2000 MINUTES OF

THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS AND THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND 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 20, 2001

New Prospect

Registration begins 8:30 A.M.

Morning Speaker

Bro. Johnny Lewis

Pastor, Sardis

Meeting April 14, 2001

New Zion

Registration begins 8:30 A.M.

Morning Speaker

Bro. Glenn Poston

Pastor, First Ch.

Meeting July 7, 2001

Mount Zion

Registration begins 8:30 A.M.

Morning Speaker

Bro. David Crowe

Home Missions

Meeting October 19, 2001

Sardis

Registration begins 6:30 P.M.

Evening Speaker

Bro. Terry Forest

Bible College

Meeting October 20, 2001

Evergreen

Registration begins 8:30 A.M.

Morning Speaker

Bro. Terry Forest

Bible College

Memorial service

Bro. Danny Henderson

Pastor, New Prospect

Substitute speaker for 2001 Bro. Joey Pettis Pastor, Evergreen

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION PLANNING FOR 2001

Youth Rallies 7:00 P.M. Each Meeting

March 17, 2001

New Prospect Clopton, AL

May 19, 2001

New Zion Headland, AL

August 18, 2001

Evergreen Ariton, AL

November 10, 2001

Sardis Eufaula,

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,2000 at Coffee Baptist Vineyard. Bro. Rick Cash will be the Evangelist.

Due to overcrowding, we have decided to split weeks for Jr's and Sr's. We will try this one year to see how it works then decide for the future years whether or not to continue. Jr. Camp will be June 18-23, 2001 with Bro. Rick Cash as Evangelist. Teen Camp will be 25-29, 2001 with Bro. Carl Sexton as Evangelist. Cost will be \$100.00 per Camper.

District WNAC Meeting

The District WNAC meeting will be announced at a later date.

Alabama State Meetings

The Pastors and Workers Conference will be February 12-14, 2001 at the First Free Will Baptist Church Prattville, Alabama.

The Alabama State Association will meet November 7,8,9 with Madison Free Will Baptist Church in Madison, Alabama.

National Association Meetings

Detroit, Michigan	July 15-19, 2001
Memphis, Tennessee	July 21-25, 2002
Tampa, Florida	July 20-24, 2003
Kansas City Missouri	July18-22, 2004
Louisville, Kentucky	July 17-21, 2005

Birmingham, Alabama Little Rock, Arkansas Charleston, West Virginia Cincinnati, Ohio July 16-20, 2006 July 15-19, 2007 July 20-24, 2008 July 19-23, 2009

ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS IN SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Evergreen

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

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

Pleasant Hill

Rev. Dave Collins '3479 3rd Ave. Exit Dothan, AL 36301 334-677-7793

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Rev. Keith Cole 209 Broad Street Headland, AL 36345 334-693-5024

Rev. Ron Hendrickson 206 Crescent Drive Dothan, AL 36301 334- 793-1745

Mount Zion

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Pleasant Hill

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New Zion

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Union

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

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Bro. Sam Trammell 8359 Co. Rd. 53 Abbeville, AL 36310 334-585-2136

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Sis. Edna Whitehead

Sis. Johnnie Taylor

Bro. Jonathan Cordell

Sis. Dot Whitener

Sis. Judy Wilson

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SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

Credentials and Examining Committee

Term Expires Oct. 2002 Bro. Joey Pettis Bro. Clarence Culpepper Term Expires Oct. 2002 Bro. Lowell Vickers Term Expires Oct. 2001 Bro. Thomas Kirkland Term Expires Oct. 2001 Bro. Ralph Baker Term Expires Oct. 2004 Term Expires Oct. 2003 Bro. Bobby Register Bro. William Sowell Term Expires Oct. 2003 **Christian Board Of Education** Bro. Mickey Gilmore Term Expires Oct. 2002 Bro. Joey Pettis Term Expires Oct. 2004 Bro. Jonathan Cordell Term Expires Oct. 2001 Children's Home Board Bro. Ralph Baker Term Expires Oct. 2002 Term Expires Oct. 2004 Bro. Johnny Gilmore

Sis. Miriam Shelley

Term Expires Oct. 2001

Finance Committee

Term Expires Oct. 2001 Term expires Oct. 2003 Term Expires Oct. 2002

Missions Committee

Term Expires Oct. 2001 Term Expires Oct. 2003 Term Expires Oct. 2002

Nominating Committee

Sis. Nina Vickers Term Expires Oct. 2001 Sis. Linda Sowell Term Expires Oct. 2002 Term Expires Oct. 2003 Sis. Barbara Register

Placement Committee

Sis. Joyce Mullins Sis. Sylvia Ethridge Sis. Dolly Vickers Term Expires Oct. 2001 Term Expires Oct. 2003 Term Expires Oct. 2002

Resolution Committee

Bro. Levon Overstreet Sis. Pam Pettis Sis. Lillian Wilson Term Expires Oct. 2001 Term Expires Oct. 2003 Term Expires Oct. 2002

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SERVING IN 2001

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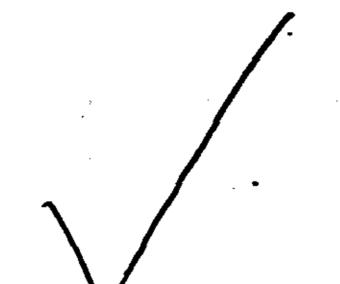
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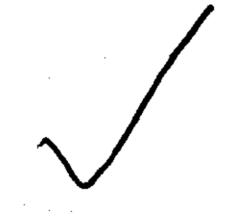
Union

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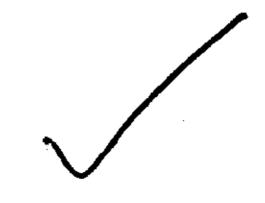
Sardis

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Bro. Lowell Vickers 607 Holly Street Eufaula, AL 36027 334-687-5687



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OCTOBER 27, 2000

The Executive Committee of the Southeaster Association met at Mount Zion Church at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of planning the Assciational calendar for the year 2001. Seven of the eight Churches were represented at the meeting. They were Evergreen, Mount Zion, New Prospect, New Zion, Pilgrim Rest, Sardis, and Union. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Bro. Clarence Culpepper who opened with prayer.

