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2001 MINUTES OF

THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS
AND THE
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THIRD
ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCHES

*BY GOD'S FREE GRACE
TO THE
GLORY OF CHRIST THE LORD*



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**SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OFFICERS
SERVING DURING 2002**

DANNY HENDERSON-MODERATOR
ROUTE 1 – BOX 251
HEADLAND, AL 36345
334-693-2051

C. C. CULPEPPER-VICE-MODERATOR
P. O. BOX 241
EUFAULA, AL 36072-0241
334-687-4462

RALPH BAKER-CLERK/TREAS.
3422 HWY. 131
CLAYTON, AL 36016
334-775-9703

NINA VICKERS-ASST CLERK/TREAS.
607 HOLLY DRIVE
EUFAULA, AL 36027
334-687-3463

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION 2002 MEETING DATES, PLACES AND SPEAKERS

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| MEETING JANUARY 19, 2002 | UNION GROVE CHURCH |
| REGISTRATION BEGINS 8:30 AM | |
| MORNING SPEAKER | DANNY HENDERSON PASTOR-NEW PROSPECT |

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| MEETING APRIL 20, 2002 | NEW PROSPECT CHURCH |
| REGISTRATION BEGINS 8:30 AM | |
| MORNING SPEAKER | RALPH BAKER PASTOR-MOUNT ZION |

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| MEETING JULY 13, 2002 | EVERGREEN CHURCH |
| REGISTRATION BEGINS 8:30 AM | |
| MORNING SPEAKER | JOHNNY LEWIS PASTOR-SARDIS CHURCH |

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| MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2002 FRIDAY NIGHT | PLEASANT HILL CHURCH |
| REGISTRATION BEGINS 6:30 PM | |
| EVENING SPEAKER | BOBBY REGISTER PASTOR-UNION GROVE |

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| MEETING OCTOBER 19, 2002 SATURDAY | PILGRIM'S REST CHURCH |
| REGISTRATION BEGINS 8:30 AM | |
| MORNING SPEAKER | JOEY PETTIS PASTOR-EVERGREEN CHURCH |

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| MEMORIAL SERVICE | THOMAS KIRKLAND PASTOR-NEW ZION CHURCH |
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| SUBSTITUTE FOR THE YEAR | C. L. CULPEPPER PASTOR-PILGRIM'S REST |
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CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION PLANNING FOR 2002

YOUTH RALLIES – 7:00 P.M. EACH MEETING

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| MARCH 16, 2002 | NEW PROSPECT CHURCH |
| MAY 19, 2002 | NEW ZION CHURCH |
| AUGUST 17, 2002 | EVERGREEN CHURCH |
| NOVEMBER 9, 2002 | SARDIS CHURCH |

DECEMBER 28 AND 29 WILL BE THE WINTER YOUTH RETREAT AND WILL BE AT COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS. ALL YOUTH ARE URGED TO ATTEND AND RECEIVE A BLESSING.

WE WILL AGAIN HAVE SPLIT CAMP FOR THIS SUMMER'S CAMPERS. JUNIOR CAMP WILL BE JUNE 17 – 21, 2002 WITH BROTHER RANDALL WRIGHT AS EVANGELIST.

SENIOR CAMP WILL BE JUNE 24 – 28, 2002 WITH BROTHER NATE ANGE AS EVANGELIST. COST PER CAMPER THIS YEAR WILL BE \$100.00.

DISTRICT WNAC MEETING:

THE DISTRICT WNAC MEETING IS NOT FINANLIZED AT THIS TIME.

STATE MEETINGS:

THE PASTORS AND WORKERS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 11, 12, AND 13, 2002 IN DOTHAN, ALABAMA

THE ANNUAL STATE ASSOCIATION MEETING IS
NOVEMBER 6, 7, AND 8, 2002

NATIONAL MEETINGS:

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| MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE | JULY 21-25, 2002 |
| TAMPA, FLORIDA | JULY 20-24, 2003 |
| KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI | JULY 18-22, 2004 |
| LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY | JULY 17-21, 2005 |
| BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA | JULY 16-20, 2006 |
| LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS | JULY 15-19, 2007 |
| CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA | JULY 20-24, 2008 |
| CINCINNATI, OHIO | JULY 19-23, 2009 |

**SCHEDULE OF ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
SERVING 2002**

EVERGREEN

BROTHER JOEY PETTIS
ROUTE 3 – BOX 466
OZARK, ALABAMA 36360
334-795-6741

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

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

NEW PROSPECT
BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON
ROUTE 1 – BOX 251
HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345
334-693-2051

BROTHER LARRY SOWELL
224 BROAD STREET
HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345
334-693-0324

BROTHERN JONATHON CORDELL
EAST ALABAMA ASSOCIATION
OPELIKA, ALABAMA

UNION GROVE
BROTHER BOBBY REGISTER
104 SOUTH DALE ROAD-APT 8
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
334-585-5384

NEW ZION

BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND
9716 COUNTY ROAD 99
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
334-693-5024

BROTHER KEITH COLE
209 BROAD STREET
HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345
334-693-5024

PILGRIM'S REST
BROTHER C. L. CULPEPPER
P. O. BOX 241
EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36072-0241
334-687-4462

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

SARDIS
BROTHER JOHN EDWARDS-INTERIM
P. O. BOX 423
PINCKARD, ALABAMA 36371
334-983-1909

BROTHER JOHNNY LEWIS
276 OUTBACK ROAD
EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027
334-687-8967

SCHEDULE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SERVING 2002

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND PASTORS PASTORING A CHURCH IN THIS ASSOCIATION WHERE BOTH PASTOR AND CHURCH IS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING PLUS ELECTED MEMBERS BELOW.

EVERGREEN
BROTHER LARRY PEAVY
ROUTE 1 – BOX 263
ARITON, ALABAMA 36311
334-762-2092

MOUNT ZION
SISTER NINA VICKERS
607 HOLLY DRIVE
EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027
334-687-3463

NEW PROSPECT
BROTHER TROY BARRON
ROUTE 1 – BOX 70 A
CLOPTON, ALABAMA 36317
334-585-2022

PILGRIM REST
BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON
ROUTE 1 – BOX 240
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
334-585-3250

PLEASANT HILL
BROTHER LAVON OVERSTREET
302 STONE STREET
DOTHAN, ALABAMA 36301
334-792-7208

NEW ZION
SISTER EDNA WHITEHEAD
312 MURRAY STREET
HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345
334-693-2759

SARDIS
BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE
1064 HIGHWAY 30
CLAYTON, ALABAMA 36016
334-687-5416

UNION GROVE
BROTHER HOLT STOKES
ROUTE 4 – BOX 521
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
334-585-3030

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

EVERGREEN
SISTER BEULAH PEAVY
P. O. BOX 453
ARITON, ALABAMA 36311
334-762-2092

MOUNT ZION
SISTER NINA VICKERS
607 HOLLY DRIVE
EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027
334-687-3463

NEW PROSPECT
SISTER JOYCE MULLINS
ROUTE 1 – BOX 131M
CLOPTON, ALABAMA 36317
334-585-6869

NEW ZION
SISTER EDNA WHITEHEAD
302 MURRAY STREET
HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345
334-693-2759

PILGRIM'S REST
BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON
ROUTE 1 – BOX 240
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
334-585-3250

PLEASANT HILL
BROTHER LAVON OVERSTREET
302 STONE STREET
DOTHAN, ALABAMA 36301
334-792-7208

SARDIS
SISTER GEORGIA GILMORE
1064 HIGHWAY 30
CLAYTON, ALABAMA 36016
334-687-5416

UNION GROVE
SISTER SYLVIA ETHRIDGE
ROUTE 4 – BOX 546
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
334-585-2859

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION ORDAINED DEACONS
2002

EVERGREEN
BROTHER HUBERT PHILLIPS
218 SUTTON DAIRY ROAD
ARITON, ALABAMA 36311
334-762-2974

BROTHER BART HARDEN
211 SUTTON DAIRY ROAD
ARITON, ALABAMA 36311
334-762-2688

BROTHER LARRY PEAVY
P. O. BOX 453
ARITON, ALABAMA 36311
334-762-2092

MOUNT ZION
BROTHER CHARLES W. STANLEY
ROUTE 1 – BOX 278
EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027
334-585-2960

BROTHER JAMES SOWELL
1757 COUNTY ROAD 86
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
334-585-3475

NEW PROSPECT
BROTHER WILLIAM SOWELL
2777 COUNTY ROAD 75N
CLOPTON, ALABAMA 36317
334-585-5318

BROTHER TRACEY ARMSTRONG
204 ROCKDALE COURT
DOTHAN, ALABAMA 36301

NEW ZION
BROTHER TOM SHELLEY
ROUTE 2 – BOX 129
HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345
334-693-2839

BROTHER BILLY SHELLEY
ROUTE 2 – BOX 345
HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345
334-693-2248

BROTHER CLEVELAND SHELLEY
ROUTE 2 – BOX 93
HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345
334-693-2783

BROTHER KYLE HARDY
ROUTE 3 – BOX 38
HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345
334-693-2758
BROTHER JOE WHITEHEAD
302 MURRAY STREET
HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345
334-693-2759

PILGRIM'S REST
BROTHER EARL MONEY
ROUTE 1 – BOX 131
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
334-585-3250

BROTHER ODIS L. BUXTON
ROUTE 1 – BOX 240
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
334-585-3250
BROTHER GENE CARR
111 DOTHAN ROAD
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
334-585-2627

PLEASANT HILL
BROTHER LAVON OVERSTREET
302 STONE STREET
DOTHAN, ALABAMA 36301
334-792-7208

SARDIS
BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE
1064 HIGHWAY 30
CLAYTON, ALABAMA 36016
334-687-5416
BROTHER BRYAN GILMORE
495 HIGHWAY 30
CLAYTON, ALABAMA 36016
334-687-4568
BROTHER EVERRETT O'HEARN
18 O'HEARN DRIVE
EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027
334-687-3560

