NEED TO BE ALERT TO THE TIMES AND SEASONS. CLOSED WITH PRAYER AND SINGING "AMAZING GRACE" AS AN INVITATION. BROTHER BRYAN GILMORE DISMISSED US FOR RECESS TO HAVE FELLOWSHIP, REFRESHMENTS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS. TO BE REASSEMBLED AT 8:45 PM AND DISMISSAL UNTIL SATURDAY SESSION AT FIRST FREE WILL IN EUFAULA. WE REASSEM-BLED AT 8:42 WITH SINGING "VICTORY IN JESUS" AND DISMISSED IN PRAYER BY BROTHER DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND.

> OCTOBER 14, 1995 FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ANNUAL SESSION - DAY TWO

THE SECOND DAY OF THE ANNUAL SESSION CONVENED WITH THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF EUFAULA ON SATURDAY MORNING WITH REGISTRATION BEGINNING AT 9:30 AM. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE MODERATOR, BROTHER LOWELL VICKERS AT 10:00 AM. THE SESSION OPENED WITH PRAYER BY BROTHER JOEY PETTIS. THE WELCOME WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER WILLIAMS OF THE HOST CHURCH WITH THE RESPONSE GIVEN BY SISTER BARBARA KIRKLAND. BROTHER LOWELL SOUGHT

HARMONY AND UNITY FOR THE DAY AND FOR THE BUSINESS SESSION.

BROTHER RICKY GILMORE WITH SISTER GWEN SPENCE AT PIANO PROVIDED MUSIC AND LEADERSHIP FOR THE SONG SERVICE. WE SANG "THAT MEETING IN THE AIR" AND "AMAZING GRACE" FOLLOWED BY THE MORNING DEVOTION BY BROTHER PAT WILSON. HE READ JOHN 6:5-13. HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THAT AMAZING GRACE. GIVE OF YOUR BEST TO THE LORD. HE WILL TELL YOU WHEN TO STAND, WHERE TO STAND AND WHY TO STAND. GOOD DEVOTION.

WE HAD 11 MINISTERS, 5 DEACONS, I VISITOR PRESENT DURING RECOGNITION ALONG WITH 32 DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES.

MINISTERS: RALPH BAKER, MOUNT ZION; PAT WILSON, FIRST FREE WILL; DAVE COLLINS, UNION GROVE; CLARENCE CULPEPPER, PILGRIM REST; THOMAS KIRKLAND, NEW ZION; JOEY PETTIS, EVERGREEN; GENE WHITE, PLEASANT HILL; DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND, CHESTER CHAPEL; BOBBY REGISTER, NEW PROSPECT; RICKY GILMORE, INTERIM PASTOR AT SARDIS AND LARRY SOWELL MEMBER AT NEW PROSPECT.

DEACONS: EARL MONEY, PILGRIM REST; LAVON OVERSTREET, PLEASANT HILL; LOWELL VICKERS, MOUNT ZION; JOHNNY GILMORE, SARDIS; JOE WHITEHEAD; NEW ZION.

DELEGATES: WILMA BULLARD, VIRGINIA KIRKLAND, CHESTER CHAPEL; PAM PETTIS, LILLIAN WILSON, ALGAE SUE GARNER,

ELIZABETH GARNER, EVERGREEN; LORRAINE JERNIGAN, OUIDA WATSON, VELMA WILLIAMS, FIRST FREE WILL; LEIGH ADAMS, LILLIE THOMPSON, NINA VICKERS, MOUNT ZION; GWEN SOWELL, BARBARA REGISTER, NEW PROSPECT; JOHNNIE RUTH TAYLOR, ROY DEAN SMITH, MIRIAM SHELLEY, EDNA WHITEHEAD, BARBARA KIRKLAND, NEW ZION; VICTOR WILSON, BETTY WILSON, RUTH SMITH, RUBY MONEY, FILGRIM REST; DOROTHY OVERSTREET, MARY FOLDS, COLLEYE KELLEY, GRACE GRAHAM, PLEASANT HILL; RENEE GILMORE, GEORGIA GILMORE, SARDIS; SYLVIA ETHRIDGE, JEWEL FARMER, MINNIE ETHRIDGE, UNION GROVE.

VISITORS: GWEN SPENCE, JANE SOWELL, ELLEN BROOKS, JOE ?, KRISTA TURNER, R N WATSON.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

EVERGREEN HOMECOMING 11/5/95. BRO. RALPH BAKER VISITING PREACHER. FIRST FREE WILL BE HAVING A SING. RECESS UNTIL 11:00 AM WORSHIP HOUR.

REASSEMBLE AT 1:00 AM FOR THE WORSHIP HOUR. OPENING SONG "JUST A LITTLE TALK WITH JESUS." PRAYER BY BROTHER DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND. HYMN "VICTORY IN JESUS." OFFERATORY PRAYER BY BROTHER LARRY SOWELL. MORNING OFFERING IS \$57.55. THIS WILL BE DESIGNATED ALONG WITH LAST NIGHTS OFFERING DURING THE BUSINESS SESSION BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

SPECIAL IN SONG BY SISTER GWEN SPENCE AND BROTHER PAT WILSON "ON MY MOTHER'S SIDE." SISTER SPENCE THEN SANG "THE HARVEST IS PLENTY, BUT THE REAPERS ARE FEW." BROTHER LOWELL, SISTER NINA AND LEIGH SANG "HE WILL ROLL ME OVER THE TIDE."

THE MORNING SPEAKER WAS TO BE BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND, PASTOR AT NEW ZION. HE WAS A FILL IN FOR THE FILL IN AT HIS SESSION. HE, THRU THE GRACE AND GOODNESS OF GOD, DID A VERY GOOD JOB. AS CHRISTIANS WE ARE NOT TO SAY WE HAVE TIME TO PLAN THE HARVEST. WE AR TO LOOK ON THE FIELDS. THEY ARE WHITE UNTO THE HARVEST ALREADY. ASK OF ME AND I WILL GIVE YOU THE HEATHEN. DO WE PRAY AND ASK GOD FOR THOSE THINGS? EZEKIEL SAYS WATCHMEN, WHAT OF THE MESSAGE? NOW IS THE TIME. LOOK OVER THE WORLD AND SEE THE RIPE FIELDS. REBUKE, EXHORT, REPROVE, PRAY. CLOSED WITH INVITATION "JUST AS I AM." AFTER RECEIVING

INSTRUCTIONS FROM BROTHER PAT WILSON WE RECESSED FOR LUNCH. PRAYER BROTHER RALPH BAKER.