The members of the Committee were Bro. Lamar Buxton, Sis. Edna Whitehead, Bro. Lowell Vickers, and Bro. Holt stokes. There were seven pastors present. They were Bro. Ralph Baker, Bro. Joey Pettis, Bro. Danny Henderson, Bro. Thomas Kirkland, Bro. Clarence Culpepper, Bro. Johnnie Lewis And Bro. Bobby Register. The first item to work with was selecting a theme for the year 2001. We discussed several very good themes that would have been good but the discussion turned to Revival. Bro. Thomas Kirkland suggested we have the Theme of "Revival In Our Association in 2001" using the Scripture In [! Chronicles 7:14. It seemed everyone agreed on this and a motion was made we accept this theme. It was seconded and the vote was carried.

We the began to discuss how much attendance improved due to having outside speakers, and how much we enjoyed the guest speakers we had in the year 2000. Each pastor agreed our Church would like care of the honorarium for the speakers who spoke at our Church, and many suggestions began to be presented.

First Quarter, At New Prospect, Bro. Johhny Lewis

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Second Quarter, At New Zion, Bro. Danny Williams
Third Quarter, At Mount Zion Bro. David Crowe if Available.
Fourth Quarter Fri. Night and Saturday at Sardis and Evergreen,
Bro. Terry Forrest

Appreciation and thanks to Mount Zion Church for hosting the Executive Meeting.

Bro Holt Stokes made a motion to Adjourn. MSC. Bro. Ralph Baker close the meeting with prayer.

Membership Information - Associational year 1999 / 2000

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Evergreen	1885						2		2	40	35							2		15
Mount Zion	1891	78					3		4	75	20	13			13	12	6	1		7
New Prospect	1874	89		3		3				92	29	24		<u> </u>	 			1	2	<u> </u>
New Zion		148	6	11		17	2	5		158	_ 77	60						2	ļ 	60
Pilgrim Rest	1884	73					1	- 		73	19	19	20				•	1		5
Pleasant Hill	1876	65	3	2		5	1	9	10	60	9	6						1		9
Sardis	1906	161	13	10		23	1	2	3	181	73	52			7	6		1		50
Union Grove	1877	94	ļ							94	17	17	ļ							6
Totals		750	22	24		48	10	16	19	773	269	226	37	16	20	18	6	8	2	152

1999 / 2000 Church financial information Southeastern Association of Free Will Baptist Association Year Oct. 1, 1999 - Sept. 30, 2000

Church Name	Ch. Incomé	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	21557.15	1315.72	3522.77	2,,079.72	600	154	300	210	7480	417	120000	872
New Prospect	34430.06	2198.3		2640.95	990.83	1044.43	200	355	7925	1255	151000	·
New Zion	76593.35	1204201		6262.95	2426.77	11710.74	2338 25	260	36550.19	3922.76	300000	720
Pilgrim Rest	14983.92	160	63.27	2202.46	550	200		227.5	7800		120000	917.23
Pleasant Hill	16734.47		1872.69	2169.71	800			199.5	10325		145000	268.34
Sardis	103711.58	43918.99		9997.08	2945 13	6702.87	2234.29	305	23759.75	260	505000	25918.81
Union Grove												
Totals	296984.65	60610.72	5458.73	27745.72	9162.73	22357.35	6249.54	1797	107989.94	7332.95	11901151	28696.38

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First Quarterly Session Sardis Free Will Baptist Church January 16, 2000

The first quarterly session of the Southeastern Association Of Free Will Baptist as convened with Sardis Church, Eufaula, Alabama began with registration at 9:30 A.M. January 15, 2000

Brother Bryan Gilmore opened the service with singing "I'll Be Satisfied" And called on Brother Lowell Vickers to pray the opening prayer.

Moderator Brother Ashley Culp called this session of the Association to order and gave the Moderators remarks. His remarks were to encourage every Church in the Association to move forward for coming together for growth and serving the Lord in the year 2000.

Brother John Edwards, the interim pastor at Sardis, gave the welcome and directions to the facilities for the day.

A very good response was given by Brother Joey Pettis, pastor of Evergreen Church.

Brother Bryan Gilmore led the congregation with two songs "When We All Get Heaven" and "Just Over In The Glory Land." Very good spirit filled singing. The morning devotion was given by Brother John Edwards who took his Scripture from Luke 10:30-35. He spoke about the Christian Attitude. What is yours is mine and what is mine is thine. Having the love and compassion for those hurting and in need. Very inspiring thoughts.

Brother Ashley recognized the ministers, deacons and visitors present.
There were ten ministers, six deacons and nine visitors. They were; Brother
Keith Cole Pleasant Hill, Brother Clarence Culpepper Pilgrim Rest, Brother
Joey Pettis Evergreen, Brother John Edwards Interim Sardis, Brother Ralph
Baker Mount Zion, Bro. Danny Henderson New Prospect, Dr. Mickey Kirkland,
Brother Matthew Kirkland Lighthouse, and Brother Thomas Kirkland New Zion.
Deacons were; Brother Lowell Vickers Mount Zion. Brother Odis L. Buxton
Pilgrim Rest, Brother Joe Whitehead New Zion, Brother Johnny Gilmore and
Brother Bryan Gilmore Sardis. Visitors were; Sister
Joni Pettis Evergreen, Sisters Jane Sowell, Carrie Henderson and Amber
Lemacks New Prospect.

The Moderator asked for the roll call of the delegates present. They were; Sister Pam Pettis and Brother Jeffery Pettis from Evergreen; Sister Dot Whitener, Sister Dolly Vickers Sister Melinda Owens, Sister Sylvia Brannon, Sister Nina Vickers, one alternate Sister Ann Hatcher from Mount Zion; Sister Gwen

Sowell, Brother Everett Mullins, Sister Linda Henderson, two alternates Brother Lang Sowell, Sister Joyce Mullins from New Prospect; Sister Miriam Shelley, Sister Edna Whitehead, Brother Roy Dean Smith, Sister Barbara Kirkland, Sister Johnnie Taylor from New Zion; Sister Mary Culpepper Pilgrim Rest; Sister Marvelle Armstrong and Sister Sue Cole, Alternates Sister Mary Folds and Sister Faye Cole from Pleasant Hill; Brother Ronnie Marshall, Sister Georgia Gilmore, Brother Corey Gilmore, Brother Mickey Gilmore, Sister Lisa Gilmore from Sardis; Sister Sylvia Ethridge and Sister Linda Floyd from Union. After the roll call the delegates were seated by the ordained body present. Announcements and any business and reports of committees that was ready were called for at this time. Brother David Crowe was in revival in the Association beginning February 11th. The Board Of Christian Education was ready to report as follows:

The winter retreat was another success. We had 25 from our Association with 86 total. Brother Mike Gillock preached inspiring sermons. Thanks to all for your support. The last Rally was held at Sardis November with approximately 50 in attendance representing 3 Churches. The Couples Retreat will be March 11th at the Vineyard. Brother and Mrs. Van Dale Hudson will conduct the services. The next Rally will be March 18. This will be a Youth Conference beginning at 4:00 P.M. at New Zion. We will send information as more details become available.

