

**1998 MINUTES OF**

**THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

**AND THE**

**ONE HUNDRED TWENTIETH**

**ANNUAL SESSION**

**OF THE**

**SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION**

**OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

**CHURCHES**

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## SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OFFICERS SERVING 1999

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### ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES, PLACES AND SPEAKERS

**Meeting January 16, 1999**

**Pleasant Hill**

**Registration begins 9:30 A.M.**

**Morning Speaker**

**Bro. Ralph Baker**

**Pastor, Mt. Zion**

**Meeting April 17, 1999**

**New Prospect**

**Registration begins 9:30 A.M.**

**Morning Speaker**

**Bro. Ronnie Floyd**

**Pastor, Sardis**

**Meeting July 10, 1999**

**Pilgrims Rest**

**Registration begins 9:30 A.M.**

**Morning Speaker**

**Bro. Thomas Kirkland**

**Pastor, New Zion**

**Meeting October 15, 1999**

**Mt. Zion**

**Registration begins 6:30 P.M.**

**Evening Speaker**

**Bro. Keith Cole**

**Pastor, Pleasant Hill**

**Meeting October 16, 1999**

**Evergreen**

**Registration begins 9:30 A.M.**

**Morning Speaker**

**Bro. Danny Henderson**

**New Zion**

**Memorial service**

**Bro. Bobby Register**

**Pastor, New Prospect**

**Substitute speaker for 1999**

**Bro. C. L. Culpepper**

**Pastor, Pilgrims Rest**

Schedule A

# CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION PLANNING FOR 1999

## Youth Rallies 7:00 P.M. Each Meeting

**March 20, 1999**

**Evergreen Arifton, AL**

**May 15, 1999**

**New Prospect Clopton, AL**

**August 14, 1999**

**New Zion Headland, AL**

**November 20, 1999**

**Sardis Eufaula, AL**

## Youth Revival

*The Youth Revival has not been finalized and information will be given as plans come together.*

*Youth Retreat will be held Monday and Tuesday December 28th and 29th 1998 at Coffee Baptist Vineyard. Bro. Danny Williams will be the Evangelist.*

*Youth Camp is scheduled for June 21st through 25th, 1999 at Coffee Baptist Vineyard.*

## District WNAC Meeting

*The Associational WNAC will meet with Mount Zion Church Friday night March 26th, 1999 at 7:00 P.M.*

## Alabama State Meetings

*The Pastors and Workers Conference will be February 15, 16,17, 1999 at the First Free Will Baptist Church Dothan, Alabama.*

*The Alabama State Association will meet November 11-12, 1999 with Lighthouse Free Will Baptist Church Montgomery, Alabama.*

## National Association Meetings

*Atlanta, Georgia*

*July 18-22 1999*

*Anaheim, California*

*July 16-20, 2000*

*Detroit, Michigan*

*July 15-19, 2001*

*Memphis, Tennessee*

*July 21-25, 2002*

*Tampa, Florida*

*July 20-24, 2003*

# **SCHEDULE OF ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS IN SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

**Bro. Ralph Baker**  
3422 HWY 131  
Clayton, AL 36016  
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Eufaula, AL 36027  
334-687-4462

**Bro. Thomas Kirkland**  
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Headland, AL 36345  
334-693-5024

**Bro. Ross Peters**  
Route 1, Box 84  
Ariton, AL 36311  
334-762-2946

**Bro. Joey Pettis**  
Route 3, Box 466  
Ozark, AL 36360  
334-795-6741

**Bro. Bobby Register**  
Route 1, Box 78A  
Clopton, AL 36317  
334-585-3983

**Bro. Larry Sowell**  
Route 1, Box 75  
Clopton, AL 36317  
334-585-5724

**Bro. Fred Hersey Interim Pastor**  
P. O. Box 5503  
Dothan, AL 36301  
334-678-9560

**Bro. Gene White**  
Route 3, Box 241  
Abbeville, AL 36310  
334-585-3879

**Bro. Danny Henderson -Licensed**  
Route 1, Box 251  
Headland, AL 36345  
334-693-2051

**Bro. Keith Cole**  
6818 So. Co. Rd. 75  
Pansey, AL 36370

## ***SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION CHURCH CLERKS***

### ***Evergreen***

***Sis. Beulah Peavy  
P. O. Box 453  
Ariton, AL 36311  
334-762-2092***

### ***Pilgrims Rest***

***Sis. Ruby Money  
Route 1, Box 131  
Abbeville, AL 36310  
334-585-6360***

### ***New Prospect***

***Sis. Joyce Mullins  
Route 1, Box 131  
Clopton, AL 36317  
334-585-6869***

### ***Sardis***

***Sis. Nancy Hancock  
816 Holly Drive  
Eufaula, AL 36027  
334-687-8365***

### ***Mount Zion***

***Bro. Lowell Vickers  
607 Holly Drive  
Eufaula, AL 36027  
334-687-3463***

### ***Pleasant Hill***

***Bro. Levon Overstreet  
302 Stone Street  
Dothan, AL 36301  
334-792-7208***

### ***New Zion***

***Sis. Edna Whitehead  
302 Murray Street  
Headland, AL 36345  
334-693-2759***

### ***Union Grove***

***Sis Sylvia Ethridge  
Route 4, Box 490  
Abbeville, AL 36310  
334-585-2859***

**ORDAINED DEACONS  
BY CHURCH**

***Evergreen:***

***Brother Hubert Phillips  
Brother Bart Harden  
Brother Larry Peavy***

***Mount Zion:***

***Brother Lowell Vickers  
Brother Ralph George  
Brother Wallace Stanley  
Brother James Sowell***

***Pilgrim Rest:***

***Brother Otis Buxton  
Brother Gene Carr  
Brother Earl Money***

***Pleasant Hill:***

***Brother Levon Overstreet***

***New Prospect:***

***Brother William Sowell***

***New Zion:***

***Brother Cleveland Shelley  
Brother Tom Shelley  
Brother Tom Shelley  
Brother Billy Shelley  
Brother Kyle Hardy  
Brother Joe Whitehead***

***Sardis:***

***Brother Johnny Gilmore  
Brother Bryan Gilmore  
Brother Everett O'Hearn***

***Union Grove:***

***Brother Will Maddox  
Brother Jack Starling***



# **SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES**

## **Credentials and examining committee**

<i>Bro. Joey Pettis</i>	<i>Term Expires October 2002</i>
<i>Bro. Clarence Culpepper</i>	<i>Term Expires October 2002</i>
<i>Bro. Lowell Vickers</i>	<i>Term Expires October 2001</i>
<i>Bro. Thomas Kirkland</i>	<i>Term Expires October 2001</i>
<i>Bro. Ralph Baker</i>	<i>Term Expires October 2000</i>
<i>Bro. Bobby Register</i>	<i>Term Expires October 1999</i>
<i>Bro. William Sowell</i>	<i>Term Expires October 1999</i>

## **Christian Board Of Education**

<i>Bro. Ashley G. Culp</i>	<i>Term Expires October 2001</i>
<i>Bro. Joey Pettis</i>	<i>Term Expires October 2000</i>
<i>Bro. Mike O'Hearn</i>	<i>Term Expires October 1999</i>

## **Children's Home Board**

<i>Bro. Gene White</i>	<i>Term Expires October 2001</i>
<i>Bro. Johnny Gilmore</i>	<i>Term Expires October 2000</i>
<i>Sis. Miriam Shelley</i>	<i>Term Expires October 1999</i>