WE REASSEMBLED AFTER LUNCH AT 1:00 PM. BROTHER LOWELL CALLED THE SESSION BACK INTO ORDER AND BROTHER ROY DEAN SMITH AND SISTER LEIGH ADAMS PROVIDED MUSIC LEADERSHIP IN SINGING "I'D RATHER BE AN OLD TIME CHRISTIAN" FOLLOWING WITH BROTHER LARRY SOWELL AND THE EVENING DEVOTION. FOR HIS TEXT HE CHOSE MATT: 25

AND COVERED SEVERAL VERY TIMELY POINTS. WE AS CHRISTIANS MUST LOVE AND CARE FOR OUR FELLOW MAN, WE MUST HATE THE SIN BUT LOVE THE SINNER, WE MUST NOT GET DISCOURAGED, WE MUST BELIEVE IN THE LITERAL, ABSOLUTE HEREAFTER AND ALWAYS BE BUSY IN THE SERVICE OF THE LORD. A VERY GOOD MESSAGE.

BROTHER CLARENCE CULPEPPER BROUGHT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAD PASSED ON SINCE THE LAST ANNUAL ASSOCIATION. THERE WAS A GOODLY NUMBER; MARY ELLA WILSON, CHRISTINE SCROGGINS, FIRST FREE WILL; JAMES ROLLINS, MARK LOFTIN, HICKORY GROVE; TOMMIE BOWDEN, MOUNT ZION; DAN BULGER, ALTALENE WATSON, MAJOR SHELLEY, NEW ZION; TOM DAVIS, PILGRIM REST; CLARENCE HERNDON, VEDA MAE MYNATT, UNION GROVE. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

#### BUSINESS SESSION:

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: WE EXAMINED

BROTHER RICKY GILMORE FOR ORDINATION IN THE MINISTRY AND RECOMMENDED THAT HE BE ORDAINED AT THE EARLIEST TIME IN HIS HOME CHURCH AND HE SELECT THE ORDER OF HIS SERVICE WITH THE ASSOCIATION PROVIDING WHATEVER ASSISTANCE HE MAY REQUIRE. MSC

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: YOUTH RALLIES FOR 1996: SARDIS ON FEBRUARY 17, 1996; HICKORY GROVE ON MAY 18, 1996; NEW ZION ON AUGUST 18, 1996; NEW PROSPECT ON

NOVEMBER 16, 1996. THE YOUTH REVIVAL WILL BE AT PLEASANT HILL ON MARCH 25 -28, 1996 WITH SERVICES BEGINNING AT 7:00 PM NIGHTLY. THE YOUTH CAMP IS RESERVED AT THIS TIME FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 24 -28, 1996 AT COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS. EVANGELIST FOR THE YOUTH REVIVAL, CAMP AND THE CAMP DIRECTOR IS NOW PENDING. NOTICE WILL BE PROVIDED IN AMPLE TIME TO ALL CHURCHES. THE NEXT YOUTH RALLY IS NOVEMBER 18, 1995 AT PILGRIM REST AT 7:00 PM. MSC

CHILDREN HOME COMMITTEE: WE RECOMMEND THE HARVEST DRIVE CONTINUE AS IN FORMER YEARS AND IN SAME GROUPING. WE RECOMMEND THAT AT THE END OF HARVEST DRIVE WE HAVE THE CHILDREN HOME REPRESENTATIVES COME DOWN AND PRESENT TO THIS ASSOCIATION A PROGRAM FROM THE HOME. SARDIS CHURCH VOLUNTEERED TO HOST THIS SERVICE. ALL CHURCHES WILL BE NOTIFIED AS TO TIME AND DATE. WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT IN MARCH OR

APRIL AN ASSOCIATION WIDE SING BE HELD AT A PLACE SUITABLE TO HOST SUCH A GATHERING FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING FUNDS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE HOME. MSC.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: WE CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND ESPECIALLY THE GENERAL FUND. WE HAVE 262.61 AT THIS TIME AND WE KNOW WE HAVE A BIG EXPENSE COMING UP IN THE PRINTING OF THE MINUTES. ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO WE AGREED TO PAY THE BOARD MEMBERS EXPENSE TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS AT THE HOME AS

LONG AS WE WERE ABLE TO DO SC. WE RECOMMEND THAT FOR THIS YEAR WE DISCONTINUE THIS PAYMENT AND RETAIN THE FUNDS IN THE GENERAL TREASURY. WE WILL TAKE A LOOK AT THE SITUATION AGAIN NEXT YEAR AND MAKE A DECISION AT THAT TIME AS TO WHETHER WE CAN RESTART THAT PAYMENT. WE ALSO RECOMMEND TO THE ASSOCIATION THAT THE PLATE OFFERINGS OF BOTH MEETINGS OF THIS ANNUAL MEETING BE RETAINED IN THE GENERAL FUND. FOR THE 1996 BUDGET WE RECOMMEND:

> GENERAL FUND CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD OF EDUCATION MISSIONS COMMITTEE MODERATOR VICE MODERATOR CLERK/TREASURER ASST. CLERK/TREASURER

35% OF DUES 20% OF DUES 15%OF DUES 10% OF DUES 7% OF DUES 3% OF DUES 7% OF DUES 3% OF DUES 100% TOTAL

MSC

MISSIONS COMMITTEE: THIS YEAR WE WERE ABLE TO HOST A MISSIONS MEETING AND ALSO GIVE AS SUPPORT TO HOME MISSIONS A TOTAL OF \$734.00, \$434.00 TO THE BUILDING FUND AND \$300.00 TO THE MISSIONARY, FRED JONES AS A GRATUITY FOR COMING DOWN TO THE ASSOCIATION. WE APPRECIATE ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THE MISSION CONFERENCE, BUT NEXT YEAR WE LOOK FOR EVERYONE'S HELP. WE WILL HOPEFULLY BE PLANNING ANOTHER CONFERENCE SOMETIME IN THE ASSOCIATION YEAR. MSC