Respectfully Submitted:

Brother Ashley Culp Brother Joey Pettis Brother Mickey Gilmore

The Children's Home report was ready as follows:

There was a special Board Meeting called for September 25, 1999 and another called meeting for October 13, 1999 and then the full board met on October 23, 1999 at the Home for the regular quarterly meeting. Some of the information you may already be aware of. I believe we all are aware of the September 13 meeting. Several items were discussed at this meeting and was voted on by the Board at the October meeting as follows:

- A. Establish a salary for the Director between \$25-\$40,000 dependent on total qualifications of the candidate; with housing allowance and utilities based on last 12 months average. Retirement benefits at 5% of base salary.
- B. Develop a procedures and operations manual with a target date of April 2000.
- C. Hire Phillip Lambert as full time employee at his current rate of pay. He is already doing the maintenance work and simply moved the staff.

- D. To follow steps and guidelines as set forth in hiring new director with screening, negotiating, and recommending of candidate for full board approval.
- E, Accepting the new budget as proposed for year 2000 by staff members and executive committee. I don't yet have a copy of the budget but will get one this next week.
- F. Discussed and approved the use of Home facilities by the staff members for Alumni meetings and Reunions.
- G. Discussed asking the State Of Alabama FWB Association to set aside Mothers Day as an emphasis day for the Children Home beginning in year 2001.
- H. To compensate the interim Director, Linda Berry, at the rate of \$500.00 per week while serving as interim, with pay reverting to Social Worker status as soon as a new Director is located and approved.
- I. To Give bonus to Gena Lambert for October and November for additional work she is required to do and extend beyond this time, if required.
- J. Motion to give all staff employees a Christmas bonus equal to one weeks pay.

REGULAR MEETING

- A. Motion to accept the CPA audit done by Wayne Riggs firm with recommendations to improve accounting practices to make everything more identifiable.
- B. Motion to upgrade computer software and training to enhance bookkeeping procedures.
- C. Superintendent's report was read and accepted. The transition is going rather smoothly between Brother Bennett leaving and the interim taking over.
- D. The multi- purpose building is progressing, but rather slowly. Plans had been to dedicate the building at next weeks meeting, but this has been pushed back to April.
- E. At the October meeting there were 14 children, but at least one has been added.
- F. In process of insuring Directors home on which there is presently no covering.

Presented as information only to the Association.

Brother Ralph Baker, Board Member

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

There being no other reports ready at this time Brother Ashley dismissed the body for a brief recess.

After a brief recess Brother Ashley called the body to order and asked Brother Danny Henderson to lead in prayer. Brother Bryan Gilmore led the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace." Brother Johnny Gilmore and his group brought special singing for the service. Their song was "I Bowed On My Knees And Cried Holy" accompanied by Todd Bridges at the piano. Another trio sang: "I know His Voice" "There Is A River" and "Grace." Great singing! There was an offering taken during the Song service of \$146.00.

Moderator Brother Ashley Culp asked Brother John Edwards to Introduce the morning speaker, Dr. Mickey Kirkland.

Dr. Kirkland took his Scripture from 1 Corinthians 12:12-27.
The title of his message was "Everybody Is Somebody In The Body Of The Lord." A powerful spirit filled message and appropriate for the time.
Brother Ashley Culp asked for directions and information of the noon meal.
Brother John Edwards gave these and Brother Ashley prayed the closing prayer and ask God to bless the food.
The plate offering was #146.00.

After a delicious meal the service was called to order by Brother Bryan Gilmore leading "I Will Meet You In The Morning" who asked Brother Clarence Culppepper to open the business session with prayer. Another congregational song led by Brother Bryan Gilmore was "No Tears In Heaven." The Moderator resumed the business by calling for old business left from previous meetings. There being no old business we moved to the new business. There were two proposed Constitutional Amendments to be discussed and tabled until next meeting. They are as follows:

1. Article 6 Section 2 states (P.32) (amendments):

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.

Therefore;

(a) Article 7 (meetings) P. 24 states

The Association shall meet in quarterly sessions on Saturday before the third Sunday in January and April. The July meeting session will convene on Saturday before the second Sunday. The Annual Session shall convene on Friday night before the third Sunday in October from 7:00 P.M. to 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.

****Replace the last sentence of Article 7 with the following... The three quarterly sessions and the Saturday session shall be called to order at 9:00 A.M. (Registration 8:30 A.M.) and concluding with the noon meal.

2. Add a new section to Article 3 Section 2D (Credentials and Examining Committee duties) It Should read as follows....

To examine all candidates for ordination, minister or deacon, at the request of the local Church and make a recommendation to this body. The candidate is required to meet with the Credentials / Examining Committee twenty (20) days prior to the Associational meeting in which the Committee chairman will recommend the candidate to the body present in his report to the Association. It will be the candidate's duty to inform the Clerk or Committee chairman for this meeting to be scheduled.

These being read a motion was made to table both until next meeting. Each item was taken separately. 1. Motion was made By brother Johnny Gilmore and seconded by Brother Mickey Gilmore. 2. Motion was made by Brother Odis Buxton and seconded by Brother Danny Henderson changes and votes on both were carried.

There being no further business under the heading of new business the moderator moved to finish the report of Committees:

The Credential & Examining Committee: None

The Resolution Committee: None

The Missions Committee: None

The Finance Committee:

We the Finance Committee submit the following report; Offering for today was \$146.00. It is the recommendation that this be divided between the mission fund and the Christian Board of Education. This would be \$73.00 each.