## **Finance Committee**

<i>Bro. Ronnie Floyd</i>	<i>Term Expires October 2001</i>
<i>Sis. Leigh Adams</i>	<i>Term expires October 2000</i>
<i>Sis. Edna Whitehead</i>	<i>Term Expires October 1999</i>

## **Missions Committee**

<i>Sis. Judy Wilson</i>	<i>Term Expires October 2001</i>
<i>Sis. Johnnie Ruth Taylor</i>	<i>Term Expires October 2000</i>
<i>Bro. Dave Collins</i>	<i>Term Expires October 1999</i>

## **Nominating Committee**

<i>Sis. Nina Vickers</i>	<i>Term Expires October 2001</i>
<i>Sis Barbara Register</i>	<i>Term Expires October 2000</i>
<i>Sis. Linda Sowell</i>	<i>Term Expires October 1999</i>

## **Placement Committee**

<i>Sis. Joyce Mullins</i>	<i>Term Expires October 2001</i>
<i>Sis. Sylvia Ethridge</i>	<i>Term Expires October 2000</i>
<i>Sis. Ruby Money</i>	<i>Term Expires October 1999</i>

## **Resolution Committee**

<i>Bro. Levon Overstreet</i>	<i>Term Expires October 2001</i>
<i>Sis. Pam Pettis</i>	<i>Term Expires October 2000</i>
<i>Bro. Gene White</i>	<i>Term Expires October 1999</i>



**SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
SERVING THROUGH 1998**

Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk / Treasurer and all ordained Ministers, who are pastoring a Church in this Association, and both pastor and Church are in good standing with the Association, plus elected members listed below.

**Evergreen**

Bro. Larry Peavy  
P. O. Box 453  
Ariton, AL 36311  
334-762-2092

**Mount Zion**

Bro. Lowell Vickers  
607 Holly Drive  
Eufaula, AL 36027  
334-687-3463

**New Prospect**

Bro. Troy Barron  
Route 1, Box 70A  
Clopton, AL 36317  
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**New Zion**

Sis. Edna Whitehead  
302 Murray Street  
Headland, AL 36345  
334-693-2759

**Pilgrims Rest**

Bro. Victor Wilson  
Route 2  
Abbeville, AL 36310  
334-585-2924

**Pleasant Hill**

Bro. Levon Overstreet  
302 Stone Street  
Dothan, AL 36301  
334-792-7208

**Sardis**

Bro. Johnny Gilmore  
1064 Highway 30  
Clayton, AL 36016  
334-687-5416

**Union Grove**

Bro. Holt Stokes  
Route 4, Box 521  
Abbeville, AL 36310  
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Southeastern Association of FWB Churches  
Third Quarter Report  
July 1, 1998 - Sept 30, 1998

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Beginning Balance 7/1/98-----\$ 268.10

DEPOSITS:

Funds received at Assoc Mtg 7-11 \$ 785.36

TOTAL DEPOSITS \$ 785.36

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR: \$1053.46

LESS DISBURSEMENTS:

424-Clarence Culpepper-Off dues May-June \$ 17.68

425-Thomas Kirkland-Off dues May-June \$ 17.68

426-Ralph Baker-Off dues May-June \$ 7.58

427-Pam Pettis-Off dues May-June \$ 7.58

428-voided \$ 0 00

429-Children's Home \$ 37.88

430-Children's Home \$ 50.00

431-Foreign Missions \$ 48.55

432 Foreign Missions -Dave Franks Jr \$ 300.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 486.95

TREASURY BALANCE PER CHECKBOOK 9/30/98 \$ 566.51

BALANCE 9/30/98 PER BANK STATEMENT \$ 576.71

Less outstanding ck #402 from 10/18/97 \$ 10.20

BALANCE 9/30/98 PER RECONCILEMENT \$ 566.51

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	General Fund	Mission Fund	Board of Education	Total Treasury
Balance 7/1/98	\$ 607.31	(\$108.20)	(\$231.01)	\$ 268.10
Dep-General Dues	(\$ 75.75)	\$ 12.63	\$ 63.12	\$ 0.00
Church Dues	\$ 252.50			\$ 252.50
Des-New Prospect	\$		60.00	\$ 60.00
-Pilgrim	\$ 300.00			\$ 300.00
-Officers Dep			\$ 74.31	\$ 74.31
Plate Off 7/11	\$ 98.55			\$ 98.55
TOTAL ACCOUNT FOR	\$1182.61	(\$ 95.57)	(\$ 33.58)	\$1053.46
Disbursements	(\$ 486.95)	-----	-----	(\$ 486.95)
TOTAL ALL 9/30/98	\$ 695.66	(\$ 95.57)	(\$ 33.58)	\$ 566.51

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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

Oct. 1, 1997 - Sept 30, 1998

CHURCH NAME	PASTOR'S NAME & ADDRESS	CLERK'S NAME & ADDRESS	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT NAME & ADDRESS	CTS DIRECTOR NAME & ADDRESS	WNAC PRESIDENT NAME & ADDRESS	MASTERS MEN PRES. NAME & ADDRESS
EVERGREEN	BRO. JOEY PETTIS ROUTE 3, BOX 466 OZARK, AL 38360	SIS. BEULAH PEAVY P. O. BOX 453 ARITON, AL 36311	BRO. MATT HARDEN SUTTON DAIRY ROAD ARITON, AL 36311	BRO. JEFFERY PETTIS ROUTE 3, BOX 466 OZARK, AL 36360	SIS. LISA HARDEN SUTTON DAIRY ROAD ARITON, AL 36311	
MOUNT ZION	BRO. RALPH BAKER 3422 HWY 131 CLAYTON, AL 36016	BRO. LOWELL VICKERS 607 HOLLY DRIVE EUFULA, AL 36027	BRO. LOWELL VICKERS 607 HOLLY DRIVE EUFULA, AL 36027		SIS. LILLIE THOMPSON 402 KENT DRIVE EUFULA, AL 36027	BRO. LOWELL VICKERS 607 HOLLY DRIVE EUFULA, AL 36027
NEW PROSPECT	BRO. BOBBY REGISTER ROUTE 1, BOX 78A CLOPTON, AL 36317	SIS. JOYCE MULLINS ROUTE 1, BOX 131M CLOPTON, AL 36317	BRO. WILLIAM SOWELL ROUTE 1, BOX 129 CLOPTON, AL 36317			
NEW ZION	Bro. Thomas Kirkland ROUTE 3, BOX 49 HEADLAND, AL 36345	SIS. EDNA WHITEHEAD 302 MURRAY STREET HEADLAND, AL 36345	BRO. TOM SHELLEY ROUTE 2, BOX 129 HEADLAND, AL 36345			
PILGRIM REST	BRO. C. L. CULPEPPER P. O. BOX 241 EUFULA, AL 36027	SIS. RUBY MONEY ROUTE 1, BOX 131 ABBEVILLE, AL 36310	BRO. LAMAR BUXTON ROUTE 1 ABBEVILLE, AL 36310	BRO. GENE CARR 111 DOTHAN ROAD ABBEVILLE, AL 36310		
PLEASANT	BRO. KEITH COLE 6818 SO. CO. RD. 75 PANSEY, AL 36370	Bro. Levon Overstreet 302 STONE STREET DOTHAN, AL 36301				
SARDIS	BRO. FRED HERSEY INTERIM PASTOR P. O. BOX 5503 DOTHAN AL 36301	SIS. NANCY HANCOCK 816 HOLLY DRIVE EUFULA, AL 36027	BRO. EVERETT O'HEARN ROUTE 1, BOX 191G EUFULA, AL 36027		SIS. LISA GILMORE 1058 HWY 30 CLAYTON, AL 36310	
UNION GROVE	BRO. DAVE COLLINS 3479 3RD AVE. EXIT DOTHAN, AL 36301	SIS. SYLVIA ETHRIDGE ROUTE 4, BOX 490 ABBEVILLE, AL 36310	BRO. WILL MADDOX ROUTE 4, BOX 546 ABBEVILLE, AL 36310			

# MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION - ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1997/1998

CHURCH NAME	DATE ORG.	MEM. 9/30/97	Additions for 98							losses for 98							ORD. MIN.	LIC. MIN.
			BAP.	LETT.	OTHER	TOT. REC.	DEA.	BY LET.	TOT LOST	MEM. 9/30/98	S.S. ROLL	AVE.	CTS ROLL	AVE.	LAD. AUX.	MAS. NEN		
EVERGREEN	1885	47					2		2	45							2	2
MOUNT ZION	1891	80		2		2				82	18				13	6	1	
NEW PROSPECT	1874	90		2		2	3		3	89	34						2	
NEW ZION		127	4	15		19	3		3	143	63						2	1
PILGRIM REST	1884	87		1		1	7		7	81	19		20				1	
PLEASANT HILL	1876	66		3		3	1		1	68	12						1	
SARDIS	1906	188	4	2		6	2	1	3	191	65				15		2	
UNION GROVE	1877	54		3		3	2		2	55	35						1	
TOTALS			8	28		36	21	1	21	754	246		20		28	6	11	2

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**1997/1998 Church Financial Information**  
**Southeastern Association Of Free Will Baptist**  
**Associational year Oct. 1, 1997 - Sept. 30, 1998**

Church Name	Church Income	Renovation Repairs	Church Supplies	Church Utilities	Revivals Retreats	Home Miss.	Yd/lawn Maint.	Children Home	Delegate Dues	Youth Activity	Misc/Staff Expense	Pastor Salary	Property Value
Evergreen	\$30,414.56												
Mount Zion	\$18,063.95												\$83,000.00
New Prospect	\$29,420.70												\$151,000.00
New Zion	\$68,734.86												\$300,000.00
Pilgrim Rest	\$13,291.56												\$100,000.00
Pleasant Hill	\$13,295.48												\$120,000.00
Sardis	\$100,557.53	12,,492,78	1,356.90	12,349.53	3,629.00	4,284,40	3,980.00	286.80	225.00	2,462.00		32,666.15	\$425,000.00
Totals	\$273,778.64	12,4992,78	1,356.90	12,349.53	3,629.00	4,284.40	3,980.00	286.80	225.00	2,462.00		32,666.15	\$1,079,000.00

Schedule H

**First Quarterly Session**  
**Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church**  
**January 17, 1998**

*The first quarterly session of the Southeastern Association Of Free Will Baptist convened with Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church on January 17, 1998 with registration at 9:30 A. M. The meeting was called to order by the moderator Brother Clarence Culpepper. The opening prayer was by Brother Bobby Register.*

*Brother Culpepper gave the moderators remarks and called for the host Church to give the welcome.*

*Brother Lowell Vickers gave a good welcome to everyone and Brother Ronnie Floyd gave the response.*

*Brother Lowell Vickers brought the morning devotion using 1 John 3: 1 for the Scripture.*

*Brother Bryan Gilmore from Sardis Church led the congregational singing, Sister Leigh Adams was the accomplice at the piano. They led "Just Over In The Glory Land" and Victory. We experienced a very good Spirit in the singing.*

*Brother Culpepper then recognized the ministers and deacons who were present. There were six ministers and six deacons present. The ministers present were Brother Thomas Kirkland, Brother David Collins, Brother Clarence Culpepper, Brother Bobby Register, Brother Ronnie Floyd, and Brother Joey Pettis. The deacons present were Brother Lowell Vickers, Brother Earl Money, Brother Joe Whitehead, Brother Bryan Gilmore, Brother Jessie Barnett Jr. and Brother Charles Stanley.*

*Brother Culpepper called for the seating of the delegates. Brother Lowell made the motion that the delegates be seated. It second and carried.*

*From the eight Churches reporting there were nineteen delegates and four alternates who answered the roll call. They were Sister Pam Pettis, Evergreen, Sister Barbara Kirkland, Sister Jeanette Trammell, Sister Fay Culp, Sister Edna Whitehead, New Zion, Sister Dot Whitener, Sister Leigh Adams, Sister Melinda Owens, Sister Nina Vickers, Mount Zion, Brother Troy Barron, Brother Tracy Armstrong, Brother Everett Mullins, New Prospect, Sister Rosa McCoy, Sister Willie Mae Skeen, Sister Linda Floyd, Union Grove Sister Ruby Money, Pilgrim Rest and Sister Juleen Gilmore, Sardis.*

*The alternates present were Sister Wilma Nell Barnett, New Zion, Sister Ann Hatcher, Mount Zion and Sister Sylvia Ethridge, Sister Pearl Collins, Union Grove.*

*Announcements were called for and Brother Ronnie Floyd announced a special service they were having at the Sardis Church on March 18th and 19th. with Brother Ken Riggs being the guest speaker.*



*Having some extra time, the moderator called for any committee reports that might be ready and Brother Joey Pettis gave the following report for the Christian Board Of Education: We the Board Of Christian Education submit the following report.*

*The second annual winter youth retreat was a success. We had twenty two campers and six workers from our Association. We had a total of sixty two participants. We appreciate the prayers, services and monetary contributions from all who helped in this effort. Souls were saved and spirits were revived.*

*Our next youth rally will be at New Zion, March \_\_\_ and our youth revival will be March 23rd through 25th at New Prospect Church. Evangelist will be announced later.*

*Its not too early to begin encouraging and preparing your youth for summer camp June 22nd through 26th with Brother Randy Wright for the Evangelist.*

*Respectfully Submitted:*

*Bro. Mike O'Hearn*

*Bro. Ashley Culp*

*Bro. Joey Pettis*

*The Missions committee had no report at this meeting and Brother Culpepper dismissed the body for a brief recess.*

*After a short recess Brother Culpepper called the body together for the worship hour. Brother Bryan Gilmore led the congregational singing with Sister Leigh Adams his accomplice at the piano. He led us with "Glory To His Name", "Where The Soul Never Dies" and "I'll Be Satisfied. " A very good spirit in the singing. Brother Culpepper appointed Brother Dave Collins and Brother Bobby Register to receive the morning offering with the same to be designated by the Finance Committee. Special singing was rendered by Brother Lowell Vickers, Sister Nina Vickers and Sister Leigh Adams. Their song was "He Will Roll Me Over The Tide." Very good spirit filled singing.*

*Speaker for this service, Brother Joey Pettis, was introduced be our Moderator, Brother C. L. Culpepper. His Scripture text was taken from Joshua 24:14-15. A very inspiring message. An invitation was given, and after the service was closed Brother Culpepper called for the host church to give directions for the noon meal and prayer.*

*We reassembled at 1:30 P.M. with the body being called to order by the moderator Brother C. L. Culpepper and business was resumed.*



***The Nominating Committee recommended that Brother Ronnie Floyd be nominated to take the place of Sister Estelle Blalock, whose term was to expire October 1999, on the Finance Committee. A motion was given, seconded and vote was carried.***

***The Children's Home Committee report was given by Brother Gene White who ask that report be received as information.***