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE: FOR THE 1996 YEAR WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING PLACES AND DATES:

MOUNT ZION CHURCH JANUARY 20, 1996 PILGRIM REST CHURCH APRIL 20, 1996 NEW ZION CHURCH JULY 20, 1996 EVERGREEN CHURCH OCTOBER 18, 1996 UNION GROVE CHURCH OCTOBER 19, 1996

MSC

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: NO REPORT THIS

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:

MODERATOR, BROTHER C. L. CULPEPPER

VICE MODERATOR, BROTHER LOWELL VICKERS

CLERK/TREASURER, BROTHER RALPH BAKER

ASST CLERK/TREASURER, BRO THOMAS KIRKLAND

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, BRO WILLIAM SOWELL

BOARD OF EDUCATION, BRO ASHLEY CULP

CHILDREN'S HOME, BRO GENE WHITE HOME BOARD MEMBER, BRO D. L. KIRKLAND

FINANCE COMMITTEE, SISTER EDNA WHITEHEAD

MISSIONS COMMITTEE, BRO RICKY GILMORE

NOMINATING COMMITTEE, SISTER NINA VICKERS

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE, SIS. LILLIE THOMPSON RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE, SIS. WINNIE RENTZ MSC

MISC. BUSINESS, LADIES AUXILIARY WILL MEET AT MOUNT ZION CHURCH ON 3/29/96 AT 7:00 PM.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL MEET AT MOUNT ZION CHURCH ON FRIDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 27, 1995 AT 7:00 PM.

RISING VOTE OF THANKS TO THE HOST CHURCH FOR A GREAT DAY IN THE LORD. DISMISSED WITH PRAYER.

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS CAME TOGETHER AT MOUNT ZION ON FRIDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 27, 1995. DUE TO VERY INCLEMENT

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND OTHER HINDRANCES WE DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT MEMBERS PRE-SENT TO CONDUCT BUSINESS. THE MEETING WAS RESCHEDULED FOR MONDAY NIGHT, 11/6/95 AT 7:00 PM AT MOUNT ZION.

JOHN E COATES, LARRY PEAVY, EDNA WHITEHEAD, VICTOR WILSON, LAVON OVERSTREET, HOLT STOKES AND PASTORS RALPH BAKER, C. L. CULPEPPER, DAVID COLLINS, RICKY GILMORE, THOMAS KIRKLAND, JOEY PETTIS, GENE WHITE AND PAT WILSON, A TOTAL OF 14 MEMBERS CONVENED AT MOUNT ZION ON NOV. 6, 1995 AND CONDUCTED THE

FOLLOWING BUSINESS. THREE THEMES WAS PUT FORTH FOR CONSIDERATION AND THE ONE SELECTED WAS SUGGESTED BY DAVE COLLINS FROM 1 TIMOTHY 4:7 "EXERCISE THYSELF RATHER UNTO GODLINESS." PROCEEDING TO ELECT SPEAKERS WE VOTED AS FOLLOWS:

MOUNT ZION - BRO. GENE WHITE - JANUARY

PILGRIM REST - BRO. DAVE COLLINS - APRIL

NEW ZION - BRO. THOMAS KIRKLAND - JULY

EVERGREEN - BRO. JOEY PETTIS - OCTOBER UNION GROVE - BRO. RICKY GILMORE - OCT.

MOTION BY DAVE COLLINS AND SECOND BY GENE WHITE TO DISCONTINUE EVENING DEVO-TION AND CONDUCT BUSINESS ONLY DURING THE AFTERNOON SESSIONS. VOTE 10 - 2 AND WITH 2 ABSTAINING. THERE IS NO SPEAKERS FOR EVENING ELECTED FOR 1996. SUBSTITUTE SPEAKER FOR YEAR IS

BROTHER PAT WILSON, PASTOR AT FIRST CHURCH

OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR OCTOBER 1996 IS BROTHER DAVEY LEE KIRKLAND, PASTOR AT CHESTER CHAPEL CHURCH.

THE NOVEMBER 18, 1995 YOUTH RALLY IS CHANGED TO DECEMBER 2, 1995 AND MOVED FROM PILGRIM REST TO SARDIS. PILGRIM REST WILL HOST THE YOUTH RALLY IN FEBRUARY 1996. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL INFORM THE CHURCHES OF REASONS FOR THE CHANGE IN SCHEDULES.

SOUTHEASTERN LADIES WNAC

THE WNAC MET WITH HICKORY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ON FRIDAY NIGHT, MARCH 31, 1995, AT 7:00 FM. 14 MEMBERS & 3 CHURCHES WAS PRESENT. MRS. ESTELLE BLALOCK GAVE THE WELCOME AND MRS. NINA VICKERS GAVE THE RESPONSE. MRS. MARTHA BLALOCK LED IN PRAYER. MRS. EUNICE STARLING LED THE SINGING WITH MRS. ELLEN BROOKS AS PIANIST AND WE SANG "KNEEL AT THE CROSS AND I'LL FLY AWAY."

THE MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORT WAS READ AND APPROVED. ONE ITEM OF BUS-INESS WAS THE PLACING OF NEXT YEARS MEETING. MOUNT ZION REQUESTED AND WILL HOST ON MARCH 29, 1996. MRS. MARTHA BLALOCK GAVE A VERY INSPIRING PROGRAM ABOUT EXCUSES PEOPLE USE IN NOT ATTENDING CHURCH. WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS TURN THE WORD IF INTO THE WORD CAN. THEN OUR CHURCHES WOULD BE FULL AND THERE WOULD BE NOTHING THAT WE COULD NOT DO FOR THE LORD.

EACH CHURCH GAVE A BRIEF REPORT ON ACTIVITIES BEING DONE IN EACH CHURCH.

WE WERE DISMISSED IN PRAYER BY MRS. JUDY WILSON AND REFRESHMENTS WERE SERVED IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. VERY DELICIOUS.

