
2003 Minutes
of the
Quarterly Meetings
and the
One Hundred Twenty-Fifth
Annual Session
of the
Southeastern Association
of
Free Will Baptist Churches

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT - ALL FUNDS
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FWB
OCTOBER 1, 2002-SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

TOTAL BALANCE ON HAND-ALL FUNDS	9/30/2002	\$2,636.76
DEPOSITS 10/1/02 - 12/31/02		\$1,618.84
DEPOSITS 1/1/03 - 3/31/03		\$1,024.00
DEPOSITS 4/1 03 - 6/30/03		\$3,519.20
DEPOSITS 7/1 03 - 9/30/03		\$751.40
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$6,913.44
TOTAL FUNDS		\$9,550.20

DISBURSEMENTS:	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR	TOTAL
OFFICERS		\$30.00	\$40.70	\$42.00	\$112.70
CHILDREN HOME		\$69.00		\$31.50	\$100.50
CHILDREN HOME BOARD MEMBER FEES	\$100.00		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$300.00
ALABAMA STATE DUES	\$595.00				\$595.00
COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS		\$847.00	\$1,734.00	\$1,110.00	\$3,691.00
YOUTH CAMP EVANGELIST			\$275.00	\$495.50	\$770.50
JONI PETTIS-MISSIONS		\$332.00			\$332.00
ALABAMA STATE ACTS 1:8 PROGRAM			\$469.70		\$469.70
COUPLES RETREAT-VINEYARDS			\$236.25		\$236.25
SPEAKERS					\$0.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$695.00	\$1,278.00	\$2,855.65	\$1,779.00	\$6,607.65
NET FUNDS - 9/30/03					\$2,942.55

	GENERAL FUND	MISSION FUND	BOARD OF EDUCATION	TOTAL FUNDS
BALANCE 9/30/02	\$1,046.37	\$756.55	\$833.84	\$2,636.76
DUES AND PLATE OFFERINGS	\$1,103.50			\$1,103.50
DISTRIBUTIONS	(\$329.53)	\$94.15	\$235.38	\$0.00
NEW PROSPECT			\$515.34	\$515.34
CAMP DUES AND COUPLES RETREAT			\$3,060.00	\$3,060.00
DUES AND PLATE OFFERINGS	\$302.00	\$132.00		\$434.00
DISTRIBUTIONS	(\$105.70)	\$30.20	\$75.50	\$0.00
NEW PROSPECT			\$30.00	\$30.00
DUES AND PLATE OFFERINGS	\$399.50			\$399.50
DISTRIBUTIONS	(\$98.88)	\$28.25	\$70.63	\$0.00
MOUNT ZION			\$120.00	\$120.00
NEW PROSPECT			\$30.00	\$30.00
NEW PROSPECT-ACTS 1:8 PROGRAM	\$469.70			\$469.70
DUES AND PLATE OFFERINGS	\$482.15		\$15.00	\$497.15
NEW PROSPECT			\$254.25	\$254.25
DISTRIBUTIONS	(\$98.88)	\$28.25	\$70.63	\$0.00
TOTALS	\$3,170.25	\$1,069.40	\$5,310.56	\$9,550.20
DISBURSEMENTS	(\$1,577.90)	(\$332.00)	(\$4,697.75)	(\$6,607.65)
NET CASH PER ACCOUNT	\$1,592.35	\$737.40	\$612.81	\$2,942.55

2002 / 2003 CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

CHURCH NAME	I I	INCOME	I I	REPAIRS & RENOV.	I I	SUPPLIES	I I	UTILITIES	I I	REVIVALS	I I	MISSIONS	I I	CHILDREN HOME	I I	YOUTH ACTIVITY	I I	SALARY	I I	DUES	I I	PROPERTY VALUE
EVERGREEN		\$30,195.82		\$1,150.05	n/p			\$1,348.02	n/p			\$7,780.00	n/p			\$129.85		\$13,775.00		\$160.00	n/p	
MOUNT ZION		\$27,738.40		\$9,891.85		\$359.15 \$2,692.34	Misc	\$3,411.74		\$883.00		\$300.00		\$500.00		\$120.00		\$9,575.00		\$663.38		\$120,000.00
																STAFF		\$1,100.00				
NEW PROSPECT		\$42,655.00		\$3,084.00		other \$7,902.00		\$3,475.00		\$2,970.00		\$2,163.00		\$254.00		\$3,021.00		\$13,300.00		\$400.00		\$280,000.00
NEW ZION		\$96,052.42		\$2,838.31		\$8,440.31		\$5,034.12		\$1,197.64		\$11,818.57		\$2,835.22		\$3,059.89		\$25,773.12		\$470.00		\$450,000.00
																STAFF		\$18,437.85				
PILGRIM'S REST				\$5,664.58		\$954.19 OTHER		\$997.95		\$325.00								\$7,800.00		\$210.00		
SARDIS		\$135,876.99		\$4,635.00				\$15,500.00		\$3,000.00		\$9,000.00		\$4,000.00		\$2,360.00		\$30,000.00		\$360.00		\$640,000.00
		EXPANSIONS		\$135,000.00																		
UNION GROVE		n/p		n/p		n/p		n/p		n/p		n/p		n/p		STAFF n/p		\$5,825.00 n/p		n/p		n/p
TOTALS		\$332,518.63		\$162,263.79		\$20,347.99		\$29,766.83		\$8,375.64		\$31,061.57		\$7,589.22		\$8,690.74		\$125,585.97		\$2,263.38		\$1,490,000.00

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION - ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 2002 - 2003
BEGINNING/ADDITIONS/LOSSES FOR 2002-2003

CHURCH NAME	ORG. DATE	MEM. 19/02	IBAP. I03	ILETT. I03	IOTH. I03	IDEA. I03	ILETT. I03	ITOT. I03	IS. MEM.	S.IAVE. IATT.	ICTS MEM.	IAVE. IATT.	IWAC MEM.	IAVE IATT.	IM.H. MEM.	IAVE. IATT.	IORD. IMIN.	ILIC. IMIN.	IPRAYER MEETING
EVERGREEN		33			0	-1	0	32									2		
MOUNT ZION		71				-3		68	20	12			14	12	4	3	1		5
NEW PROSPECT		101	4	2		-1	-2	104	42	39							2		30
NEW ZION		168		2				170	90	75							2		57
PILGRIM'S REST		76		1				77	10	8	10	8					1		5
SARDIS		183	11	7			-1	201	80	60			10	8					60
UNION GROVE		85			-1		-4	80	15	10									
TOTALS		717	15	12	-1	-5	-7	732	257	204	10	8	24	20	4	3	8	0	157

Southeastern Association Officers for 2004

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2004 Meeting Dates, Places, and Speakers

Registration begins for each session at 8:30 AM in the morning with the body called to order at 9:00 AM except the Friday night session. Registration begins at 6:30 PM for this session and call to order at 7:00 PM.

January 17, 2004
Speaker

Mount Zion
C. L. Culpepper

April 17, 2004
Speaker

Pilgrim's Rest
Ralph Baker

July 10, 2004
Speaker

Sardis
Joey Pettis

October 15, 2004-Friday Night
Speaker

New Zion
Thomas Kirkland

October 16, 2004-Saturday
Speaker

New Prospect
Larry Sowell

Memorial Service

Ross Peters

Substitute Speaker for Year

Billy Bevan

Christian Board of Education 2004 Calendar
Youth Rallies - Dates and Places

February 28, 2004 7:00 PM New Prospect

May 15, 2004 7:00 PM New zion

August 21, 2004 7:00 PM Evergreen

November 20, 2004 7:00PM Sardis

Winter Retreat will be held December 29 & 30, 2003. All Youth are invited to attend these two days of worship and fellowship at Coffee Baptist Vineyards. Mike Cox, Speaker.

Couples Retreat at Coffee Baptist Vineyards March 20, 2004 with DeWayne and Barbara Taylor.

Junior Youth Camp will be held at Coffee Baptist Vineyards on June 14 - 18, 2004. Evangelist Mike Cash.

Senior Youth Camp will be held at Coffee Baptist Vineyards on June 21 - 25, 2004. Christian Powell, Evangelist.

Cost per camper will be \$120.00 each.

Other Meetings

The AFWBWAC District meeting is not scheduled at present.

The Pastors and Workers Conference will be the First Free Will of Northport, Al. February 9 - 11, 2004.

The State Association Meeting will be on November 3, 4 and 5, 2004 hosted by Madison FWB Church, Madison, Al.