***The Finance Committee gave the following report; We the Finance Committee recommend that today plate offering of \$75.00 be designated to the Christian Board Of Education. MSC.***

***The Credentials and Examining Committee had no report, nor did the Resolution committee.***

***The Registration Committee reported a total of 36 who registered for this meeting,***

***There was no miscellaneous business. The meeting was dismissed by a rising vote of thanks to the host Church for their wonderful hospitality with prayer.***

**SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION**  
**NEW ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**APRIL 18, 1998**

*Registration began at 9:30 A.M. for the second quarterly meeting of the Southeastern Association of Free Will Baptist. The meeting was call to order by our Moderator Brother C. L Culpepper at 10:00 A.M. Brother Lowell Vickers led in the opening prayer followed by the moderator's remarks.*

*The welcome to New Zion Church was give by Sister Miriam Shelley with the response by Brother Johnny Gilmore.*

*Brother Johnny Gilmore led us in a song "Have Thine Own Way" Brother David Collins gave the morning devotion from Joshua 24:15 basing it on twelve things that we as Christians are to do. A very challenging devotion.*

*Brother Culpepper called for a count of preachers and deacons present, and we had seven preachers and seven deacons to stand for the count. The preachers were; Brother Thomas Kirkland, New Zion , Brother Ralph Baker, Mount Zion, Brother Clarence Culpepper, Pilgrim Rest, Brother David Collins, Union Grove, Brother Ronnie Floyd, Sardis, Brother Bobby Register, New Prospect, Brother Gene White, Pleasant Hill, and Brother Joey Pettis, Evergreen. The Deacons were; Brother Earl Money, Pilgrim Rest, Brother William Sowell, New Prospect, Brother Joe Whitehead, New Zion, Brother Levon Overstreet Pleasant Hill, Brother Jessie Barnett, New Zion, Brother Johnny Gilmore, Sardis, and Brother Lowell Vickers, Mount Zion.*

*He then called for the roll call of the delegates. From the eight Churches reporting there was twenty one delegates to answer roll call. They were; Sister Pam Pettis and sister Joni Pettis, Evergreen, Sister Dolly Vickers, Sister Melinda Owens and Sister Dot Whitener, Mount Zion, Brother Jonathan Cordell, Brother Everett Mullins and Brother Tracy Armstrong, New Prospect, Sister Miriam Shelley, Sister Barbara Kirkland, Sister Lori Shelley and sister Edna Whitehead, New Zion, Sister Thelma Hancock and Sister Ruby Money, Pilgrim Rest, Brother Corey Cherry, Sister Dot Cherry and Sister Dot Overstreet, Pleasant Hill, Brother Jennings Gilmore, Sardis, Sister Minnie Ethridge, Sister Linda Floyd, and Sister Sylvia Ethridge, Union Grove. Alternates answering are; Sister Nina Vickers, Mount Zion, Sister Barbara Register, New Prospect, Sister Fay Culp, New Zion, Sister Mary Culpepper, Pilgrim Rest.*

*Brother David Collins made a motion that we seat the delegates and it was second by Brother Lowell Vickers. The ordained voted to seat the delegates.*

*Announcements were called for and it was announced that the minutes were available for all the Churches from the State and local Associations.*

*There was time for any unfinished business that might need attention and there being none a call for reports of Committee's that might be ready.*

***The Credentials And Examining Committee had no report for this session of the Association.***

***The Christian Board Of Education was given by Brother Joey Pettis; We the Christian Board Of Education make the following report: We appreciate your support of our Youth Revival. We averaged fifty in attendance Monday and Tuesday with approximately seventy on Wednesday night. Brother Mike's messages were soul stirring,***

***Our last rally - skating social - was cancelled due to bad weather. We look forward to our next rally at Sardis on May 16th.***

***It is now time to prepare for camp coming up June 22-26. We are looking forward to having Brother Randy Wright with us as Evangelist. All Churches should receive applications in the mail within the next few weeks.***

***Respectfully submitted;***

***Brother Mike O'Hearn***

***Brother Ashley Culp***

***Brother Joey Pettis***

***The Children's Home Committee report was given by Brother Gene White; Brother Gene read to the body a letter of resignation from Brother Levy Corey because of health reasons. This letter was turned in to clerk to keep on file. He also reported graduations of children in the home and ask for prayer for them. He made a motion this report be received as information, it was second by Brother Ronnie Floyd and vote was carried.***

***Missions Committee had no report.***

***Resolutions Committee had no report.***

***We had a recess called until 10:45 A.M.***

***Brother Clarence Culpepper called the body together for the morning worship hour. Brother Johnny Gilmore Led the congregation with three songs. They were; "Amazing Grace," "At Calvary" and Where The Soul Never Dies."***

***A plate offering was taken which was the amount of \$148.00.***

***There was a Special rendered by Brother Dave and Sister Annette White, "Look For Me At Jesus Feet." A very good spirit in the singing. Brother Culpepper introduced Brother Rick Cash our State promotional director as the speaker for the morning message.***

***Brother Rick gave us some good information on the Acts 1:8 program as well as reporting on the progress of the State Promotional Office and its needs.***

*He brought a very challenging and inspiring message from Acts 5:32 titled "We Are His Witnesses." He exhorted us to be good witnesses because that is the purpose of our Salvation. The message challenged everyone who is saved to "speak to folk on the outside and God will speak the them on the inside."*

*An invitation was given and the moderator called for directions and prayer on the noon meal.*

*At 1:30 the body reassembled and Brother Clarence Culpepper called the session to order to continue the business . Evergreen delegates was late coming in because of car trouble. A motion was made that we seat their delegates. It was seconded and vote was carried to do so.*

*The Finance Committee made the following report; We the Finance Committee recommend that one half of the plate offering which was \$148.00 be designated to the State Promotional Office, and the other half be designated to the Christian Board Of Education.*

*Respectfully Submitted;  
Sister Leigh Adams  
Sister Edna Whitehead*

*Motion was made , second and carried to this recommendation.*

*Registration Committee report that there was thirty six for the day.*

*There being no further business to come before the body at this time there was a motion to give this Church a rising vote of thanks for a delicious meal and their hospitality, and to adjourn.*

*The closing prayer was by Brother C. L. Culpepper*



**THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION  
UNION GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
JULY 11, 1998**

*Registration began at 9:30 A.M. for this session of the Southeastern Association Of Free Will Baptist. The meeting was called to order by the Vice Moderator Brother Ralph Baker. The opening prayer was prayed by Brother Thomas Kirkland.*

*Vice moderators remarks was a challenge to pray for the anointing of each speaker and for the anointing of the hearer.*

*Welcome was given by Brother David Collins pastor of the host Church and Brother William Sowell gave the response.*

*The congregational singing was led by Brother Holt Stokes with Sister Linda Sowell at the piano. There was two songs at this time. they were; "Power In The Blood" and "The Old Rugged Cross." A great spirit prevailed throughout the congregation.*

*The morning devotion was brought by Brother Jack Starling. He took his Scripture from 1 Corinthians 1:10 around the thought "Speak The Same Thing."*

*Recognition of ministers and deacons was called for and there was eight ministers who stood. They were; Brother Dave Collins, Union Grove, Brother Ralph Baker, Mount Zion, Brother Larry Sowell, New Prospect, Brother Joey Pettis, Evergreen, Brother Ronnie Floyd, Sardis, Brother Clarence Culpepper, Pilgrim Rest, Brother Thomas Kirkland, New Zion and Brother Bobby Register, New Prospect.*

