

1999 MINUTES OF

THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS
AND THE
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIRST
ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCHES

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ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES, PLACES, AND SPEAKERS

Meeting January 15, 2000

Sardis

Registration begins 9:30 A.M.

Morning Speaker Bro. Mickey Kirkland Lighthouse, Montgomery

Meeting April 15, 2000

New Zion

Registration begins 9:30 A.M.

Morning Speaker Bro. Rick Cash State Promotional Sec.

Meeting July 8, 2000

Union

Registration begins 9:30 A.M.

Morning Speaker Bro. John Edwards Interim, Sardis

Meeting October 13, 2000

Pilgrim Rest

Registration Begins 6:30 P.M.

Evening Speaker Bro. Ashley G. Culp New Zion

Meeting October 14, 2000

Mount Zion

Registration Begins 9:30 A.M.

Morning Speaker Bro. David Crowe National Home Missions

Memorial Service

Bro. C. L. Culpepper Pastor, Pilgrim Rest

Substitute Speaker for 2000 Bro. Joey Pettis Pastor, Evergreen

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION PLANNING FOR 2000

Youth Rallies 7:00 P.M. Each Meeting

March 18, 2000

May 13, 2000

New Prospect

August, 19, 2000

Evergreen

November 18, 2000

Sardis

Youth Revival

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

The "Youth Winter Retreat" will be held Monday and Tuesday December 27th and 28th 1999 at Coffee Baptist Vineyard. Bro. Mike Gillock will be the Evangelist. The price will be \$40.00 per person.

A "Fall Festival" will be held October 30, 1999 at Harvest Free Will Baptist Church, Ozark with Churches setting up booths with different activities at 4:30 P.M. Bro. Ashley Culp will be the speaker at 5:30 P.M.

"Youth Camp" is scheduled for June 19-30, 2000. Bro. Scott Wright will be the Senior Evangelist and Bro. Ashley Culp the Jr. Evangelist.

The "Couples Retreat" will be March 11, 2000 with Bro. Van Dale Hudson as Evangelist. Price will be \$30.00 per Couple.

District WNAC Meeting

The Associations WNAC meeting dates will be announced later.

Alabama State Meetings

The Pastors and Workers Conference will be held February 14, 15, 16, 2000 at South Highland Free Will Baptist Church Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

The Alabama State Association will meet November 9-10, 2000 with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Florence, Alabama.

National Association Meetings

<i>Anaheim, California</i>	<i>July 16-20, 2000</i>
<i>Detroit, Michigan</i>	<i>July 15-19, 2001</i>
<i>Memphis, Tennessee</i>	<i>July 21-25, 2002</i>
<i>Tampa, Florida</i>	<i>July 20-24, 2003</i>
<i>Kansas City, Missouri</i>	<i>July 18-22, 2004</i>
<i>Louisville, Kentucky</i>	<i>July 17-21, 2005</i>
<i>Birmingham, Alabama</i>	<i>July 16-20, 2006</i>
<i>Little Rock, Arkansas</i>	<i>July 15-19, 2007</i>

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SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Bro. William Sowell	Term Expires October 2003
Bro. Bobby Register	Term Expires October 2003
Bro. Joey Pettis	Term Expires October 2002
Bro. Clarence Culpepper	Term Expires October 2002
Bro. Lowell Vickers	Term Expires October 2001
Bro. Thomas Kirkland	Term Expires October 2001
Bro. Ralph Baker	Term Expires October 2000

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Bro. Mickey Gilmore	Term Expires October 2002
Bro. Ashley G. Culp	Term Expires October 2001
Bro. Joey Pettis	Term Expires October 2000

CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD

Bro. Ralph Baker	Term Expires October 2002
Sis. Miriam Shelley	Term Expires October 2001
Bro. Johnny Gilmore	Term Expires October 2000

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sis. Edna Whitehead	Term Expires October 2002
Bro. Danny Henderson	Term Expires October 2001
Sis. Leigh Adams	Term Expires October 2000

Missions Committee

Bro. Jonathan Cordell
Sis. Judy Wilson
Sis. Johnnie Taylor

Term Expires October 2002
Term Expires October 2001
Term Expires October 2000

Nominating Committee

Sis. Linda Sowell
Sis. Nina Vickers
Sis. Barbara Register

Term Expires October 2002
Term Expires October 2001
Term Expires October 2000

Placement Committee

Sis. Dolly Vickers
Sis. Joyce Mullins
Sis. Sylvia Ethridge

Term Expires October 2002
Term Expires October 2001
Term Expires October 2000

Resolution Committee

Sis. Lillian Wilson
Bro. Levon Overstreet
Sis. Pam Pettis

Term Expires October 2002
Term Expires October 2001
Term Expires October 2000

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MASTERS MEN PRESIDENTS

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SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1999

October 1, 1998 - September 30, 1999

<i>Beginning Balance October 1, 1998</i>		\$566.51
<i>Deposits</i>		
<i>10/01/98 - 12/31/98</i>	\$1,195.03	
<i>01/01/99 - 03/31/99</i>	1,935.65	
<i>04/01/99 - 06/30/99</i>	4,943.82	
<i>07/01/99 - 09/30/99</i>	927.00	9,001.50
<i>Total Deposits</i>		9,568.01

LESS DISBURSEMENTS

<i>#433 Clarence Culpepper, Moderator</i>	23.63
<i>#434 Thomas Kirkland, Clerk-Treas.</i>	23.63
<i>#435 Ralph Baker, Asst. Mod.</i>	10.13
<i>#436 Pam Pettis, Asst. Clerk-Treas.</i>	10.13
<i>#437 Children's Home</i>	50.63
<i>#438 Gene White, Children's Home Trip</i>	100.00
<i>#439 State Association Dues</i>	400.00
<i>#440 Fred Jones, Prattville Missionary</i>	318.31
<i>#441 Coffee Baptist Vineyard - Youth Retreat</i>	709.38
<i>#442 Danny Williams, Youth Retreat Speaker</i>	100.00
<i>#443 Thomas Kirkland, Clerk-Treas.</i>	11.20
<i>#444 Ralph Baker, Asst. Mod.</i>	4.80
<i>#445 Edna Whitehead, Asst. Clerk-Treas</i>	4.80
<i>#446 Gene White, Children's Home Trip</i>	100.00
<i>#447 Children's Home</i>	24.00
<i>#448 Joe Beckon, Youth Revival</i>	225.00
<i>#448 Thomas Kirkland, Clerk-Treas.</i>	11.20