UNION GROVE
BROTHER JACK STARLING
ROUTE 1 – BOX 102
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
334-585-6174
BROTHER WILL MADDOX
ROUTE 4 – BOX 546
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
334-585-5013

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

EVERGREEN
BRO. MATTHEW HARDEN
SUTTON DAIRY ROAD
ARITON, ALABAMA 36360
334-762-2668

MOUNT ZION
BRO. BRUCE TAYLOR
3069 COUNTY ROAD 31
EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027
334-585-6043

NEW PROSPECT
BRO. TRACEY ARMSTRONG
204 ROCKDALE COURT
DOTHAN, ALABAMA 36301
334-794-3609

NEW ZION
BRO. TOM SHELLEY
ROUTE 2 – BOX 129
HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345
334-693-2839

PILGRIM'S REST
BRO. ODIS L. BUXTON
49 HIGHWAY 10 EAST
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
334-585-3250

PLEASANT HILL
BRO. LAVON OVERSTREET
302 STONE STREET
DOTHAN, ALABAMA 36301
334-792-7208

SARDIS
BRO. MICKEY GILMORE
1058 HIGHWAY 30
CLAYTON, ALABAMA 36016
334-687-7529

UNION GROVE
BRO. WILL MADDOX
2651 COUNTY ROAD 53
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
334-585-5013

CTS DIRECTORS

EVERGREEN
BRO. JEFFREY PETTIS
ROUTE 3 – BOX 466
OZARK, ALABAMA 36360
334-795-6741

PILGRIM'S REST
BRO. GENE CARR
111 DOTHAN ROAD
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
334-585-2627

WNAC
MOUNT ZION
SIS. NINA VICKERS
607 HOLLY DRIVE
EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027
334-687-3463

SARDIS
SIS. LISA GILMORE
1058 HIGHWAY 30
CLAYTON, ALABAMA 36016
334-687-7529

MASTER'S MEN

MOUNT ZION
BRO. DONAL WHITENER
1707 COUNTY ROAD 31
EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027
334-585-3150

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OCTOBER 30, 2001

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET ON OCTOBER 30, 2001 AT 7:00 P.M. WITH MOUNT ZION AS HOST CHURCH. OUR PURPOSE WAS TO PLAN THE ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 2002. ALL CHURCHES IN OUR ASSOCIATION WERE REPRESENTED. THE MODERATOR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND BROTHER JOEY PETTIS LED IN PRAYER.

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE LARRY PEAVY, NINA VICKERS, EVERRETTE O'HEARN, ODIS BUXTON, LAVON OVERSTREET, MICKEY GILMORE, AND HOLT STOKES. PASTORS PRESENT WERE JOEY PETTIS, RALPH BAKER, THOMAS KIRKLAND, DANNY HENDERSON, C. L. CULPEPPER, DAVE COLLINS, JOHNNY LEWIS, AND BOBBY REGISTER.

THE FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS WAS SELECTING A THEME FOR THE COMING YEAR. SEVERAL WERE PRESENTED FROM DIFFERENT MEMBERS PRESENT BUT WE ALL SETTLED ON THE THEME "CONDITIONS FOR GOD TO BLESS AMERICA". WE ALSO AGREED ON II CHRONICLES 7:14 TO BE OUR SCRIPTURE REFERENCE FOR THE YEAR.

WE DISCUSSED THE UPLIFT IN THE ASSOCIATION THIS YEAR AND LOOKED FOR THE INCREASE TO CONTINUE FOR 2002. THAT IS OUR HOPE FOR THE COMING YEAR. OUR THOUGHTS MOVED TO SPEAKERS FOR 2002.

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| FIRST QUARTER | - | UNIION GROVE | - | DANNY HENDERSON |
| SECOND QUARTER | - | NEW PROSPECT | - | RALPH BAKER |
| THIRD QUARTER | - | EVERGREEN | - | JOHNNY LEWIS |
| FRIDAY NIGHT | - | PLEASANT HILL | - | BOBBY REGISTER |
| SATURDAY SESSION | - | PILGRIM'S REST | - | JOEY PETTIS |
| MEMORIAL SERVICE | - | SATURDAY ANNUAL SESSION- | | THOMAS KIRKLAND |

SUBSTITUTE SPEAKER FOR THE YEAR WILL BE C. L. CULPEPPER.

HOLT STOKES MOVED TO ADJORN SECONDED BY C. L. CULPEPPER.

BROTHER DAVE COLLINS CLOSED THE MEETING WITH PRAYER.

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION LIST OF COMMITTEES CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING

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| BROTHER JOHNNY LEWIS | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2002 |
| BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2002 |
| BROTHER JOEY PETTIS | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2003 |
| BROTHER C. L. CULPEPPER | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2003 |
| BROTHER RALPH BAKER | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2004 |
| BROTHER BOBBY REGISTER | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2005 |
| BROTHER WILLIAM SOWELL | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2005 |

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

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| BROTHER MICKEY GILMORE | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2003 |
| BROTHER JOEY PETTIS | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2003 |
| BROTHER TRACEY ARMSTRONG | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2004 |

CHILDREN HOME

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| BROTHER RALPH BAKER | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2002 |
| BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2003 |
| SISTER MIRIAM SHELLEY | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2004 |
| BROTHER RALPH BAKER | BOARD MEMBER TO HOME 2002 |

FINANCE

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| SISTER EDNA WHITEHEAD | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2002 |
| SISTER DOT WHITENER | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2003 |
| BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2004 |

MISSIONS

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| SISTER JUDY WILSON | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2002 |
| SISTER JOHNNIE RUTH TAYLOR | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2003 |
| SISTER ANN LEWIS | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2004 |

NOMINATING

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| SISTER LINDA SOWELL | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2002 |
| SISTER BARBARA REGISTER | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2003 |
| SISTER NINA VICKERS | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2004 |

PLACEMENT

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| SISTER DOLLY VICKERS | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2002 |
| SISTER SYLVIA ETHRIDGE | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2002 |
| SISTER JOYCE MULLINS | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2004 |

RESOLUTIONS

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| SISTER LILIAN WILSON | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2002 |
| SISTER PAM PETTIS | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2003 |
| BROTHER LAVON OVERSTREET | TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2004 |

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION - ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 2000 - 2001
BEGINNING/ADDITIONS/LOSSES FOR 2000-2001

| CHURCH NAME | ORG. DATE | MEM. 9/00 | BAP. 01 | LETT 01 | OTH. 01 | DEA. 01 | LETT 01 | TOT. 01 | S. S. MEM. | AVE. ATT. | CTS MEM. | AVE. ATT. | WNA MEM. | AVE. ATT. | M.M. MEM. | AVE. ATT. | ORD. MIN. | LIC. MIN. | PRAYER MEETING |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| EVERGREEN | | 46 | | | | -1 | | 45 | 25 | 20 | 20 | 15 | | | | | 2 | | 2 |
| MOUNT ZION | | 75 | | | | -4 | | 71 | 20 | 13 | | | 14 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 1 | | 8 |
| NEW PROSPECT | | 92 | 1 | 2 | | -2 | -2 | 91 | 35 | 30 | | | | | | | 2 | | 25 |
| NEW ZION | | 158 | 6 | 3 | | -1 | | 166 | 79 | 70 | | | | | | | 2 | | 60 |
| PILGRIM'S REST | | 73 | | | | -1 | | 72 | 19 | 14 | 15 | 12 | | | | | 1 | | 5 |
| PLEASANT HILL | | 60 | | 2 | | -1 | -7 | 54 | 7 | 6 | | | | | | | 1 | | 10 |
| SARDIS | | 181 | 5 | | | -2 | -2 | 182 | 67 | 46 | | | 10 | 8 | | | 1 | | 50 |
| UNION GROVE | | 94 | | | | -2 | -4 | 88 | 18 | 14 | | | | | | | 1 | | 8 |
| TOTALS | | 779 | 12 | 7 | 0 | -14 | -15 | 769 | 270 | 213 | 35 | 27 | 24 | 20 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 0 | 168 |

2000 / 2001 CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

| CHURCH NAME | INCOME | REPAIRS & RENOV. | SUPPLIES | UTILITIES | REVIVALS | MISSIONS | CHILDREN HOME | YOUTH ACTIVITY | SALARY | DUES | PROPERTY VALUE |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| EVERGREEN | \$32,381.21 | \$5,034.27 | | \$2,631.61 | | \$5,050.00 | \$600.00 | \$1,380.65 | \$13,950.00 | \$375.00 | |
| MOUNT ZION | \$22,480.00 | \$3,746.00 | \$2,702.00 | \$3,336.00 | \$1,255.00 | \$400.00 | \$700.00 | \$120.00 | \$7,525.00 | \$380.50 | \$120,000.00 |
| NEW PROSPECT | \$33,428.00 | \$1,587.00 | | \$3,266.00 | \$1,446.00 | \$1,149.00 | \$100.00 | \$1,800.00 | \$10,725.00 | \$400.00 | \$280,000.00 |
| NEW ZION | \$84,394.92 | \$1,722.29 | \$6,848.85 | | \$1,791.86 | \$11,253.12 | \$2,465.01 | \$7,575.90 | \$21,600.00 | \$325.00 | \$450,000.00 |
| PILGRIM'S REST | | \$108.74 | \$1,925.03 | \$1,660.62 | \$300.00 | \$350.00 | | STAFF | \$18,746.46 | | |
| PLEASANT HILL | \$18,386.70 | \$815.00 | \$1,707.06 | \$2,177.17 | \$350.00 | | | | \$7,950.00 | \$177.50 | |
| SARDIS | \$115,423.00 | \$32,327.60 | | \$10,275.00 | \$2,541.00 | \$11,016.00 | \$900.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$32,882.00 | \$320.00 | \$455,000.00 |
| UNION GROVE | | | | | | | | STAFF | \$5,940.00 | \$818.00 | STATE CO-OP |
| TOTALS | \$306,493.83 | \$45,340.90 | \$15,182.94 | \$23,346.40 | \$7,683.86 | \$29,218.12 | \$4,765.01 | \$12,076.55 | \$129,068.46 | \$2,963.50 | \$1,452,500.00 |

**FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING
NEW PROSPECT FWB CHURCH
JANUARY 20, 2001**

THE FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION BEGAN FOR THE YEAR 2001 WITH MEMBERS REGISTERING AT THE HOST CHURCH ON JANUARY 20, 2001 AT 8:30 AM. MINISTERS, DEACONS, VISITORS, DELEGATES, ETC. BEGAN ARRIVING AND SIGNING IN AT THE APPOINTED HOUR.