*There was eight deacons who stood. They were; Brother Levon Overstreet, Pleasant Hill, Brother Joe Whitehead, New Zion, Brother Lowell Vickers, Mount Zion, Brother Bryan Gilmore, Sardis, Brother Johnny Gilmore, Sardis, Brother Jack Starling Union Grove and Brother William Sowell, New Prospect.*

*There was three visitors. They were; Brother Jr. Overstreet, Pleasant Hill, Sister Edna Whitehead, New Zion and Sister Wilma Nell Barnett, New Zion.*

*Roll call of the delegates revealed there was eight Churches reporting with twenty five delegates and eleven alternates on letters. There was eighteen*

**Delegates who answered roll call. They were; Sister Pam Pettis, Evergreen, Sister Sue Taylor, Sister Nina Vickers, and Sister Dot Whitener, Mount Zion, Brother Everett Mullins, Sister Linda Sowell and Brother Jonathan Cordell, New Prospect, Sister Barbara Kirkland, Sister Miriam Shelley, Sister Jeanette Trammell, Sister Johnnie Taylor, New Zion, Sister Mary Culpepper and Sister Thelma Hancock, Pilgrim Rest, Sister Dot Cherry and Brother Carey Cherry, Pleasant Hill, Brother Mickey Gilmore and Brother Scott Land, Sardis, Sister Rosa McCoy, Brother Holt Stokes and Sister Pearl Collins, Union Grove.**

**The alternates answering roll call were; Sister Joyce Mullins, New Prospect and Sister Pearl Collins, Union Grove.**

**Announcements; Pleasant Hill is having Homecoming Sunday 19th and Union Grove is having revival July 27th through 29th.**

**There was time available to take care of reports that was ready at this time. The Committee's ready was The Missions Committee and The Christian Board Of Education.**

**The Missions report was as follows;  
Brother Collins gave the report that they were seeking to obtain Brother Rick Cash for our speaker for both the annual services if possible.**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Sister Johnnie Taylor  
Brother David Collins**

**The Board Of Christian Education was given by Brother Joey Pettis.**

**We The Board Of Christian Education, submit the following report;**

**The week of June 22nd through 26th drew approximately 125 youth and workers to the Vineyard Camp grounds for another week of blessings from the Lord. Brother Randy Wright was unable to attend due to the illness of his mother. Brother Mike Beckon effectively filled the job of Evangelist while maintaining his Director duties. Even though we had several "graduate" from Camp, the Lord sent many precious new campers with most of those being Jr. campers. Chris Mitchell, Jr. Evangelist, was used of the Lord to touch the young hearts of the Juniors. The altar was filled in each nightly service. The teens were challenged in their services as well, with one young man accepting the call to preach.**

**We thank all those of our Association who went to Camp a workers. You did an**

*outstanding job. We appreciate the Churches and individuals for your financial support that helps us reach out to our youth. As found in our financial report, we completed this years camp ending with a deficit of \$231.01. This is due to the Association paying \$24.00 of the \$99.00 fee per camper. We ask your continued support in this ministry.*

*Our last rally was held in May at Sardis with approximately 35 in attendance. Brother Mickey Kirkland's teenage son brought a message enjoyed by all. The next rally will be at Evergreen on August 15th.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Brother Ashley Culp  
Brother Mike O'Hearn  
Brother Joey Pettis*

*We dismissed for a brief recess to reassemble for the morning worship service at 11:00 o'clock.*

*The service was called to order by the Vice Moderator Brother Ralph Baker who led the congregation in prayer.*

*Song service was led by Brother Holt Stokes who called for a choir. He led with; "I Will Meet You In The Morning," "Sunset Is Coming But The Sunrise We'll See." A plate offering of \$98.55 was received at this time with another song to follow. "If We Never Meet Again This Side Of Heaven."*

*Brother Ralph Baker introduced the speaker for this service; Brother Ronnie Floyd, Pastor at Sardis.*

*Brother Floyd took his Scripture from Hebrews chapter 9:24-26, titled "The Needed Reminder." A very inspiring and timely message.*

*The service was closed with prayer and the host giving directions for the noon meal.*

*We reassembled at 1:30 P.M. with Brother Clarence Culpepper calling the meeting to order with prayer, followed by special singing by a Quartet composed of; Brother Holt Stokes*

*Brother Johnny Gilmore*

*Brother Lowell Vickers*

*Sister Dot Whitener.*

*They sang, "What A Day That Will Be." A very good job singing.*

*We resumed the business session by having a report given by Brother Larry Sowell about "The Boy's Mission Center Of Eufaula." This report consisted of the establishment of the Center, his ministry and burden and a challenge for*



*becoming a trained Counsellor for this facility. He stated , however, there are no funds a this time to pay a chaplain to minister to the young men there and challenged the Association for a pledge of monetary support so that he could minister in the way he felt God was leading him.*

*It was moved, second and carried that this report be received as information.*

*The Credentials and Examining Committee had no report.*

*The Children's Home Committee had no report*

*The Finance Committee gave the following report.*

*We the Finance Committee recommend that today's plate offering of \$98.55 be divided between the Children's Home and the Foreign Missions Board. Giving \$48.55 to the Children's Home and \$50.00 to the Foreign Missions Board.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Sister Leigh Adams*

*Sister Edna Whitehead*

*The report was moved, second and carried.*

*Registration Committee reported eight Churches reporting twenty delegates, two alternates, eight ministers, eight deacons and three visitors. Making a total of forty one that registered for the day.*

*A rising vote of thanks was extended to the host Church for the delicious meal and fine hospitality for the day. We were dismissed with prayer by Brother Lowell Vickers.*

**ANNUAL SESSION - FRIDAY NIGHT & SATURDAY  
EVERGREEN / SARDIS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES  
OCTOBER 16, 17, 1998**

*Registration began at 6:30 P.M. at Evergreen Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Brother Clarence Culpepper. He called on Brother Bobby Register to open with prayer. Singing was led by Brother Joey Pettis the host Church pastor. Brother Joey led the congregation with three songs, "This World Is Not My Home" and "Jesus Hold My Hand." An offering was taken with Brother Clarence Culpepper praying God's blessings upon it with Brother Hubert Phillips serving as usher, and another song, "The Way Of The Cross Leads Home." A very good spirit in the singing.*

*Testimonies were ask for with several responding with good inspiring talks from each one participating.*

*Brother Clarence Culpepper introduced our Home Missionary to Prattville, Alabama, Brother Fred Jones to bring the evening message. He took for his Scripture from Acts 13:49. It was a very good missionary message, and a challenge to do our best in our service for God, because it is in Him we have our victory.*

*After the message the invitation was given and Brother Ralph Baker moved to adjourn the meeting until Saturday. It was seconded and closed with prayer. Evergreen had very good refreshments in the Fellowship Hall where food and fellowship was enjoyed by everyone and the different Committee's could meet to get things ready for the Saturday session.*

*There was nineteen who registered at the Friday evening service. Those who registered were; Deacons, Brother William Sowell New Prospect. Ministers, Brother Fred Jones Prattville, Alabama, Brother Thomas Kirkland New Zion, Brother Ashley Culp New Zion, Brother Clarence Culpepper Pilgrim Rest, Brother Joey Pettis Evergreen and Brother Bobby Register New Prospect. Delegates Sister Barbara Kirkland - Sister Jeanette Trammell New Zion, Sister Pam Pettis Evergreen, Sister Emma Tew - Sister Linda Sowell - Brother J. D. Bricken New prospect. Visitors Sister Barbara Jones Prattville, Sister Rita Moffett - Sister Elizabeth Garner - Sister Mary Portwood Evergreen and Sister Christine Brown New Prospect.*