#450 Ralph Baker, Moderator	11.20
#451 Ashley Culp, Asst Moderator	4.80
#452 Edna Whitehead, Asst. Clerk-Treas.	4.80
#454 Children's Home	24.00
#455 Coffee Baptist Vinyard, Couples Ret.	337.50
#456 Rick Cash, Couples Retreat	225.00
#457 Joe Beckon	50.00
#458 AL Assn, FWB -Designated Missions	400.00
#459 Curtis 1000- print minutes	547.99
#460 Coffee Bap. Vineyard, Youth Camp	4356.00
#461 Randy Wright, Youth Camp	250.00
#462 Chris Mitchell, Youth Camp	250.00
#464 Ralph Baker, Moderator	11.20
#465 Thomas Kirkland, Clerk-Treas.	11.20
#466 Ashley Culp, Asst. Moderator	4.80
#467 Edna Whitehead, Asst. Clerk-Treas.	4.80
#468 Ashley Culp, Children's Home Trip	100.00
#469 Children's Home, Designated Off.	174.12
#470 Children's Home	24.00
Total Disbursements	8,868.26
Balance on hand 09/31/99	699.76

	General Fund	Missions	Board of Christian Ed.	Total Treasury
Balance 10/01/98	695.66	-95.57	-33.58	566.51
Deposits-Gen. Dues	-245.26	40.88	204.38	0.00
Churches	612.88		1895.47	2508.15
Winter Retreat			817.50	817.50
Couples Retreat			330.00	330.00
Youth Camp			3335.00	3335.00
Plate Offering	145.35	106.15	214.35	466.85
Church Dues	1544.00			1544.00
Total to Acc. for	2753.43	51.46	6763.12	9568.01
Disbursements	2415.37		6452.88	8868.25
Bal. on Hand 09/30/99	338.06	51.46	310.24	699.76

Membership Information - Associational Year 1998 / 1999

		Additions For 99					Losses For 99														
Church Name	Date Org.	Mem.	Bap.	Lett.	Oth.	Tot.	Dea.	Lett.	Tot.	Mem.	S.S.	Ave.	CTS	Ave.	wnac	Ave..	M.M	Ord.	Lic.	Prayer	
Evergreen	1885	51					3		3	48	25	18	17	16				2		15	
Mount Zion	1891	82					2	2	4	78	20	13			13	12	6	1		8	
New Prospect	1874	95	2			2		2		95	36	34						2	2		
New Zion		143	1	4		5				148	77	55						1	2	52	
Pilgrim Rest	1884	74								74	19		20					1		8	
Pleasant Hill	1876	65	2	1		3		2	2	66	13	12						1		15	
Sardis	1906	191	1			1	1	25	26	161	65	55			7	5				30	
Union Grove	1877	94		2		2		1	1	95	35									6	
Totals		795	6	7		13	6	32	36	765	278	374	37	16	20	17	6	8	4	134	

1998 / 1999 Church Financial Information
Southeastern Association of Free Will Baptist
Association Year Oct. 1, 1998 - Sept. 30, 1999

Church Name	Ch. Income	Renov./Rep.	Supplies	Utilities	Revivals	Missions	Ch. Home	Dues	Salaries	Youth Act.	Prop. Value	other
Evergreen	28974.12	975.7		2392.85	850	2545.31	1177	240	14150	1478.19		
Mount Zion	19301.93	3110.93	4130.47	2038.58	1036.24	117	50	430	7430		100000	1196.72
New Prospect	35730.15	7823.36		2426.77	11994.07	1774		375	9100		176500	
New Zion	76044.39	2229.15	8702.45	5503.25	2711.56	8837.05	2298	285	35999.49	1600	300000	
Pilgrim Rest	14563.62	119.28	1338.31	2206.55	250	400	200	217.5	7550		110000	
Pleasant Hill	20444.97	1038.34	1099.91	1962.15			309	184	10453.1		135000	
Sardis	80102.91	7661.46		7284.68	605.71	5071.81		260	17850		450000	25918.81
Union Grove												
Totals	246187.97	22958.22	13932.83	17311.83	7447.58	17145.17	3755	1991.5	102532.59	3078.19	1271500	27115.53

*First Quarterly Session
Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church
January 16, 1999*

Brother Scott Land was elected moderator at the annual session but resigned before this first quarterly meeting and Brother Ralph Baker who was elected vice moderator filled the chair as moderator

The first quarterly session of the Southeastern Association of Free Will Baptist convened with Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church on January 16, 1999 with

registration at 9:30 A.M. The meeting was called to order by the Vice Moderator Brother Ralph Baker. The opening prayer was led by Brother Danny Henderson. Bro. Joey Pettis led the congregation with singing "Camping In Canaan's Land."

Brother Ralph Baker gave the moderator's remarks, which was a challenge to all, and called for the host Church to give the welcome.

Brother Keith Cole, Pleasant Hill's new pastor gave a very good welcome to this meeting and Sister Joni Pettis gave the response.

Brother Danny Henderson led the congregation with two songs with Sister Susan Cole the accomplice at the piano, "Just Over In The Glory Land" and "Come Unto Me" with a very good spirit in the song service.

There was a note of correction for the WNAC meeting. Instead of meeting with Pilgrim Rest they will meet with Mount Zion.

The morning devotion was given by Brother Danny Henderson using Scriptures from Exodus chapters 2 and 20. His thoughts were directed to "God delivering the Children of Israel from the bondage of Egypt and bringing them to the commandments of God with a challenge to have no other god's but Him." A very good devotion.

Brother Baker recognized ministers, deacons, and visitors present. There were nine ministers present. They were; Brother Ralph Baker, Brother Thomas Kirkland, Brother Danny Henderson, Brother Keith L. Cole, Brother David Collins, Brother Clarence Culpepper, Brother Joey Pettis, Brother Ross Peters, and Brother Gene White. The deacons present were; Brother Earl Money, Brother Joe Whitehead, Brother Levon Overstreet, Brother Lowell Vickers, and Brother Bryan Gilmore. Visitors were Sister Linda Henderson, Sister Edna Whitehead, and Sister Fay Culp from New Zion; Sister Mary Folds, Sister Dorothy Overstreet, Sister Chris Armstrong, Sister Lorell Cherry, Sister Grace Graham, and Brother Jack Armstrong from Pleasant Hill; Sister Araina Peterson, Sister Cassie Gilmore, Sister Chrissy Peterson, and Corey Gilmore

from Sardis; Sister Emily Armstrong Sister Jane Sowell from New Prospect; Sister Joni Pettis from Evergreen.