National Meetings

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
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	July 18 - 22, 2010
Charlotte, North Carolina	July 17 - 21, 2011

Ordained and Licensed Ministers October 18, 2003

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Bro. Joey Pettis
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Mount Zion
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Headland, Al 36345
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New Prospect
Bro.. Danny Henderson
366 County Road 835
Headland, Alabama 36345
334-693-0251

Pilgrim's Rest
Bro. C. L. Culpepper
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Eufaula, Al 36072
334-687-4462

Bro. Larry Sowell
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Headland, Alabama 36345
334-693-0324

Sardis
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None Listed
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36310
334-585-6869

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334-585-3030

Sis. Edna Whitehead
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All Ordained Minister in good standing with a Church in good standing in this Association is a member of this Committee. The moderator, Vice Moderator, and the Clerk/Treasurer are members of this committee.

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Headland, Al. 36345
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Abbeville, Al. 36310
334-585-2627

Bro. Jack Armstrong
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Masters' Men

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Committees

Credentials and Examining

Bro. Joey Pettis	Term Expires October 2007
Bro. C. L. Culpepper	Term Expires October 2007
Bro. Ralph Baker	Term Expires October 2004
Bro. Danny Henderson	Term Expires October 2005
Bro. William Sowell	Term Expires October 2005
Bro. Thomas Kirkland	Term Expires October 2006
Bro. Joe Whitehead	Term Expires October 2006

Christian Board of Education

Bro. Chris Culp	Term Expires October 2005
Bro. Jeffery Pettis	Term Expires October 2004
Bro. Tracey Armstrong	Term Expires October 2006

Children Home

Sis. Barbara Kirkland	Term Expires October 2005
Sis. Miriam Shelley	Term Expires October 2004
Bro. Johnny Gilmore	Term Expires October 2006
Bro. Ralph Baker-Board Member	Term Expires October 2004

Finance

Sis. Edna Whitehead	Term Expires October 2005
Bro. Lamar Buxton	Term Expires October 2004
Sis. Dot Whitener	Term Expires October 2006

Missions

Bro. Paul Dyson	Term Expires October 2005
Bro. Bryan Gilmore	Term Expires October 2004
Sis. Johnnie Ruth Taylor	Term Expires October 2006

Nominating

Sis. Linda Sowell	Term Expires October 2005
Sis. Pam Pettis	Term Expires October 2004
Sis. Nina Vickers-Flowers	Term Expires October 2006

Placement

Sis. Dolly Vickers	Term Expires October 2005
Sis. Joyce Mullins	Term Expires October 2004
Sis. Sylvia Ethridge	Term Expires October 2006

Resolutions

Sis. Lillian Wilson	Term Expires October 2005
Sis. Mary Culpepper	Term Expires October 2004
Sis. Sharron Peters	Term Expires October 2006

Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee met at Mount Zion Church on Tuesday night, November 4, 2003 at 7:00 PM. The purpose of this meeting is to establish a theme and to elect speakers for the coming year, and any other business that might arise.

Members present were: Sister Nina Vickers-Flowers, Mount Zion; Bro. Everette Mullins, New Prospect; Sister Edna Whitehead, New Zion; Bro. Mickey Gilmore, Sardis; and Bro. Holt Stokes, Union Grove. Ministers present were Bro. Joey Pettis, Evergreen; Bro. Ralph Baker, Mount Zion; Bro. Danny Henderson, New Prospect; Bro. C. L. Culpepper, Pilgrims' Rest. Bro. Thomas Kirkland, New Zion. Bro. Joe Whitehead Accompanied Sister

Edna Whitehead and was a visitor. Bro. Will Maddox attended with Bro. Stokes.

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Danny Henderson, Moderator. Bro. C. L. Culpepper led in prayer. There was no old or unfinished business. No new business was brought forward. We moved to the theme for the year 2004. The theme selected for the coming year is from the book of Romans, Chapter 13:11-14 titled "it is time." The theme presented by Ralph Baker with a suggested outline.

Speakers for the various meetings was then nominated and elected by acclamation. The January meeting will be at Mount Zion with C. L. Culpepper as the speaker for this meeting. The April meeting speaker will be Bro. Ralph Baker and will be hosted by Pilgrim's Rest. The July speaker will be Bro. Joey Pettis, hosted by Sardis. The Friday night session will be hosted by New Zion and the Speaker will be Bro. Thomas Kirkland. The Saturday Annual Session will be hosted by New Prospect where the Speaker will be Bro. Larry Sowell. The substitute for the year will be Bro. Billy Bevan and the Memorial Service speaker will be Bro. Ross Peters.

There being no more business a motion was made to adjourn and this was carried. A time for refreshments and fellowship followed in the Church fellowship hall.

JANUARY 18, 2003
SARDIS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION OF 2003

SARDIS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 30 IN EUFAULA, ALABAMA HOSTED THE FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION OF THE 2003 ASSOCIATION. REGISTRATION FOR THE DAYS SERVICE BEGAN AT 8:30 AM WITH THE BODY CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 AM BY THE MODERATOR, BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON, WHO OPENED THE SESSION WITH PRAYER FOLLOWED BY A FEW REMARKS ABOUT THE NEW YEAR, THE POTENTIAL THAT FACED US, AND THE DESIRE TO SEE GROWTH IN THE CHURCHES AND IN THE ASSOCIATION THIS YEAR. HE READ FROM II CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 6 VERSE 14 "BE YE NOT UNEQUALLY YOKED TOGETHER".

BROTHER BILLY BEVAN EXTENDED A WARM WELCOME TO THE ASSOCIATION AND BROTHER CLARENCE CULPEPPER GAVE THE RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF THE ASSEMBLED ASSOCIATION PEOPLES.

BROTHER BRYAN GILMORE LED THE MORNING SONG SERVICE WHERE SELECTIONS INCLUDED "WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN" "JUST OVER IN THE GLORY LAND" AND "AMAZING GRACE". MUSIC WAS PROVIDED BY SISTER LINDA SOWELL.

THE MORNING OFFERING WAS RECEIVED BY BROTHERS JENNINGS GILMORE AND MICKEY GILMORE. BROTHER MICKEY GILMORE PRAYED THE OFFERTORY PRAYER. AN OFFERING OF \$132.00 WAS RECEIVED.

BROTHER MICKEY GILMORE BROUGHT THE MORNING DEVOTION USING AS SCRIPTURE JOHN 2:1-6. WHAT HABITS ARE WE OLD CHRISTIANS GOING TO SHOW THE YOUNGER CHRISTIANS THAT THEY MAY WALK AND TALK AS THEY SHOULD. WE HAVE A GRAVE AND GREAT RESPONSIBILITY TO GOD, MAN, CHURCH, AND COMMUNITY TO SHOW FORTH GOD'S LOVE, MERCY, GRACE, PATIENCE, LONG-SUFFERING, AND FORGIVENESS. WE HAVE TO TALK IT, LIVE IT, WALK IT. VERY GOOD DEVOTION.

WE HAD WITH US 5 MINISTERS PLUS BROTHER BILLY BEVAN WHOSE LETTER WE HAVE NOT AS YET RECEIVED. THE 5 ARE BRO. RALPH BAKER, CLARENCE L. CULPEPPER, DANNY HENDERSON, THOMAS KIRKLAND, AND JOEY PETTIS. AGAIN, BROTHER BILLY BEVAN WAS PRESENT BUT WE HAVE NOT AS YET RECEIVED HIS LETTER.

THERE WERE 6 ORDAINED DEACONS WHO REGISTERED. THESE ARE JACK ARMSTRONG, NEW ZION; LAMAR BUXTON, PILGRIM'S REST; BRYAN GILMORE AND JOHNNY GILMORE, SARDIS; WILLIAM SOWELL, NEW PROSPECT; AND JOE WHITEHEAD, NEW ZION.

IT IS ALWAYS A PRIVILEGE AND BLESSING TO HAVE THESE ORDAINED MEN OF GOD PRESENT AT EACH FUNCTION OF THE

ASSOCIATION, PASTORS AND DEACONS. WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE MORE TO ATTEND.

WE HAD SEVERAL VISITORS FROM WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION WHO WERE NOT ORDAINED NOR DELEGATES TO REGISTER. THESE INCLUDE SISTERS EDNA WHITEHEAD, BARBARA KIRKLAND, EMILY PETTIS; BROTHERS JERRY WHITEHEAD, BEN WHITEHEAD, ASHLEY

GRIGGS, SAM TRAMMELL, JEFFERY PETTIS. WE ARE BLESSED AS WELL BY THESE TAKING TIME TO ATTEND AND BE A PART OF GOD'S BUSINESS.