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MRS. NINA VICKERS, SECRETARY

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# 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 ASSOC-IATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES.

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

ARTICLE 4. ADDITIONS - 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.

ARTICLE 5. REPRESENTATION - EACH CHURCH IN THIS ASSOCIATION IS EXPECTED TO BE REPRESENTED AT EACH QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION BY LETTER AND DELEGATES AS PRESCRIBED IN THE BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE 6. INDEPENDENCE OF CHURCHES EACH CHURCH OF THIS ASSOCIATION IS A DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION HAVING FULL AND ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY TO MANAGE IT'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS, TO ELECT

IT'S PASTOR, OFFICERS, TO RECEIVE AND DISMISS MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. EACH CHURCH IN 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 THE 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 UNTIL SUCH TIME AS CHURCH(ES) HAVE SET THEIR HOUSE IN ORDER.

ARTICLE 7. MEETINGS - THE ASSOCIATION SHALL MEET IN QUARTERLY SESSIONS ON SATURDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN JANUARY AND APRIL. THE JULY SESSION WILL CONVENE ON SATURDAY BEFORE THE SECOND SUNDAY. (CHANGE MADE 4/95. THE ANNUAL SESSION SHALL CONVENE ON FRIDAY NIGHT BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER FROM 7:00 PM UNTIL 9:00 PM AND ON SATURDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER. THE THREE QUARTERLY SESSIONS AND THE SATURDAY ANNUAL SESSION SHALL BE CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:00 AM ON EACH DAY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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

ARTICLE 8. PASTORS - ALL CHURCHES IN THIS ASSOCIATION ARE EXPECTED TO REQUIRE THEIR PASTOR TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION HE SERVES. IN THE EVENT A PASTOR SERVES MORE THAN ONE CHURCH HE IS EXPECTED TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ONE OF THE CHURCHES HE SERVES. ALL CHURCHES ARE EXPECTED TO REQUIRE A PASTOR JOINING THE CHURCH TO PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THIS BODY NOT LATER THAN THE NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING. (SEE THE CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE SECTION UNDER THE BY-LAWS FOR RULES AND REQUIREMENTS ON BECOMING A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING FOR MINISTERS.)

<u>ARTICLE 9. PROVISION FOR THE</u> <u>ORDAINED AUTHORITY:</u>

SECTION 1. ALL ORDAINED MINISTERS AND DEACONS MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING WITH A CHURCH IN GOOD STANDING WITH THIS ASSOCIATION.

SECTION 2. ORDAINED MINISTERS AND DEACONS CANNOT HAVE MORE THAN ONE LIVING WIFE, LIKEWISE, ORDAINED MINISTERS AND DEACONS WIVES CANNOT HAVE MORE THAN ONE LIVING HUSBAND.

SECTION 3. ORDAINED MINISTERS CAN HOLD NO CREDENTIALS OTHER THAN THOSE RECOGNIZED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST AND THIS ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 10. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THIS COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF THE MODERATOR, VICE MODERATOR, CLERK AND TREASURER, ALL ORDAINED MINISTERS WHO ARE IN GOOD STANDING WITH THIS ASSOCIATION AND PASTORING A CHURCH IN GOOD STANDING IN THIS ASSOCIATION, ALONG WITH ONE ELECTED MEMBER FROM EACH CHURCH IN GOOD STANDING WITH THIS ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 11. OTHER ELECTED COMMITTEES TO HELP PLAN, FROMOTE, ORGANIZE AND ASSIST IN CARRYING ON THE BUSINESS OF THE ASSOCIATION IN A CHRISTIAN MANNER THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES ARE ELECTED BY THE ASSOCIATION WHILE IN SESSION FROM THOSE PROPERLY NOMINATED TO HOLD THAT OFFICE. THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THESE ELECTED COMMITTEES ARE SET OUT IN THE BY-LAWS OF THE CONSTITUTION. THESE COMMITTEES ARE:

A. CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF SEVEN MEMBERS FROM THE ORDAINED AUTHORITY OF THE ASSOCIATION IN GOOD STANDING WITH THIS BODY AND MEMBERS OF A CHURCH IN THIS ASSOCIATION IN GOOD STANDING. THESE SHALL BE ELECTED TWO FOR FOUR (4) YEARS, TWO FOR THREE (3) YEARS, TWO FOR TWO (2) YEARS AND ONE FOR ONE (1) YEAR. EACH YEAR AT THE ANNUAL SESSION ONE OR MORE MEMBERS SHALL BE UP FOR REPLACEMENT OR RENOMINATION. SEE THE BY-LAWS FOR THE DUTIES TO BE PERFORMED.

B. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF THREE MEMBERS ELECTED FROM NOMINATIONS PRESENTED TO THE BODY WHILE IN SESSION. THESE ARE ELECTED ONE FOR THREE (3) YEARS, ONE FOR TWO (2) YEARS, ONE FOR ONE (1) YEAR. EACH YEAR AT THE ANNUAL SESSION ONE MEMBER SHALL BE UP FOR REPLACEMENT OR RE-NOMINATION. SEE THE BY-LAWS FOR THE DUTIES TO BE PERFORMED.

C. MISSIONS COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF THREE MEMBERS ELECTED FROM NOMINATIONS PRESENTED TO THIS BODY WHILE IN SESSION. THESE ARE ELECTED ONE FOR THREE (3) YEARS, ONE FOR TWO (2) YEARS, ONE FOR ONE (1) YEAR. EACH YEAR AT THE ANNUAL SESSION ONE MEMBER SHALL BE UP FOR REPLACEMENT OR RE-NOMINATION. SEE THE BY-LAWS FOR THE DUTIES TO BE PERFORMED.

D. CHILDREN HOME COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF THREE MEMBERS ELECTED FROM NOMINATIONS PRESENTED TO THIS BODY WHILE IN SESSION.

THESE ARE ELECTED ONE FOR THREE (3) YEARS, ONE FOR TWO (2) YEARS, ONE FOR ONE (1) YEAR. EACH YEAR AT THE ANNUAL SESSION ONE MEMBER SHALL BE UP FOR REPLACEMENT OR RE-NOMINATION. SEE THE BY-LAWS FOR THE DUTIES TO BE PERFORMED.