Brother Baker then asked for the roll call of the delegates. They were Sister Pam Pettis, Sister Lisa Harden, and Sister Beulah Peavy from Evergreen. Brother Jeffery Pettis their alternate; Sister Dolly Vickers, Sister Melinda Owens, and Sister Nina Vickers from Mount Zion; Sister Joyce Mullins, Sister Gwen Sowell, Brother Everett Mullins, Brother Tracy Armstrong, And Brother Lang Sowell from New Prospect; Brother Ashley Culp, Sister Niki Culp, Sister Barbara Kirkland, Sister Miriam Shelley, And Sister Jeanette Trammell from New Zion; Sister Thelma Hancock, and Sister Ruby Money from Pilgrim Rest; Sister Dot Cherry, Sister Marvell Armstrong, and Sister Pam Armstrong from Pleasant Hill; Sister Juleen Gilmore, Sister Lisa Gilmore, and Brother Micky Gilmore from Sardis; Sister Betty Ethridge and Sister Minnie Ethridge from Union Grove. After the roll call the delegates were seated by the ordained body present.

Announcements and any business and reports of committees that was ready at this time was called for. There being no announcements the report from the Children's Home Board member, Brother Gene White was given.

At the present there are eleven children at the home. Three sisters went back home to stay with parents, two brothers went back home to stay with parents, and two other boys went back home to stay with parents. One boy came to the home during the holidays. They had a very nice Christmas. Finances are good so far, a donation was received from a Church in Mississippi for \$50,000.00 for the building fund. The multipurpose building is almost finished except for the electrical work. The teen boys need house parents. Brother Roger Bennett, the interim Director will meet state requirements in May.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bro. Gene White

A motion was made to accept report as information and was seconded.

Report of the Christian Board Of Education as follows:

We the Christian Board of Education submit the following report.

The Winter Retreat was held December 28th and 29th with approximately eighty two in attendance. Twenty of which was from the Southeastern Association. Brother Danny Williams delivered power sermons. Thank you for your support. Thanks also to the workers.

The next rally will be March 20th at Evergreen at 7:00 P.M. The Youth

Revival will be March 22nd through March 24th at _____.

Plans are underway for Camp, June 21, through June 25th. As always, we appreciate the support you have given and ask for your continued prayers and support.

Respectfully submitted:

Brother Ashley Culp

Brother Joey Pettis

Brother Mike O'Hearn

Motion made by Brother Joey Pettis to receive the report as information and seconded by Brother Dave Collins.

There was no other reports ready at this time and Brother Baker dismissed the body for a brief recess.

After recess the body was called to order by Brother Baker for the worship hour and Brother Henderson led the congregation with "Want It Be Wonderful There", "The Old Country Church", and "At Calvary".

An offering was taken by Brother Dave Collins and Brother Gene White. The offering to be designated by Finance Committee.

Brother Danny Henderson led us with "No Setting Sun" and a special "I Want Have To Worry Any More" By Brother Gene and Sister Annette White.

The morning message was delivered by Brother Ralph Baker. The title of his message was, "As It Was In The Days Of Noah" Scripture text was Matthew 24:37. He also read Romans 7:18-25. There is a confrontation of Spirit and flesh. A timely message for today. An invitation was given and Brother Ralph Baker called for the host Church to give directions for the noon meal and prayer.

After a very delicious noon meal we reassembled and a request was made to grant a letter of transfer to Georgia Union Association Of Free Will Baptist for Brother Ricky Gilmore who had applied for membership. This was discussed by the body and Motion was made and seconded to send a letter of good standing for Brother Ricky Gilmore, which was done on March 21, 1999 by the clerk.

The body was called to order by Brother Ralph Baker and business was resumed.

Brother Danny Henderson led the congregation with "No Tears In Heaven".

The examining and Credentials Committee was given by Brother Lowell Vickers.

The report was about sending a letter of good standing to the Georgia Union Association Of Free Will Baptist for the transfer of membership for Brother Ricky Gilmore . Brother Lowell Vickers made a motion that letter be sent as quickly as possible and the motion was seconded by Brother Danny Henderson.

Respectfully Submitted:

Brother Lowell Vickers, Chairman

The report of the Financial Committee was given by Sister Edna Whitehead. We the Finance Committee Brother Danny Henderson, Brother Bryan Gilmore, Sister Edna Whitehead recommend the plate offering of \$106. 15 be designated to the Missions fund since this account is in the red.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sister Edna Whitehead, Chairman

The floor was then opened for moving Brother Ralph Baker to the moderator's position and the nomination of a vice moderator. Brother Lowell Vickers nominated Brother Ashley Culp to fill the position of vice moderator. He also made a motion the nomination be close and vote by acclamation. Motion was seconded and vote approved.

Report of Registration Committee given by Brother Thomas Kirkland, clerk. We had twenty eight delegates to answer roll call, one alternate, ten ministers, five deacons, and sixteen visitors making a total that registered of sixty.

Respectfully Submitted:

Brother Thomas Kirkland, clerk

A call for miscellaneous business from the floor. There was none at this time.

Brother Lowell Vickers made a motion to give the host Church, Pleasant Hill, a rising vote of appreciation for a great and wonderful day with plenty of good delicious food and fellowship. The Motion was seconded and Brother Clarence Culpepper closed this session with prayer.

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION
NEW PROSPECT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
APRIL 17, 1999

Registration began at 9:30 A.M. for the second quarterly meeting of the Southeastern Association of Free Will Baptist. In absence of the Moderator the meeting was called to order by the vice Moderator Bro. Ashley Culp at 10:00 A.M. who prayed the opening prayer, followed by remarks on theme "As the days of Noah". Very timely and inspiring remarks.

Brother William Sowell welcomed everyone and Brother Dave Collins gave the response. Bro. Everett Mullins with Sis. Linda Sowell at the piano led the congregation in two songs. Bro. Bobby Register gave the morning devotion. His subject was; "The need of a vision from the Lord". Folk need to see a God that hates sin and loves righteousness. A very good devotion and a good spirit in the service.