DELEGATES WHO ANSWERED THE ROLL CALL ARE:
EVERGREEN; LISA HARDEN, PAM PETTIS, MARJORIE PHILLIPS;
MOUNT ZION; SYLVIA BRANNON, MELINDA OWENS, DOLLY VICKERS,
NINA VICKERS, DOT WHITENER, AND ALTERNATE ANN HATCHER: NEW
PROSPECT; ANN ARMSTRONG, CHRISTINE BROWN, LINDA HENDERSON,
LINDA SOWELL, EMMA TEW: NEW ZION; MARVELL ARMSTRONG,
ANDREW BOSTICK, CHRIS CULP, JOHNNIE RUTH TAYLOR, JEANETTE
TRAMMELL, LARRY WHITEHEAD, AND ALTERNATE BETTY WHITEHEAD:
PILGRIM'S REST; PAUL DYSON, AMANDA OWENS, CAROLYN BUCKZAR,
AND ALTERNATE MARY CULPEPPER: SARDIS; MICKEY GILMORE, LISA
GILMORE, JENNINGS GILMORE, JULEEN GILMORE, JAMES GILMORE,
GEORGIA GILMORE, GLORIA BEVANS, AND ALTERNATE TRACEY
GISSENDANER: UNION GROVE; SYLVIA ETHRIDGE AND LINDA FLOYD.
THERE WAS A MOTION AND SECOND TO SEAT THESE AS DELEGATES
TO THIS SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION. THESE AND THE
ORDAINED AUTHORITY, WILL VOTE ON ANY BUSINESS PROPERLY
BROUGHT BEFORE THE BODY THIS DAY.

THERE WERE NO ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE AND THE MODERATOR
ASKED THAT WE SING A COUPLE OF SONGS AT THIS TIME. AGAIN,
LED BY BROTHER BRYAN GILMORE AND SISTER LINDA SOWELL WE
SANG "I WANT TO KNOW MORE" AND "IN THE SHADOW OF THE
CROSS". WE THEN TOOK A SHORT RECESS.

AT 10:05 IN THE MORNING WE REASSEMBLED FOR THE
MORNING BUSINESS SESSION TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE MORNING
PREACHING HOUR. WE ENTERED FIRST INTO THE BUSINESS
SESSION. THE ONLY BUSINESS WERE ROUTINE COMMITTEE REPORTS
ON ACTIONS TAKEN OR NEEDING TO BE TAKEN. THESE ARE AS
FOLLOWS BY COMMITTEE.

THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION GAVE AS THEIR REPORT
THE FOLLOWING: THE WALK-A-THON IS NOW OVER. TWO CHURCHES
PARTICIPATED, EVERGREEN AND NEW PROSPECT. DONATIONS FOR
THIS IS STILL COMING IN AND A FINAL REPORT WILL BE GIVEN
AT A LATER DATE. THE WINTER RETREAT AT COFFEE BAPTIST
VINEYARDS IS NOW OVER. ALL WHO ATTENDED WERE BLESSED AND
HAD A WONDERFUL TIME. WE HAD 16 CAMPERS FROM OUR
ASSOCIATION AND A TOTAL OF 60 ATTENDED FROM BOTH
ASSOCIATIONS WHICH PARTICIPATED. NEXT IS OUR SPRING
RETREAT TO BE HELD IN MARCH. WE WILL HAVE A MEN AND WOMEN
OR A COUPLE RETREAT. WE WILL BE SENDING OUT INFORMATION
AS IT DEVELOPS. OUR YOUTH RALLIES FOR THE YEAR WILL BEGIN
WITH THE FIRST ONE HELD AT NEW ZION ON MARCH 15, 2003
COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM. PLEASE ATTEND AND ENCOURAGE ALL
THAT YOU CAN TO ATTEND. SUBMITTED BY TRACEY ARMSTRONG,
MICKEY GILMORE, AND JOEY PETTIS. MSC AS INFORMATION.

THE CHILDREN HOME BOARD HAD NO REPORT, HOWEVER, THE
BOARD MEMBER SPOKE ON BEHALF OF THE HOME AND ENCOURAGED
THOSE ASSEMBLED TO PRAY FOR THE HOME. DUE TO RECENT SHORT
FALLS IN GIVING WE HAVE RESTRICTED ALL PROJECTS AT THE
HOME TO THOSE OF NECESSITY. WE CAN USE ANY TYPE ITEM A
NORMAL HOME WOULD USE IN ITS FUNCTIONS. CANNED GOODS,
PERSONAL ITEMS, KITCHEN ITEMS, ETC. IF YOU KNOW OF AN

ABUSED CHILD, A CHILD THAT NEEDS SOMEWHERE FOR SHORT OR LONG TERM CONTACT THE HOME AND SEE IF THAT CHILD CAN BE ACCEPTED. WE ARE THERE FOR THE CHILDREN. MSC AS INFORMATION.

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE MOVED THAT A CHECK FOR \$200.00 BE GIVEN TO JONI PETTIS FOR HER UPCOMING MISSIONS TRIP TO SPAIN FROM THE MISSIONS FUND IN THE ASSOCIATION AND THAT EACH CHURCH TAKE A DONATION FOR HER TRIP TO ASSIST IN THE COST OF THIS MISSIONS JOURNEY. MSC.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOLLOWED THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE PLATE OFFERING OF \$132.00 BE GIVEN AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE JONI PETTIS SPAIN MISSION TRIP TO HELP IN THE COST OF FINANCING THE TRIP. MSC.

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORTED THAT DUE TO AN OVERSIGHT WE HAD FAILED TO INFORM THE BODY THAT A LETTER OF GOOD STANDING HAD BEEN GRANTED ON BEHALF OF BROTHER KEITH COLE TO THE NORTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION. THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN REPORTED AT THE ANNUAL SESSION BUT WAS OVERLOOKED. BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND, THE PASTOR OF NEW ZION, AND BROTHER COLES PASTOR, RECOMMENDED THAT HE BE GRANTED SUCH LETTER AS THERE WAS NO MATTER PENDING AT HIS HOME CHURCH TO PRECLUDE SUCH A MOTION. WE GRANTED THE LETTER AS IT WAS OUR DUTY TO DO SO. WE ALSO HAVE EXAMINED BROTHER BILLY BEVANS ON REQUEST OF SARDIS AND RECOMMEND THAT HE BE ACCEPTED INTO OUR BODY, PENDING RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM PREVIOUS ASSOCIATION OF GOOD STANDING. MSC.

THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE, THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, AND THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORTS TO OFFER AT THIS MEETING.

WE NOW ENTER INTO OUR MORNING WORSHIP HOUR WITH SINGING, PRAYING AND REJOICING. WE EXPECT TO HEAR A GREAT MESSAGE FROM THE MORNING SPEAKER, BROTHER BILLY BEVAN, PASTOR OF SARDIS CHURCH.

AGAIN, LED BY BROTHER BRYAN GILMORE AND SISTER LINDA SOWELL WE OPENED THE SONG SERVICE WITH "I FEEL LIKE TRAVELING ON" "I'LL BE A FRIEND" "WHERE COULD I GO" VERY SPIRITED AND GRACIOUS SINGING. JEAN GILMORE, JOHNNY GILMORE AND BRYAN GILMORE SANG A SPECIAL FOR US.

BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON, MODERATOR THEN INTRODUCED THE MORNING SPEAKER, BROTHER BILLY BEVAN

FOR THE MORNING MESSAGE. BROTHER BILLY STARTED IN REVELATION, CHAPTER 2 VERSE 1 - 5 READING. HE THEN SOUGHT THE LORD'S COUNSEL IN PRAYER AFTER WHICH HE PROCEEDED TO PREACH A MESSAGE BLESSED FROM HEAVEN ABOVE AND SURELY WITH THE ANOINTING OF GOD AND FED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD. SO MANY POINTS AND COUNTER POINTS WERE MADE IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO PUT ALL THEM IN PERSPECTIVE HERE. SUFFICE IT TO SAY HE TOUCHED ON GETTING BACK TO BASICS. GOD HAS A PLAN.

BASIC - PURE LIVING, HOLY LIVING, RIGHTEOUS LIVING.
BASIC - POWER PLUS POINTED PLUS PREACHING IS NEEDED.
BASIC - THE POWER OF GOD IS REQUIRED. THE MESSAGE

USED REFERENCES FROM TITUS 2:1-2; EPHESIANS 5:27; ZECHARIAH CHAPTER 4; IS CHRONICLES CHAPTER 12 AND MANY OTHER QUOTATIONS. JUST GET BACK TO THE BASICS. A VERY INSPIRING MESSAGE. ON COMPLETION OF THE MESSAGE BROTHER BILLY RELINQUISHED THE PULPIT TO THE MODERATOR OF THE ASSOCIATION, BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON. DIRECTIONS WERE MADE CONCERNING THE NOON MEAL AND TIME OF FELLOWSHIP. THERE WAS GIVEN A RISING VOTE OF THANKS TO SARDIS FOR ITS HOSTING THE FIRST QUARTERS ASSOCIATION AND PROVIDING US WITH AN EXPECTED WONDERFUL MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP.