AT 9:00 AM THE MODERATOR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER WAS PRAYED BY BROTHER JOEY PETTIS. REMARKS BY THE MODERATOR WERE BRIEF, CALLING OUR ATTENTION TO OUR EXPECTATIONS, RESPONSIBILITIES, HOPES AND DREAMS FOR THE COMING YEAR. BROTHER TRACEY ARMSTRONG GAVE THE WELCOME FOR THE HOST CHURCH. THE RESPONSE WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND. BROTHER EVERETT MULLINS AND SISTER LINDA SOWELL OF THE HOST CHURCH LED A SHORT SONG SERVICE OF PRAISE TO OUR GOD. WE SANG "HE SET ME FREE" AND "REDEEMED". THE MORNING OFFERING WAS RECEIVED WITH BROTHERS JOEY PETTIS AND DANNY HENDERSON SERVING AS USHERS. BROTHER JOEY PETTIS PRAYED THE OFFERTORY PRAYER. THE PLATE OFFERING WAS \$144.38. THE MORNING DEVOTION WAS BROUGHT BY BROTHER JONATHON CORDELL OF THE HOST CHURCH. HIS WAS A TIMELY DEVOTION AND VERY GOOD.

THE MODERATOR ASKED FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, MINISTERS, AND DEACONS. THERE WAS NO VISITOR AND 8 MINISTERS AND 9 DEACONS. THE ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES HAD 28 DELEGATES AND 5 ALTERNATES ANSWERING THE ROLL. THERE WERE NO ANNOUNCEMENTS SO WE ADJOURNED UNTIL 9:50 WHEN WE RECONVENED FOR BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS.

WE REASSEMBLED AT 9:52 AND OPENED THIS PORTION BY SINGING HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BROTHER DAVE COLLINS. WE THEN ENTERED INTO THE BUSINESS SESSION. THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS SO WE MOVED TO COMMITTEE REPORTS. CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION GAVE AN INFORMATION REPORT ON THE DECEMBER RETREAT AT COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS WHERE BROTHER RICK CASH SERVED AS RETREAT EVANGELIST. IT WAS A GRACIOUS AND BLESSED EVENT. COST OF THE RETREAT BORNE BY THE ATTENDER WITH THE BOARD REALIZING A \$65.25 "GAIN" OVER EXPENSES. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE PLATE OFFERING GO TO THE GENERAL TREASURY. MISSIONS COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORT AND THE REPLACEMENT COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORT. THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED BROTHER JOHNNY LEWIS BE ELECTED TO THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE TO SERVE THE TERM OF BROTHER BO VICKERS WHO WAS CALLED HOME TO GLORY. THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MOVED THAT A PLAQUE BE PURCHASED AND ENGRAVED TO PRESENT TO SISTER NINA VICKERS IN MEMORY OF THE YEARS

OF FAITHFUL AND DEDICATED SERVICE HE HAD RENDERED TO THE ASSOCIATION THRU THE LAST 25 PLUS YEARS. THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED BROTHER JONATHON CORDELL, UPON DUE CONSIDERATION OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, BE ORDAINED TO PREACH THE GOSPEL AT A TIME AND PLACE OF HIS CHOOSING. THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE RECORDED 59 TOTAL. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS WE MOVED INTO THE MORNING PRAISE AND SONG SERVICE.

THE MORNING SONG SERVICE WAS LED BY BROTHER EVERETT MULLINS AND SISTER LINDA SOWELL. WE SANG "JUST A LITTLE TALK WITH JESUS" AND "TO GOD BE THE GLORY". SPECIAL SONG AND MUSIC PROVIDED BY THE HOST CHURCH AS BROTHER JONATHON CORDELL, SISTER LINDA SOWELL AND SISTER LISA CORDELL SANG TOGETHER AND INDIVIDUALLY THREE SONGS: "CAN HE, COULD HE, WOULD HE, HE DID", "THROUGH THE FIRE" AND "THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE". VERY INSPIRING AND UPLIFTING.

THE MORNING MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED BY BROTHER JOHNNY LEWIS, PASTOR AT SARDIS. READING FROM THE BOOK OF II CHRONICLES 7:14 AND ALSO 6:40. HE CALLED OUR ATTENTION TO 7:15, GOD HEARD SOLOMON'S PRAYER. JESUS IS UNIQUE WHEN YOU STAND IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD. BEFORE WE SEE ANY REVIVAL WE MUST STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, AND PROCEED.

1. SEE THE GREAT NEED FOR REVIVAL. WE MUST SEE
2. REALIZE THE SOURCE OF THE CURE OF OUR NEEDS
3. HUMBLE OURSELVES UNDER THE MIGHTY HAND OF GOD.
4. PRAY AND PRAY AND PRAY AND PRAY AND KEEP ON.
5. SEEK THE BLESSED FACE OF GOD EVERY SINGLE DAY.
6. TURN FROM YOUR WICKED WAYS AND TRUST HIM.
7. BE A LIVING WITNESS EVERYWHERE YOU GO.

A MOST TOUCHING AND INSPIRING MESSAGE FOLLOWED BY AN INVITATION LED BY SISTER LINDA SOWELL AND BROTHER EVERETT MULLINS. WE SANG "CALLING TODAY". PRAYER OF DISMISSAL BY BROTHER WILLIAM SOWELL WAS FOLLOWED BY LUNCH.

**SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING
NEW ZION F W B CHURCH
APRIL 14, 2001**

REGISTRATION FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2001 BEGAN WITH DELEGATES, VISITORS, MINISTERS, AND DEACONS SIGNING IN AT THE HOST CHURCH AT 8:30 AM ON APRIL 14, 2001.

MODERATOR, BROTHER CLARENCE CULPEPPER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER PROMPTLY AT 9:00 AM. OPENING PRAYER WAS BY BROTHER DAVE COLLINS

FOLLOWED BY SOME TIMELY REMARKS BY THE MODERATOR. SISTER JOHNNIE RUTH TAYLOR OF THE HOST CHURCH WELCOMED THE ASSOCIATION TO NEW ZION. BROTHER MICKEY GILMORE GAVE THE RESPONSE TO THE WELCOME, DECLARING THE APPRECIATION OF THE ASSOCIATION TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS AT NEW ZION.

A SHORT CONGREGATIONAL SINGING SESSION WAS FOLLOWED WITH LEADERSHIP PROVIDED BY THE HOST CHURCH. WE ALL LIFTED OUR VOICES IN PRAISE AND ADORATION IN SINGING "NEAR THE CROSS" AND "ARE YOU WASHED IN THE BLOOD".

BROTHER WILLIAM SOWELL AND MICKEY GILMORE WERE CALLED ON TO RECEIVE THE MORNING OFFERING. OFFERTORY PRAYER WAS PRAYED BY BROTHER WILLIAM SOWELL.

THE MORNING DEVOTION WAS DELIVERED BY BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND OF THE HOST CHURCH USING ACTS 4:31. POINTS COVERED WERE WHEN THEY HAD PRAYED, THEY WERE TOGETHER WITH ONE ACCORD WITH ONE AGENDA, THEY SOUGHT GOD FROM THE DEPTHS OF THEIR SOULS. HE MENTIONED PSALMS AND ROMANS ON THOSE THAT LOVED THE LORD. HE THEN OUTLINED FOUR MAJOR POINTS OR SUBJECT MATTER: 1. NECESSITY FOR TOGETHERNESS. 2. NECESSITY FOR TRUTH. 3. NECESSITY FOR TRUST. 4. NECESSITY FOR THINKING. BROTHER THOMAS THEN CLOSED WITH PRAYER.

THE MODERATOR THEN ASKED FOR RECOGNITION FOR THE ATTENDING. WE HAD 6 VISITORS, 9 MINISTERS, AND 6 DEACONS WHO STOOD TO BE RECOGNIZED. DELEGATE ROLL CALL CAME NEXT. WE HAD 25 DELEGATES ANSWERING THE ROLL. PAM PETTIS, EVERGREEN; NINA VICKERS, DOLLY VICKERS, SUE TAYLOR, MOUNT ZION; LINDA CORDELL, LISA CORDELL, EMILY ARMSTRONG, NEW PROSPECT; BETTY WHITEHEAD, MIRIAM SHELLY, MARVELLA ARMSTRONG, EDNA WHITEHEAD, JOHNNIE RUTH TAYLOR, BOBBY SHELLEY, NEW ZION; MARY CULPEPPER, CAROLYN BUKZSAR, PAM BUKZSAR, PILGRIM'S REST; MARY FOLDS, DOT OVERSTREET, COLLEYE KELLEY, PLEASANT HILL; MICKEY GILMORE, LISA GILMORE, CORY GILMORE, ANN LEWIS, CASSIE GILMORE, SARDIS; AND NO DELEGATES FROM UNION GROVE THIS SESSION. NEW PROSPECT ALSO HAD ALTERNATES ANSWERING THE ROLL CALL: JERRIE CORDELL AND J. D. BRICKER. THESE 25 DELEGATES ALONG WITH THE 9 ORDAINED MINISTERS AND 6 ORDAINED DEACONS REPRESENT THE VOTING BODY FOR THIS SESSION. THE TWO ALTERNATES FROM NEW PROSPECT WOULD ALSO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IF REPLACING A DELEGATE FROM NEW PROSPECT.