> 1. AT THE ANNUAL SESSION EACH YEAR A NOMINEE SHALL BE PLACED BEFORE THE ASSOCIATION TO SERVE AS A BOARD MEMBER TO THE CHILDREN HOME. THIS BOARD MEMBER IS TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS AT THE HOME, VOTE ON

THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE HOME AND KEEP THIS ASSOCIATION PROPERLY INFORMED OF ALL THAT OCCURS AT THE HOME THAT WOULD HAVE MEANING TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION. THE BOARD MEMBER WOULD NOT BE AN ACTIVE PART OF THE CHILDREN HOME COMMITTEE UNLESS ALSO SERVING AS AN ELECTED MEMBER OF THAT COMMITTEE WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION.

E. PLACEMENT COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF THREE MEMBERS ELECTED FROM NOMINATIONS PRESENTED TO THIS BODY WHILE IN SESSION. THESE ARE ELECTED ONE FOR THREE (3) YEARS, ONE FOR TWO (2) YEARS, ONE FOR ONE (1) YEAR. EACH YEAR AT THE ANNUAL SESSION ONE MEMBER SHALL BE UP FOR REPLACEMENT OR RE-NOMINATION. SEE THE BY-LAWS FOR THE DUTIES TO BE PERFORMED.

F. NOMINATING COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF

THREE MEMBERS ELECTED FROM NOMINATIONS PRESENTED TO THIS BODY WHILE IN SESSION. THESE ARE ELECTED ONE FOR THREE (3) YEARS, ONE FOR TWO (2) YEARS, ONE FOR ONE (1) YEAR. EACH YEAR AT THE ANNUAL SESSION ONE MEMBER SHALL BE UP FOR REPLACEMENT OR RE-NOMINATION. SEE THE BY-LAWS FOR THE DUTIES TO BE PERFORMED.

G. FINANCE COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF THREE MEMBERS ELECTED FROM NOMINATIONS PRESENTED TO THIS BODY WHILE IN SESSION. THESE ARE ELECTED ONE FOR THREE (3)

YEARS, ONE FOR TWO (2) YEARS, ONE FOR ONE (1) YEAR. EACH YEAR AT THE ANNUAL SESSION ONE MEMBER SHALL BE UP FOR REPLACEMENT OR RE-NOMINATION. SEE THE BY-LAWS FOR THE DUTIES TO BE PERFORMED.

H. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF THREE MEMBERS ELECTED FROM NOMINATIONS PRESENTED TO THIS BODY WHILE IN SESSION. THESE ARE ELECTED ONE FOR THREE (3) YEARS, ONE FOR TWO (2) YEARS, ONE FOR ONE (1) YEAR. EACH YEAR AT THE ANNUAL SESSION ONE MEMBER SHALL BE UP FOR REPLACEMENT OR RE-NOMINATION. SEE THE BY-LAWS FOR DUTIES TO BE PERFORMED.

ARTICLE 12. ANY INDIVIDUAL NOMINATED TO HOLD ANY OFFICE OR POSITION IN THIS ASSOCIATION MUST BE A MEMBER OF GOOD STANDING WITH A MEMBER CHURCH OF THIS ASSOCIATION THAT IS IN GOOD STANDING WITH THIS ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 13. REQUIRED QUORUM - THIRTY (30) DELEGATES FROM SIX (6) OR MORE CHURCHES WHO ARE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING WITH THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM. A LESSER NUMBER MAY ADJOURN UNTIL SUCH A QUORUM IS PRESENT.

# <u>BY-LAWS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE</u> <u>Southeastern association of</u> <u>Free Will Baptist</u>

<u>ARTICLE 1. OFFICERS</u> - ALL OFFICERS SHALL BE ELECTED ANNUALLY. ANY OFFICER MAY SUCCEED THEMSELVES IN OFFICE IF SO NOMINATED.

# <u>ARTICLE 2. DUTIES OF ASSOCIATION</u> <u>OFFICERS.</u>

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, CALL THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INTO SESSION IN THE ABSENCE OF THE MODERATOR WHEN NECESSARY AND ASSIST THE MODERATOR IN THE GENERAL WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION.

SECUTION 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 OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL PREPARE AN ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT TO THE ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION.

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 3. DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OTHER ELECTED COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED BY THE CONSTITUTION.

SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET IN OCTOBER FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION ON A DATE, TIME AND PLACE APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLANNING THE NEXT YEARS ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MIGHT PROPERLY COME BEFORE THIS COMMITTEE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES.

A. THIS COMMITTEE MAY BE CALLED INTO ORDER AT ANY TIME THE ASSOCIATION IS NOT IN SESSION BY THE MODERATOR OR IN HIS ABSENCE, THE VICE MODERATOR.

B. THIS COMMITTEE SHALL ACT AS THE PROMOTIONAL AGENCY FOR THE VARIOUS WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION.

C. THIS COMMITTEE SHALL ACT FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES ON THINGS WHEN IT IS NOT IN SESSION THAT CANNOT WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT SESSION.

SECTION 2. CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE DUTIES:

A. TO EXAMINE ALL CHURCH LETTERS PRE-SENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION AS TO ORDEROF LETTER AND DELEGATES.

B. TO EXAMINE, AT THE REQUEST OF THE LOCAL CHURCH, ANY CANDIDATE DESIRING A LICENSE TO PREACH AS A FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTER AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BODY.

C. TO EXAMINE ALL CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE OF DEACON, AT THE REQUEST OF THE LOCAL CHURCH, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BODY.

D. TO EXAMINE ALL CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION, MINISTER OR DEACON, AT THE REQUEST OF THE LOCAL CHURCH AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THIS BODY.

E. TO EXAMINE ALL MINISTERS COMING FROM OTHER SISTER ASSOCIATIONS TO PASTOR IN

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THIS ASSOCIATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO THIS BODY.