APRIL 19, 2003
NEW PROSPECT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

THIS SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION WAS HOSTED BY NEW PROSPECT CHURCH LOCATED BETWEEN TEXASVILLE, AND CLOPTON WITH A CLOPTON ADDRESS. THE DAY BEGAN WITH REGISTRATION AT 8:30 AM. THE SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE MODERATOR, BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON AT 9:00 AM WITH OPENING PRAYER BY BROTHER ANDREW BOSTICK. THIS DAY BEGINS ON A NOTE OF SADNESS AS WE ARE INFORMED THAT SARDIS HAS LOST TO DEATH ITS' BELOVED INTERIM PASTOR OF A SHORT TIME, BROTHER JOHN EDWARDS. WE ARE ALL FAMILIAR WITH BROTHER JOHN AS HE PASTORED FOR MANY YEARS IN DOTHAN AND SERVED AS THE STATE MODERATOR FOR 25 YEARS BEFORE STEPPING DOWN. DELEGATES FROM SARDIS WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THIS MEETING NOR WILL ITS' NEW PASTOR BROTHER BILLY BEVANS. ALL WILL BE ATTENDING THE SERVICE OF BROTHER JOHN. OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY GO OUT TO THE MANY LOVED ONES TODAY WHO ARE BROKEN HEARTED. WE ASK THAT GOD BRING SPEEDY HEALING AND

COMFORT TO THE FAMILY. BROTHER WILLIAM SOWELL GAVE THE HOST CHURCH WELCOME AND BROTHER JOEY PETTIS GAVE THE RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

BROTHER EVERETTE MULLINS WITH SISTER LINDA SOWELL PLAYING THE PIANO LED THE BODY IN SINGING "PRAISE THE LORD" HE SET ME FREE" AND "REDEEMED".

BROTHER WILLIAM AND LARRY SOWELL RECEIVED A OFFERING WITH BROTHER LARRY PRAYING THE OFFERTORY PRAYER. AN OFFERING OF \$117.00 WAS RECEIVED.

BROTHER LARRY SOWELL BROUGHT THE MORNING DEVOTION USING AS A TEXT GENESIS 5; MALACHI 3; DEUT. 6:5 AND 2 CHRONICLES 7:14. WE LIVE IN A SOCIETY THAT BELIEVES IN HEALING WITHOUT PRAYER; BLESSINGS WITHOUT REPENTANCE; AND GLORY WITHOUT LIVING RIGHT. FOLKS, TODAY, WE NEED TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED; DRESS AND ACT ACCORDINGLY, AND PRESENT THE IMAGE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO A LOST AND DYING WORLD. IF WE DON'T WHO WILL? A VERY POINTED DEVOTION TO THE CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN FAMILIES OF THE WORLD.

WE HAD 6 MINISTERS, 6 DEACONS, 1 VISITOR, AND 21 DELEGATES. MINISTERS ARE RALPH BAKER, CLARENCE L. CULPEPPER, DANNY HENDERSON, ROSS PETERS, JOEY PETTIS, AND LARRY SOWELL. DEACONS ARE; JACK ARMSTRONG, TROY BARRON, LAMAR BUXTON, MERLYN LIPSCOMB, WILLIAM SOWELL, AND JOE

WHITEHEAD. DELEGATES ARE EVERGREEN; SHARON PETERS AND FAM PETTIS; MOUNT ZION; YVONNE KILCREASE, NINA VICKERS, AND DOT WHITENER; NEW PROSPECT; LINDA CORDELL, JOYCE MULLINS, EVERETTE MULLINS, LINDA SOWELL; NEW ZION; MARVELL ARMSTRONG, ANDREW BOSTICK, LORI SHELLEY, JOHNNIE TAYLOR, EDNA WHITEHEAD, LARRY WHITEHEAD; PILGRIM'S REST; FAM DYSON, PAUL DYSON, CAROLYN BUCKZAR AND ALTERNATE AMANDA OWENS; SARDIS; ALL ATTENDING JOHN EDWARDS FUNERAL; UNION GROVE; SYLVIA ETHRIDGE, LINDA FLOYD, RUTH WHITEHEAD. A MOTION BY AND VOTE OF THE ORDAINED AUTHORITY PRESENT SEATED THE DELEGATES TO ATTEND TO THIS DAYS BUSINESS WHICH MIGHT BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BODY.

THERE WAS AN ANNOUNCEMENT MADE CONCERNING THE UPCOMING ROLL CALL SUNDAY AND THE NEED FOR EACH CHURCH TO CALL BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON WITH THE ATTENDANCE FIGURES FROM EACH CHURCH. BROTHER CULPEPPER ANNOUNCED HOMECOMING AT PILGRIM'S REST ON THE FIRST SUNDAY IN MAY WITH THE BROTHER RAY RILEY AS SPEAKER. NEW PROSPECT WILL BE HAVING REVIVAL BEGINNING IN JULY WITH BROTHER MIKE BECKON SPEAKING EACH NIGHT. RECESS WITH PRAYER BY THE MODERATOR.

AT ABOUT 10:07 WE RE-ASSEMBLED FOR THE BUSINESS AND WORSHIP TIME OF THE MEETING BEGINNING WITH THE VARIOUS REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES AS FOLLOWS.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORTED THAT BROTHER BILLY BEVAN IS CONFIRMED BY THE CLERK OF THE PAUL PALMER ASSOCIATION, BRO. JIM TURNBOUGH, TO BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING WITH THAT ASSOCIATION, HOWEVER, ALL LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION MUST COME FROM THE APPOINTED COMMITTEE WHILE THE ASSOCIATION IS IN SESSION. THEY WILL MEET IN MAY 2003 AND A LETTER WILL BE GRANTED AT THAT TIME. MOUNT ZION HAD TWO CANDIDATES TO BE PLACED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE FOR EXAMINATION AS DEACON, HOWEVER, DUE TO INJURY TO ONE'S WIFE IN A FALL AT CHURCH AND THE BOARD REQUIRING A 20 DAY NOTICE TO PREPARE FOR EXAMINATION MOUNT ZION HAS DECIDED TO WAIT UNTIL LATER ON AND SCHEDULE A MEETING AT THE HOME CHURCH FOR THE EXAMINATION. INFORMATION MSC.

THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MADE THE FOLLOWING REPORT. WE THANK NEW ZION FOR HOSTING OUR LAST RALLY. A GROUP OF TEENS PUT ON A DRAMA THAT SHOWS US WE HAVE INFLUENCE ON OTHERS AND THAT CONSEQUENCES FOLLOW ACTIONS, GOOD OR BAD. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT RALLY IN MAY AT NEW PROSPECT. WE ASK THAT ALL PEOPLE BE IN PRAYER FOR THE CAMPS COMING IN JUNE AT COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS. JUNIOR CAMP WILL BE JUNE 16-20 WITH BROTHER JOE TOLBERT AS SPEAKER AND SENIOR CAMP WILL BE JUNE 23-27 WITH BROTHER TIM RAYBON AS SPEAKER. CAMPER COST WILL BE \$100.00 PER CAMPER. THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN GIRLS DRESS CODE. BLUE JEANS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. PLEASE PRAY THAT GOD WILL TOUCH HEARTS, CHANGE LIVES, AND DRAW CHRISTIANS CLOSER TO HIM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THIS BOARD, BOTH PRAYERFULLY AND FINANCIALLY.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE PLATE OFFERING OF \$117.00 GO TO THE GENERAL FUND. MSC.

CHILDREN HOME COMMITTEE, MISSIONS COMMITTEE, PLACEMENT COMMITTEE, NOMINATION COMMITTEE, AND THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORTS TO OFFER.

THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE SHOWS A TOTAL OF 40 WHO REGISTERED. SIGNIN SHEETS SHOWED 34 INDIVIDUALS AND THERE WERE SOME MEMBERS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AND IT WAS ESTIMATED BY THIS CLERK THAT THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 45-48 IN ATTENDANCE, THOUGH NOT ALL HAD REGISTERED.