A BRIEF PERIOD FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWED AND THERE WERE SEVERAL. BROTHER DAVE COLLINS CALLED ATTENTION TO THE FLYER ANNOUNCING THE REVIVAL AT PLEASANT HILL. BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND BROUGHT US UP TO DATE ON THE MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION. BROTHER JOHNNY LEWIS ANNOUNCED REVIVAL AT SARDIS BEGINNING MAY 27, 2001. PILGRIM'S REST WILL HAVE A SING TONIGHT FOLLOWED BY SUNRISE SERVICES TOMORROW AND REVIVAL TO BEGIN MONDAY NIGHT FOLLOWING THE FIRST SUNDAY IN MAY.

WE RECESSED FOR TEN MINUTES AND TO RECONVENE AT 10:00 AM. WE ENTERED INTO BUSINESS BY CALLING FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS. CREDENTIALS HAD NOTHING TO REPORT. CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER MICKEY GILMORE. MARCH YOUTH RALLY WAS A GREAT BLESSING. BROTHER ALLEN LEACH BROUGHT A GREAT MESSAGE ON SALVATION, USING DRAWINGS TO EMPHASIZE HIS POINTS. EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED RECEIVED A GREAT BLESSING. THE MEN'S RETREAT WAS ENJOYABLE AND A BLESSING TO THOSE WHO ATTENDED. THE WOMEN'S RETREAT WILL BE APRIL 27-28 AND EVERYONE IS ASKED TO PRAY AND ATTEND. THE JR. YOUTH CAMP IS JUNE 18-22 WITH THE SR. CAMP JUNE 25-29. PRAY THAT THE KIDS WILL BE BLESSED AND THE CAMP WILL BRING GLORY TO THE LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH. CHILDREN HOME BOARD MEMBER GAVE REPORT ON THE PROGRESS AT THE HOME. THE COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORT. MISSIONS COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORT THIS SESSION. FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE PLATE OFFERING GO TO THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION. PLACEMENT COMMITTEE, NOMINATING COMMITTEE, AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORT FOR THIS SESSION. THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REVEALED A TOTAL OF 57 REGISTERED FOR THIS SESSION.

WE ENTERED THE MORNING SONG SERVICE WITH THE HOST CHURCH PROVIDING THE MUSICAL LEADERSHIP. WE SANG SEVERAL SONGS: "STANDING ON THE PROMISES", "I'LL HAVE A NEW LIFE", "BECAUSE HE LIVES", "AT THE CROSS", AND "CHRIST AROSE". CERTAINLY, WE HAD A JOYFUL AND UPLIFTING TIME IN THE LORD.

THE MORNING MESSAGE WAS THEN BROUGHT BY BROTHER GLEN POSTON FROM DOTHAN. BROTHER POSTON BASED HIS MESSAGE ON I CORINTHIANS 2:1 "SUFFICIENCY OF THE SIMPLE GOSPEL". HE CALLED OUR ATTENTION TO ACTS 18, PAUL ON HIS JOURNEY. CHRISTIANS ARE ON A JOURNEY AS WELL DOING GOD'S BUSINESS. HE POINTED OUT FIRST THAT THERE ARE BASIC PROBLEMS EVERYWHERE: FAMILY, WORK, NATION, WORLD, BUT WE HAVE A SOLUTION. IT IS THE SIMPLE PLAN OF GOD. WE DON'T NEED SOME GRAND HIGH WAY BUT JUST THE SIMPLISTIC WAY GOD HAS GIVEN US TO PURSUE IN HIS TIME, HIS PLACE, HIS STRENGTH. SEVERAL POINTS MADE: 1. WORD OF GOD ALONE SOURCE OF AUTHORITY. 2. THE SON OF GOD IS THE ONLY SOURCE OF SALVATION. 3. THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS THE SOURCE OF POWER. A TRULY INSPIRING MESSAGE. INVITATIONAL

HYMN "JUST AS I AM" FOLLOWED BY A RISING VOTE OF THANKS TO THE HOST CHURCH

WHERE WE ALL ENJOYED A BOUNTIFUL AND WONDERFUL MEAL PROVIDED BY THE HOST CHURCH. FOLLOWING THE MEAL WE WENT OUR SEPARATE WAYS HAVING BEEN TRULY BLESSED BY ATTENDED THIS SESSION.

**THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING
MOUNT ZION F W B CHURCH
JULY 7, 2001**

THE THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION BEGAN WITH REGISTRATION AT 8:30 AM. THIS SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE MODERATOR AT 9:00 AM. THE MODERATOR OPENED BY LEADING IN PRAYER FOLLOWED BY A FEW TIMELY REMARKS CONCERNING THE AFFECT SWITCHING FROM TWO FULL DAYS TO ONE PART TIME AND ONE FULL DAY AT THE ANNUAL SESSION. AT FIRST OUR FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION WAS WEAK BUT IN RECENT SESSION HAS GROWN A GREAT DEAL.

THE WELCOME WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER JOE VICKERS, WHO NOW IS A MEMBER OF THE BLACKWOOD CHURCH, BUT STILL PART OF THE MOUNT ZION FAMILY. THE RESPONSE WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER JOEY PETTIS.

THE MODERATOR THEN ASKED FOR SOME SONGS TO PRAISE THE LORD. THIS PART OF THE SERVICE WAS LED BY JOE VICKERS AND SYLVIA BRANNON THE HOST CHURCH. WE SANG "VICTORY IN JESUS" AND "JOY UNSPEAKABLE".

THE MORNING OFFERING WAS RECEIVED BY BROTHERS JOHNNY LEWIS AND MICKEY GILMORE. THIS OFFERING WILL BE DESIGNATED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE DURING THE BUSINESS SESSION. THE OFFERTORY PRAYER WAS BY BROTHER JOHNNY LEWIS. AN OFFERING OF \$113.00 WAS RECEIVED.

THE MORNING DEVOTION WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER RALPH BAKER, PASTOR OF MOUNT ZION.

THE MODERATOR CALLED FOR RECOGNITIONS: 7 MEMBER MINISTERS AND 2 VISITORS: BROTHER RANDY KEY FROM THE CHILDREN HOME AND JOE VICKERS FROM BLACKWOOD CHURCH. MEMBER MINISTERS REGISTERED: RALPH BAKER, DAVE COLLINS, CLARENCE CULPEPPER, THOMAS KIRKLAND, JOHNNY LEWIS, JOEY PETTIS AND BOBBY REGISTER. THERE WERE DEACONS LAMAR BUXTON, BRYAN GILMORE, LAVON OVERSTREET, WILLIAM SOWELL, AND JOE WHITEHEAD. THERE WERE 9 WHO STOOD TO BE RECOGNIZED AS VISITORS; HOWEVER, THE REGISTRATION SHOWED 17 SIGNATURES. DUE TO THIS I HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO LIST "VISITORS". THE ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES: EVERGREEN, PAM PETTIS; MOUNT ZION, MELINDA OWENS, LILLIE THOMPSON, DOLLY VICKERS, NINA VICKERS, DO WHITENER AND ALTERNATE SYLVIA BRANNON; NEW PROSPECT, EVERETT MULLINS, JOYCE MULLINS, AND LINDA SOWELL; NEW ZION, BETTY GANDEE, BARBARA KIRKLAND, MIRIAM SHELLEY, JOHNNIE TAYLOR, BETTY WHITEHEAD, EDNA WHITEHEAD, AND ALTERNATE JEANETTE TRAMMEL; PILGRIM'S REST, MARY CULPEPPER; PLEASANT HILL, NO DELEGATE; SARDIS, MICKEY GILMORE, LISA GILMORE, ANN LEWIS, JOHN LEWIS, JR, NANCY LEWIS, THERESA MARSHALL; UNION GROVE, SYLVIA ETHERIDGE. THESE 23 DELEGATES (SUPPORTED BY ALTERNATES WHERE ELECTED IF THE DELEGATE CANNOT CONTINUE) PLUS THE 7 ASSOCIATION MINISTERS AND THE 5 DEACONS WILL BE THE VOTING DELEGATES FOR TODAY.

A TIME OF LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS WAS GIVEN AND WE HAD SEVERAL: PLEASANT HILL HOMECOMING; UNION HOMECOMING WITH REVIVAL TO FOLLOW; SARDIS BIBLE SCHOOL; NEW ZION BIBLE SCHOOL; NEW PROSPECT REVIVAL; SARDIS WILL HAVE BOBBY AND LENORE POOLE AT THEIR CHURCH AUGUST 19, 2001. INVITATIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL WHO WISH TO COME TO ANY OF THE EVENTS.

FOURTH QUARTERLY MEETING

SARDIS F W B CHURCH

FRIDAY NIGHT

OCTOBER 19, 2001

THE FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION BEGAN WITH REGISTRATION BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM WITH THE SESSION CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY A MUSIC PRELUDE BY SARDIS' PIANIST AND THEN BY THE VICE MODERATOR, BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON. THE OPENING PRAYER WAS BY BROTHER WILLIAM SOWELL.

A SHORT SONG SERVICE WAS LED BY BROTHER BRYAN GILMORE WITH MUSIC ACCOMPANYING. WE SANG "I'LL BE SATISFIED", "SINCE JESUS CAME INTO MY HEART", AND "I'LL BE A FRIEND".

BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE AND BROTHER EARL GILMORE SERVED AS USHERS FOR THE EVENING OFFERING WHICH WAS \$99.00. THIS OFFERING WILL BE COMBINED WITH THE OFFERING TOMORROW AND THEN DESIGNATED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE ASSOCIATION.

SPECIALS IN SONG WERE GIVEN BY PASTOR JOHNNY LEWIS SINGING "SOMETIMES" AND BY BROTHERS JOHNNY, EARL AND BRYAN GILMORE SINGING "HE'LL GO WITH YOU ANYWHERE".