F. TO EXAMINE ALL MINISTERS COMING FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS OR INDEPENDENT CHURCHES WHO DESIRE TO OBTAIN LICENSE TO PREACH IN THE FREE WILL BAPTIST DENOMI-NATION. SUCH CANDIDATES MUST FIRST SURRENDER ANY CREDENTIALS CURRENTLY HELD. ANY CANDIDATE COMING FROM ANOTHER DENOMI-NATION OR INDEPENDENT CHURCH WILL BE PLACED UNDER THE WATCH CARE OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR A PERIOD OF TIME NOT LESS THAN ONE YEAR. ANY CANDIDATE NOT RECOM-MENDED FOR ACCEPTANCE INTO THIS BODY WILL HAVE ALL PERSONAL PAPERS RETURNED TO HIM.

G. THIS COMMITTEE MAY USE ORAL, WRITTEN OR COMBINATION OF BOTH, IN IT'S EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE. WRITTEN FORMS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THIS COMMITTEE.

H. THIS COMMITTEE SHALL GRANT TO A

MINISTER LEAVING THIS ASSOCIATION HIS LETTER OF GOOD STANDING FROM THIS ASSOCIATION TO A NEW ASSOCIATION IN THE TIME THIS ASSOCIATION IS NOT IN SESSION, PROVIDED THERE ARE NO CHARGES FILED BY THE CHURCH HE IS LEAVING OR THERE ARE NO ASSOCIATIONAL CHARGES FILED AGAINST HIM.

SECTION 3. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE DUTIES:

A. TO PLAN, ORGANIZE AND SUPERVISE YOUTH RALLIES, A YOUTH REVIVAL, CTS COMPETI-TION, SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION AND SUMMER CAMPS FOR THE ASSOCIATION.

B. TO PROMOTE THE BIBLE COLLEGE AND EDU-CATION OF OUR PEOPLE.

C. TO RECOMMEND TO THE ASSOCIATION A CAMP DIRECTOR WHO IS TO BE NOMINATED AND ELECTED NO LATER THAN THE APRIL SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION. THIS COMMITTEE AND THE ELECTED CAMP DIRECTOR SHALL HAVE AUTHORITY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PLACE CAMP IS HELD, SECURE AN EVANGELIST, SOLICIT WORKERS, PURCHASE SUCH TEACHING MATERIALS AND AIDS AS NECESSARY, ESTABLIS DRESS CODES FOR CAMP AND SET UP THE ACTIVITIES FOR THE CAMP.

<u>SECTION 4.</u> MISSIONS COMMITTEE DUTIES:

A. TO PROMOTE MISSION WORK IN THIS ASSOCIATION.

B. TO KEEP BEFORE THE CHURCHES OF THIS ASSOCIATION THE NEEDS OF OUR MISSIONARY FAMILIES, HOME AND FOREIGN.

C. TO BRING TO OUR ASSOCIATION MEETINGS MISSIONARY FAMILIES OR THE MISSIONARY HIMSELF WHEN POSSIBLE, TO KEEP ALL INFORMED; TO PLAN RETREATS, CONFERENCES, ETC. IN THE MISSION AREA.

SECTION 5. CHILDREN HOME COMMITTEE DUTIES:

A. TO PLAN WAYS WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION TO RAISE FUNDS TO RELIEVE STRAIN ON THE HOME.

B. TO KEEP THE ASSOCIATION INFORMED AS TO THE PRESSING NEEDS OF THE HOME.

C. TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HOME AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE TO GIVE THE ASSOCIATION A FEEL-ING OF THE HOME.

<u>SECUTION</u> 6. PLACEMENT COMMITTEE DUTIES:

A. TO CO-ORDINATE WITH OUR SISTER CHURCHES THE PLACES FOR THE QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL SESSIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

SECTION 7. NOMINATING COMMITTEE DUTIES:

A. TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCI-ATIONAL OFFICERS ANNUALLY.

B. TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR VARIOUS COMMITTEES COMING UP FOR ELECTION AT EACH ANNUAL SESSION.

C. TO NOMINATE REPLACEMENTS FOR VARIOUS COMMITTEES WHEN NECESSARY AT QUARTERLY SESSIONS WHEN A COMMITTEE HAS LOST A MEMBER FOR ANY REASON.

# SECTION 8. FINANCE COMMITTEE DUTIES:

A. TO PREPARE AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE ASSOCIATION AND PRESENT IT TO THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL.

B. TO RECOMMEND TO THE ASSOCIATION AT EACH SESSION THE DISPOSITION OF THE PLATE OFFERING.

C. TO ASSIST, AT THEIR REQUEST, THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION IN FINANCING THE CAMP, THE RALLIES, THE YOUTH REVIVAL.

SECTION 9. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE DUTIES:

A. TO BRING TO THE ASSOCIATIONS ATTENTION ANY MATTER THAT NEEDS OUR ATTENTION IN THE AREA OF LOCAL, STATE OR NATIONAL AREAS.

SECTION 10. EACH COMMITTEE SHALL GIVE A REPORT OF ITS ACTIVITIES AT EACH SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION IN ORDER TO KEEP THE ASSOCIATION PROPERLY INFORMED.

SECTUION 11. ANY COMMITTEE MAY BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MODERATOR MATTERS THAT COULD AFFECT THE ASSOCIATION IN SUCH A WAY THAT A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MIGHT BE REQUIRED TO HANDLE THE MATTER. IF THE MODERATOR FEELS THE NEED TO BE PRESSING AND CANNOT WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION HE MAY CALL THE

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: . EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INTO SESSION TO HANDLE SUCH MATTER.

<u>ARTICLE 4. REPRESENTATION OF CHURCHES TO</u> <u>THE ASSOCIATION:</u>

SECTION 1. EACH CHURCH IS EXPECTED TO SEND QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL REPORTS OF PROGRESS ON FORMS FURNISHED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

<u>SECTION 2.</u> EACH CHURCH IS EXPECTED TO BE REPRESENTED AT EACH SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION BY ELECTED DELEGATES DETERMINED BY THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AS PRESENTED AT THE PRECEDING ANNUAL SESSION. EACH CHURCH SHALL BE ENTITLED TO THREE (3) DELEGATES FOR THE FIRST 50 ACTIVE MEMBERS OR PORTION THEREOF. EACH CHURCH SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ONE (1) ADDITIONAL DELEGATE FOR EACH ADDITIONAL 25 MEMBERS OR PORTION THEREOF.