WE HAD SOME VERY SPIRITED CONGREGATIONAL SINGING AND SPECIALS AS WELL. LED BY THE HOST CHURCH SONG LEADER AND MUSICIAN WE SANG "LET MY LIFE BE A LIGHT", "WONDERFUL", "A NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES", "JUST A LITTLE TALK WITH JESUS", AND "AMERICA". LISA CORDELL SANG "NOTHING BUT A MIRACLE WILL DO" AND "MARY KNEW". LINDA SOWELL SANG FOR US "FEEL THE NAILS" AND SWEET BEULAH LAND". DANNY HENDERSON SANG "HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN"

THE MORNING MESSAGE WAS BROUGHT BY BROTHER ROSS PETERS. SHARE SOME THOUGHTS ON "HOW TO BLESS GOD" READ THE WORD OF GOD, UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU READ, SEE THE HAND OF GOD AT WORK, BRING OURSELVES INTO A WALK WITH HIM, PURSUE WITH DILIGENCE THE WILL OF GOD, BE AWARE SIN AND ACTS OF SIN MUST BE PUNISHED, SO HOW DO WE BLESS GOD? GOD'S STAMP OF APPROVAL ON US, GOD'S STANDARD OF RIGHT OR WRONG, LET GOD SET THE STANDARD OF LIVING, SHOW FORTH A CHANGED LIFE, SEEK HIS FACE, GET RESTARTED AND RE-FOCUSED, TURN FROM YOUR WAYS TO HIS WAYS, YIELD TO HIS WAYS, TOTAL SURRENDER.

A RISING VOTE OF THANKS WAS GIVEN TO THE HOST CHURCH FOR A WONDERFUL DAY OF HOSPITALITY AND THE EXPECTED GOOD MEAL TO FOLLOW. DISMISSED FOR LUNCH IN PRAYER BY BROTHER TROY BARRON.

JULY 12, 2003
NEW ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

THE THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION BEGAN WITH REGISTRATION AT 8:30 AM FOLLOWED BY A CALL TO ORDER AT 9:00 AM BY THE MODERATOR, BRO. DANNY HENDERSON. HE WELCOMED TO ASSOCIATION AND HOPED FOR A GRACIOUS AND GODLY DAY. OPENING PRAYER BY BRO. JOEY PETTIS. BRO. DANNY MADE A FEW REMARKS ABOUT "MOVING FROM GOD." HE CAUTIONED THE MEETING ABOUT THE WALK AND THE TALK, THE ATTITUDE AND THE ACTIONS. TIMELY.

BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND GAVE THE WELCOME BY THE HOST CHURCH AND BROTHER TRACEY ARMSTRONG GAVE THE RESPONSE AND NOTE OF APPRECIATION FOR NEW ZION HOSTING THIS SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION. WE HAD SEVERAL SONGS LED BY THE HOST CHURCH MUSICIANS. BROTHER HENDRICKSON SELECTED TO SING HYMNS "GIVE ME A VISION", "BLESSED ASSURANCE", AND THE "FAMILY OF GOD".

THE PLATE OFFERING WAS THEN RECEIVED BY BROTHER TRACEY ARMSTRONG AND ONE I FAILED TO RECORD HIS NAME AND MEMORY WILL NOT LET ME RECALL AT THIS TIME. (I THINK IT WAS PROBABLE BROTHER JACK ARMSTRONG, BUT I AM NOT SURE.)

THE PLATE OFFERING WILL BE DESIGNATED LATER IN THE BUSINESS SESSION. THE PLATE OFFERING WAS A TOTAL OF \$145.50.

THE MORNING DEVOTION WAS BROUGHT BY BROTHER BILLY SHELLEY OF THE HOST CHURCH AND HE USED 1ST. TIMOTHY 1:18 AND EZRA 9:5 AS HIS SCRIPTURE BASE. HE POINTED OUT THAT IN TIMOTHY THERE IS THIS CHARGE AND IN EZRA HE POINTED OUT THAT THEY CAME TOGETHER AND CONFESSED EVERY KNOWN SIN AND CONDITION, HUMBLING THEMSELVES, THEY WERE HEARD BY GOD, THE FOLK DID REPENT AND DID FORSAKE THEIR SINS. CONCERN MUST BE SHOWN. BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND CLOSED WITH PRAYER.

RECOGNITION OF MINISTERS. WE HAD 8 PRESENT WHO ARE: BROTHERS RALPH BAKER, BILLY BEVANS, C. L. CULPEPPER, DANNY HENDERSON, THOMAS KIRKLAND, JOEY PETTIS, LARRY SOWELL, AND MINISTER OF MUSIC AT NEW ZION RON HENDRICKSON. DEACONS PRESENT WERE JACK ARMSTRONG, TRACEY ARMSTRONG, JESSIE BARNETTE, TROY BARRON, LAMAR BUXTON, JOHNNY GILMORE, WILLIAM SOWELL, AND JOE WHITEHEAD. ONE VISITOR ATTENDING, BROTHER ROGER BENNETT FROM THE CHILDREN'S HOME.

THE ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES: EVERGREEN; PAM PETTIS: MOUNT ZION; MELINDA OWENS, DOLLY VICKERS: NEW PROSPECT; CHRISTINE BROWN, MARIE CARROLL, EMMA TEW: NEW ZION; MARVELL ARMSTRONG, BARBARA KIRKLAND, BOBBIE SHELLEY, JOHNNIE RUTH TAYLOR, JEANETTE TRAMMELL, EDNA WHITEHEAD: PILGRIM'S REST; CAROLYN BUCKZAR, PAM DYSON, AMANDA OWENS: SARDIS; GLORIA BEVANS, GEORGIA GILMORE: UNION GROVE; SYLVIA ETHRIDGE. A TOTAL OF 18 DELEGATES REGISTERED. MSC TO SEAT BY THE ORDAINED AUTHORITY.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: NEW PROSPECT AND UNION WILL BE HAVING REVIVAL JULY 27 - 30, 2003. NEW PROSPECT WILL HAVE BROTHER MIKE BECKON. UNION I DID NOT GET. NEW ZION WILL BE HAVING BIBLE SCHOOL STARTING JULY 19. MEN'S RETREAT WILL BE AT TRINITY CAMP. THE CHILDREN HOME REPRESENTATIVE, BROTHER ROGER BENNETT, GAVE A SHORT TALK ON THE HOME AND THE CHILDREN IN OUR CARE. HE THANKED THE PEOPLE FOR ALL THE SUPPORT THROUGH THE YEARS AND ASK THAT THEY CONTINUE TO PRAY, GIVE, AND SEEK. MSC AS INFO.

THE MODERATOR ASK FOR A MOTION TO ENTER INTO BUSINESS AND IT WAS SECONDED AND CARRIED. HE THEN APPOINTED BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND TO COMPLETE THE YEAR UNTIL THE ANNUAL SESSION ON THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION REPLACING BROTHER MICKEY GILMORE WHO HAS A CONFLICT WITH TIME. MSC.

THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING REPORT: THE LAST RALLY WAS HOSTED BY NEW PROSPECT AND THE PUPPETEERS FROM THE FIRST CHURCH IN DOTHAN MADE A WONDERFUL PRESENTATION AND WAS ENJOYED BY ALL. THERE WAS ABOUT 90 IN ATTENDANCE. THE NEXT RALLY WILL BE AUGUST 16 AT EVERGREEN. JUNIOR CAMP WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. THERE WERE 37 CAMPERS WITH 10 FROM OUR ASSOCIATION. THE EVANGELIST HAD DOUBLE BOOKED HIS APPOINTMENTS BUT GOD USED BROTHER JASON MILLER IN A MIGHTY WAY. THE ALTAR WAS FILLED NIGHTLY WITH RE-DEDICATIONS AND AT LEAST PROFESSED SALVATION FOR THE FIRST TIME. SR.

CAMP PROVED TO BE JUST AS SUCCESSFUL. BROTHER TIME RAYBON PREACHED WITH SPIRIT LED AND SPIRIT CONVICT-ION SERMONS EACH NIGHT AND AGAIN THE ALTARS WERE FILLED. WE HAD 9 CAMPERS FROM OUR ASSOCIATION. THERE WILL BE A BACK-TO-SCHOOL RALLY AT HARVEST FWB

CHURCH IN OZARK ON AUGUST 2ND WITH SERVICES BEGINNING AT 7:00 PM. BROTHER JOHNNY SEXTON WILL BE PREACHING. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT WITH WHICH WE CANNOT DO WITHOUT. SUBMITTED BY TRACEY ARMSTRONG, MICKEY GILMORE, JOEY PETTIS.

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE HAD A REQUEST TO GRANT LETTER OF GOOD STANDING TO THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF NORTH FLORIDA ON BEHALF OF BROTHER BOBBY REGISTER. WE RECOMMEND LETTER BE SENT. MSC. WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTER OF GOOD STANDING FOR BROTHER BILLY BEVANS AND HE IS RECOGNIZED AS BEING IN FULL FELLOWSHIP WITH THIS ASSOCIATION. MSC.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE PLATE OFFERING OF \$145.50 GO TO THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ASSIST IN REPLACING DEPLETED FUNDS FROM THE TWO CAMPS JUST COMPLETED. MSC.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE HAD A VERBAL REPORT FROM SISTER PAM PETTIS ON GENERAL CONDITIONS OUR YOUTH AND THE CHURCH IN PARTICULAR ARE FACING. A VERY TIMELY AND SOBERING THOUGHT WE HAVE TO ADDRESS.