Bro. Ashley called for recognition of deacons, ministers and visitors. We had seven ministers and six deacons to stand for the count. The preachers were; Bro. David Collins, Bro. Keith Cole, Bro. Clarence Culpepper, Bro. Bobby Register, Bro. Ashley Culp, Bro. Thomas Kirkland, and Bro. Joey Pettis. The deacons were; Bro. Joe Whitehead, Bro. Jack Starling, Bro. Levon Overstreet, Bro. Earl Money, Bro. William Sowell and Bro. Bryan Gilmore. There were thirteen visitors to stand for recognition. He called for the roll call of the delegates and we had twenty two delegates and one alternate to answer the call. A motion was made and seconded to seat the delegates by vote of the ordained.

Announcements and any business that may be ready was called for. There were two revivals announced for the month. One at Pilgrim Rest and the other at Mount Zion. The next youth rally would be held at New Prospect and that the Examining and Credential Committee had a request to Examine Bro. Tracy Armstrong from New Prospect to be ordained as deacon. There being no unfinished business the Christian Board Of Education had their report ready to give. This report was given by Bro. Joey Pettis as follows:

We the Christian Board of Education give the following report. We appreciate those who attended the rally held at Evergreen. Two churches were represented. Higher Praise presented special music and Bro. Ashley Culp shared the Word with us. Next rally will be May 15th at New Prospect.

The Couples Retreat will be April 24th at the Vineyard with Bro. Rick Cash 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. .

Youth Camp is quickly approaching. Be looking for applications to be sent to you soon. The date will be June 21 - 25 with Bro. Randy Wright as Evangelist.

Bro. Mike Beckon will be our Camp Director.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Respectfully submitted;

Bro. Ashley Culp

Bro. Joey Pettis

Bro. Mike O'Hearn

Children's Home Committee had no report.

Missions Committee had no report.

Resolution Committee had no report.

The body was dismissed at 10:45 A.M. for recess until 11:00 A.M.

Brother Ashley called the body to reassemble for the morning worship hour.

Singing was led by Bro. Everett Mullins with Sis. Linda Sowell as pianist. The first song was "The Old Rugged Cross". Bro. Jonathan Cordell and Bro. Troy Barron served as ushers with prayer upon the offering by Bro. Jonathan Cordell. The amount of the offering was \$113.80 to be designated by the Finance Committee.

Morning speaker was Bro. Clarence Culpepper. He took his Scripture from Matthew 24:37-38 and Haggai 1:5-7. The Subject was "Consider Our Ways". The main thoughts were; "The type of living among us today where the flesh is never satisfied. We feed the flesh and take no thought of the soul. The storms of life are sure, but God is there. We should be concerned about the decline of the Church and its influence. Judgment day is coming. Consider ourselves and ways. Are we setting a good example to the world. Jesus is Coming soon". Truly a timely message.

Bro. Bobby Register gave instructions to everyone concerning the facilities and the noon meal, and led in prayer on the meal.

After a delicious meal we reassembled with singing and prayer to finish the business session of the Association.

Old business was called for with none left over, then any new business anyone knew about. There being none we returned to the report of Committees.

The Credential and Examining Committee was given by Bro. Lowell Vickers as follows;

We the Credential and Examining Committee have met with Bro. Tracy Armstrong. We find him qualified to serve as deacon at New Prospect Church.

Respectfully Submitted;
Bro. Thomas Kirkland
Bro. Bobby Register
Bro. William Sowell
Bro. Joey Pettis
Bro. Clarence Culpepper

The Finance Committee was given by Sis. Edna Whitehead as follows;

The plate offering was \$113.80. We the Finance Committee recommend this offering be put in the Christian Board Of Education since Youth Camp is coming up and they will have extra expense.

Respectfully Submitted;
Sis. Nina Vickers
Sis. Edna Whitehead

The Registration Committee given by Bro. Thomas Kirkland as follows;

There were seven ministers, six Deacons, twenty two delegates, one alternate and thirteen visitors making a total of forty nine present.

Respectfully submitted;
Bro. Thomas Kirkland

There being no further business to come before the body there was a motion made to give New Prospect Church a rising vote of appreciation and thanks for a wonderful day and a delicious feast at lunch time, and to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and the body dismissed with prayer.

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION
PILGRIM REST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
JULY 10, 1999

Registration began at 9:30 A.M. for this session of the Southeastern Association of Free Will Baptist. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Moderator Bro. Ralph Baker, prayer by Bro. Gene Carr.

Moderator remarks was taken from the Book of Psalms and his thoughts were centered around "Magnifying, glorifying and exalting the Lord". His challenge to everyone was to magnify, glorify and lift up our Lord Jesus Christ for He is worthy. It was very good.

Bro. Gene Carr extended to everyone a cordial welcome and gave the directions to the facilities and the response was given by Bro. Lowell Vickers.

Congregational singing was led by Bro. Clarence Culpepper with Sis. Barbara Register as pianist. They led us in two songs the first which was "When Jesus Took My Heart All To Pieces" and "Just A Little Talk With Jesus".

The morning devotion was given by Bro. Clarence Culpepper. He took his Scriptures from Ephesians 3:6. The Subject was; "Heirs With Christ". He challenged us to be one in fellowship, one in spirit and one in our labors for Him. An inspiring and challenging devotion.

Bro. Baker called for the recognition of the ministers, deacons and visitors with us today. There were six ministers, seven deacons and five visitors. The ministers were; Bro. Clarence Culpepper, Bro. Danny Henderson, Bro. Thomas Kirkland, Bro. David Collins, Bro. Bobby Register, and Bro. Joey Pettis. The deacons were Bro. Earl Money, Bro. Gene Carr, Bro. Odis L. Buxton, Bro. Levon Overstreet, Bro. William Sowell and Bro. Lowell Vickers.

Then the roll call for delegates from the letters of the Churches. There were twenty delegates and three alternates to answer the roll call. The three alternates served as delegates to the ones absent from their Church. A motion was made by the ordained and seconded that the delegates be seated. Motion was carried.

Announcements and any business that were be ready at this time was called for. There were no announcements but the Christian Board Of Education's report was ready. It was given by Bro. Joey Pettis as follows;

We the Board Of Christian Education submit the following report: Camp 99 was our biggest with one hundred thirty eight total campers and workers. Forty four from Southeastern Association. Thanks to all those who gave financially, and those who gave of their time to work. We had counselors and teachers who had been campers in the past.

So you can see our camp produces workers for His vineyard. We also had some other first time adult workers that we appreciate. The week was a spiritual uplift to all who attended.