BROTHER TERRY FORESTER WAS INTRODUCED AS THE EVENING SPEAKER AND HE CHOSE FOR HIS TEXT 1 KING 21:1-4 AND TITLED HIS MESSAGE, "THE MAN WHO WAS NOT FOR SALE." AHAB, THE MAN WHO SOLD HIMSELF TO DO WICKEDLY. HIS WIFE JEZEBEL WHO SOLD HERSELF TO DO ALL MANNER OF EVIL. NABOTH, WHO HUMBLING HIMSELF, WAS GENTEEL, QUIET, SOFT SPOKEN OWNER OF A VINEYARD. NOW, WHAT KIND OF MAN IS IT THAT STANDS FOR RIGHT IN LIGHT OF WORLD OPINION? A MAN WHO LOVES THE LAW OF GOD AS LEVITICUS 23:23 SHOWS "AND THE LAND SHALL NOT BE SOLD FOREVER". GOD SAID IT AND THAT WAS IT AS FOR NABOTH. DUTY FROM FATHERS TO THE CHILDREN FOR A HERITAGE. NOT GREEDY FOR GAIN, CONTENT, SATISFIED. NOTE AHAB HAD AN OFFER TO MAKE: A SWAP, A BETTER PIECE OF LAND, MONEY, NAME YOUR PRICE. NABOTH HAD NO PRICE. DOES NOT GIVE IN TO THE WHIMS OF LIFE. DO YOU HAVE PRICE? FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH. LOOK AT NABOTH. HIS INTEGRITY COST HIM HIS LIFE, BUT HE STOOD FIRM. DISMISSED FOR REFRESHMENTS AND TO RECONVENE TOMORROW AT EVERGREEN FOR THE SATURDAY SESSION. BROTHER JOHNNY LEWIS PRAYED THE BENEDICTION.

FOURTH QUARTERLY SESSION
EVERGREEN F W B CHURCH
SATURDAY SESSION
OCTOBER 20, 2001

THE FINAL DAY OF THE ASSOCIATION YEAR BEGAN WITH REGISTRATION AT 8:30 AM. THE CALL TO ORDER CAME AT 9:00 AM BY THE MODERATOR. OPENING PRAYER BY BROTHER JOHNNY LEWIS. REMARKS CONCERNING THE REMINDER OF OUR NEEDS AS CHRISTIANS, AS AN ASSOCIATION, AS CHURCHES IN THE ASSOCIATION. WE NEED TO BE HUMBLE. WE NEED TO PRAY. WE ALSO NEED TO TURN FROM OUR WAYS UNTO THE WAYS OF GOD.

THE WELCOME WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER JOEY PETTIS WITH THE RESPONSE TO THE WELCOME BY BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND OF NEW ZION.

OUR SONG SERVICE WAS LED BY BROTHER JOEY PETTIS AND SISTER PAM PETTIS. WE SANG, "LOOKING FOR A CITY", "THE EASTERN GATE", AND "JESUS, HOLD MY HAND".

THE MORNING OFFERING WAS RECEIVED BY BROTHER JOEY PETTIS AND BROTHER ROSS PETERS WITH THE OFFERTORY PRAYER BY BROTHER ROSS PETERS.

THE MORNING DEVOTION WAS BROUGHT BY BROTHER JEFFERY PETTIS USING ROMANS CHAPTER 1, GOD'S REVEALING NATURE, VERSES 19-20. GOD REVEALS HIS NATURE THROUGH: GENERALLY, THROUGH CREATION; FORMALLY, THROUGH THE LIVING WORD; AND PERSONALLY, THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT. FOR THEY ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE SAYETH THE LORD. A GOOD DEVOTION.

RECOGNITION OF MINISTERS, 8, BROTHERS RALPH BAKER, C. L. CULPEPPER, DANNY HENDERSON, THOMAS KIRKLAND, JOHNNY LEWIS, ROSS PETERS, JOEY PETTIS, AND BOBBY REGISTER. THERE WAS ONE VISITING MINISTER, BROTHER TERRY FORESTER. THERE WERE 6 DEACONS: BROTHERS TRACEY ARMSTRONG, LAMAR BUXTON, BRYAN GILMORE, HUBERT PHILLIPS, WILLIAM SOWELL, AND JOE WHITEHEAD.

THE ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES BY THE CLERK WAS THEN MADE. THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS AND SISTERS ANSWERED THE ROLL CALL. EVERGREEN: MARJORIE PHILLIPS, LILLIAN WILSON, ELIZABETH GARNER, ALTERNATE PAM PETTIS; MOUNT ZION: DOLLY VICKERS, NINA VICKERS; NEW PROSPECT: JOYCE MULLINS, EVERRETT MULLINS, EMILY ARMSTRONG, ALTERNATE EMMA TEW; NEW ZION: JOHNNIE RUTH TAYLOR, BARBARA KIRKLAND, BETTY WHITEHEAD, EDNA WHITEHEAD, JERRY WHITEHEAD, ALTERNATE MARVELL ARMSTRONG; SARDIS: MICKEY GILMORE; UNION GROVE: SYLVIA ETHERIDGE, BARBARA REGISTER.

THERE FOLLOWED SEVERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SEVERAL CHURCHES. HOMECOMING AT EVERGREEN WITH MIKE BECKON AS SPEAKER. SING AT SARDIS DECEMBER 31, 2001 TO SING OUT OLD AND IN NEW. SARDIS WILL HOST THE YOUTH RALLY NOVEMBER 10, 2001. EVERYONE INVITED, ESPECIALLY YOUTH OF THE ASSOCIATION AND COMMUNITY. NEW PROSPECT WILL HAVE ORDINATION SERVICE FOR TROY BARRON AT 2:30 THIS SUNDAY.

THE BUSINESS SESSION OPENED WITH NO OLD BUSINESS AND ONLY COMMITTEE REPORTS TO BE GIVEN. FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THOSE REPORTS AND THE INFORMATION PROVIDED.

THE CREDENTIALS, RESOLUTION, AND MISSIONS COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORTS AT THIS SESSION.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTED THAT THE SCHEDULE OF YOUTH RALLY DATES (SEE EVENTS PAGE FOR TIMES AND PLACES), RETREAT FOR WINTER WITH DAVID CROWE AS SPEAKER, DECEMBER 28 AND 29, 2001 AT COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS.

THE CHILDREN HOME BOARD MEMBER UPDATED THE ASSOCIATION CONCERNING THE HOME AND ITS NEW BUILDING PROJECT. MSC AS INFORMATION.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE GAVE ITS REPORT, INCLUDING THE BUDGET FOR 2002. THE PLATE OFFERING TO THE GENERAL FUND AND THE BUDGET TO REMAIN AS IN PAST YEAR.

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| GENERAL TREASURY | 25% |
| CHRISTIAN BOARD | 25% |
| CHILDREN HOME | 15% |
| MISSIONS COMMITTEE | 15% |
| MODERATOR | 7% |
| CLERK/TREASURER | 7% |
| VICE-MODERATOR | 3% |
| ASST. CLERK/TREASURER | 3% |
| | 100% |

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED:
DANNY HENDERSON
EDNA WHITEHEAD
DOT WHITENER

THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE GAVE ITS REPORT FOR THE COMING YEAR. THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES ARE TO ENTERTAIN THE QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL SESSIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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| UNION GROVE CHURCH | JANUARY 19, 2002 |
| NEW PROSPECT CHURCH | APRIL 20, 2002 |
| EVERGREEN CHURCH | JULY 13, 2002 |
| PLEASANT HILL-FRIDAY NIGHT | OCTOBER 18, 2002 |
| PILGRIMS REST-SATURDAY | OCTOBER 19, 2002 |

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED:
SYLVIA ETHERIDGE
JOYCE MULLINS
DOLLY VICKERS

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MADE THE FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS OFFICES THIS COMING TERM. MODERATOR, DANNY HENDERSON; VICE MODERATOR, C. L. CULPEPPER; CLERK/TREASURER, RALPH BAKER; ASSISTANT CLERK/TREASURER, NINA VICKERS; CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, JOHNNY LEWIS AND THOMAS KIRKLAND TERM EXPIRING 2005; CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION, TRACEY ARMSTRONG, TERM EXPIRING 2004, CHILDREN HOME COMMITTEE, MIRIAM SHELLEY, TERM EXPIRING 2004; BOARD MEMBER, RALPH BAKER; FINANCE COMMITTEE, LAMAR BUSTON; MISSIONS COMMITTEE, ANN LEWIS, TERM EXPIRING 2004 AND JUDY WILSON, TERM EXPIRING 2002; NOMINATING COMMITTEE, NINA VICKERS, TERM EXPIRING 2004; PLACEMENT COMMITTEE, JOYCE MULLINS, TERM EXPIRING 2004; AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE, LAVON OVERSTREET, TERM EXPIRING 2004.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED:
BARBARA REGISTER
LINDA SOWELL
NINA VICKERS

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORTED 83 FOR THE TWO SESSIONS.

ADDITIONAL DELEGATES TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION WERE THEN ELECTED BY THE BODY. THESE ARE ANN LEWIS, SARDIS; BARBARA REGISTER, UNION GROVE; DOLLY VICKERS, MOUNT ZION; LINDA CORDELL, NEW PROSPECT. TWO OF THESE HAD BEEN SELECTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE CHURCHES; HOWEVER, A CHURCH CAN ONLY SEND ONE REPRESENTATIVE ELECTED FROM ITS CHURCH BODY. THEREFORE, THESE

TWO, PLUS ANOTHER TWO ARE ELECTED BY THE ASSOCIATION AS OUR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION CONVENING IN NOVEMBER WITH THE MADISON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE WAS CONDUCTED BY DANNY HENDERSON. THERE WERE 14 DEATHS REPORTED BY OUR SISTER CHURCHES. THESE ARE: JOHN CECIL PORTWOOD, EVERGREEN; LOWELL VICKERS, GRACIE CLENNEY, LESTER TURNER, MARY ALICE BOYD, MOUNT ZION; FLORENCE CARROLL, CORA JERNIGAN, NEW PROSPECT; HAROLD GANDEE, NEW ZION; HERMAN MONEY, PILGRIMS REST; PEARL COLLINS, PLEASANT HILL; FLORENCE GILMORE, RANDALL GULLEDGE, SARDIS; AND MARY LOU GAMBLE, RICHMOND MORING, UNION GROVE. MAY THESE TRULY OBTAIN EVERLASTING REST IN GLORY.