Respectfully Submitted:

Brother Danny Henderson

Sister Edna Whitehead

There being no further business a motion was made to Give Sardis Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality and adjourn by closing with prayer by

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION NEW ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH APRIL 15, 2000

The second quarterly session of the Southeastern Association of Free Will Baptist began with registration at 9:30 A.M. Bro. Ashley Culp, our Moderator, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and led the opening prayer. Bro. Ashley asked everyone to greet each other with a hand shake after which he gave his remarks from Colossians 3:20 on change, choice, and added commitment, reading a very timely poem at the end

Bro. Ron Hendrickson welcomed everyone to New Zion and Bro. Danny Henderson gave response to the welcome.

Bro. Rick Cash was asked to give report on Acts 1:8 program in Alabama, he gave out prayer cards with all eight missionaries, and gave an update on Jeff Lunsford"s and Kevin Stacy, stating that prayer was the greatest need and getting the Gospel to everyone who hasn't heard. God has a plan to take the Gospel to everyone. He calls some to go, some to give so they can go; and the need for 2000 share commitments in 2000

Bro. Ashley encouraged all Churches to invite Bro. Cash to their services, that he would go to any Church given a chance. Bro. Ashley announced about Tommy's surgery, requesting prayer, and stating the reason for absence of Bro. Thomas.

Bro. Ron Hendrickson with Sis. Bobbie Shelley accomplice at piano, led the congregation in three songs. They were: "To God Be The Glory"; "Until Then"; "He Keeps Me Singing". Great singing!

Bro. Ashley called for recognition of deacons, ministers and visitors. There were nine ministers to register; Bro. Ashley Culp, Bro. Ron Hendrickson, Bro. Danny Henderson, Bro. John Edwards, Bro. Ralph Baker, Bro. Bobby Register, Bro. Clarence Culpepper, Bro. Johnny Lewis, and Bro. Joey Pettis. The deacons were; Bro. Levon Overstreet, Bro. Earl Money, Bro. Odis Buxton, Bro. Jack Armstrong, Bro. Joe Whitehead, and Bro. Johnny Gilmore. Visitors were; Sis. Linda Henderson, Sis. Carrie Henderson, Sis. Edna Whitehead, Sis. Bobbie Shelley, Sis. Carolyn Spann, Sis. Nina Killingsworth, Sis. Dot Hardy, Sis. Mary Shelley, Sis. Jean Ethridge, Sis. Janelle Shelley, and Sis. Cathy Greene.

The Moderator asked for the roll call of the delegates from each Church. Sis. Edna Whitehead the assistant Clerk called the roll and twenty two delegates and two alternates answered the roll call. A motion was made from the ordained to seat the delegates, a second, and the vote carried.

Bro. Ashley called for announcements: Dr. Mickey Kirkland would be in revival with Sardis Church April 23rd-26th; Bro. Larry Reynolds would be in revival at New Prospect July 9th-14th; Pilgrim Rest's homecoming first Sunday in May and Monday night revival starts with Bro. Danny Henderson as the evangelist. Annual Easter Sing Saturday night before Easter. New Zion Sun Rise Next Sunday outside.

Any business that might be ready was called for. Bro. Ralph Baker gave the Children's Home report as follows: Presently the Home has 13 boys and 5 girls for a total of 18 children under its care. Assets of the Home is now in access of \$1,170,000.00. We are in the process of interviewing a prospect for Home director's job. Two vans were purchased for the price of slightly over \$40,000.00, and a privacy fence constructed for \$3,000.00 was approved by the board. Also construction of three metal canopy buildings with storage space on each was approved. Bro. Baker plans to send each Church a letter immediately following each meeting in the future. He requested prayer for the staff and needs of the Home and for the children to be responsive. Motion made to be received as information, seconded and carried.

Bro. Joey Pettis gave the following report for the Christian Board Of Education: Our "Couples Retreat" was a great success with 24 couples attending. Bro. & Mrs. Van Dale did a superb job encouraging and challenging us to be better spouses.

The rally held at New Zion was a fun time of fellowship. The youth braved chilling temperatures and strong winds to enjoy themselves in a game of basketball and volleyball. One of the teen girls, Selena Pitts, shared a devotion with us and did a great job. Then everyone enjoyed a hot-dog supper. The next rally will be May 20th at New Prospect.

Camp will be June 19-23 at the Vineyard. We encourage all pastors to encourage your youth to attend. The cost per camper will again be \$75.00. The Associational cost will be \$99.00 per camper. Anyone who feels they can pay the full price to help offset the Associational expense would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted.

Bro. Mickey Gilmore

Bro. Ashley Culp

Bro. Joey Pettis

The body was recessed for fifteen minutes.

The Body was called back by singing led by Bro. Ron Hendrickson with Sis. Bobbie at the piano. He led the congregation with three songs. They were: "Majesty"; "Revive Us Again"; and The Gloryland Way". There was an offering taken using Bro. Joey Pettis, Bro. Jack Armstrong, Bro. Mickey Gilmore and Bro. Troy Barron as ushers. Bro. Troy Barron prayed the offertory prayer and Bro. Ron Hendrickson sang "That's Him" during the offering

The Moderator, Bro. Ashley Culp introduced the morning speaker. He stated there is more being accomplished with Free Will Baptist in the State of Alabama than ever before with Bro. Rick Cash as our Director. He is on the road constantly. Call on him when you have a need. Bro. Ron sang "Look For Me".

Bro. Rick read from Romans 10:13-15 and Matthew 28 19-20, prayed, and brought a dynamic message on the subject of "The Why Of Missions". His four points were: Debt we owe; Demand that is made; Delight that is ours; and Day of reward. Truly a challenging message

Bro. Ashley thanked him for the message and asked Bro. Clarence Culpepper to pray and bless the food for the noon meal

After a delicious meal the body was welcomed back into session by Moderator Bro. Ashley Culp. Bro. Ron Hendrickson led the congregation with "Because He Lives" with Sis. Bobbie Shelley accomplice at piano. Bro. Ashley Culp led in the afternoon prayer

Old business was called for . There was none at this time. Bro. Ashley requested the Association allow Sis. Edna Whitehead, Treasurer to purchase a roll of stamps for Associations use. M.S.C.

The Credential & Examining Committee report was given by Bro. Lowell Vickers as follows; We the Credential and Examining Committee report that Chester Chapel Church has requested a letter of good standing for Bro. Gene White. After consulting the constitution and by-laws the committee could not send a letter of good standing to a pastor or church, but could send a letter of dismissal. Sardis requested acceptance of Bro. Johnny Lewis their new pastor in full fellowship. This was done contingent to receipt of letter from his previous Association. M.S.C.