In order to work within our budget for camp 2000 we will need to look at our financial structure closely. Currently the Association pays \$24.00 per camper so that the cost to the camper is only \$75.00. As we grow that will, of course, increase our expense, and we don't want to stop growing. Other than these cost our only other expense is one half evangelists pay and one half awards which is approximately \$500.00. We appreciate those who are helping us reach these goals through your budget and individual giving. Please pray for your Board as we continue to work with and for our youth.

We enjoyed our last youth rally at New Prospect. They gave a very timely presentation on Mr. Worldly Music. The next rally will be August 14th at New Zion.

Respectfully submitted;

Board Of Christian Education

There was a request on the letter from New Zion Church requesting that Bro. Ashley Culp be examined for licensing to preach The Gospel. The Credential and Examining Board was requested to meet with Bro. Ashley and check his questions and report back in the evening session.

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

The body was called to order by the Moderator Bro. Ralph Baker for the morning worship service. The song service was led by Bro. Clarence Culpepper and Sis. Barbara Register as pianist. He led the congregation with, "Victory In Jesus" and "Just Over In The Glory Land". Offertory prayer was prayed by Bro. Ralph Baker. Bro. Joe Whitehead and Bro. Gene Carr served as ushers. Bro. Clarence led the Congregation with another song, "I'll Live In Glory".

The morning message was brought by Bro. Thomas Kirkland. His Subject was titled "In Times Like These". Scripture for the message was taken from second Timothy 3:1-5.

After the service was closed with prayer Bro. Baker ask for directions on the noon meal. this was given and prayer for the meal and dismissal.

After a delicious meal the body was called to order by Bro. Baker who asked Bro. John Edwards to open the business with prayer.

Bro. Clarence then led the congregation with "There Is Power In The Blood" There was a prayer read that was heard on radio that a preacher prayed in a legislation cabinet. A wonderful prayer

Old business was called for and there was no old business.

New business was called for and there was a discussion that Bro. Gene White who was the former Board member for the Association to the Children's Home was no longer a member of a Church active in the Association, and had not given a report in the last session or this one, and that we should elect another Board member to the Children's Home. A motion was made to elect Bro. Ashley Culp to be our Board member. The Motion was seconded and the vote was carried.

The Credential and Examining Committee gives the following report; We the Credential and Examining Committee have met with Bro. Ashley Culp and after going over his questions and answers, we recommend that he is a good candidate for licensing by his Church.

Respectfully submitted;

Bro. Joey Pettis

Bro. William Sowell

Bro. Thomas Kirkland

Bro. Ralph Baker

Bro. Clarence Culpepper

Bro. Lowell Vickers

Bro. Bobby Register

The Financial Committee report.

We the Finance Committee give the following report; Our plate offering today was \$100.55. After expense of youth camp, our board of Christian Education have an overdraft of \$213.64. We recommend this plate offering of \$100.55 be put in the Board Of Christian Education account to help cover this expense

Respectfully submitted;

Bro. Danny Henderson

Sis. Edna Whitehead

Bro. Lowell Vickers made a motion that we give the host Church a rising vote of appreciation for their wonderful hospitality, good delicious food, fellowship and adjourn. The motion was seconded and the vote was carried.

**ANNUAL SESSIONS - FRIDAY EVENING & SATURDAY
MOUNT ZION / EVERGREEN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES
OCTOBER 15, 16, 1999**

Registration began at 6:30 P.M. at Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church. In the absence of the Moderator, Bro. Ralph Baker, the vice Moderator, Brother Ashley Culp called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and asked Bro. Danny Henderson to pray the opening prayer. A warm cordial welcome was given by Bro. Lowell Vickers who led the congregation with singing "When We All Get To Heaven", "O I Want To See Him", "Praise Him! Praise Him!" and "Love Lifted Me".

Bro. William Sowell and Bro. Levon Overstreet was chosen to be ushers and Bro. William prayed the offertory prayer. The amount of the offering was \$54.70.

The Moderator's remarks were on the subject of working together as an Association, building stronger Churches. He closed with Prayer.

Bro. Ashley introduced Bro. Keith Cole, new pastor at Pleasant Hill Church as the speaker for the evening message. Bro. Keith took his scripture from Genesis chapter 6:5-10 preaching on the theme "The Days Of Noah - 1999". He brought a very inspiring and challenging message.

We had six visitors, four delegates, three deacons and seven ministers to join with us for this service.

Bro. Levon Overstreet prayed the closing prayer and we were invited to a time of sweet fellowship with coffee, drinks, chips, cake and dough nuts.

The meeting was adjourned till Saturday October 16, 1999 at 9:30 A.M. with Evergreen Free Will Baptist Church, Arton, Alabama.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 16, 1999

Registration began at 9:30 A.M. at Evergreen Church. At 10:00 A.M. the meeting was called to order by the Moderator Bro. Ralph Baker. The opening prayer was by Bro. Thomas Kirkland.

Bro. Joey Pettis gave everyone a warm cordial welcome for the day. Bro. Lowell Vickers gave the response to the welcome.

Bro. Ralph brought his remarks with a challenge for all the Churches of our Association coming together for one common cause of reaching the lost in our communities. To be in one accord serving the Lord in love.

Song service was led by Bro. Jeffery Pettis with Sis. Pam as his accomplice at the piano. Bro. Jeffery led to congregation with "Victory In Jesus" and "He Brought Me Out".

The morning Devotion was delivered by Bro. Jeffery Pettis who took his

Scripture from first Samuel 17:29. The Subject text was "Is There Not A Cause?" David knew he had God on his side and took charge of the situation. a very timely and inspiring devotion.

Bro. Baker recognized ministers, deacons, visitors and called for the roll call of delegates. There were nine ministers, seven deacons, thirteen visitors and twenty-two delegates from the eight Churches reporting answered the roll call.

Announcements were called for; Bro. Ashley Culp announced a fall festival to be held at New Zion October 23rd, 1999. This is Association wide. Everyone is invited. Bro. Joey announced "Home coming" at Evergreen October 31st, 1999.