RECESS FROM 10:40 TO 10:45. THE BODY WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:46 BY THE MODERATOR. WE ENTERED THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE WITH A SONG SERVICE INCLUDING "I AM BLEST", "LET MY LIFE BE A LIGHT", FOLLOWED BY PRAYER BY BROTHER C. L. CULPEPPER. "GIVE ME A VISION", "FOR HE HAS BEEN SO GOOD TO ME", "I'LL FLY AWAY". BROTHER AND SISTER PETTIS SANG "I WILL GLORY IN THE CROSS" AS A SPECIAL IN SONG.

THE MORNING MESSAGE WAS AGAIN BROUGHT BY TERRY FOREST. HE CHOSE HIS TEXT FROM 1 KINGS 22. HE SPOKE ON AHAB, JEZEBEL, NABOTH, JEHU. HE SPOKE ON STEPS OF PROGRESSION. ACKNOWLEDGE NEED; MINISTER, NO TIME FOR COWARDICE; IMPROPER DRESS, SPEECH, ACTION; JUDGEMENT COMES AT LAST. THE WICKED SHALL BE TURNED INTO HELL AND THOSE THAT LOVE THE LORD ARE BLEST FOR EVERMORE.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH FOLLOWING THE CHANGE OF MODERATOR FROM C. L. CULPEPPER TO DANNY HENDERSON. WE SANG A CONCLUDING HYMN LED BY JOEY PETTIS AND PAM PETTIS. CHOSEN WAS "WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN". A RISING VOTE OF THANKS WAS GIVEN TO THE HOST CHURCH AND WE WERE DISMISSED WITH PRAYER FOR THE NOON MEAL AND TIME OF FELLOWSHIP WHERE ALL ENJOYED A DELICIOUS MEAL PREPARED BY THE HOST CHURCH.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL MEET AT A TIME AND PLACE LATER NAMED. WE WILL MEET AT MOUNT ZION ON TUESDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 30, 2001, AT 7:00 PM. MOUNT ZION WILL PROVIDE REFRESHMENTS.

ON OCTOBER 30, 2001, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ASSEMBLED AT MOUNT ZION TO PLAN THE ASSOCIATION CALENDAR FOR 2002. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: JOEY PETTIS AND LARRY PEAVY, EVERGREEN; RALPH BAKER, NINA VICKERS, MOUNT ZION; EDNA WHITEHEAD, NEW ZION; DANNY HENDERSON, EVERETTE

MULLINS, NEW PROSPECT; C. L. CULPEPPER, LAMAR BUXTON, PILGRIMS REST; DAVE COLLINS, LAVON OVERSTREET, PLEASANT HILL; JOHNNY LEWIS, MICKEY GILMORE, SARDIS; BOBBY REGISTER, HOLT STOKES, UNION GROVE.

FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS WAS SELECTING THE THEME FOR 2002. SEVERAL WERE PRESENTED BUT WE ELECTED TO AGAIN USE 2 CHRONICLES 7:14, CHANGING THE THEME TO "CONDITIONS FOR GOD TO BLESS AMERICA."

THE NEXT ITEM OF BUSINESS WAS ELECTING SPEAKERS. JANUARY 19, 2002, DANNY HENDERSON; APRIL 20, 2002, RALPH BAKER; JULY 13, 2002, JOHNNY LEWIS; FRIDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 18, 2002, BOBBY REGISTER; SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2002, JOEY PETTIS; SUBSTITUTE SPEAKER OF THE YEAR, C L CULPEPPER; MEMORIAL SERVICE, THOMAS KIRKLAND.

MOTION TO DISMISS BY HOLT STOKES, SECOND BY C L CULPEPPER, PRAYER BY DAVE COLLINS.

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| BEGINNING BALANCE 10/1/2000 | \$ 839.78 |
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| 10/1/2000-12/31/2000 | 1,420.90 |
| 1/1/2001 - 3/31/2001 | 1,895.54 |
| 4/1/2001 - 6/30/2001 | 6,450.50 |
| 7/1/2001 - 9/30/2001 | 922.91 |
| PLUS VOIDING OUTSTANDING CHECK | 8.95 |
| TOTAL DEPOSITS 2000 - 2001 | 10,697.80 |

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| TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR | 11,537.58 |
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DISBURSEMENTS 10/1/2000 - 9/30/2001

| CHECK # | ISSUED TO: | AMOUNT: |
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| 509 | RALPH BAKER | 100.00 |
| 510 | C L CULPEPPER | 21.88 |
| 511 | THOMAS KIRKLAND | 21.88 |
| 512 | EDNA WHITEHEAD | 9.37 |
| 513 | CHILDREN HOME | 46.88 |
| 514 | NATIONAL ASSOCIATION | 400.00 |
| 515 | ALABAMA ASSOCIATION | 280.00 |
| 516 | COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS | 954.75 |
| 517 | CAMP EVANGELIST | 100.00 |
| 518 | RALPH BAKER | 100.00 |
| 519 | C L CULPEPPER | 18.20 |
| 520 | DANNY HENDERSON | 7.80 |
| 521 | RALPH BAKER | 18.20 |
| 522 | NINA VICKERS | 7.80 |
| 523 | CHILDREN HOME | 39.00 |
| 524 | STATE LINE (CAMP REPAY) | 329.91 |
| 525 | HOPKINS PRINTING | 394.20 |
| 526 | CHILDREN HOME | 36.95 |
| 527 | RALPH BAKER | 100.00 |
| 528 | RALPH BAKER | 17.15 |
| 529 | C L CULPEPPER | 17.15 |
| 530 | NINA VICKERS | 7.35 |
| 531 | DANNY HENDERSON | 7.35 |
| 532 | YOUTH CAMP | 260.65 |
| 533 | COFFEE BAPTIST – JR | 3,918.50 |
| 534 | JUNIOR EVANGELIST | 325.00 |
| 535 | COFFEE BAPTIST – SR | 1,802.50 |
| 536 | CAMP EVANGELIST | 200.00 |
| 537 | CHILDREN HOME | 39.75 |
| 538 | C L CULPEPPER | 18.55 |
| 539 | RALPH BAKER | 18.75 |
| 540 | NINA VICKERS | 7.95 |
| 541 | DANNY HENDERSON | 7.95 |
| 542 | JOEY PETTIS (PLAQUE) | 29.99 |
| 543 | YOUTH | 125.00 |

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| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | 9,664.02 |
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| BALANCE 9/30/01 | 1,873.56 |
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RECAP:

| | GENERAL | MISSIONS | EDUCATION | TOTAL |
|----------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| BAL. 9/30/00 | 218.36 | 241.89 | 379.53 | 839.78 |
| GENERAL DUES | 1947.50 | | | 1947.50 |
| | (338.00) | 126.75 | 211.25 | -0- |
| CHURCHES | | | 1448.91 | 1448.91 |
| PLATE | 308.15 | 153.66 | | 461.81 |
| OFFICERS | 73.95 | | 53.13 | 127.08 |
| WINTER RETREAT | | | 1120.00 | 1120.00 |
| YOUTH CAMP DUE | | | 5467.50 | 5467.50 |
| | 2209.96 | 522.30 | 8680.32 | 11412.58 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | 1772.71 | -0- | 7766.31 | 9539.02 |
| | 437.25 | 522.30 | 914.01 | 1873.56 |

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 ENGAGE IN A MORE DEFINITE PLAN OF WORK, TO LABOR TOGETHER IN UNITY, AND TO COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS FOR A GREATER PROGRAM FOR CHRIST AND HIS KINGDOM, WE DO HEREBY ADOPT THIS CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

CONSTITUTION

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

ARTICLE TWO. OFFICERS – THE OFFICERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL BE A MODERATOR, A VICE MODERATOR, A CLERK/TREASURER, AND AN ASSISTANT CLERK/TREASURER. THE OFFICE OF CLERK/TREASURER MAY BE COMBINED.

ARTICLE THREE. 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 FOUR. ADDITIONS – CHURCHES DESIRING MEMBERSHIP IN THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL SEND DELEGATES BEARING A PETITIONARY LETTER. IF THE CHURCH, 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 FIVE. REPRESENTATION – EACH CHURCH IN THIS ASSOCIATION IS EXPECTED TO BE REPRESENTED AT EACH QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION BY LETTER AND DELEGATES AS PRESCRIBED IN THE BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE SIX. INDEPENDENCE OF CHURCHES – EACH CHURCH OF THIS ASSOCIATION IS A DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION HAVING FULL AND ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY TO MANAGE ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS, TO ELECT ITS PASTOR, OFFICERS, AND TO RECEIVE AND DISMISS MEMBERS.

SECTION ONE – EACH CHURCH IN THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL HAVE, HOLD AND CONTROL ITS PROPERTY, REAL AND OTHERWISE.

SECTION TWO – 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 THREE. 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) HAS SET ITS HOUSE IN ORDER.

ARTICLE SEVEN. 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 IN 1995). THE ANNUAL SESSION SHALL CONVENE ON FRIDAY NIGHT BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER FROM 7:00 PM UNTIL 9:00 PM AND ON SATURDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER. THE THREE QUARTERLY SESSIONS AND THE SATURDAY ANNUAL SESSION SHALL BE CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 AM (REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:30 AM) ON EACH DAY OF THE ASSOCIATION. (CHANGE MADE IN JULY 2000.)

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

ARTICLE EIGHT. 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 ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING. (SEE CREDENTIALS AND REQUIREMENTS ON BECOMING A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING FOR MINISTERS.)