MISSIONS, PLACEMENT, NOMINATING AND CHILDREN HOME COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORT. THE BOARD MEMBER TO THE HOME DID HAVE A SHORT REMINDER THAT WE ARE A HOME, NOT AN ORPHANAGE. WE TAKE KIDS WHO ARE IN A PRECARIOUS POSITION AND TRIED TO PUT STABILITY INTO THEIR YOUNG LIVES. MANY ARE ABLE TO RETURN TO THEIR OWN HOMES IN A SHORT TIME WHILE OTHERS STAY WITH US THROUGHOUT THEIR GROWING YEARS. WE TRY TO BE THERE WHEN THE NEED ARISES. THANKS FOR YOUR PRAYERS, SUPPORT, AND CONCERNS.

WE HAD A VERY GOOD SONG SERVICE LED BY THE HOST CHURCH. WE SANG "BEAUTIFUL ZION", "THE WAY OF THE CROSS LEADS HOME", "JUST A LITTLE TALK WITH JESUS", "LIVING BY FAITH". BROTHER HENDRICKSON SANG TWO SPECIALS, ONE BETWEEN OTHER CONGREGATIONAL SONGS AND ONE AT THE END. HE SANG "BEYOND THE CROSS" AND "THE ANCHOR HOLDS".

THE MORNING MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED BY THE LORD THROUGH BROTHER JOEY PETTIS. I USE THIS TERM FOR I AM REMINDED OF A SIMILAR WRITING FROM THE MINUTES

OF YEARS AGO BY SISTER LINNIE STOKES IN HER HISTORY WRITING. SHE SAID SOMETHING LIKE "BROTHER MILETTE PREACHED AS ONE ANOINTED OF GOD, WITH POWER AND CONVICTION AND WITH THE FIRE OF THE SPIRIT. THIS IS HOW I FELT THE LORD USED BROTHER JOEY THIS DAY IN 2003. USING II CHRONICLES AND ROMANS AS SCRIPTURE GUIDES BROTHER JOEY PREACHED AS ONE IN TOUCH WITH GOD ON A MOST PERSONAL LEVEL THIS DAY. POINTS HE MADE WERE FILLED WITH A NEW FILLING THAT THE WORLD CAN SEE, OFFERED SACRIFICES (OUR BODY),

DEDICATED, HALLOWED, TRULY FROM GOD THROUGH THIS MAN TO US. A VERY GOOD AND MOVING MESSAGE.

THERE WAS A RISING VOTE OF THANKS FOR THE HOST CHURCH FOLLOWED BY A GOOD NOON MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP. BROTHER C. L. CULPEPPER DISMISSED WITH PRAYED AND ASK GOD TO BLESS THE EVENING MEAL. WE WILL MEET AGAIN AT THE ANNUAL SESSION OR ON THE STREETS OF GOLD. GOD BLESS EVERYONE.

OCTOBER 17, 2003
UNION GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION OF ANNUAL

THE FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION BEGAN WITH REGISTRATION AT 6:30 PM IN THE SANCTUARY OF UNION GROVE CHURCH. THE BODY WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE MODERATOR, DANNY HENDERSON, AND HE WELCOMED THE FOLK WHO HAD GATHERED FOR THIS SESSION. BROTHER DANNY OPENED THE SESSION WITH PRAYER. HE THEN INFORMED THE BODY OF A CHANGE IN THE STATE DUES WHICH MOST WERE APPARENTLY UNAWARE OF. THE DUES HAD BEEN RAISED BY \$50.00 FROM \$85.00 TO \$135.00. ONLY ONE CHURCH IN SEVEN SEEMED TO BE AWARE OF THIS CHANGE. IT WAS RECORDED IN THE STATE MINUTES.

THERE WERE SEVERAL COMMENTS MADE CONCERNING A UPCOMING VOTE IN WASHINGTON CONCERNING HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGES VERSUS BIBLICAL MARRIAGE AS SET FORTH BY THE FATHER. ALL MEMBERS WERE URGED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH PRAYER AND LETTER OR PHONE CONTACT WITH OUR SENATOR OR REPRESENTATIVE AND STRONGLY VOICE OUR OPINION AS TO THE POSITION OF THE BIBLE ON THIS ITEM.

THE WELCOME TO THE HOST CHURCH WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER WILL MADDOX. THE RESPONSE WAS OMITTED.

WE HAD A SHORT SONG SERVICE LED BY HOLT STOKES OF THE HOST CHURCH. THE CONGREGATION THEN SANG "POWER IN THE BLOOD." FOLLOWED BY SEVERAL SONGS BY THE MIXED CHOIR OF HOLT STOKES, DOT WHITENER, LINDA SOWELL, CHARLES BAXLEY, AND ZEKE STOKES. SONGS THEY CHOSE INCLUDED "MANSION OVER THE HILLTOP", "DOWN ON MY KNEES", AND "HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN." VERY BEAUTIFUL SONGS WITH A GREAT MESSAGE.

AN OFFERING WAS RECEIVED WITH PRAYER BY BROTHER WILL MADDOX. THE OFFERING WILL BE COMBINED WITH TOMORROWS OFFERING AND DESIGNATED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR VOTE BY THE BODY.

THE EVENING MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED BY THE MODERATOR, BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON. LOOKING FIRST TO 2ND CHRONICLES 7:14, OUR THEME VERSE, HE THEN PROCEEDED TO DELIVER A STIRRING MESSAGE ON SEVERAL KEY POINTS CONCERNING THE WORLD AND THE CHURCH. IT SEEMS TODAY THAT GOD IS NOT ALLOWED IN THE HOME AS HE SHOULD BE; HE IS LEFT OUT OF BUSINESS DECISIONS, AND SADLY, HE IS LEFT OUT OF CHURCH DECISIONS. HE WENT ON TO POINT OUT THAT THOUGH GOD IS HOLY, PURE, RIGHTEOUS, AND PERFECT HE IS AT THE SAME TIME A GOD OF WRATH AND JUDGEMENT AS WELL AS A JEALOUS GOD. HE WILL NOT SHARE HIS POSITION WITH ANY OTHER GOD FOR HE AND

HE ALONE IS GOD. PEOPLE COME TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY, BUT, OH LISTEN TO THEM ON MONDAY. IN THE WORLD TODAY WE NEED TO BE ALL THAT WE SHOULD BE AND COULD BE. HE READ FROM GENESIS ON MARRIAGE POINTING OUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ABRAHAM AND LOT AND THE TWO FAMILIES. HE SPOKE ON ROMANS 117 AS WELL AS I TIMOTHY CHAPTER I AND VERSE 5. HE CLOSED WITH A VERY POINTED QUESTION. WHAT ABOUT YOU TONIGHT? ARE YOU DOING WHAT YOU CAN? CAN GOD RELY ON YOU? A QUESTION ALL HAD TO ANSWER IN HIS/HER OWN HEART. BROTHER WILLIAM SOWELL THEN PRAYED THE BENEDICTION AND ASKED GOD'S BLESSING ON THE MEAL AND TRAVEL TO OUR PLACES OF ABODE. WE STOOD ADJOURNED UNTIL 9:00 AM SATURDAY MORNING WHEN WE WOULD REASSEMBLE AT EVERGREEN FOR THE BUSINESS SESSION AND MORE FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER.

OCTOBER 18, 2003

SATURDAY ANNUAL SESSION DAY TWO
EVERGREEN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

DAY TWO OF THE ANNUAL SESSION BEGAN WITH REGISTRATION BEGINNING AT 8:30 AM. BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON CALLED THE SESSION INTO ORDER AT APPROXIMATELY 9:00 AM IN THE MORNING. BROTHER JEFFREY PETTIS OPENED THE MEETING WITH PRAYER. THE MODERATOR THEN READ FROM THE BOOK OF 1ST CORINTHIANS A FEW VERSES OF SCRIPTURE TO GET THE DAY STARTED OFF IN THE WORD. THE WELCOME WAS THEN GIVEN BY BROTHER JOEY PETTIS AND THE RESPONSE GIVEN BY BROTHER WILLIAM SOWELL.

A SHORT SONG SERVICE FOLLOWED LET BY BROTHER JOEY PETTIS AND SISTER LINDA SOWELL PROVIDING THE MUSIC BY PIANO. SONGS SELECTED INCLUDED "HOLD MY HAND", "I'LL MEET YOU IN THE MORNING", AND "SIN CAN NEVER ENTER THERE."

AN OFFERING WAS RECEIVED WITH BROTHERS JOE WHITEHEAD AND JACK ARMSTRONG SERVING AS USHERS.

BROTHER JEFFREY PETTIS BROUGHT THE MORNING DEVOTION USING VERSES 2-23 FROM THE BOOK OF JUDE. ALSO MADE REFERENCE TO ACTS 8:26, ACTS 9:20, ACTS 3:28. PHILLIP THE EUNUCH WAS A WITNESS. PAUL PREACHED IN THE SYNAGOGUE. PETER WITNESSED TO THE LAME MAN. JESUS TO NICODEMUS. A VERY GOOD DEVOTION. CLOSED WITH THE QUESTION, WHAT CAN GOD EXPECT FROM YOU? FOLLOWED BY A SHORT RECESS.

FOLLOWING THE RECESS WE HAD SEVERAL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE: SARDIS WILL BE HAVING A SING WITH THE GROUP "APPOINTED" AS THE FEATURED SINGERS. ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. NEW ZION WILL BE HAVING HOME COMING ON NOVEMBER 3, 2003 AND EVERGREEN WILL BE HAVING HOME COMING ON NOVEMBER 9, 2003.

FOLLOWING THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS WE RECOGNIZED 6 MINISTERS; BROTHERS RALPH BAKER, BILLY BEVANS, CLARENCE L. CULPEPPER, DANNY HENDERSON, THOMAS KIRKLAND, JOEY PETTIS. A LIKE NUMBER OF ORDAINED DEACONS ROSE TO BE COUNTED. BROTHERS ODIS BUXTON,

JOHNNY GILMORE, WILLIAM SOWELL, AND THREE WHO DID NOT REGISTER. NO VISITORS STOOD TO BE RECOGNIZED.

ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES WITH THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS AND SISTERS ANSWERING: EVERGREEN CHURCH; MARJORIE PHILLIPS AND LILLIAN WILSON; MOUNT ZION; NINA FLOWERS, DOLLY VICKERS, AND DOT WHITENER; NEW PROSPECT; JOYCE MULLINS, EVERRETTE MULLINS, LINDA SOWELL, ALTERNATES CHRISTINE BROWN, ANN ARMSTRONG, EMILY PETTIS; NEW ZION; MARVELLE ARMSTRONG, BARBARA KIRKLAND, JANELL SHELLEY, JOHNNIE RUTH TAYLOR, JEANETTE TRAMMELL, AND EDNA WHITEHEAD; PILGRIM' REST CHURCH; NONE; SARDIS; LISA GILMORE, GLORIA BEVANS, JULEEN GILMORE; AND UNION GROVE CHURCH; LINDA FLOYD, SYLVIA ETHRIDGE, PEGGY HERRING.

WE HAD THE REPORTS FROM THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND OTHER BUSINESS AS IT SHOULD ARISE.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, MISSIONS COMMITTEE, AND CHILDREN HOME BOARDS HAD NO REPORTS AT THIS SESSION.

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION MADE THEIR REPORT AROUND THE SUMMER CAMP FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS AND THE UPCOMING YOUTH RALLIES WHICH ARE OUTLINED IN THE MINUTES. A SKATE PARTY WILL BE HELD JOINTLY BETWEEN OUR ASSOCIATION AND THE STATE LINE ASSOCIATION AT THE BOB-A-LU ROLLER RINK MONTHLY. THIS WILL BE FROM 6:30 - 8:30 WHEN SCHEDULED. THE BOARD WILL INFORM THE CHURCHES WHEN THE NIGHT WILL BE EACH MONTH. WINTER RETREAT DECEMBER 29 AND 30 AT COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS WITH SPEAKER MIKE COX HAS BEEN SCHEDULED. ALSO THE MARCH RETREAT FOR COUPLES WITH DWAYNE AND BARBARA TAYLOR HAS BEEN SET. THE WINTER RETREAT WILL COST \$30.00 WHILE THE MARCH SERVICE WILL COST \$35.00.

THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE GAVE A REPORT BY SISTER PAM PETTIS WITH A PETITION FORM EACH CHURCH MEMBER COULD SIGN AND SEND TO THEIR RESPECTIVE SENATOR AND OR REPRESENTATIVE. FAMILY LIFE IS AT STAKE AS NEVER BEFORE IN THE HISTORY OF THIS NATION. MSC. THE REPORT WAS CONCERNING THE UPCOMING VOTE IN CONGRESS AROUND THE HOMOSEXUAL

ACTIVIST AND OTHER GROUPS WHO ARE PROMOTING SAME SEX UNIONS IN AMERICA TO BE RECOGNIZED AS LEGAL.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MADE ITS' ANNUAL REPORT AS PERTAINS TO OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS. MSC. MODERATOR BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON; VICE MODERATOR BROTHER JOEY PETTIS; CLERK/TREASURER BROTHER RALPH BAKER; ASST. CLERK/TREASURER SISTER NINA FLOWERS; CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE BROTHER JOEY PETTIS TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 2007 AND BROTHER C. L. CULPEPPER TER EXPIRING OCTOBER 2007; CHILDREN HOME BOARD MEMBER BROTHER RALPH BAKER; CHILDREN HOME COMMITTEE MEMBER BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 2006; CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION BROTHER TRACEY ARMSTRONG TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 2006; BROTHER CHRIS CULP TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 2005; BROTHER JEFFEREY PETTIS TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 2004. FINANCE COMMIT-TEE SISTER DOT WHITENER TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 2006; MISSIONS COMMITTEE SISTER JOHNNIE RUTH TAYLOR TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 2006; NOMINATING

COMMITTEE SISTER NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 2006; PLACEMENT COMMITTEE SISTER SYLVIA ETHRIDGE TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 2006; RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE SISTER SHARON PETERS TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 2006. SUBMITTED SISTER LINDA SOWELL, SISTER FAM PETTIS, SISTER NINA VICERS-FLOWERS. MSC BY SELECTING ENTIRE SLATE.

THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE GAVE THE FOLLOWING REPORT:

SATURDAY JANUARY 17, 2004	MOUNT ZION
SATURDAY APRIL 17, 2004	PILGRIM'S REST
SATURDAY JULY 10, 2004	SARDIS
FRIDAY NIGHT OCTOBER 15, 2004	NEW ZION
SATURDAY OCTOBER 16, 2004	NEW PROSPECT

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: SISTER JOYCE MULLINS
SISTER DOLLY VICKERS SISTER
SYLVIA EHTRIDGE

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE GAVE ITS' ANNUAL REPORT WITH THE BUDGET REMAINING THE SAME AS IT HAS BEEN.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE PLATE OFFERINGS OF FRIDAY AND SATURDAY BE RETAINED IN GENERAL FUND. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON, SISTER DOT WHITENER, SISTER EDNA WHITEHEAD. MSC

CONCLUDING THE BUSINESS SESSION WE THEN HAD SOME CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY MEMBERS OF THE HOST CHURCH. WE SANG SEVERAL SONGS INCLUDING "I WILL SING THE WONDROUS STORY" FOLLOWED BY PRAYER BY BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON. WE THEN CONTINUED SINGING WITH "WON'T IT BE WONDERFUL THERE" "OH I WANT TO SEE HIM" "WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN." AT THIS TIME BROTHER AND SISTER PETTIS SANG A SPECIAL "SINNER SAVED BY GRACE." REALLY BLESSED THE SOUL.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE WAS CONDUCTED BY BROTHER RALPH BAKER IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAD GONE ON DURING THE FAST ASSOCIATION YEAR. THOSE BROTHERS AND SISTERS NO LONGER WITH US ARE: EVERGREEN, GLADYS FAYNE; MOUNT ZION, MARGARET PALMER, WILLIE C. MCGILVARY, LILLIAN TURNER, AND JAMES SOWELL; NEW PROSPECT, MYRTLE BROWN; NEW ZION, PILGRIM'S REST, AND SARDIS REPORTED NONE; UNION GROVE REPORTED MELISSA BUSH, JIMMY GAMBLE, MARIE WHITEHEAD, VIVIAN HOPKINS. MAY THESE BASK ETERNALLY IN THE ARMS AND LOVE OF JESUS OUR LORD. CLOSED WITH PORTIONS OF TWO SONGS: WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE AND I WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ANYMORE.

BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND THEN BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE USING SCRIPTURE FROM 11 TIMOTHY 3:1-5; 11 TIMOTHY 4:1-5; MALACHI 3:6; HEBREWS 3:12; AND 13:8; JOHN 14:16-21; JOHN 15:1-10; AND JOHN 16:7-15. FURTHER REFERENCED EPHESIANS 6:1-4. A VERY GOOD AND WELL PREPARED MESSAGE FOR THE HOUR. BROTHER JOEY PETTIS DISMISSED WITH PRAYER AND LUNCH FOLLOWING A VERY GOOD DAY INDEED.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET AT MOUNT ZION CHURCH ON TUESDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 4. 2003 TO MAKE PLANS FOR THE YEAR 2004. BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT ABOUT 7:00 PM WITH OPENING PRAYER OFFERED BY BROTHER C. L. CULPEPPER.

THE THEME FOR THE COMING YEAR WAS SUBMITTED BY BROTHER RALPH BAKER AND INCLUDED AN OUTLINE FOR EACH MESSAGE. THE THEME IS "IT IS TIME" AND THE SCRIPTURE REFERENCE IS ROMANS 13:11-14.

SATURDAY JANUARY 17, 2004 MOUNT ZION CHURCH
BROTHER C. L. CULPEPPER
SATURDAY APRIL 17, 2004 PILGRIM'S REST
BROTHER RALPH BAKER
SATURDAY JULY 10, 2004 SARDIS
BROTHER JOEY PETTIS
FRIDAY NIGHT OCTOBER 15, 2004 NEW ZION
BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND
SATURDAY OCTOBER 16, 2004 NEW PROSPECT
BROTHER LARRY SOWELL

THE SUBSTITUTE SPEAKER FOR THE YEAR IS BROTHER BILLY BEVANS AND THE MEMORIAL SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER ROSS PETERS.

MEMBERS PRESENT FOR THE MEETING WERE AS FOLLOWS:
BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, EVERGREEN; BROTHER RALPH BAKER AND SISTER NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS, MOUNT ZION; BRO. DANNY HENDERSON AND EVERETTE MULLINS, NEW PROSPECT; BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND AND SISTER EDNA WHITEHEAD, NEW ZION; BROTHER C. L. CULPEPPER, PILGRIM'S REST; BROTHER MICKEY GILMORE, SARDIS; AND BROTHER HOLT STOKES, UNION GROVE. BROTHERS JOE WHITEHEAD AND WILL MADDOX ALSO ATTENDED FROM NEW ZION AND UNION GROVE. MEETING CLOSED WITH PRAYER AND REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWED.

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 the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Free Will Baptist shall be considered the final authority. However, if said Church(es) fail to comply with same, this Body, when in session, may, by

majority vote of the delegates present, withdraw the hand of fellowship until such time as Church(es) 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: Roberts' 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 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 Nine - Provision 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 in good standing. These shall be elected two for four years, two for three years, two for two years and one for one year. Each year at the annual session one or more members shall be up for replacement or re-nomination. See By-Laws for duties to be performed.

B. Christian Board of Education composed of three members elected from nominations presented to the body while in session. These are elected one for three years, one for two years and one for one year. Each year at the annual session one or more members 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 the body while in session. These are elected one for three years, one for two years, one for one year. Each year at the annual session one or more members shall be up for replacement or re-nomination. See the By-Laws for the duties to be performed.

D. Children Home Committee composed of three members elected from nominations presented to the body while in session. These are elected one for three years, one for two years one for one year. Each year at the annual session one or more members 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 the Board Member to the Children 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 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 shall be elected one for three years, one for two years, one for one year. Each year at the annual session one or more members 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 shall be elected one for three years, one for two years, one for one year. Each year at the annual session one or more members shall be up replacement or

renomination. 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 shall be elected one for three years, one for two years, one for one year. Each year at the annual session one or more members shall be up for replacement or re-nomination. See the By-Laws for the 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 years, one for two years, one for one year. Each year at the annual session one or more members shall be up for replacement or re-nomination. See the By-Laws for the 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 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 One - Officers: All officers shall be elected annually. Any officer may succeed himself in office if so nominated.

Article Two - Duties of Officers:

Section One - Moderator: The moderator shall reside 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 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 session of the Association and of the Executive Committee, and shall have them edited and printed into the annual minutes. The Clerk shall turn all records of the Association over to his/her successor in office.

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 the Vice Moderator, the senior minister of the standing delegates shall act in that capacity.

Article Three - Duties of elected committees:

Section One - Executive Committee: This committee shall meet in October following the annuals session of the Association on a date, time, and place appointed by the Moderator for the purpose of planning the next years Association calendar, and any other business that might properly come before this committee.

A. 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. Shall act as the promotional agency for the various work of the Association.

C. Shall act on behalf of the Association of Churches on things when the Association is not in session that cannot wait until the next meeting.

Section Two - Credentials and Examining Committee:

A. Examine all church letters presented to the Association and make recommendations as to the order of letters and delegates.

B. Examine, at the request of the local church, any candidate desiring a license to preach as a Free Will Baptist Minister and make recommendations to the body.

C. Examine all candidates for the office of deacon, at the request of the local church, and make recommendation to the body.

D. 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 make a recommendation on the candidate to the body present in his report to the Association. It will be the duty of the candidate to inform the Clerk or Committee chairman for this meeting to be scheduled.

E. Examine all ministers coming from other sister Associations to pastor in this Association and make a recommendation to the body.

F. Examine all ministers coming from other denominations or independent churches who desire to obtain a 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. Committee may use oral, written, or a combination of both, in its' examination of candidates for office. Written forms shall be provided by this Committee.

H. 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 Association charges filed against him.

Section Three - Christian Board of Education:

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 the April session of the Association. This Committee and the camp Director shall have the 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 - Missions Committee:

A. To promote mission work in the Association.

B. To keep before the churches of the 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 us informed; to plan retreats, conferences, etc. in the mission area.

Section five - Children Home Committee:

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:

To coordinate with our Sister churches the places for the Quarterly and Annual sessions of the Association.

Section seven - Nominating Committee:

A. Nominate candidates for Association offices.

B. Nominate candidates for various Committees at each Annual session.

C. Nominate replacements for various Committees when necessary at Quarterly sessions when a Committee has lost a member for any reason.

Section eight - Finance Committee:

A. Prepare an Annual budget to be presented to the Association at the annual session for approval or disapproval.

B. Recommend to the Association at each session the disposition of the plate offering.

C. To assist, at their request, the Christian Board of Education in financing the camp, youth rallies, youth revival.

Section nine - Resolutions Committee:

Bring to the Associations' attention any matter needing our attention in the local, state, or national interest.

Section ten - reports:

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 the meeting of the Executive 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 matters.

Article Four - Representation of Churches:

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 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 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 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 five dollars (\$5.00) per

authorized delegate tot he quarterly sessions and ten dollars (\$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 the printing of the annual minutes.

Section Two:

The 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 an 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 with prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, and he shall 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 thorough ; nor shall the Moderator interrupt him unless he gets out of order.
4. The person thus speaking shall adhere to the question and shall in no way cast reflections on any person who may have spoken before him.
5. No person shall speak more than three (3) times on the same subject without leave of the Moderator.
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 Moderator 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 to supremely love, adore, and obey.
3. Christ. Christ is God manifest in the flesh, in his divine nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.
4. The Holy Spirit. The scripture 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 require.
6. The sinfulness of man. Man was created innocent, but by his disobedience fell into sin and condemnation. His posterity therefor 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 committal of one's self to Christ as saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God, and,
3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.
9. Election. God determined from the beginning to save all who would comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence, by faith men become His elect.
10. Freedom of will. The human spirit is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the Truth and Spirit; or 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 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 administered 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 required 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 of God.
16. Resurrection, Judgement, and final Retribution. The scriptures teach the resurrection of the 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 grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, 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 to support 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 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 until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Did You Know?

In Chowan County, North Carolina in 1927 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 differences 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 of 1886 the Southeastern Association convened at Goodwater 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 Grove, 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 Association 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 Association purposes.

The Association meeting was held at Pleasant Hill FWB Church on the 3rd. Saturday in December 1892.

In April 1894 Union Grove approved the buying of one half dozen Hymn books.

In September 1896 Union Grove elected delegates to represent them in the Association meeting and the church paid \$1.00 for minute and \$.75 for Association purposes.

In the year of 1897 the Association 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 its minutes and on Saturday the 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 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, Ephesus, Evergreen, Goodwater, Judson, Mount Zion, New Prospect, Piney Grove, Pleasant Hill, Pilgrim's Rest, Sardis, Union Grove, and Zion.

On Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October 1936 the Southeastern Association convened at New Zion church for their 58th annual session. Brother J. H. Guilford, moderator; Brother D. F. Pelt, vice moderator; brother J. S. Vickers, clerk; and D. E. Shirley, treasurer.

The following report was given on temperance. We urge that our members obey Paul's 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. Hutto held the congregation almost spellbound with old time preaching. This was very impressive and enjoyed by all.

The Sunday School convention was set to meet Saturday before the 2nd fifth Sunday in 1937 and 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 3rd 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 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. Felt 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 for 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 Friend-ship. 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.