Any reports ready could be given now since there was time left before recess. The Children's Home report was ready and given by the Board member Bro. Ashley Culp as follows;

The State wide Board Meeting for the F.W.B. Children's Home was held on July 24th. The meeting was well attended and Bro. Bennett showed us great hospitality. The Home has really come a long way, Bro. Bennett and his wife Maxine are doing a fantastic job. As of that day there were fourteen children. The reason the number is down is due to the fact that the Home is under construction, and as soon as it is finished, there will be some greater promotion for the Home. (I can see his point). There were several items of business discussed that day, and I submit to you the following report:

1) The Board voted to purchase new office furniture for the multi-purpose building, The price range \$8,000 - \$15,000.

2) Also, we voted to purchase one 15 passenger van, and also a mini van for Bro. Bennett to travel on. The Home has one 15 passenger now.

3) Voted to purchase one used golf cart, if not a new one, not exceeding \$1,500 dollars.

4) Voted no pets in the building.

5) Approved knee length shorts for the boys

Upon writing the first report, there have been some major changes, due to State guidelines, the Director of the Home must be approved under some extremely strict guidelines. As you were aware of, Bro. Bennett has been the interim since his employment with the Home. That is due to an ongoing process of examination. Today, I submit to you some sadden words. The State Examining Board rejected his request for the position of Director of F.W.B. Children's Home, due to the following reasons.

1) Due to the lack of academic training.

At the time of Bro. Bennett's graduation from F.W.B. / Bethany they had

not received their accreditation certificate. Therefore making his degree fall short of the of States minimum requirements. (State guidelines must be a baccalaureate degree minimum.) He possesses a Dr. degree but not under State accreditation.

Our prayers are with Bro. and Sis. Bennett. He truly has poured his heart into the Home. The executive Board has approved the hiring of Sis. Linda Berry, which has been the social worker for the last seventeen years as the interim Director until a permanent Director can be named. I so move this report of the Children's Home be submitted as read.

*Respectfully,
The Children's Home Committee
Bro. Ashley Culp, Interim Chairman
Sis. Miriam Shelley*

The body recessed for about ten minutes and was called to order to begin the morning worship service, The song service was led by Bro. Jeffery Pettis with Sis Pam Pettis as his accomplice at the piano. He led the congregation with three songs. They were; "I Love To Tell The Story"

"To God Be The Glory"

"How Great Thou Art"

Bro. Ralph Baker asked Bro. Ashley Culp and Bro. Jeffery Pettis to be the ushers for the morning offertory. Bro. Ashley Culp prayed the offertory prayer.

The special singing was performed by Bro. Joey Pettis, Bro. Jeffery Pettis and Sis. Pam Pettis. They did a great job singing "The Greatest Of All Miracles"

Speaker for the morning message, Bro. Danny Henderson, was introduced by Moderator Bro. Ralph Baker.

Bro. Danny took his Scripture from the Book of Genesis, keeping with the theme "The Days Of Noah - 1999" A very timely inspiring message .

The directions and prayer was called for the noon meal and Bro. Joey Pettis gave these and asked Bro. John Edwards to pray the closing prayer asking God's blessings on the food.

After a very delicious lunch we reassembled and the Moderator Bro. Ralph Baker called the body to order to finish with the business of the Association.

Bro. Joey Pettis to led the congregation with "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder".

Bro. Bobby Register gave a very good Memorial service in honor of the deceased of our Churches. He took Scripture from Hebrews 12:1-3. Bro. Bobby gives a very good memorial service. It was a touching and inspiring service.

Those deceased were; Bro. Obe Baker, Bro. Lowell Sammons and Bro. Eugene McKnight, Evergreen; Bro. Ralph George and Bro. Hawley Hodge, Mount Zion; Sis. Loree Clark, Sardis.

Old business that was brought from previous meeting was called for and there being none we move to new business which was the finishing of the reports of the Committees as follows:

We the Credentials and Examining Committee give the following report. We have examined Bro. Jack Armstrong by request of his Church, Pleasant Hill, and recommend that he be ordained by same as a deacon.

Respectfully Submitted;

Bro. Bobby Register

Bro. Joey Pettis

Bro. Thomas Kirkland

Bro. Ralph Baker

Bro. Clarence Culpepper

Bro. William Sowell

Bro. Lowell Vickers

The Board of Christian Education report:

We the Board of Education make the following report:

The Youth Rally in August was a great success with New Zion hosting. Joni and Jeffery Pettis and Amber Beckon sang specials. Bro. Joe Beckon brought the message which was very timely and meaningful to our youth.

Our joint activities with the State Line Association are as follows:

1) Winter Retreat at the Coffee Baptist Vineyard Monday and Tuesday December 27th and 28th with Bro. Mike Gillock. Lunch, supper and Breakfast \$40.00 per person.

2) We will be having a fall festival at Harvest F.W.B. Church in Ozark October 30th with Churches setting up booths with different activities at 4:30 P.M. Bro. Ashley Culp will be speaking at 5:30 P.M.

3) The Couples Retreat Will be March 11, 2000 with Bro. Van Dale Hudson. \$30.00 per Couple.

4) Camp will be June 19th through 23rd. Bro. Scott Wright will be the evangelist for the seniors and Bro. Ashley Culp will be the junior's evangelist.

Our rallies are scheduled as follows:

March 18th New Zion

May 13th New Prospect

August 19th Evergreen

November 18th Sardis

Our Youth Revival will be: (To be announced).

Respectfully submitted;

Bro. Ashley Culp

Bro. Joey Pettis

The Finance Committee report was given by Bro. Danny Henderson.

We the Finance Committee offer the following. Our plate offerings \$170.00 (\$54.70 from Friday night and \$116.00 today), since we expenses for minutes coming we recommend putting this \$170.70 into the general fund.

We would like to submit the following proposed budget for the coming year;

General Treasury 25%

Christian Education 25%

Children's Home 15%

Missions Committee 15%

Moderator 7%

Clerk/Treasurer 7%

Assistant Clerk 3%

Vice Moderator 3%

Respectfully Submitted;

Sis. Edna Whitehead

Bro. Danny Henderson

Missions Committee had no report.

Resolutions Committee had no report.

The report of the Nominating Committee.

We the Nominating Committee recommend the following;

Moderator, Bro. Ashley Culp.