Finance Committee report was given by Bro. Danny Henderson as follows: We the Finance Committee recommend the plate offering of \$123.00 be given to the Christian Board Of Education to help with Youth Camp.

Respectfully submitted, Sis. Edna Whitehead Bro. Danny Henderson

Bro. Ashley Culp drew attention to insert in program and ask for a motion to move off table. Motion was made and second. Bro. Ashley read proposal # 1. 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.

Therefore;

A) Article 7 (meetings) P24 States: The Association shall meet in quarterly sessions on Saturday before the third Sunday in January and April. The July session shall convene on Saturday before the second Sunday. The annual session shall convene on Friday night before the third Sunday in October from 7:00 P.M. to 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.

****Replace the last sentence of Article 7 with the following... "The three quarterly sessions and the annual Saturday session shall be called to order at 9:00 A.M. (Registration at 8:30 A.M.) and concluding with noon meal.

Bro. Johnny Gilmore made a motion to amend to start the change at the July Session. Bro. Danny Henderson second the motion and it was carried.

2. Add a new section to Article 3 Section 2D (Credentials and Examining Committee duties). It Should read as follows:

To examine all candidates for ordination, minister or deacon, at the request of the local Church and make recommendation to this body. The candidate is required to meet with the Credentials/Examining Committee twenty (20) days prior to the Associational meeting in which the Committee chairman will recommend the candidate to the body present in his report to the Association. It will be the Candidate's duty to inform the Clerk or Committee Chairman for this meeting to be Scheduled.

Bro. Danny Henderson made a motion to accept this change and Bro. Lamar Buxton seconded. The vote carried.

Bro. Ashley mention for everyone to remember the time that he would send all Churches a letter to this effect. Sis. Edna Whitehead, assistant clerk reminded to pick up minutes for year 1999, Bro. Ashley thanked Bro. Thomas for a tremendous job of putting together the minutes and saving the Association \$178.00 from last year

Bro. Johnny Gilmore made a motion we give New Zion a rising vote of thanks and a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded and carried. Bro. Ashley thanked everyone for coming and Bro. Jack Armstrong prayed the closing prayer.

A called meeting of the Credential and Examining Committee for the purpose of examining Bro. Ashley Culp's answers to ordination questions was called for June 9, 2000 at Mt. Zion Church. Bro. Ashley, Bro. Joey Pettis and Bro. Thomas Kirkland met for the meeting but the other members of the committee did not come and meeting was canceled.

Third Quarterly Session Union Free Will Baptist Church July 8, 2000

Registration began at 8:30 A.M. at Union Church for this session of our Association. Moderator Bro. Ashley Culp called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.. and asked Bro. Joey Pettis to pray the opening prayer

The Moderator's remarks was taken from 1 Thesalonians 4:13-18 focusing on the phrase "So shall we ever be with the Lord". Some very good thoughts and timely for the occasion.

Bro. Bobby Register extended to everyone a warm cordial welcome to Union Church for this session of the Association. Bro. William Sowell gave a very good response to the welcome.

Bro. Holt Stokes led the congregation with Sis. Pam Pettis as his accomplice at the piano. He led "Revive Us Again" with a good spirit in the singing by everyone.

Bro. Bobby Register brought the morning devotion taking his Scripture from Ephesians 5:18-19. His thoughts centered around "Our Talents" A very good devotion.

The recognition of ministers, deacons and visitors were called for by the Moderator at this time. There were nine ministers, eight deacons, and 8 visitors.

Ministers present were; Bro. Thomas Kirkland, Bro. John Edwards, Bro. Ashley Culp, Bro. Bobby Register, Bro. Danny Henderson, Bro. Keith Cole, Bro. Joey Pettis, Bro. John Lewis, and Bro. Clarence Culpepper. Deacons present were; Bro. Joe Whitened, Bro. Earl Money, Bro. Jack Armstrong, Bro. William Sowell, Bro. Levon Overstreet, Bro. Bart Harden, Bro. Johnny Glimore, and Bro. Bryan Glimore.

Then the roll call for delegates were asked for by the Moderator, Bro. Ashley Culp. We had twenty-three delegates and seven alternates to answer the roll call. The ordained made a motion and seconded to seat the delegates for business. The vote was carried.

Announcements were asked for; Union, Pleasant Hill, and New Prospect are scheduled for revival within the month. Sardis VBS was scheduled to start July 17th. They also were hosting a Singing School for July 24th-28th and a sing on Saturday night following.

The Credential and Examining Committee met during recess with Bro. Ashley to talk about his ordination and apologize for not being at the meeting on June 9th. Bro. Joey Pettis made a motion to accept and vote as committee to go ahead with Bro. Ashley's ordination. Motion was seconded and vote carried.

Old business was called for. There being no old business the body move into new business, there was no new business except to get the report of committees.

1. Credentials & Examining Committee report:

We the Credentials & Examining Committee met with Bro. Ashley Culp today and recommend to this body that he be ordained as a full time minister of the Gospel with all rights and privileges of an ordained minister.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Joey Pettis

Bro. Thomas Kirkland

Bro. Bobby Register

Bro. Clarence Culpepper

Bro. William Sowell

Bro. Ralph Baker

2. Board Of Christian Education.

We the Board Of Christians Education, submit the following report.

"Than You" to New Prospect Church for hosting an enjoyable rally in May. The youth presented a thought-provoking skit about allowing sin to creep into

our lives. We then enjoyed refreshments and a time of fellowship. Thanks also to all who attended. We had a very good support from the Churches for the rally and for New Prospect. The next rally will be August 19 at Evergreen. The teen quartet "4given" will be presenting the program.

God abundantly blessed our camp this year with an overwhelming turnout of youth. We broke all records with 181 total attendance (campers and workers). Many Churches who had never attended before were represented this year. Our Churches were represented as follows:

	campers	workers
Sardis	26	· 4
New Prospect	8	3
New Zion	12	3
Evergreen	6	5
Mt. Zion	. <i>3</i>	
Union	2	•

Chrissy Peterson from Sardis and Cole Armstrong form New Prospect were selected as campers of the year and will be able to attend next year at no cost to them.