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 17, 1998**

**Registration began at 9:30 A.M. at Sardis Free Will Baptist Church Eufaula, Alabama. 10:00 A.M. the meeting was called to order by the moderator, Brother Clarence Culpepper. He called on Brother Joey Pettis to open this session with prayer.**

**In the moderator's remarks he challenged the Churches of our Association to all be in one accord, serving the Lord with fervency. Welcome was given by Brother Scott Land. Brother Lowell Vickers gave the response.**

**Brother Bryan Gilmore led the congregation with two songs at this time . They were; "Victory In Jesus" and "The Old Rugged Cross." It was spirit filled singing throughout the congregation.**

**The devotion was Holy Spirit filled taken for Ephesians 5; John 13:34-35; 1 Thessalonians 4:7-9, titled "Walk In The Love Of Christ," given by the host Church. Very inspiring devotion that challenged everyone.**

**Recognition of Ministers, Deacons, Visitors and the roll call for the delegates. There were eleven Ministers, seven Deacons, twenty nine Delegates and nine Visitors. Roll call for the Delegates and they were seated by the ordained.**

**Ministers present for recognition was Brother Thomas Kirkland New Zion, Brother Clarence Culpepper Pilgrim Rest, Brother Ronnie Floyd Sardis, Brother Fred Jones Prattville, Brother Keith Cole Pleasant Hill, Brother Ricky Gilmore Sardis, Brother Ralph Baker Mount Zion, Brother David Collins Union Grove, Brother Joey Pettis Evergreen, Brother Bobby Register New Prospect and Brother Gene White.**

**Deacons present for recognition was Brother Danny Henderson - Brother Joe Whitehead New Zion, Brother Levon Overstreet Pleasant Hill, Brother Earl Money Pilgrim Rest, Brother Lowell Vickers Mount Zion and Bryan Gilmore - Brother Johnny Gilmore Sardis.**

**Delegates answering roll call from letters were; Evergreen, Sister Lisa Harden, Sister Beulah Peavy and Sister Pam Pettis, Mount Zion, Sister Leigh Adams, Sister Lillie Thompson and Sister Nina Vickers, New Prospect, Sister Linda Sowell, Brother Everett Mullins, Sister Joyce Mullins, Sister Linda Cordell and Sister Emma Tew, New Zion, Sister Barbara Kirkland, Sister Jeannette Trammell, Sister Edna Whitehead, Sister Betty Whitehead and Brother Jerry**

**Whitehead, Pilgrim Rest, Sister Judy Wilson, Sister Ruby Money and Sister Thelma Hancock, Pleasant Hill, Brother Carey Cherry and Sister Faye Cole, Sardis, Brother Jennings Gilmore, Brother Scott Land, Sister Lynn Land, Sister Georgia Gilmore and Sister Renee Gilmore, Union Grove, Sister Peggy Stokes, Sister Peggy Herring and Sister Pearl Collins. A total of twenty nine.**

**There were a total of four alternates on the letters but no one was present for roll call.**

**Visitors present were; Sister Mary Culpepper Pilgrim Rest, Sister Barbara Jones Prattville, Sister Dorothy Overstreet and Sister Susan Cole Pleasant Hill, Brother William Armstrong New Prospect, Brother Mike O'Hearn, Brother Earl Gilmore, Sister Peggy & Brother Warren Gilmore, Tracy & family, Lisa Gilmore and Mickey Gilmore all of Sardis.**

**Motion was made, seconded and carried to seat the Delegates answering roll call. This gave the Association a voting body of eleven Ministers, seven Deacons and twenty nine Delegates, making a total of forty six to carry on the business session.**

**Announcements were called for and any reports of Committee's that might be ready at this time. The Board Of Christian Education was ready to give a report and reported as follows:**

**Our last rally was held in August at Evergreen with three Churches from our Association and one from the State Line participating. WE enjoyed a film, Second Chance, then a hot dog supper and fellowship. The November rally has been rescheduled due to the Peanut Festival Parade and the wedding of Brother Ashley Culp and Sister Niki Beckon.**

**The rally schedule for 1999 is as follows:**

**March 20 - Evergreen  
August 14 - New Zion**

**May 15 - New Prospect  
November 20 - Sardis**

**Saturday, October 31st, the State Line Association along with your board will sponsor a Halloween alternative at Harvest Church gym in Ozark. We are asking each Church to sponsor a carnival booth complete with inexpensive prizes. Harvest Church will arrange the food with the Associations reimbursing them for their expense. The activities begin at 4 P.M. and will conclude around 7 P. M. with a devotion by Brother Joe Beckon.**



***The Winter Retreat will be held Monday and Tuesday, December 28-29 at Coffee Baptist Vineyard. Cost is \$40.00. The Evangelist will be Brother Danny Williams. Be looking for applications after Thanksgiving.***

***Plans for the Spring Youth Revival will be finalized and announced later.***

***Youth Camp will be June 21 - 25, 1999 at Coffee Baptist Vineyard. Brother Randy Wright Wright will be the Evangelist.***

***Married adults can be looking forward to another Couples Retreat in the spring of 1999. Information will be forwarded as plans are finalized.***

***We thank you for your support of this Board and its activities in the past year and look forward to another good year.***

***Respectfully Submitted,  
Brother Ashley Culp  
Brother Mike O'Hearn  
Brother Joey Pettis***

***The Children's Home report was given by Brother Gene White: This consisted of a minute from the Clerk of the Board Of Trustees of the Children's Home. That report is as follows;***

#### ***Board Meeting***

***One new house parent, Lynn Davis, has returned as supervisor of the teenage girls and to relieve the Bennetts.***

***The multi-purpose building is under construction.***

***The large oak trees have fallen in the yard recently because of storms in the area.***

#### ***Recommendations by Brother Bennett:***

- 1. Miscellaneous equipment and excess items need to be sold.***
- 2. We need to sell the backhoe, truck, and trailer***
- 3. We need to buy three 12 passenger vans. One for each cottage.***
- 4. We also need one extra golf cart.***
- 5. Brother Bennett also made himself available as Superintendent of the Home if the State of Alabama approves.***

**6. We will need to hire relief house parents.**

**7. Some repairs need to be made to the Superintendent's home.**

**Superintendents report concluded and accepted.**

**Motion to sell unused and excess equipment at Brother Bennett's discretion. Made by Brother Bruley. Seconded by Brother Blackmon. Carried unanimously.**

**Motion that repairs to the Superintendent's home be made at Brother Bennett's discretion. Made by Brother Blackmon. Seconded by Brother Bruley. Carried unanimously.**

**Motion: The multi-purpose building be named the Lambert Building. Made by Brother Bruley. Seconded by Brother Mims. Carried unanimously.**

**Motion: To authorize Brother Bennett to purchase a golf cart up to \$1500. Made by Brother Bruly. Seconded by Brother Flannagin. Carried unanimously.**

**Motion: To suspend any other search for Executive Director until Brother Bennett's qualifications are determined by the State of Alabama. Made by Brother Blackmon, seconded by Brother Gardner. Carried unanimously.**