Vice Moderator, Bro. Clarence Culpepper

Clerk/ Treasurer, Bro. Thomas Kirkland

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, Sis. Edna Whitehead

Credentials & Examining Committee, Bro. Bobby Register

Bro. William Sowell

Christian Board Of Education, Bro. Micky Gilmore

Children's Home Board, Bro. Ralph Baker

Finance Committee, Sis Edna Whitehead

Bro. Danny Henderson

Missions Committee, Bro. Jonathan Cordell

Nominating Committee, Sis. Linda Sowell

*Placement Committee, Sis. Dolly Vickers
Resolution Committee, Sis. Lillian Wilson
Respectfully Submitted;
Sis. Nina Vickers
Sis. Barbara Register
Sis. Linda Sowell*

These officers were taken one by one and there was no other nominations and a move was made that the entire slate be accepted by acclimation and vote together. Motion was seconded and the vote was carried.

The registration Committee gave the following report: For Friday evening service we had seven ministers, three Deacons, four delegates and six visitors, a total of twenty to register.

The registration for Saturday services were Nine ministers, seven Deacons, twenty-two delegates and thirteen visitors, a total of fifty-one.

The report of the Placement Committee.

We the Placement Committee recommend the following Churches to host the 2000 Associations..

First quarter January 15th, 2000 at Sardis.

Second quarter April 15th, 2000 at New Zion.

Third quarter July 8th, 2000 at Union.

Annual session Friday evening October 13th, 2000 at Pilgrim Rest.

Saturday October 14th, 2000 at mount Zion.

Serving in the place of the regular committee; We respectfully Submit this report.

Sis. Nina Vickers

Sis. Barbara Register

Sis. Linda Sowell

Delegates to the Alabama State Association which will meet at the Lighthouse Church in Montgomery November 11th and 12th, 1999 was selected.

They were; Sis. Nina Vickers Mount Zion, Sis. Barbara Kirkland New Zion, Bro. Ashley Culp New Zion, Sis. Fay Cole Pleasant Hill, Sis. Judy Wilson Pilgrim Rest. These were added to the State letter and it was completed.

The Southeastern Women Active For Christ met at Mount Zion March 26, 1999.

The business being finished Bro. Ralph Baker passed the Moderator's Chair to the newly elected Moderator Bro. Ashley Culp. Bro. Ashley expressed his appreciation to the body for placing the confidence in him to elect him to this office and that we together could see great things happen for our Association in the future. He also announced the Executive Committee of the Association would meet October 26, 1999 at mount Zion Church.

Memorial speaker for the year 2000 is: Re. Clarence Culpepper

Substitute speaker for the year 2000 is: Bro. Joey Pettis.

Bro. Lowell Vickers made a motion we give the folk of Evergreen a rising vote of thanks for the fine hospitality and delicious food served for the day. Motion was seconded and vote carried and we were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Joey Pettis.

SOUTHEASTERN WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

The Southeaster Women Active For Christ met with Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church on Friday March 26, 1999 at 7:00P.M. Mrs. Nina Vickers called the meeting to order and led in prayer. We sang "Amazing Grace". The minutes were read and approved. The Financial report was read and approved. Nine members from one Church was present. We did not conduct any further business.

Mrs. Dot Whitener was the speaker of the evening. She gave a very inspiring talk about love and how love wins. She used as her Scripture, John 3:16 and Matthew 17. She spoke about the testimony of Heather Whitestone McCallum, in which she talks about the faith as small as a mustard seed. This program was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Dolly Vickers led in the benediction and asked the blessing on the food which was served in the fellowship hall.

Mrs. Nina Vickers, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

<i>Balance brought forward -----</i>	<i>\$187.42</i>
<i>Received from collection at convention -----</i>	<i>13.40</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$200.82</i>
<i>Paid to Mrs. Dot Whitener (Convention Speaker)</i>	<i>25.00</i>
<i>Balance on hand -----</i>	<i>\$175.82</i>

Mrs. Nina Vickers, Treasurer

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 1999**

The Executive Committee met at Mount Zion Church for the purpose of planning the Associations calendar for 2000. Five of the eight Churches were represented at the meeting. They were Evergreen, Mount Zion, New Zion, Pilgrim Rest and Saris. Discussion was made as to whether we had enough to make a quorum. It was decided that there was and the meeting was called to order by our Moderator Bro. Ashley Culp who asked Bro. John Edwards to lead the opening Prayer.

Members present for this meeting were; Bro. Joey Pettis, Evergreen,; Bro. Lowell Vickers, Mount Zion; Sis. Edna Whitehead, Bro. Thomas Kirkland and Bro. Ashley Culp, New Zion; Bro. Clarence Culpepper, Pilgrim Rest; Bro. Johnny Gilmore and Bro. John Edwards, Sardis. These were accompanied by Bro. Joe Whitehead and Sis. Nina Vickers with two of her granddaughters.

The first item on the agenda was to select a theme for the 2000 Association year. Bro. Johnny Gilmore gave a very good suggestion and presented it to the Committee. It was "In Search Of Excellence For Year 2000", Scripture 1 Corinthians 12:31; Philippians 1:20; Colossians 3:23. Bro. Joey Pettis made a motion that we accept this theme and Bro. Lowell Vickers seconded the motion, the vote carried.. Discussion was made about how we could improve the efficiency and quality of the work of the Credentials and Examining Committee. Bro. Lowell Vickers made a motion that any Church having an item of business to be handled by the Committee should let the clerk know twenty days prior to the Associations next meeting so the clerk could call a meeting with the Credentials And Examining Committee and have this item ready for the Association meeting. This motion was seconded by Bro. Johnny Gilmore for vote and was carried.

There was much discussion made for omitting Friday evening service and making Saturday morning to start at nine o'clock and end with lunch as a trial for one year. This was an item that would necessitate a change in constitution and by-laws. A Motion was made by Bro. Johnny Gilmore and seconded by Bro. Joey Pettis that it be brought before the body and laid on the table next meeting. We voted and it was carried.

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

<i>First Quarter</i>	<i>January 15</i>	<i>Sardis</i>	<i>Bro. Mickey Kirkland</i>
<i>Second Quarter</i>	<i>April 15</i>	<i>New Zion</i>	<i>Bro. Rick Cash</i>
<i>Third Quarter</i>	<i>July 8</i>	<i>Union</i>	<i>Bro. John Edwards</i>

Annual Session October 13 Pilgrim Rest Bro. Ashley Culp
Annual Session October 14 Mount Zion Bro. David Crowe

Bro. Ashley Culp made a motion that we elect Bro. Joey Pettis as Association song leader and Sis. Pam Pettis as his accomplice at the piano. It was discussed that he could appoint them each session until it could be brought before the body and they be elected by the body. He withdrew his motion until such time it could be handled through the body.