SECTION 3. ALL ORDAINED MINISTERS AND DEACONS WHO ARE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING WITH A CHURCH IN GOOD STANDING WITH THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL BE A STANDING DELEGATE.

SECTION 4. DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES SEATED AT ANY SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION MUST HAVE BEEN ELECTED BY THEIR HOME CHURCH AND THEIR NAME SHOWN ON THE CHURCH'S LETTER PRESENTED TO THAT SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION. NO APPOINTMENTS MAY BE MADE BY A CHURCH PASTOR NOR MAY ANY SUBSTITUTE BE MADE IN ANY OTHER MANNER TO

STAND IN FOR AN ELECTED DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE. TO BE SEATED THE NAMES MUST BE ON THE CHURCH LETTER.

SECTION 5. DELEGATE DUES ARE FIXED AT \$5.00 PER AUTHORIZED DELEGATE TO THE QUARTERLY SESSIONS AND \$10.00 PER DELEGATE TO THE ANNUAL SESSION.

<u>SECTION 6.</u> TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF THE OPERATION OF THE ASSOCIATION IT IS REQUESTED THAT EACH CHURCH SEND AN ADDITIONAL FIFTY CENTS (\$.50) PER ACTIVE CHURCH MEMBER TO SUPPORT LOCAL CAUSES IN THE ASSOCIATION TO EACH SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

#### <u>ARTICLE 5. USE OF FUNDS:</u>

SECTION 1. FUNDS ARE TO BE USED FOR PRINTING OF THE ANNUAL MINUTES.

SECTION 2. ASSOCIATION IS TO SUPPORT

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS, PROMOTE THE BIBLE COLLEGE IN NASHVILLE, THE CHILDREN HOME AND THE SUPERANNUATION OF OUR OLDER MINISTERS.

SECTION 3. PAY SUCH FUNDS AS PRESCRIBED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET.

SECTION 4. FUNDS DESIGNATED AT ANY SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR SUCH CAUSE AS MAY PROPERLY BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE ASSOCIATION AND VOTED ON.

SECTION 5. PLATE OFFERINGS, SPECIAL OFFERINGS OR OTHER GIFTS AS DESIGNATED BY THE BODY AT EACH SESSION.

SECTION 6. FUNDS ARE TO BE DISBURSED AT THE TIME AUTHORIZED AND IN SUCH QUANTITY AS AUTHORIZED AND TO WHOM AUTHORIZED.

# <u>ARTICLE 6. AMENDMENTS.</u>

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 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.

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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

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 COMMITTAL OF ONE'S SELF TO CHRIST AS SAVIOUR AND LORD WITH PURPOSE TO LOVE AND OBEY HIM IN ALL THINGS. IN THE EXERCISE OF SAVING FAITH THE SOUL IS RENEWED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, FREED FROM THE DOMINION OF SIN AND BECOMES A CHILD OF GOD. (3) CONTINUANCE IN FAITH AND OBEDIENCE UNTIL DEATH.

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.

POSTERITY THEREFORE INHERIT A FALLEN NATURE OF SUCH TENDENCIES THAT ALL WHO COME TO YEARS OF ACCOUNTABILITY SIN AND BECOME GUILTY BEFORE GOD.

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."

### <u>CHURCH COVENANT:</u>

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 DRDINANCES 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 BOSPEL.

WE WILL EVERYWHERE HOLD CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLE SACRED AND CHRISTIAN DBLIGATIONS 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.

### DID YOU KNOW?

IN CHOWAN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA IN 1727 THE FIRST FWB CHURCHES WAS FORMED BY PAUL PALMER. THIS WAS KNOWN AS THE FWB CHURCHES OF THE SOUTH. FIFTY YEARS LATER BENJAMIN RANDALL FORMED THE FWB CHURCHES OF THE NORTH. THERE WAS DIFFERENCE IN THE ORDINANCES ON THE PRACTICE OF FEET WASHING BETWEEN THE TWO. THE SOUTH PRACTICED FEET WASHING, BUT THE NORTH DID NOT.

IN THE YEAR 1927 THERE WAS THREE CHURCHES IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. THE FWB DENOMINATION MOVED ON TO THE STATE OF GEORGIA IN APPROXIMATELY 1835 AND SETTLED IN THE COLUMBUS, GEORGIA AREA. WE BELIEVE THE FWB THEN MOVED ON TO THE EUFAULA, ALABAMA AREA AS COLUMBUS, GEORGIA AND EUFAULA, ALABAMA WAS TRADING POST CENTERS. AS THE PEOPLE MOVED THE FWB MOVED. THIS TOOK PLACE SOMETIME BETWEEN 1835 AND THE CIVIL WAR.

WE BELIEVE THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOC-IATION HAD ITS BEGINNING IN THE YEAR OF 1878.

JOSEPH WHITAKER WAS BORN IN 1865. HE IS BURIED AT THE HOWARD GROVE FWB CHURCH AND WE HAVE OBTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM HIS RECORDS. IN THE YEAR OF 1879 HOWARD GROVE FWB CHURCH WAS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FWB. IN THE YEAR 1886 THE SOUTHEAST-ERN ASSOCIATION CONVENED AT GOODWATER FWB CHURCH THEN LOCATED IN DALE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE YEAR OF 1886 THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION PROPOSED TO DO AWAY WITH THE PRACTICE OF FEET WASHING AS A CHURCH CHRISTIAN ORDINANCE. HOWARD GROVE FWB CHURCH 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 SC MANY TIMES CALLED UP FOR DOING WRONG. DANCING AND DRINKING WAS ONE 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 AT MOUNT ZION. THIS WAS TO ESTABLISH OR DISCUSS A NEW CONSTITUTION FOR THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION. ON AUGUST 1, 1891 DELEGATES WAS ELECTED FROM UNION GROVE TO GO TO THE ASSOCIATION. IN 1891 UNION GROVE CHURCH PAID .50 FOR ASSOCIATIONAL PURPOSES.