Your Board feels that this week is probably the most important time for our youth the entire year. It is during this week that they are completely isolated from the pressures and temptations of this world. There are no radios, televisions, or other alluring amusements to direct their attention from the things of God, Instead they are saturated with the Word of God and godly influence and fellowship. This year there were 48 classes taught 32 devotions given and 30 sermons preached within a four and one half day time frame. Along with the spiritual food they feed on the love and friendships that are shared. This is a real time of bonding and exhortation among the youths own peer group. This is a week to minister to and encourage our Christian young people and to reach out to the unsaved. This year nine youth accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour. Most all those who attended made a commitment of some sort. Please pray for all these as they reenter their worlds and serve as Jesus leads. We feel that the strength of tomorrow's Church will come from these youth as they lead.

Thanks for the cooperation of all those who attended. Your conduct and adherence to the dress code was greatly appreciated.

We thank all those who have supported the Board of Christian Education

financially. Without it we could not have provided this week. We appreciate those who paid the entire \$99.00 per camper. It has been the practice in the past to charge \$75.00 for each camper with the Board picking up the additional \$24.00. However, due to increasing participation (which we do want and encourage) this has caused a deficiency in our balance of _____.

As we are approaching the end of the fiscal year we look back with thanksgiving seeing what the Lord has done and are hopeful and envision even greater things for the future.

Respectfully submitted, Bro. Mickey Gilmore Bro. Ashley Culp Bro. Joey Pettis

3. Children's Home report.

- A. We are working on upgrading the health insurance for the Home to include better coverage for the staff, but also to include any child that would be at the Home. Blue Cross ha given us a rate and coverage's that greatly exceeded our present coverage, for not too much difference in premium dollar. The old plan was one under the generic State wide plan offered by Blue Cross with rather high deductibles and restricted coverage's. This was hopefully finalized July 1, 2000 and the new coverage's are in effect. Due to the holidays and short work week I did not get the opportunity to call this week to see if it was finalized.
- B. Please remember that July 22, 2000 is dedication day at the Home as we dedicate all the new buildings and name them in honor of past servants of the Lord who gave so much to the Home. There will be food and drink served by the workers at the Home, barbecue, chips, drink, and Gospel music.
- C. I will be going back to the home on July 22, 2000 for the next Board meeting so if any Church or individual has anything in the way of goods, clothing, food, or money they wish for me to take, if you need or want a receipt, please tell me so I can be sure and obtain one.

Move this be accepted as information.

Ralph Baker - Board Member - M.S.C.

4. Finance Committee report.

There was a letter written to Sis. Edna Whitehead July 8,2000 by Bro. Joey Pettis as follows:

Mrs. Edna Whitehead,

When I settled the finances for camp with the Vineyard Bro. Thomas Kirkland advised me that our Associational account balance was insufficient to meet the obligations. Having to make arrangements quickly I wrote a personal check in the amount of \$400.00 to the Association to cover these expenses. Even with this deposit the balance of all boards was depleted. I request that these funds be reimbursed to me as well as the other accounts affected in whatever means the Association feels appropriate (special offerings, etc.).

Joey Pettis

We, your Finance Committee, would like to say thanks to Bro. Joey Pettis for covering the Association so that we could pay Camp expenses. Our plate offering today is \$106.00 and we recommend these funds be put in our Board Of Christian Education to help offset the deficit. We hereby make a motion to do this as well as reimburse Rev. Joey Pettis the \$400.00 we owe him.

Respectfully submitted, Bro. Danny Henderson Sis. Edna Whitehead Finance Committee

- P. S. This will not clear the Board Of Christian Education of \$131.93 + \$400.00 for a total of \$531.93, but we have today special offerings of \$671.13 from New Prospect earmarked Board Of Education which will put this account back in the black. M.S.C.
 - 5. Missions committee report. None.
 - 6. Resolutions Committee report. None
 - 7. Registration Committee report.

There were nine ministers, eight deacons, eight visitors, and twenty-three delegates and seven alternates present, making the total of fifty-three present for the day.

There being no further business we had the remarks and charge for Bro. Ashley Culp into the ministry.

A short recess was given before the morning message

At 10:55 A.M. Bro. Ashley Culp called the meeting to order and there was three songs led by Bro. Holt Stokes with Sis. Vivian Stokes accomplice at the piano. They were, "Do You Know My Jesus"; "How Long Has It Been"; and "I'm Standing On The Solid Rock". There was a good spirit in the singing.

The Moderator introduced Dr. John Edwards as the Speaker for the service.

Bro. John took his text from Matthew Chapter 5 verse 41. The title of the message was "Double Duty Christians" He told us the secret for a successful Church was for every member to be willing to go the second mile. A very timely and challenging message.

Before being dismissed for the noon meal Bro. Ashley read his resignations for the positions held in the Association. They were as Follows:

Today I submit my resignation as Moderator of the Southeastern Association. It has been a joy to serve with you, and I trust that God will continue to bless, and prosper this Association.

Bro. Ashley Culp

Also, today I resign from the Christian Board of Education of the Southeastern Association. Much progress has been made and I trust the years ahead will be prosperous.

Bro. Ashley Culp

A rising vote of thanks for the hospitality to Union Church was given and a prayer of dismissal with blessing on food was give by Bro.

Bobby Register.

ANNUAL SESSION - FRIDAY EVENING & SATURDAY PILGRIM REST / MOUNT ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES OCTOBER 13, 14, 2000

The Southeastern Association met on Friday evening October 13, 2000 with Pilgrim Rest Free Will Baptist Church. Registration began at 6:30 P.M. The vice Moderator Bro. Clarence Culpepper called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and asked Bro. Lowell Vickers to lead the congregation in prayer. Bro. Earl Money led singing with five songs; "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder"

- "Just Over In The Glory Land"
- "I Never Shall Forget the Day"
- " Hallelujah, I'm Going Home"
- "What Will We Leave Behind"

Moderator's remarks:

We are here to worship the Lord and to do so as a child of God. Bro. Clarence Culpepper stated the reason for being Moderator was due to the resignation of Bro. Ashley Culp. Bro. Culpepper called for announcements which were made for the meeting at Mount Zion Saturday October 14, 2000 to start at 9:00 P.M. Sis. Nina Vickers volunteered to serve as registration committee.

An Offering was taken with by Bro. Lowell Vickers and Bro. Ralph Baker serving as ushers. The amount of offering was \$49.00.

Bro. Clarence Culpepper introduced the speaker, Bro. David Crowe, associate Director of National Home Missions in Nashville, Tenn.