Memorial Service at the Saturday service October 14th, Bro. Clarence Culpepper speaker.

Substitute Speaker for 2000, Bro. Joey Pettis.

Motion was made by Bro. Clarence Culpepper that we adjourn. Motion was seconded by Bro. Johnny Gilmore and we were dismissed to a time of fellowship and refreshments prepared by Mount Zion Church.

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

In order to encourage and inspire the Churches of the Association to enlarge 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 Churches, 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 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 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 April 1995.) The annual session shall convene on Friday night before the third Sunday in October from 7:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. 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 A.M. 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 usage's.

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 Credentials And Examining Committee section under the by-laws for rules and requirements on becoming a member in good standing for ministers.)

Article 9. Provisions 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, along with one elected 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 this 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 (1) year. Each year at the annual session one or more members shall be up for replacement or re-nomination. See the by-laws of the duties to be performed.

B. Christian Board Of 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 and one for (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 and 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 the nominations presented from this body while in session. These are elected one for three (3) years, one for two (2) years and 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's Home. This member is to be able to attend the meetings at the home, vote on the proceedings at the home and keep this Association 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 and 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 and 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. 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 and 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.

H. Resolution 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 and 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 the 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. The 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 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 meeting.

Section 2. Credentials And Examining Committee duties:

A. To examine all Church letters presented to the Association and make recommendations 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 the 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 Recommendations- 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 shall be supplied 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 promotions and Summer Camp 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 of 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 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 the various committees when necessary at the 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 the request, the Christian Board Of Education in financing the Camp, the Rallies, the Youth Revival.

Section 9. Resolution 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 membership as presented at the preceding annual session. Each Church shall be entitled to three (3) delegates for the first fifty (50) active members or portion thereof. Each Church shall be entitled to one (1) additional delegate for each additional twenty-five (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 may 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 of 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 required 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 minutes.

Section 2. Association is to support Home and Foreign Missions, promote the Bible College in Nashville, the Children's 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 6. Amendments:

Section 1. This Constitution and these by-laws shall not be changed or altered except and only by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of delegates present from member Churches in any session of the Association.

Section 2. All amendments to the Constitution and by-laws shall be presented in writing to any session of the Association and shall be read in the hearing of those assembled delegates and shall be tabled until the next scheduled Associational meeting and then shall be removed from the table, read again in the hearing of those assembled, and then acted upon 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 the 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 is out of order.*

4. *The person thus speaking shall adhere to the question and shall in no way cast reflection 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 the time of public speech.*

7. *Members shall address each other by the appellation of brother or brethren 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 Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God and are our infallible rule of faith and practice*

2. *God - There is one 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. 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 condition of Salvation are; (1) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and a 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, 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 (Matthew 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 employment's and amusements for rest, worship, Holy works and activities and for the personal communion with God.

16. Resurrection, Judgment 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 Jesus 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 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 according to our ability for the support of the Church, of 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 as far as we are able, promote the success of the Church and of 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; constantly praying and toiling 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 evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world.

And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

FREE WILL BAPTIST HISTORY

In Chowan County, North Carolina in 1727 the first Free Will Baptist Churches was formed by Paul Palmer. This was known as the Free Will Baptist Churches of the south. Fifty years later Benjamin Randall formed the Free Will Baptist Churches of the north. There was 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 Free Will Baptist denomination moved on to the State of Georgia in approximately 1835 and settled in the Columbus, Georgia area. We believe the Free Will Baptist then moved on to the Eufaula, Alabama area as Columbus. Georgia and Eufaula, Alabama was trading post centers. As the people moved the Free Will Baptist moved. This took place sometime between 1835 and the civil war.

We believe the Southeastern Association had its beginning in the year 1878.

Joseph Whitaker was born in 1865. He is buried at the Howard Grove Free Will Baptist Church and we have obtained the following information from his records. In the year of 1879 Howard Free Will Baptist Church was a member of the Southeastern Association of Free Will Baptist. In the year of 1886 the Southeastern Association convened at Goodwater Free Will Baptist Church then located in Dale County Alabama.

In the year 1886 the Southeastern Association proposed to do away with the practice of feet washing as a Church Christian ordinance. Howard Grove Free Will Baptist Church left the Southeastern Association followed by Hickory Grove, Silver Run, and New Prospect 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 acknowledgements made.

From the early minutes of the Union Grove Free Will Baptist 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 Free Will Baptist Church. 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 Free Will Baptist 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 delegated to represent them in the Associational meeting and the Church paid \$1.00 for minutes and \$.75 for Associational purposes.

In the year 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 Free Will Baptist 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 the 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 for \$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 public collection was \$8.65. A motion was made to send \$10.00 to Ayden, North Carolina school. There was also a motion made to pay the Moderator \$10.00 for his services.

Only four Churches in the Southeastern Association was having a Sunday school (Sabbath school). C. A. Arnold asked that the Churches put forth a special effort 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. Bro. J. H. Guilford, Moderator; Bro. D. F. Pelt, Vice Moderator; Bro. 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 at heart.

Bro. J. T. Hutto held the congregation almost spellbound with old time preaching. This was very impressive and enjoyed by all.

The Sunday convention was set to meet Saturday before the 2nd 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. Bro. J H. Guilford, Moderator; D. F. Pelt, Vice Moderator; J. S. Vickers, Clerk; and J. L. Stokes (Long), Treasurer.

On Friday Bro. 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 Bro. 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 days 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 Bro. D. F. Pelt for his expenses to the national Association. There was 12 Churches in the Association. Evergreen had the largest attendance with 229 members. Bro. G. W. Nobles was pastor.

On 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. Bro. D. F. Pelt was Moderator; J. L. Stokes was Treasurer.

On Saturday morning the song service was led by Bro. Long Stokes. Bro. Human had the devotion for the morning and Bro. Pelt in the afternoon.

A motion was made to sell James Chapel Church and 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, Mt. 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.

Bro. D. F. Pelt was Moderator; Lucille Bodiford, Clerk; and J. Long Stokes, Treasurer. The theme for this service was "Christianity Will Never End".

Bro. K. V. Shutes gave a report on the Junior College, the Children Home in Eldridge, Alabama and a donation of \$47.28 was given.

Pilgrim's Rest had Johnnie Wilson and Carl Wilson ordained as deacons.

J. Long Stokes was Treasurer and 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 better, some for worse.

It is a pleasure to have had you with us at Goodwater on this 100th annual session of the Association.