ARTICLE NINE. PROVISIONS FOR ORDAINED AUTHORITY.

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

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

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

ARTICLE ELEVEN. 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 GOOD STANDING. THESE SHALL BE ELECTED TWO FOR FOUR (4) YEARS, TWO FOR THREE (3) YEARS, TWO FOR TWO (2) YEARS AND ONE FOR ONE (1) YEAR. EACH YEAR AT THE ANNUAL SESSION ONE OR MORE MEMBERS SHALL BE UP FOR REPLACEMENT OR RE-NOMINATION. SEE THE BY-LAWS FOR 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 FOR 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 RENOMINATION. SEE THE BY-LAWS FOR 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 DUTIES TO BE PERFORMED.

D. CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF THREE MEMBERS ELECTED FROM NOMINATIONS PRESENTED TO THIS BODY WHILE IN SESSION. THESE ARE ELECTED ONE FOR THREE (3) YEARS, ONE FOR TWO (2) YEARS 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.

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 DUTIES TO BE PERFORMED.

F. NOMINATIONS 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 COME UP FOR REPLACEMENT OR RE-NOMINATION. SEE THE BY-LAWS FOR DUTIES TO BE PERFORMED.

G. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ELECTED FROM NOMINATIONS PRESENTED TO THIS BODY WHILE IN SESSION. THESE SHALL BE 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 COME UP FOR REPLACEMENT OR RE-NOMINATION. SEE THE BY-LAWS FOR DUTIES TO BE PERFORMED.

H. FINANCE COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF THREE MEMBERS ELECTED FROM NOMINATIONS PRESENTED TO THIS BODY WHILE IN SESSION. THESE SHALL BE 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 COME UP FOR REPLACEMENT OF RE-NOMINATION. SEE THE BY-LAWS FOR DUTIES TO BE PERFORMED.

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

ARTICLE THIRTEEN. REQUIRED QUORUM – THIRTY (30) DELEGATES FROM SIX (6) OR MORE CHURCH 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 ONE. OFFICERS – ALL OFFICERS SHALL BE ELECTED ANNUALLY. ANY OFFICER MAY SUCCEED HIMSELF IN OFFICE IF SO NOMINATED.

ARTICLE TWO. DUTIES OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS.

SECTION ONE. MODERATOR – THE MODERATOR SHALL PRESIDE OVER ALL MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION, APPOINT TEMPORARY COMMITTEES, AND CALL THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TOGETHER WHEN NECESSARY.

SECTION TWO. 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 THREE. 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 FOUR. 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 FIVE. 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 THREE. DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OTHER ELECTED COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED BY THE CONSTITUTION.

SECTION ONE. 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 YEAR'S 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 SESSION 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 ASSOCIATIONAL OF CHURCHES ON THINGS WHEN IT IS NOT IN SESSION THAT CANNOT WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.

SECTION TWO. CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE DUTIES.

A. TO EXAMINE ALL CHURCH LETTERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO ORDER OF LETTERS 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 AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE TWENTY (20) DAYS PRIOR TO THE ASSOCIATION 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 RECOMMENDATIONS 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 ITS EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE. WRITTEN FORMS SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THIS COMMITTEE.

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

SECTION THREE. CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION DUTIES.

A. TO PLAN, ORGANIZE, AND SUPERVISE YOUTH RALLIES, A YOUTH REVIVAL, CTS COMPETITION, SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION, 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 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 FOUR. MISSION COMMITTEE DUTIES.

A. TO PROMOTE MISSION WORK IN THE ASSOCIATION

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

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

SECTION FIVE. 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 SIX. PLACEMENT COMMITTEE DUTIES

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

SECTION SEVEN. NOMINATING COMMITTEE DUTIES.

A. TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATION OFFICERS.

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

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

SECTION EIGHT. 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 PLACE OFFERINGS.

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

SECTION NINE. RESOLUTION COMMITTEE DUTIES.

A. TO BRING TO THE ASSOCIATION'S ATTENTION ANY MATTER THAT NEEDS OUR ATTENTION IN THE AREA OF LOCAL, STATE, OR NATIONAL INTEREST.

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

SECTION ELEVEN. 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 FOUR. REPRESENTATION OF CHURCHES TO THE ASSOCIATION.

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

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

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

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

SECTION SIX. 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 FIVE. USE OF FUNDS.

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

SECTION TWO. ASSOCIATION IS TO SUPPORT HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS, PROMOTE THE BIBLE COLLEGE IN NASHVILLE, THE CHILDREN HOME AND THE SUPERANNUATION OF OUR OLDER MINISTERS.

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE SIX. AMENDMENTS.

SECTION ONE. 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 TWO. 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 ASSOCIATION MEETING AND THEN SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE TABLE, READ AGAIN IN THE HEARING OF THOSE ASSEMBLED, AND THEN ACTED ON BY THE ASSOCIATION.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. THE ASSOCIATION, WHEN CONVENED, SHALL BE OPENED AND CLOSED BY SINGING AND PRAYER.
2. ONLY ONE PERSON SHALL SPEAK AT A TIME, AND HE WILL RISE TO HIS FEET AND ADDRESS THE MODERATOR.
3. EACH PERSON THAT IS SPEAKING SHALL NOT BE INTERRUPTED IN SPEECH, EXCEPT BY THE MODERATOR, UNTIL HE GETS THROUGH; NOR SHALL THE MODERATOR INTERRUPT HIM UNLESS HE GETS OUT OF ORDER.
4. THE PERSON THUS SPEAKING SHALL ADHERE TO THE QUESTION AND SHALL IN NO WAYS CAST REFLECTIONS ON ANY PERSON WHO MAY HAVE SPOKEN BEFORE HIM.
5. NO PERSON SHALL SPEAK MORE THAN THREE (3) TIMES ON THE SAME SUBJECT WITHOUT LEAVE OF THE ASSOCIATION.
6. NO PERSON SHALL LAUGH OR WHISPER IN TIME OF PUBLIC SPEECH.
7. MEMBERS SHALL ADDRESS EACH OTHER BY THE APPELLATION OF BROTHER OR BRETHREN AND SISTER(S).
8. NO MEMBER OF THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL ABSENT HIMSELF WHEN THE ASSOCIATION IS SITTING IN CONFERENCE WITHOUT LEAVE OF THE MODERATOR.
9. THE NAMES OF THE MEMBERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL BE ENROLLED AND CALLED AS OFTEN AS THE ASSOCIATION THINKS IS NECESSARY.
10. NO MEMBER SHALL SPEAK LONGER THAN FIVE (5) MINUTES AT ANY ONE TIME WITHOUT LEAVE OF THE MODERATOR.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. THE BIBLE, THE SCRIPTURE OF THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS WERE GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD AND ARE OUR INFALLIBLE RULE OF FAITH AND PRACTICE.
2. GOD. THERE IS ONE TRUE AND LIVING GOD, REVEALED IN NATURE AS THE CREATOR, PRESERVER, AND RIGHTEOUS GOVERNOR OF THE UNIVERSE AND IN SCRIPTURE AS FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST, YET AS ONE GOD, INFINITELY WISE AND GOOD, WHOM ALL INTELLIGENT CREATURES ARE SUPREME TO LOVE, ADORE, AND OBEY.
3. CHRIST. CHRIST IS GOD MANIFEST IN THE FLESH, IN HIS DIVINE NATURE TRULY MAN. THE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD THE MAN, ONCE CRUCIFIED, HE IS NOW RISEN AND GLORIFIED, AND IS OUR EVER PRESENT SAVIOUR AND LORD.

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT. THE SCRIPTURES ASSIGN 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 REQUIRED.
6. THE SINFULNESS OF MAN. MAN WAS CREATED INNOCENT, BUT BY DISOBEDIENCE FELL INTO SIN AND CONDEMNATION. HIS POSTERITY THEREFORE INHERIT A FALLEN NATURE OF SUCH TENDENCIES THAT ALL WHO COME TO YEARS OF ACCOUNTABILITY SIN AND BECOME GUILTY BEFORE GOD.
7. THE WORK OF CHRIST. THE SON OF MAN BY HIS INCARNATION, LIFE, AND SUFFERINGS, DEATH AND RESURRECTION EFFECTED FOR ALL A REDEMPTION FROM SIN THAT IS FULL AND FREE AND IS THE GROUND OF SALVATION BY FAITH.
8. THE TERMS OF SALVATION: THE CONDITIONS OF SALVATION ARE: (1) REPENTANCE OR SINCERE SORROW FOR SIN AND THE HEARTY RENUNCIATION OF IT. (2) FAITH, OR THE RESERVED COMMITMENT OF ONE'S SELF TO CHRIST AS SAVIOUR AND LORD WITH PURPOSE TO LOVE AND OBEY HIM IN ALL THINGS. IN THE EXERCISE OF SAVING FAITH THE SOUL IS RENEWED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, FREED FROM THE DOMINION OF SIN AND BECOMES A CHILD OF GOD. (3) CONTINUANCE IN FAITH AND OBEDIENCE UNTIL DEATH.
9. ELECTION. GOD DETERMINED FROM THE BEGINNING TO SAVE ALL WHO SHOULD COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS OF SALVATION. HENCE, BY FAITH MEN BECOME HIS ELECT.
10. FREEDOM OF WILL. THE HUMAN WILL IS FREE AND SELF CONTROLLED, HAVING POWER TO YIELD TO THE INFLUENCE OF THE TRUTH AND SPIRIT; OR TO RESIST THEM AND PERISH.
11. SALVATION FREE. GOD DESIRED 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. PERSERVANCE. ALL BELIEVERS IN CHRIST, WHO 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 IS AN ORDINANCE TEACHING HUMILITY, OF UNIVERSAL OBLIGATION, AND TO BE MINISTERED TO ALL BELIEVERS.
14. TITHING. GOD COMMANDS TITHES AND OFFERINGS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT AND JESUS CHRIST ENDORSED IT IN THE GOSPEL (MATT. 23:23), AND THE APOSTLE PAUL SAID "UPON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK LET EVERYONE LAY BY HIM IN STORE AS GOD HATH PROSPERED HIM"; (1 CORINTHIANS 16:2)
15. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH. THE DIVINE LAW REQUIRES THAT ONE DAY IN SEVEN BE SET APART FROM SECULAR EMPLOYMENTS AND AMUSEMENTS FOR THE REST, WORSHIP, HOLY WORKS AND ACTIVITIES, AND FOR THE PERSONAL COMMISSION WITH GOD.
16. RESURRECTION, JUDGEMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION. THE SCRIPTURES TEACH THE RESURRECTION OF ALL MEN AT THE LAST DAY. THEY THAT HAVE DONE GOOD WILL COME FORTH TO THE RESURRECTION OF LIFE AND THEY THAT HAVE DONE EVIL UNTO THE RESURRECTION OF DAMNATION; THE WICKED WILL GO AWAY INTO ETERNAL PUNISHMENT, BUT THE RIGHTEOUS INTO LIFE ETERNAL.