Bro. Crowe took his Scripture from Hebrews 10:25. his subject was, "The Entire Body Of Christ". God put us in a body for the purpose to encourage one another. The title of the message was, "Lesson From Geese To Learn How To Assemble Together" A great message for healing of the Body of Christ, the Church. Every person in our Association would have benefited from this message. He closed the message with an invitation and prayer.

Bro. Clarence Culpepper made remarks concerning the fact that "We're drifting in the wrong direction". In these remarks he challenged those present to take this message as a challenge to be faithful to our call of duty

Attendance for the Friday evening service was nine ministers, four deacons, three visitors, and thirteen delegates. A total of twenty-nine.

We dismissed with a prayer by Brother Clarence Culpepper and moved into the fellowship where the folk at Pilgrim Rest served us delicious food and drinks for refreshment.

The meeting adjourned until Saturday Morning October 14, 2000.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14, 2000

This Annual session opened with registration at 8:30 A.M. with Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church as host. The Moderator called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and called Bro. Dave Collins to lead the opening prayer.

Our Moderator, Bro. Clarence Culpepper, announced that we had twentynine present for the Friday evening service. An improvement over last few years in this service.

Bro. Lowell Vickers gave a very good welcome to Mount Zion Church and the response to the welcome was Bro. Joey Pettis.

Singing was led by Bro. Lowell Vickers. He led the congregation with three songs: "Victory In Jesus"

"Glad Reunion Day"
"Have A Little Talk With Jesus"

Bro. Ron Hendrickson and Bro. Johnny Lewis received the offering. It was the amount of \$115.43. Bro. Ron Hendrickson prayed the offertory prayer

. Morning Devotion was give by Bro. Ralph Baker. His Text was John 3:16 speaking on the emphasis of souls, and about being compassionate, fervent, abiding in love, closing with prayer. A very good devotion.

The Moderator recognized the ministers, deacons, and visitors present for this service. There were eleven ministers, eight deacons, and six visitors counted. The roll call of delegates revealed we had twenty-six delegates and seven alternates to answer. A motion was made and second to seat delegates. Motion was carried. We had a total of Fifty-eight present.

Announcements were called for: Youth rally to be held at Sardis November 18, 2000 with a great program. Revival at Evergreen beginning October 15 through 18, 2000, Youth Retreat December 28-29, 2000.

Moderator called for any reports that may be ready at this time.

1. Children's Home report.

Bro. Ralph Baker gave his report of the Children's Home And I apologize for not having the list of his report to give here. I suppose that in the transition of the materials from my office back to his the written report was lost. A thorough search has been made for same and nothing has been found. Thanks for understanding.

2. Missions Report.

The missions report was given by Bro. Jonathan Cordell who read letters he had received from Missionaries, Dave Franks Jr., Mike Corley, Jamie Lancaster, Dennis Haygood and Jeff Lunsford. This was very informative to have these letters and He gave a very good Missions report.

3. Christian Board Of Education report.
We the Christian Board Of Christian Education make the following report.

We had 101 in attendance at our last Rally at Evergreen. Fourgiven, a teen Quartet, sang and Jeremy Overstreet, gave a fine message. The next rally is November 18 at Sardis. They have a great program lined up with Covenant Singers from Nashville and Joe Tolbert, a Free Will Baptist Bible College student preaching. Winter Retreat will be on Thursday and Friday December 28-29. Cost will be \$40.00 per person. The evangelist will be Bro. Rick Cash.

The Couples Retreat will be Announced at a later date.

Due to overcrowding, we have decided to split weeks for Jrs. and Srs.. We will try this for year to see how it works then decide for future years whether or not to continue. Jr. Camp will be June 18-22 with Bro. Rick Cash and Teen

Camp will be June 25-29 with Bro. Carl Sexton. Cost will be \$100.00 per camper for both camps.

Rallies for 2001 will be:

March 17, New Prospect May 19, New Zion August 18, Evergreen November 10, Sardis

We thank you for all your support this past Year. We look forward to a productive year in 2001. Continue to pray for your Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Mickey Gilmore, Chairman

Bro. Joey Pettis

4. Credentials And Examining Committee report.

We make the following report to the Association for actions taken by this Committee.

- 1. Bro. Johnny Lewis Sardis was received into our Association with all rights of an Ordained Minister pending receipt of a letter of good standing from his former Association. This letter has been received and is in order.
- 2. Bro. Ashley Culp left our Association to move to North Alabama where he has joined with Mount Olive F.W.B. Church and has been selected as Camp Director replacing Bro. Rick Cash. We received a request for his letter of good standing and as a committee empowered by you we granted Bro. Culp a letter of good standing from our body to the Jasper Association as requested.
- 3. Request from Pleasant Hill that Bro. Dave Collins be accepted into this Association as a minister in good standing. We recommend that Bro. Collins be accepted in good standing pending receipt of letter of good standing from State Line Association.

Move this report be accepted as requested. M.S.C.

5. Finance Committee report.

We the finance Committee make the following report. At this meeting we need to allocate our funds for the next year. We recommend the following:

General Treasury 25% Christian Education 25% Children's Home 15% 15% Missions Committee 7% Moderator Clerk / Treasurer 7% Assistant / Clerk 3% 3% Vice Moderator

Our plate offering was \$164.43 of this \$5.00 was earmarked for Board Of

Christian Education.

We recommend balance of \$159.43 go to General fund because we will have additional expense for printing minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Danny Henderson

Sis. Edna Whitehead

6. Nomination Committees report.

We the nominating Committee recommend the following:

Moderator, Bro. Clarence Culpepper.

Vice Moderator, Bro. Danny Henderson.

Clerk (Treasurer) Bro. Ralph Baker.

Assistant Clerk / Treasurer, Sis. Nina Vickers.

Credentials & Examining Committee. Bro. Ralph Baker.

Christian Board of Education, Bro. Jzey Pettis.

Bro. Jonathan Cordell.

Children's Home Board, Bro. Johnny Gilmore.

Finance Committee, Sis. Dot Whitner.

Missions Committee, Sis. Johnnie Tador.

Nominating Committee Sis. Barbara Register.

Placement Committee, Sis. Sylvia Einidge

Resolutions Committee, Sis. Pam Perris.

A motion was made to replace Bro. Palph Baker with Bro. Ralph Baker to be the Children's Home Board member. 3ro. Dave Collins moved nominations be closed and we vote by acclamation. The move was second and vote carried.