**7/23/1998   Building Fund   \$14,753.76   General Fund   \$86,954.15**

**Meeting closed with prayer led by Brother Bruley.**

**Charles Walden, Clerk**

**The State letter was completed by adding the names from the letters of the Delegates who volunteered to go to the State Association meeting in Madison, Alabama. The Delegates were; Sister Faye Cole Pleasant Hill, Sister Barbara Kirkland New Zion, Sister Nina Vickers Mount Zion, Sister Judy Wilson Pilgrim Rest, Sister Barbara Register New Prospect, Sister Juleen Gilmore and Sister Renee Gilmore Sardis.**

**Brother Culpepper announced a brief recess to return by 11:00 o'clock for the worship hour.**

**We reconvened and service was called to order by the Vice Moderator Brother Ralph Baker who led prayer on the service.**

**Singing led by Brother Bryan Gilmore was; "Living By Faith" and "Just Over**

***In The Glory Land." The morning offering was taken and Brother Baker ask the Examining and Credentials Committee to meet during the noon hour. Brother Bryan Gilmore led the congregation in another song; "There Is A Fountain." Brother Johnny and Sister Georgia Gilmore rendered a special; "I Bowed Down On My Knees And Cried Holy" The singing was very moving and Spirit filled.***

***Brother Ralph Baker introduced the speaker, Brother Fred Jones from the Prattville mission Church. The Subject of his message was "The Church Victorious." A very timely and challenging message.***

***Directions were given by the host Church pastor, Brother Ronnie Floyd, and were dismissed with prayer and the blessing on the noon meal.***

***After a very fine delicious noon meal we were called to order by Brother C. L. Culpepper. Congregational singing led by Brother Bryan Gilmore was; "At The Cross: and "When We All Get To Heaven." Brother Clarence Culpepper expressed thanks to Brother Fred Jones for coming for the services, and the business of the day was resumed.***

***Missions Report: We the Missions Committee suggest we pay Brother Fred Jones \$250.00 plus motel and meals expense.***

***Respectfully Submitted,  
Brother David Collins  
Sister Johnnie Taylor***

***Finance Committee We the Finance Committee submit the following: As proposed budget for the coming year:***

<b><i>General treasury</i></b>	<b><i>25%</i></b>
<b><i>Christian Ed.</i></b>	<b><i>25%</i></b>
<b><i>Children' Home</i></b>	<b><i>15%</i></b>
<b><i>Missions Committee</i></b>	<b><i>15%</i></b>
<b><i>Moderator</i></b>	<b><i>7%</i></b>
<b><i>Clerk/Treasurer</i></b>	<b><i>7%</i></b>
<b><i>Assist. Clerk</i></b>	<b><i>3%</i></b>
<b><i>Vice Moderator</i></b>	<b><i>3%</i></b>

***We designate the plate offerings from both Friday night and Saturday sessions to go to the Missions Committee for payment for Brother Fred Jones for the work in Prattville.***

***Respectfully Submitted,  
Sister Leigh Adams  
Sister Edna Whitehead  
Brother Ronnie Floyd***



***Examining and Credentials Committee: We the Board of the Examining and Credentials Committee make the following report: We met today with Brother Keith Cole the new Pastor at Pleasant Hill.***

***We recommend that the Association accept Brother Cole as an ordained Minister in good standing being given a letter of good standing by the State Line Association.***

***We met with Brother Danny Henderson:***

***We recommend that we license Brother Danny and place him under the watchcare of New Zion Church for a year at which time we will accept an application of ordination.***

***We have received a letter of good standing in question and do recommend that Brother Ronnie Floyd be accepted in full fellowship.***

***In His Service.***

***Brother Lowell Vickers***

***Brother Clarence Culpepper***

***Brother Ralph Baker***

***Brother William Sowell***

***Brother Thomas Kirkland***

***Brother Bobby Register***

***Brother Joey Pettis***

***Brother Culpepper then presented a license to Brother Danny Henderson and the right hand of fellowship to Brother Keith Cole.***

***Nominating Committee: We the Nominating Committee recommend the following:***

***For Moderator    - -    Brother Scott Land***

***Vice Moderator    - -    Brother Ralph Baker***

***Clerk                - -    Brother Thomas Kirkland***

***Asst. Clerk        - -    Sister Edna Whitehead***

***Credentials and Examining Committee***

***Brother Clarence Culpepper***

***Term Expires    2002***

***Brother Joey Pettis***

***Term Expires    2002***

***Christian Board Of Education***

***Brother Ashley Culp***

***Term Expires    2001***

***Children's Home Committee***

***Brother Gene White                      Term Expires      2001***

***Finance Committee***

***Brother Ronnie Floyd                      Term Expires      2001***

***Missions Committee***

***Sister Judy Wilson                      Term Expires      2001***

***Nominating Committee***

***Sister Nina Vickers                      Term Expires      2001***

***Placement Committee***

***Sister Joyce Mullins                      Term Expires      2001***

***Resolution Committee***

***Brother Levon Overstreet                      Term Expires      2001***

***Respectfully Submitted,***

***Sister Nina Vickers***

***Sister Barbara Register***

***sister Linda Sowell***

***Motion to accept report as given and vote on each item separately. Seconded and carried.***

***Motion was made by Sister Linda Sowell to elect Brother Gene White as the Southeastern Association Board Member to the Children's Home which was inadvertently left off the original list of nominations submitted. Seconded and carried to elect all.***

***Resolution Committee***

***The Resolution Committee submit the following for consideration:***

***Whereas the lottery is a major factor in the increase of gambling in this country, and***

***Whereas the average cost to society of a compulsive gambler is \$13, 200.00 per year, and***

***Whereas 72% of those surveyed in Florida who are problem gamblers stated the source of their problem was the lottery, and***

***Whereas gambling is against the principle of Biblical stewardship,***

*Let it be known that this body go on record as opposing the establishing of a State lottery in the great State of Alabama.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Brother Gene White  
Sister Pam Pettis*

*Motion, seconded and carried to accept report as given by Sister Pam Pettis and that she have resolution printed in all local papers.*

*Registration Committee*

*We the registration committee give the following report and move that it be received as information. There were eleven Minister s to register;*

*eight Deacons  
twenty nine Delegates  
ten Visitors.*

*Making a total of 58 who registered on Saturday.*

*Respectfully Submitted  
Brother Thomas Kirkland*

*Placement Committee*

*We the Placement Committee recommend the following Churches to host the 1999 Associations:*

<i>January 16th</i>	<i>Pleasant Hill</i>
<i>April 17th</i>	<i>New Prospect</i>
<i>July 10th</i>	<i>Pilgrim Rest</i>
<i>October 15th</i>	<i>Friday Night Mount Zion</i>
<i>October 16th</i>	<i>Evergreen</i>

*Ladies Auxiliary convention to be held Friday night March 26th at Mount Zion 7:00 o'clock.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Sister Lillie Thompson  
Sister Ruby Money  
Sister Peggy Stokes*

*Miscellaneous and old business -- None*

*Memorial Service:*

***Given by Brother Ralph Baker. Brother Baker took his Scripture from 2 Timothy 4: 6-8. His remarks were;***

***Those ready for death had a great reward awaiting them in glory. He also revealed to the body there were thirteen members in the Association who had gone on to be with the Lord this past year. Those who had expired were;***