CHURCH COVENANT

HAVING GIVEN OURSELVES TO GOD, BY FAITH IN CHRIST, AND ADOPTED THE WORD OF GOD AS OUR RULE OF FAITH AND PRACTICE, WE NOW GIVE OURSELVES TO ONE ANOTHER BY THE WILL OF GOD IN THIS SOLEMN COVENANT.

WE PROMISE, BY HIS GRACE, TO LOVE AND OBEY HIM IN ALL THINGS, TO AVOID ALL APPEARANCE OF EVIL, TO ABSTAIN FROM ALL SINFUL AMUSEMENTS AND UNHOLY CONFORMITY TO THE WORLD, FROM ALL SANCTION AND SALE OF INTOXICATING BEVERAGES, AND TO PROVIDE THINGS HONEST IN THE SIGHT OF ALL MEN.

WE AGREE FAITHFULLY TO DISCHARGE OUR OBLIGATIONS IN REFERENCE TO THE STUDY OF THE SCRIPTURES, SECRET PRAYER, FAMILY DEVOTIONS AND SOCIAL WORSHIP, AND BY SELF DENIAL, FAITH AND GOOD WORKS, ENDEAVOR TO "GROW IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST."

WE WILL NOT FORSAKE THE ASSEMBLING OF OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR CHURCH CONFERENCE, PUBLIC WORSHIP, AND THE OBSERVANCE OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE GOSPEL, NOR FAIL TO PAY ITS POOR AND ALL ITS BENEVOLENT WORK.

WE AGREE TO ACCEPT CHRISTIAN ADMONITION AND REPROOF WITH MEEKNESS, AND TO WATCH OVER ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE, ENDEAVORING TO "KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT" IN THE BONDS OF PEACE, TO BE CAREFUL OF ONE ANOTHER'S HAPPINESS AND REPUTATION, AND SEEK TO STRENGTHEN THE WEAK, ENCOURAGE THE AFFLICTED, ADMONISH THE ERRING, AND SO FAR AS WE ARE ABLE, PROMOTE THE SUCCESS OF THE CHURCH AND THE GOSPEL.

WE WILL EVERYWHERE HOLD CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLE SACRED AND CHRISTIAN OBLIGATIONS AND ENTERPRISES SUPREME, COUNTING IT OUR CHIEF BUSINESS IN LIFE TO EXTEND THE INFLUENCE OF CHRIST IN SOCIETY, AND CONSTANTLY PRAYING AND TELLING THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD MAY COME AND HIS WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

TO THIS END WE AGREE TO LABOR FOR THE PROMOTION OF EDUCATIONAL AND DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISES, THE SUPPORT OF MISSIONS, THE SUCCESS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS, AND THE EVANGELISTIC EFFORTS FOR THE SALVATION OF THE WORLD. AND MAY THE GOD OF PEACE SANCTIFY US WHOLLY AND PRESERVE US BLAMELESS UNTO THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

DID YOU KNOW

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

IN THE YEAR 1827 THERE WERE THREE CHURCHES IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

THE FWB DENOMINATION MOVED ON TO THE STATE OF GEORGIA IN APPROXIMATELY 1835 AND SETTLED IN THE COLUMBUS, GEORGIA AREA. WE BELIEVE THE FWB THEN MOVED ON TO THE EUFAULA, ALABAMA AREA AS COLUMBUS, GEORGIA AND EUFAULA, ALABAMA WERE TRADING POST CENTERS. AS THE PEOPLE MOVED THE FWB MOVED. THIS TOOK PLACE SOMETIME BETWEEN 1835 AND THE CIVIL WAR.

WE BELIEVE THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION HAD ITS BEGINNING IN THE YEAR OF 1878.

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

IN THE YEAR OF 1886 THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION PROPOSED TO DO AWAY WITH THE PRACTICE OF FEET WASHING AS A CHURCH CHRISTIAN ORDINANCE. HOWARD GROVE FWB LEFT THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION, FOLLOWED BY HICKORY, SILVER RUN, AND NEW PROSPECT CHURCHES. THEY APPOINTED HOWARD GROVE AS THEIR MEETING PLACE AND FORMED THE STATE LINE ASSOCIATION.

IN THE EARLY CHURCHES PEOPLE WERE SO MANY TIMES CALLED UP FOR DOING WRONG. DANCING AND DRINKING WAS ONE OF THE MAIN ACKNOWLEDGMENTS MADE.

FROM THE EARLY MINUTES OF THE UNION GROVE CHURCH ESTABLISHED IN 1877 WE HAVE TAKEN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

ON SATURDAY BEFORE THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN AUGUST 1890 THERE WAS AN ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING AT MOUNT ZION. THIS WAS TO ESTABLISH OR DISCUSS A NEW CONSTITUTION FOR THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION. ON AUGUST 1, 1891 DELEGATES WERE ELECTED FROM UNION GROVE TO GO TO THE ASSOCIATION. IN 1891 UNION GROVE CHURCH PAID \$.50 FOR ASSOCIATIONAL PURPOSES.

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

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

IN SEPTEMBER 1896 UNION GROVE ELECTED DELEGATES TO REPRESENT THEM IN THE ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING AND THE CHURCH PAID \$1.00 FOR MINUTE 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 CHURCH IN HENRY COUNTY, ALABAMA FOR THE 32ND ANNUAL SESSION. BROTHER J. H. GUILFORD WAS MODERATOR AND BROTHER C. B. SEARCY, CLERK. THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS BROUGHT BEFORE THE ASSOCIATION ON DOCUMENTS.

TEMPERANCE. WE YOUR COMMITTEE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING REPORT. AS THE LORD HAS COMMANDED HIS CHILDREN TO BE TEMPERATE IN ALL THINGS, WE WILL SUBMIT AND SURRENDER TO BE TEMPERATE IN SUCH ACTS AND DEEDS AND AS GOD'S WORD PRONOUNCES "WOE UNTO HIM THAT GIVETH TO HIS BROTHER DRINK OR PUTTETH THE BOTTLE TO HIS LIPS TO MAKE HIM DRUNK." WE WILL NOT ONLY ABSTAIN FROM IT OURSELVES, BUT DO EVERYTHING AGAINST THE SALE OF IT OR THE USE OF IT IN ANY WAY. WE SEE THAT WHISKEY IS A DESTRUCTION OF HUMANITY AND THE CHURCH. WE GIVE BELOW THE ESTIMATE OF WHAT ONE-BUSHEL OF CORN WILL MAKE. THE DISTILLER GETS 4 GALLONS OF WHISKEY WHICH RETAILS AT \$16.00; THE FARMER GETS \$1.00 FOR HIS CORN; THE GOVERNMENT GETS \$4.40; THE RAILROAD GETS \$1.00 FOR CARRYING; THE MANUFACTURER GETS \$9.85; THE DRAYMAN GETS \$.15; THE CONSUMER GETS DRUNK; THE WIFE AND CHILDREN GO HALF CLAD IN IGNORANCE AND SHAME.

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

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

IN 1920 THERE WERE 15 CHURCHES IN THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION. THEY WERE ANTIOCH, BETHSAIDA, CHRISTIAN HOME, EPHEBUS, EVERGREEN, GOODWATER, JUDSON, MOUNT ZION, NEW PROSPECT, PINEY GROVE, PLEASANT HILL, PILGRIM'S REST, SARDIS, UNION GROVE, AND ZION.

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

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

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

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

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION WAS SET TO MEET SATURDAY BEFORE THE 2ND FIFTH SUNDAY IN 1937 AND WENT TO GOODWATER.

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

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

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

ONLY FIVE CHURCHES WERE HAVING SUNDAY SCHOOL IN 1938.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE TO PAY THE CLERK \$15.00 AND \$10.00 WAS GIVEN TO BROTHER D. F. PELT FOR HIS EXPENSE TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION. THERE WERE 12 CHURCHES IN THE ASSOCIATION. EVERGREEN HAD THE LARGEST ATTENDANCE WITH 229 MEMBERS. BROTHER G. W. NOBLES WAS PASTOR.

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

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

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

THERE WERE 14 CHURCHES IN THE ASSOCIATION. THEY WERE CHESTER CHAPEL, EVERGREEN, FRIENDSHIP, GOODWATER, HICKORY GROVE, HOLMES, JUDSON, MOUNT ZION, NEW PROSPECT, NEW ZION, PILGRIM'S REST, PLEASANT HILL, SARDIS, AND UNION GROVE. EVERGREEN STILL HAD THE LARGEST MEMBERSHIP WITH 239 MEMBERS.

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

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

PILGRIM'S REST HAD JOHNNY WILSON AND CARL WILSON ORDAINED AS DEACONS.

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

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

TIMES HAVE REALLY CHANGED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF OUR ASSOCIATION. SOME FOR THE BETTER. SOME FOR THE WORSE.

IT IS A PLEASURE TO HAVE HAD YOU WITH US AT GOODWATER ON THIS 100TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