7. Placement Committee report.

We the Placement Committee resummend the following Churches to host the 2001 Association.

First Quarter January 20th, New Prospect.

Second Quarter April 14, New Zion.

Third Quarter July 7, Mount Zion.

Annual Session: Friday night October 19, Sardis. Saturday October 20, Evergreen.

We respectfully submit this report,

Sis. Joyce Mullins

Sis. Dolly Vickers

Sis. Sylvia Ethridge.

8. Registration Committee report.

The Registration Committee marz the following report October 13, 2000.

8
4
13
4
29

October 14, 2000
Ministers 10
Deacons 8
Delegates 33

Visitors 6 Total 57

Respectfully Submitted, Sis. Nina Vickers

Delegates to the Alabama State Association which will meet at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Florence, Alabama November 8-10, 2000 were selected.

They were; Sis. Nina Vickers Mount Zion, Sis Linda Sowell and Sis. Linda Henderson New Prospect, Sis. Barbara Kirkland New Zion, Sis. Pearl Collins Pleasant Hill, and Sis Ann Lewis Sardis.

There was not a report ready for the WNAC:

At 10:45 the Body was called to order with singing led by Bro. Lowell Vickers accompanied by Sis. Sylvia Brannon at piano. He Led the Congregation singing, "Send The Power" Great Spirit! Specials were sung by Bro. Johnny Gilmore's family and Bro. Ron Hendrickson, they were: "What A Day That Will Be" and "How Great Thou Art" A powerful

Spirit moved over the entire Body of the Association.

Our Moderator introduced the speaker for the morning service, Bro. David Crowe who preached a very timely and stirring message.

Bro. Clarence Culpepper Brought a very good Memorial Service.

Bro. Lowell Vickers gave instructions about the noon meal and time of fellowship. Motion made to give Mount Zion a rising vote of thanks for their generous hospitality. Motion second and carried.

Prayer of dismissal and blessing was prayed by Bro. Johnny Lewis. We enjoyed a very delicious meal prepared by the Ladies of Mount Zion.

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2000

October 1, 1999 - September 30, 2000

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Beginning Balance 10-1-99	•	699.76
Deposits:	·	
Oct. 1, 1999 - Dec. 31, 1999	2253.10	
Jan. 1, 2000 - Mar. 31, 2000	950.20	
Apr. 1, 2000 - June 30, 2000	7115.35	
Jul. 1, 2000 - Sept. 30, 2000	1335.33	
	1010110	
Total Deposits	11653.98	
Total to Account For:		12.353.74
Less Disbursements:		
# 471 Ralph Baker, Officer Dues	22.12	•
# 472 Thomas Kirkland, Officer Dues	22.12	•
# 473 Ashley Culp, Officer Dues	9.48	
# 474 Edna Whitehead, Officer Dues	9,48	
# 475 Ralph Baker, Children's Home	100.00	
# 476 Al. Assn. FWB, Children's Home	47.40	
# 477 National Assn. Dues	400.00	•
# 478 Al. Assn. State Dues	280.00	
# 479 Coffee Bap. Vineyard, Winter Retreat	871.00	
# 480 Mike Gillock, Winter Retreat	150.00	
# 481 Ashley Culp, Officer Dues	19.50	
# 482 Thomas Kirkland, Officer Dues	19.50	
# 483 Clarence Culpepper, Officer Dues	8.35	
# 484 Edna Whitehead, Officer Dues	8.35	
# 485 Ralph Baker, Childrens Home	100,00	
# 486 Al. Free Will Bapt. Acts 1:8	61.78	
# 487 Walmart - Couples Retreat	25.00	
# 488 Old Mill - Couples Retreat	25.00	•
# 489 Family Christian Supply, Couples Retreat	24.84	•
# 490 State Line Assn., Couples Retreat	414.58	•
# 491 Hopkins Printing - Minutes	372.60	
# 492 Ralph Baker, Children's Home	100.00	
# 493 Ashley Culp, Officers Dues	19.85	
# 494 Clarence Culpepper, Officer Dues	8.50	
# 495 Edna Whitehead, Officer Dues	8.50	
# 496 Al. Assn. Free Will Bapt. Childrens Home	42.53	
# 497 USPS - Stamps for Ashley Cutp	33.00	
# 498 Ashley Culp, Youth Camp Jr. Evangelist	200.00	
# 499 Rev. Scott Wright, Sr. Camp Evangelist	250.00	
# 500 Coffee Bap. Vineyards, Camp Expenses	7056.00	
# 501 Raiph Baker, Children's Home	100.00	•
# 502 Ashley Culp, Officer Dues	20.90	
# 503 Clarence Cuipepper, Officer Dues	8.95	
# 504 Thomas Kirkland, Officer Dues	20.90	
# 505 Edna Whitehead, Officer Dues	8.95	
# 506 Joey Pettis, Reimb, Youth Camp	400.00	
# 507 Al. Assn. Free Will Bap. Children Home	44.78	
# 508 Al. Assn. Free Will Bap. Dave Franks, Jr.	200.00	
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Total Disbursements:

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			Board of	Total
	General	Missions	Christian Ed.	Treasury
Bal. 9-30-99	338.06	51.46	310.24	699.76
Deposit - General Dues	-411.46	117.43	. 294.03	. 0
Church Dues	1876.70	•		1876.70
Plate Offering	173.70	73.00	302.00	548.70
Officer Designated	118.9		96.55	215.45
Winter Retreat			1000.00	1000.00
Youth Camp Donations			941.13	941.13
Couples Retreat			330.00	330.00
Youth Camp Dues		•	6522.00	6522.00
Donation - Acts 1:8	220.00			220.00
Total to Account For:	1977.84	190.43	9485.71	11653.98
Disbursements:	2097.54		9416.42	11513.96
Balance on Hand 9-30-00	218.36	241.89	379.53	839.78

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 9:00 A.M. (Registration 8:30 A.M.) on each day of the Association. (Change made July 2000).

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 a recommendation to this body. The Candidate is required to meet with the Credentials & Examining Committee twenty (20) days prior the the Associational meeting in which the Committee chairman will recommend the Candidate to the Body present in his report to the Association. It will be the Candidate's duty to inform the Clerk or Committee chairman for this meeting to be scheduled.
- 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 night 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 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 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.

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