<b><i>Evergreen</i></b>	<b><i>Sister Gertie Jones</i></b>
	<b><i>Sister Bessie Wilson</i></b>
<b><i>New Prospect</i></b>	<b><i>Brother Jack Tew</i></b>
<b><i>New Zion</i></b>	<b><i>Sister Esther Shelley</i></b>
	<b><i>Sister Inez Bulger</i></b>
	<b><i>Sister Lucy Roney</i></b>
<b><i>Pleasant Hill</i></b>	<b><i>Sister Reba Spann</i></b>
<b><i>Pilgrim Rest</i></b>	<b><i>Brother Charlie Rentz</i></b>
	<b><i>Sister Frances Davis</i></b>
	<b><i>Sister Vera Walker</i></b>
	<b><i>Sister Winnie Mae Rentz</i></b>
<b><i>Union Grove</i></b>	<b><i>Brother Roy McKnight</i></b>
	<b><i>Brother Ted Skeen</i></b>

***A very good inspiring service.***

***After the business Brother Clarence Culpepper passed the Moderator's Chair to the newly elected Moderator Brother Scott Land. Brother Lands remarks were that it was a tremendous honor and privilege to be elected to serve the Association as Moderator. The Lord is doing things in my heart, he stated. He also expressed his appreciation to Brother Clarence for his example of leadership. He said he would contact the Executive Committee with the date for a committee meeting.***

***Substitute speaker for 1999 is; Brother Clarence Culpepper.***

***Memorial service is; Brother Bobby Register***

***A motion was entertained to extend to Sardis a rising vote of appreciation for the good hospitality and the delicious noon meal served. Brother Clarence made a motion we adjourn.***

## ***SOUTHEASTERN WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST***

*The Southeastern Women's Auxiliary met with Pilgrim Rest Free Will Baptist Church on Friday, March 27, 1998 at 7: P.M. Twelve members from three Churches were present. Leigh Adams called the meeting to order and Mrs. Lillie Thompson led in prayer. We sang "Love Lifted Me" with Leigh Adams as pianist and Judy Wilson as song leader.*

*Mrs. Judy Wilson gave The Devotion using Genesis 2:18-24 and Proverbs 31:10-31. The minutes were read and approved. We held Election of Officers for the next two years. They are President: Mrs. Leigh Adams; Vice president: Mrs. Judy Wilson; Secretary & Treasurer: Nina Vickers; and Field Worker: Mrs. Lillie Thompson. Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church will host the next convention on March 26, 1999 at 7: P.M.*

*Mrs. Lynda Deese from Malone, Florida was guest speaker. She gave a very inspiring talk about Friendship Circle. She used Psalm 23. This was enjoyed by all. Delicious refreshments was served in the Fellowship Hall after being dismissed by prayer by Nina Vickers.*

*Nina Vickers, Secretary*

### ***TREASURER'S REPORT***

<i>Balance brought forward</i>	<i>\$194.42</i>
<i>Collection at convention</i>	<i><u>18.00</u></i>
	<i>\$212.42</i>
 <i>Paid to Mrs. Lynda Deese (Convention Speaker)</i>	 <i><u>25.00</u></i>
<i>Balance on hand</i>	<i>\$187.42</i>



## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **NOVEMBER 3, 1998**

*The Executive Committee met at Mount Zion Church for the purpose of planning the Assocional calendar for 1999. The meeting was called by the Moderator Brother Scott Land who ask Brother Ralph Baker to lead the opening prayer.*

*The members present for this meeting were; Brother Joey Pettis and Brother Larry Peavy, Evergreen; Brother Lowell Vickers and Brother Ralph Baker, Mount Zion; Brother Troy Barron and Brother Bobby Register, New Prospect; Sister Edna Whitehead and Brother Thomas Kirkland, New Zion; Brother Victor Wilson and Brother Clarence Culpepper, Pilgrim Rest; Brother Levon Overstreet and Brother Keith Cole, Pleasant Hill; Brother Johnny Gilmore and Brother Ronnie Floyd, Sardis. These were accompanied by; Brother Joe Whitehead, Sister Betty Wilson, Sister Nina Vickers and Brother Danny Henderson.*

*The first thing on the agenda was to select a theme for the Associational year. Three good suggestions were made and presented to the Committee. They were; (1) Mark 10:44 "Let Us Serve One Another" by Brother Keith Cole. (2) Matthew 24:37 "The Days Of Noah - 1999" by Brother Lowell Vickers. (3) John 15:1-8 "Abide In The Vine - 1999" by Brother Scott Land. After much discussion the conclusion was to accept Matthew 24:37 "The Days Of Noah - 1999, Which carried the majority vote.*

*Speakers for each quarterly session was selected. They were as follows;*

<i>First Quarter</i>	<i>January 16th</i>	<i>Pleasant Hill</i>	<i>Brother Ralph Baker</i>
<i>Second Quarter</i>	<i>April 17th</i>	<i>New Prospect</i>	<i>Brother Ronnie Floyd</i>
<i>Third Quarter</i>	<i>July 10th</i>	<i>Pilgrim Rest</i>	<i>Brother Thomas Kirkland</i>
<i>Annual Session</i>	<i>October 15th</i>	<i>Mount Zion</i>	<i>Brother Keith Cole</i>
<i>Annual Session</i>	<i>October 16th</i>	<i>Evergreen</i>	<i>Brother Danny Henderson</i>

*Memorial Service Saturday evening October 16th Brother Bobby Register*

*Substitute Speaker for 1999 - Brother Clarence Culpepper*

*Motion to adjourn by Brother Johnny Gilmore. Dismissal prayer by Brother Ronnie Floyd.*

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 COORDINATE 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 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 COOPERATE IN ALL THINGS WHICH TEND TO PROMOTE AND ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF CHRIST AND THE FREE WILL BAPTIST FAITH IN GOD'S KINGDOM.

SECTION 3. DISCIPLINE - THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL ACT ONLY IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY. SHOULD THERE ARISE IN THE LOCAL CHURCH ANY QUESTION 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.)

ARTICLE 9. PROVISION FOR THE ORDAINED AUTHORITY:

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, PROMOTE, 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.

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

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

ARTICLE 2. 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, 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.

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 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 PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION AS TO ORDER OF 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 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 DENOMINATION. SUCH CANDIDATES MUST FIRST SURRENDER ANY CREDENTIALS CURRENTLY HELD. ANY CANDIDATE COMING FROM ANOTHER DENOMINATION 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 RECOMMENDED 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 COMPETITION, SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION AND SUMMER CAMPS FOR THE ASSOCIATION.

B. TO PROMOTE THE BIBLE COLLEGE AND EDUCATION 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, ESTABLISH DRESS CODES FOR CAMP AND SET UP THE ACTIVITIES FOR THE CAMP.

### SECTION 4. 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 FEELING OF THE HOME.

SECTION 6. PLACEMENT COMMITTEE DUTIES:

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

SECTION 7. NOMINATING COMMITTEE DUTIES:

A. TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL 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.

SECTION 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 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INTO SESSION TO HANDLE SUCH MATTER.

ARTICLE 4. REPRESENTATION OF CHURCHES TO THE ASSOCIATION:

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

SECTION 2. 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.

SECTION 6. 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.

ARTICLE 5. USE OF FUNDS:

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.

ARTICLE 5. 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 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 BROTHERN 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", (1 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 MECKNESS, 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.

## 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 1827 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 ASSOCIATION 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 SOUTHWESTERN 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 SO 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 ASSOCIATIONAL 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 AUTHORITY 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 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 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 CARRYING ; 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, EPHEBUS, 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 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 2ND. FIFTH SUNDAY IN 1937 AND GOES TO GOODWATER.

THE FOLLOWING MEN WAS GIVEN AS MINISTERS; E. D. 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 HAD 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 PELT IN THE AFTERNOON.

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

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 MEMBERSHIP WITH 239 MEMBERS.

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.

PILGRIM'S REST 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. 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.