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

IN APRIL 1894 THE CHURCH OF UNION GROVE APPROVED THE BUYING OF ONE HALF DOZEN HYMN BOOKS.

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

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

IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1898 THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION WAS HELD WITH PROSPECT CHURCH IN HENRY COUNTY, ALABAMA. PINEY GROVE, NEW PROSPECT, ANTIOCH AND EVERGREEN WITHDREW FROM THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION WITHOUT ANY AUTHORITY FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE CHURCHES. THEY THEN FORMED AN ASSOCIATION KNOWN AS THE EVERGREEN ASSOCIATION. THIS ASSOCIATION WAS CONTRARY TO ANY PRECEDENT KNOWN TO THE ECCLESIASTICAL LAW AND WITHOUT AUTHO-RITY FROM THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION AND ADOPTED A DECORUM CONTRARY TO ANY BAPTIST OR CONGREGATIONAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT. THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION WOULD NOT ALLOW ANY PASTOR OF THE EVERGREEN ASSOCIATION TO SERVE IN A CHURCH IN THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION.

ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE 3RD. SUNDAY IN OCTOBER 1910 THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CONVENED AT NEW PROSPECT CHURCH IN HENRY COUNTY, ALABAMA FOR THE 32ND ANNUAL SESSION. BROTHER J. H. GUILFORD WAS MODERATOR AND BROTHER C. B. SEARCY, CLERK. THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS BROUGHT BEFORE THE ASSOCIATION ON DOCUMENTS. TEMPERANCE: WE YOUR COMMITTEE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING REPORT. AS THE LORD HAS COMMANDED HIS CHILDREN TO BE TEMP-RATE 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 BROTHER 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 4 GALLONS OF WHISKEY WHICH RETAILS AT \$16.00; THE FARMER GETS \$1.00 FOR HIS CORN; THE GOVERNMENT GETS \$4.40; THE RAILROAD GETS \$1.00 FOR CARRY-ING ; THE MANUFACTURER GETS \$9.85; THE DRAYMAN GETS \$.15; THE CONSUMER GETS DRUNK; 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 SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION WAS HAVING A SUNDAY SCHOOL (SABBATH SCHOOL). C. A. ARNOLD ASKED THAT THE CHURCHES PUT FORTH A SPECIAL EFFORT TO HAVE SABBATH SCHOOLS AS IT WAS A STEPPING STONE TO RELIGION FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS. IN 1910 THERE WAS 15 CHURCHES IN THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION. THEY WERE: ANTIOCH, BETHSAIDA, CHRISTIAN HOME, EPHESUS, EVERGREEN, GOODWATER, JUDSON,

MOUNT 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 SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION CONVENED AT NEW ZION CHURCH FOR THEIR 58TH ANNUAL SESSION. BROTHER J. H. GUILFORD, MODERATOR; BROTHER D. F. PELT, VICE MODERATOR; BROTHER J. S. VICKERS, CLERK; AND D. E. SHIRLEY, TREASURER.

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

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

BROTHER J. T. HUTTO HELD THE CONGRE-

GATION 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 2ND. 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 THIRD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER 1938 THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST MET AT UNION GROVE CHURCH. BROTHER J. H. GUILFORD, MODERATOR; D. F. PELT, VICE MODERATOR; J. S. VICKERS, CLERK; AND J. L. STOKES (LONG), TREASURER.

ON FRIDAY BROTHER T. B. MILLETTE PREACHED THE TRUE GOSPEL OF CHRIST TO A CONGREGATION THAT ENJOYED IT AND WAS TRULY THANKFUL FOR SUCH A MESSAGE. AN INTERMISSION OF ONE HOUR AND FIFTEEN MINUTES AND GIVEN DURING WHICH TIME A BOUNTIFUL FEAST WAS SPREAD AND ENJOYED BY ALL. SONG SERVICE WAS LED BY BROTHER BOB STOKES.

ONLY FIVE CHURCHES WAS HAVING SUNDAY SCHOOL IN 1938.

PILGRIM CHURCH GAVE THE FOLLOWING REPORT. FROM THE DAYS 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 BROTHER D. F. PELT FOR HIS EXPENSES TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION. THERE WAS 12 CHURCHES IN THE ASSOCIATION. EVERGREEN MAD THE LARGEST ATTENDANCE WITH 229 MEMBERS. BROTHER G. W. NOBLES WAS PASTOR.

ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE 3RD. SUNDAY IN OCTOBER THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CONVENED WITH SARDIS CHURCH FOR THE 68TH ANNUAL SESSION. THIS WAS IN THE YEAR 1946. BROTHER D. F. PELT WAS MODERATOR; J. L. STOKES, TREASURER.

ON SATURDAY MORNING THE SONG SERVICE WAS LED BY BROTHER LONG STOKES. BROTHER HUMAN HAD THE DEVOTION FOR THE MORNING AND BROTHER FELT IN THE AFTERNOON.

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

MEMBERSHIP WITH 239 MEMBERS.

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

ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE 3RD. SUNDAY IN OCTOBER 1947 THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CONVENED AT UNION GROVE CHURCH FOR THE 69TH ANNUAL SESSION. BROTHER D. F. PELT WAS MODERATOR; LUCILLE BODIFORD, CLERK; AND J. LONG STOKES, TREASURER. THE THEME FOR THIS SERVICE WAS "CHRISTIANITY WILL NEVER END." BROTHER K. V. SHUTES GAVE A REPORT ON THE JUNIOR COLLEGE, THE CHILDREN HOME IN ELDRIDGE, ALABAMA AND A DONATION OF \$47.28 WAS GIVEN.

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. MILLETTE FROM FRIENDSHIP. HE WAS PAID \$600.00.

TIMES HAVE REALLY CHANGED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF OUR ASSOCIATION. SOME FOR THE BETTER, SOME FOR THE WORSE. IT IS A PLEASURE TO HAVE HAD YOU WITH US AT GOODWATER ON THIS 100TH ANNUAL

SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION.