
2005 Minutes
of the
Quarterly Meetings
and the
One Hundred Twenty-Seventh
Annual Session
of the
Southeastern Association
of
Free Will Baptist Churches

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SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
UNION CHURCH
NOV. 8, 2005

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET ON TUESDAY NIGHT AT UNION CHURCH FOR THE PURPOSE OF ARRANGING THE CALENDAR FOR THE COMING YEAR.

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE MRS. EDNA WHITEHEAD, NEW ZION; MRS. NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS, MOUNT ZION; BRO. JOEY PETTIS, NEW ZION; BRO. HOLT STOKES, UNION; BRO. WILLIAM SOWELL, NEW PROSPECT; BRO. THOMAS KIRKLAND, EVERGREEN; BRO. LAMAR BUXTON, PILGRIM'S REST; AND BRO. DANNY HENDERSON, NEW PROSPECT.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY BRO. JOEY PETTIS AND BRO. THOMAS KIRKLAND LED IN THE OPENING PRAYER. THERE WAS NO UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS. NO NEW BUSINESS WAS BROUGHT FORTH. THE THEME SELECTED FOR THE COMING YEAR IS TAKEN FROM PROVERBS 3:1-3 THE THEME IS TITLED "KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD UNTO HOLINESS."

FIRST QUARTER	NEW ZION	JANUARY 14, 2006	BRO. JEFFREY PETTIS
SECOND QUARTER	NEW PROSPECT	APRIL 15, 2006	MISSIONARY SPEAKER
THIRD QUARTER	EVERGREEN	JULY 8, 2006	BRO. DANNY HENDERSON
FOURTH QUARTER			
FRIDAY NIGHT	UNION	OCTOBER 13, 2006	BRO. DEREK DREUY
SATURDAY	MOUNT ZION	OCTOBER 14, 2006	BRO. LARRY SOWELL
SATURDAY	MEMORIAL SPEAKER	OCTOBER 14, 2006	BRO. RALPH BAKER
SUBSTITUTE SPEAKER FOR THE YEAR		BRO. THOMAS KIRKLAND	

NATIONAL

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	JULY 16 - 20, 2006
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	JULY 15 - 19, 2007
CHARLESTON, WEST VA.	JULY 20 - 24, 2008
CINCINNATI, OHIO	JULY 19 - 23, 2009
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	JULY 18 - 22, 2010
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	JULY 17 - 21, 2011
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	JULY 15 - 19, 2012
TO BE DETERMINED	JULY 21 - 24, 2013
FORT WORTH, TEXAS	JULY 27 - 30, 2014

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST 2005 SCHEDULE
MEETING DATES, PLACES, SPEAKERS AND TIMES

2006 SCHEDULES OF ASSOCIATION WIDE EVENTS AND DATES

THE THEME FOR YEAR 2006 IS "KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD
UNTO HOLINESS" TAKEN FROM PROVERBS 3:1-3

MEETINGS	TIMES	DATE/SPEAKER
NEW ZION SPEAKER	8:30AM	JANUARY 14, 2006 BRO. JEFFREY PETTIS
NEW PROSPECT SPEAKER	8:30AM	APRIL 15, 2006 MISSIONARY SPEAKER
EVERGREEN SPEAKER	8:30AM	JULY 8, 2006 BRO. DANNY HENDERSON
UNION SPEAKER	FRIDAY 6:30PM	OCTOBER 13, 2006 BRO. DEREK DREUY
MOUNT ZION SPEAKER	SATURDAY 8:30AM	OCTOBER 14, 2006 BRO. LARRY SOWELL

SUBSTITUTE SPEAKER FOR YEAR - BRO. THOMAS KIRKLAND

MEMORIAL SERVICE ANNUAL SESSION - BRO. RALPH BAKER

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS AND DATES

THE WINTER RETREAT WILL BE DECEMBER 2006 AND WILL BE AT
COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS.

RALLIES

FEBRUARY 25, 2006	7:00PM	NEW PROSPECT
MAY 13, 2006	7:00PM	NEW ZION
AUGUST 19, 2006	7:00PM	EVERGREEN
NOVEMBER 11, 2006	7:00PM	SARDIS

COUPLE'S RETREAT WILL BE MARCH 11, 2006 AND WILL BE AT THE
COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS. REGISTRATION 8:30. COST ?

MEN'S RETREAT WILL BE APRIL 28TH AND 29TH 2006 AT COFFEE BAPTIST
VINEYARDS. EAT @ 6PM, SERVICE @ 7PM, COST & SPEAKER NOT SET NOW.

JUNIOR YOUTH CAMP JUNE 12 - 16
THE SPEAKER FOR JUNIOR CAMP IS MARK CASH.

SENIOR YOUTH CAMP JUNE 19 - 23
SPEAKER WILL BE NAMED LATER IN YEAR AND CHURCHES ADVISED.

BOTH CAMPS WILL BE HELD AT COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS.
COST PER CAMPER FOR 2006 SESSIONS IS \$122.00.

SEPTEMBER 2005

\$70.70

BAL. 9/30/05

\$1,781.43

BAL. 9/30/05

\$519.53

BAL. 9/30/05

\$2,370.71

TOTAL

\$4,671.67

SCHEDULE OF ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
2006

EVERGREEN
BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND
105 MAR-CAR DRIVE
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
334-585-6347

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

MOUNT ZION
BROTHER RALPH BAKER
3422 HWY 131
CLAYTON, ALABAMA 36016
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NEW PROSPECT
BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON
366 COUNTY ROAD 83 SOUTH
HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345
334-693-2051

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

NEW ZION
BROTHER JOEY PETTIS
9716 COUNTY ROAD 99
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
334-693-5024

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

SARDIS
BROTHER BILLY DEVAN
P O BOX 503
EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36072
334-687-8967

UNION GROVE
NO PASTOR SHOWN

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION ORAINED DEACONS
2006

1	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			BROTHER KYLE HARDY ROUTE 3 - BOX 38 HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345 334-693-2758 BROTHER JACK ARMSTRONG 213 BROAD STREET HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345 334-693-3068 PILGRIM'S REST BROTHER EARL MONEY (INACT) ROUTE 1 - BOX 131 ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310 334-585-6360
2	MOUNT ZION BROTHER CHARLES W. STANLEY ROUTE 1 - BOX 278 EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027 334-585-2960 BROTHER JAMES LIPSCOMB BOX 3046-COUNTY ROAD 221 ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310 334-585-3799 BROTHER CHARLES THOMPSON KENT DRIVE EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027 334-687-5994			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 SARDIS BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE 1064 HIGHWAY 30 CLAYTON, ALABAMA 36013 334-687-5416
3	NEW PROSPECT BROTHER WILLIAM SOWELL 2777 COUNTY ROAD 75N CLOPTON, ALABAMA 36317 334-585-5318 BROTHER TRACEY ARMSTRONG 204 ROCKDALE COURT DOTHAN, ALABAMA 36301 334-794-3609 BROTHER TROY BARRON 2463 COUNTY ROAD 68 CLOPTON, ALABAMA 36317 334-585-2022			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-INACT. ROUTE 1 - BOX 102 ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310 334-585-6174
4	NEW ZION BROTHER TOM SHELLEY ROUTE 2 - BOX 129 HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345 334-693-2839			BROTHER WILL MADDOX ROUTE 4 - BOX 546 ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310 334-585-5013

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

SCHEDULE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SERVING 2006

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

PILGRIM REST
BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON
7320 STATE HWY. 10E
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
334-585-3250

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

SARDIS
BROTHER NICKY GILMORE
204 WILLOW OAKS CT.
EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027
334-687-7529

NEW PROSPECT
BROTHER EVERETT MULLINS
3674 COUNTY ROAD 75N
CLOPTON, ALABAMA 36317
334-585-6869

UNION GROVE
BROTHER HOLT STOKES
6485 COUNTY ROAD 53
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
334-585-3030

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

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESS

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

PILGRIM'S REST
BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON
7320 STATE HWY 10E
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
334-585-3250

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

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

NEW PROSPECT
SISTER JOYCE MULLINS
3674 COUNTY ROAD 75N
CLOPTON, ALABAMA 36317
334-585-6869

UNION GROVE
SISTER SYLVIA ETHRIDGE
9753 COUNTY ROAD 65
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
334-585-2859

NEW ZION
SISTER EDNA WHITEHEAD
302 MURRAY STREET
HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345
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SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

EVERGREEN

BRO. MATTHEW HARDEN
211 SUTTON DAIRY ROAD
ARITON, ALABAMA 36360
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PILGRIM'S REST

BRO. ODIS L. BUXTON
7320 STATE HIGHWAY 10 E
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
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MOUNT ZION

BRO. JAMES M. LIPSCOMB
3046 COUNTY ROAD 221
ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310
334-585-3799

SARDIS

BRO. NICKY GILMORE
204 WILLOW OAKS CT
EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027
334-687-7529

NEW PROSPECT

BRO. WILLIAM SOWELL
2777 COUNTY ROAD 75N
CLOPTON, AL 36317
334-585-5318

UNION GROVE

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

NEW ZION

BRO. TOM SHELLEY
295 COUNTY ROAD 26
HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345
334-693-2839

CTS DIRECTORS

PILGRIM'S REST

BRO. ODIS L. BUXTON
7320 STATE HIGHWAY 10E
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
334-585-3250

WNAC

MOUNT ZION

SIS. NINA VICKERS FLOWERS
607 HOLLY DRIVE
EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027
334-687-3463

SARDIS

SIS. GEORGIA GILMORE
1064 HIGHWAY 30
CLAYTON, AL. 36016
334-687-5416

MASTER'S MEN

MOUNT ZION

BRO. DONALD WHITENER

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION - ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 2004 - 2005
BEGINNING/ADDITIONS/LOSSES

CHURCH NAME	ORG. DATE	MEM. I 05	IBAP. I 05	ILETT. I 05	IOFH. I 05	IDEA. I 05	ILETT. I 05	ITOT. I 05	IS. MEM.	S. IATT.	IAVE. MEM.	CTS IATT.	IAVE. MEM.	INAC IATT.	IAVE MEM.	IN. IATT.	IAVE. MEM.	ORD. MIN.	ILIC. MIN.	PRAYER MEETING
EVERGREEN	1885	33			-2			31										2		YES
MOUNT ZION	1881	68		1	-12	-1	-1	55	16	10				13	11	7	5	1		
NEW PROSPECT	1874	98	3	1	14		-2	114	30	30								2		28
NEW ZION	1907	174				-4	-4	166	60	50								1		35
PILGRIM'S REST	1884	76						76	17	12	12	10						1		4
SARDIS	1906	224	28	8	9	-2	-3	264	95	74				10	8			2		75
UNION GROVE	1879	79	3			-2		80	16	10										
TOTALS		752	34	10	9	-9	-10	786	234	186	12	10	23	19	7	5	9	0		142

2004 / 2005 CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

CHURCH NAME	I I	INCOME	I I	REPAIRS & RENOV.	I I	SUPPLIES OTHER COST	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	I I
EVERGREEN		\$30,216.68		\$1,706.52		\$0.00		\$3,413.15		\$0.00		\$4,057.00		\$1,300.00		\$0.00		\$13,600.00		\$155.00		NOT SHOWN	
MOUNT ZION		\$30,129.60		YARD \$1,100.00 \$13,224.98		\$2,562.01		\$3,299.11		\$1,825.00		\$450.00		\$200.00		\$120.00		\$9,400.00		\$497.50		\$120,000.00	
																STAFF		\$2,200.00					
NEW PROSPECT		\$49,343.47		\$5,194.79		\$0.00		\$2,661.31		\$1,316.77		\$1,085.61		\$0.00		\$2,877.88		\$15,800.00		\$460.00		NOT SHOWN	
NEW ZION		\$115,205.29		\$4,404.30		\$25,650.40		\$8,145.64		\$2,131.73		\$12,885.38		\$3,113.07		\$2,175.00		\$19,677.02		\$375.00		\$450,000.00	
																STAFF		\$14,674.03					
PILGRIM'S REST		NOT SHOWN		\$62.72		\$0.00		\$1,822.96		\$250.00		NOT SHOWN		NOT SHOWN		NOT SHOWN		\$7,800.00		\$210.00		NOT SHOWN	
SARDIS		\$185,468.06		\$28,050.00		\$53,865.00		\$21,000.00		\$8,600.00		\$13,000.00		\$1,200.00		\$4,600.00		\$38,000.00		\$410.00		\$640,000.00	
																STAFF		\$5,000.00					
UNION GROVE		NOT SHOWN		NOT SHOWN		NOT SHOWN		NOT SHOWN		NOT SHOWN		NOT SHOWN		NOT SHOWN		NOT SHOWN		NOT SHOWN		NOT SHOWN		NOT SHOWN	
TOTALS		\$410,363.10		\$53,743.31		\$82,077.41		\$40,342.17		\$14,123.50		\$31,477.99		\$5,813.07		\$9,772.88		\$126,151.05		\$2,107.50		\$1,210,000.00	

First Quarterly Meeting
Southeastern Association of FWB Churches
Union Free Will Baptist
January 15, 2005

The first meeting of the year was held at Union Church on January 15, 2005. The meeting was called to order by Bro. Joey Pettis, Vice Moderator, in the absence of the Moderator, who had an appointment that could not be delayed.

Bro. William Sowell of New Prospect opened the meeting with prayer after which Bro. Holt Stokes of the host church gave the welcome. Bro. Johnny Gilmore from Sardis gave the response to the welcome.

The Vice Moderator read from Isaiah 59:1 and made a few brief remarks.

Congregational singing was next on the agenda and we all joined in singing "Have Thine Own Way Lord" followed by the morning offering with prayer by Brother Mickey Gilmore.

The morning devotion was brought by Bro. Holt Stokes using as scripture Matthew 5:1-16. he began by noting the Association met at Union 70 years ago when there was a special place for people to make acknowledgment of some behavior that was non church or not acceptable to the local church as being a sin. This could include dancing, drinking, fighting, carousing, tobacco, snuff, or any other number of things that was not tolerated in the very conservative body. There was also an amen corner where all the men would gather and shout amen to the Brother who was preaching that day. Dinner would be served out back on a table made from wire stretched over post, or just simply dinner on the ground picnic style.

Special prayer was requested for several persons including the son of Brother Thomas and Sister Barbara Kirkland, Tommy. Sister Emma Tew, Brother Larry Sowell, Brother C. L. Culpepper, Brother Everett Mullins, Brother Everette O'Hearn, Laurie Shelley who lost her mother, others as well. Prayer works when all else fails.

We had 3 ministers present; Brother Ralph Baker, Brother Joey Pettis, and Brother Ross Peters. We had 6 deacons: Brother Odis Buxton, Pilgrim's Rest; Brother William Sowell, New Prospect; Brother Jack Armstrong and Brother Joe Whitehead, New Zion; Brother Johnny Gilmore and Brother Bryan Gilmore, Sardis. Delegates were: Evergreen, Sharon Peters; Mount Zion, Nina Vickers-Flowers, Vonnie Kilcrease, Melinda Owens, Dolly Vickers, Dot Whitener; New Prospect, Juliet Stokes, Linda Henderson, Linda Sowell; New Zion, Marvell Armstrong, Pam Pettis, Miriam Shelley, Johnny Ruth Taylor,

Jeanette Trammell, Edna Whitehead, and Janelle Shelley, alternate; Pilgrim's Rest, Pam Dyson, Paul Dyson, Amanda Owens, and Carolyn Buckzar, alternate; Sardis, Bobby Cook, Derek Druey, Karla Druey, Mickey Gilmore; Union, Linda Floyd, Peggy Herring, Holt Stokes. Motion by the ordained authority present to seat the delegates seconded and carried. Delegates were properly seated for the business session. Visitors, outside the Association, were: Charles Baxley, New Hope; Tommy Taylor, Pine Hills, State Line Association.

Tommy Taylor from the State Line Association gave a missions report on efforts for a joint Association meeting of Southeastern and State Line in hosting the various speakers. See our Association Missions Report for details. It was reported that last year these meetings provided \$5,500.00 to missions and the Ladies Auxiliary raised and gave \$11,000.00 to missions. Quite an accomplishment.

Our business session began with the Executive Committee reporting on the Hickory Grove situation. We, the Committee, met briefly and decided that we had done all that we could under the present conditions. The clerk has written a letter expressing our willingness to work with and do all that we could to assist this church in its efforts; we have provided a license form for the licensing of Pastor Griggs; we still stand ready to do all that we can do. We feel now that to write or push further the issue would be unproductive. We need to wait for contact now from the folk at Hickory to move forward. We advised the brethren there we were ready to do whatever we could to facilitate the matter and we still stand ready to do what we are able to do in any capacity.

The Credentials report was information only and was received as such.

The Christian Board of Education gave the following report which was received as information for the Association and Churches:

Sardis hosted the November youth rally. There was approximately 90 people present. The group Legacy provided special singing and Brother Jeremy Overstreet provided the message. Everyone had a good time.

The winter retreat was December 28-28 with Ashley Culp as the evangelist. There was 26 campers and 20 counselors for a total of 46 from the combined Associations.

The youth will have skating at Bobaloo Rink January 24th at 6:30 PM. Bring the youth and enjoy a time of fellowship together.

Reminder that junior camp is June 13-17 with Mike Cox as evangelist. Senior Camp will be June 2-24 with Jeff Jones as evangelist.

The couples retreat will be March 12, 2005 at the Vineyards with Billy Bevan as speaker. Also the men's retreat will be April 29-30 with Billy Bevan as speaker.

The Missions Report given by Pam Pettis was as follows: We have been invited by the State Line Association to join in a joint Missions effort with speakers available for January 27 and 28. New Zion will have the service Friday night the 28th and Rick Cash will be the speaker. Service begins at 7:00 PM. A Missions banquet will be at the Harvest FWB Gym in Ozark on January 29, 2005 and will begin at 5:30 PM. Plates will be \$10.00. Turn in number attending to Tommy Taylor, 352 Beaver Creek Road, Dothan, AL 36301 or call him at 334-692-5258. We will have a Missions speaker at our second meeting at Evergreen in April. We do not know at this time who it will be. Each Church will be advised in timely manner as to whom it will be. For information there will be a Missions meeting in Dickson, TN March 31-April 2. For further information you can call 877-767-7736. We recommend that we support our ETEAM program. Joni Pettis is going to Uruguay this February to determine if this is God's leading for her future life. Jonah Taylor is going to Panama as a member of the ETEAM.

We recommend the following support be given on behalf of missions and missions attendees. Jonah Taylor, Panama ETEAM this year \$50.00; Rick Cash for the ACTS 1:8 PROGRAM \$100.00; Joni Pettis for missions trip to Uruguay \$100.00. Motion made, seconded and passed. Paul Dyson, Johnnie Taylor, Pam Pettis, Missions Committee.

The Finance Committee gave its' report as follows: The plate offering for today is \$209.28. We move that \$100.00 be given to Joni Pettis for her upcoming trip to Uruguay. We move the balance of offering of \$109.28 go to the General Fund. Lamar Buxton, Dot Whitener, Edna Whitehead Finance Committee.

The Resolution Committee Report given by Sharon Peters as follows: WHEREAS Christians everywhere need to band together and stand united, WHEREAS it is time to let the devil know that God is on His throne, THEREFORE let us put on the whole armor of God and having done all, to stand. MSC.

Registration Committee reported 42 registered..

The host church then provided us with some special singing by the group, The Seniors.

The morning message was then brought by Pastor Joey Pettis along the Theme for the year "The Lord is our help." He used scripture from Psalms, Mark, Ephesians and other indirect references. He began with a very pointed statement of: We need help, We are reaching for goals, Yet we still have with us the "old man", We have a fight and we have to fight.

Some points he made were; We are a new creation in Christ and as such we need to realize:

We need to help others, we need to know how the world came about, how it got in this condition and what we can do about it; We need to know that He has made us and He is able to sustain us; Could we face demons and be victorious? Do we realize whom we serve? Do we understand He is a present help in time of need? We need to bring our cause to Christ and with the individual of old cry out Lord, I believe, help thou mine unbelief. A good message.

After giving Union a rising vote of thanks for their fine hospitality and hosting this session of the Association we dismissed for a good lunch and time of fellowship in the Union fellowship hall.

Second Quarterly Session
Southeastern Association of FWB Churches
Evergreen FWB Church
April 16, 2005

Registration began at the local church at 8:30 AM. The call to order was at 9:00 AM and made by our Moderator, Bro. Danny Henderson. Bro. Danny welcomed the body and extended an invitation through his remarks and the reading of Proverbs 1:5-6 for the Association to be aware of the present conditions of the world around us and what is going on in America. Bro. Harden of the host church extended a warm welcome to this session of the Association. Bro. William Sowell responded by accepting the gracious invitation on behalf of the body present.

A short song service followed led by Bro. Larry Peavy and wife Beulah. The congregation sang such old favorites as "We are met to worship" "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" and "to god be the Glory".

The Moderator then asked that ushers come forward and receive the morning offering. A total of \$162.00 was received and will be designated by the Finance Committee at the business session.

Bro. Ross Peters brought the morning devotion. He brought out several points, some of which are: The church is trying programs instead of power; relying on self and not God; emphasizing things and not the Word; Knowing where to look and when to look.

We had present 7 ministers, 6 deacons, 1 visitor. We then had the roll call of delegates before recessing until 9:55 AM. Seating of delegates motion by Bro. Lamar Buxton seconded by Bro. Thomas Kirkland. Delegates present were: Lillian Wilson, Lisa Harden, Beulah Peavy, Evergreen; Nina Vickers-Flowers, Dot Whitener, Dolly Vickers, Melinda Owens, Mount Zion; Everette Mullins, Joyce Mullins, Linda Sowell, Christine Brown-Alt, Linda Henderson-Alt, New Prospect; David Teat, Mary Teat, Jeanette Trammell, Pam Mallory, Marvel Armstrong, Larry Whitehead, Edna Whitehead-Alt., New Zion; Pam Dyson, Amanda Owens, Pilgrim's Rest; Gloria Bevan, Karla Druey, Georgia Gilmore, Sardis; and Linda Floyd, Peggy Herring, Sylvia Ethridge, Joan Elliott-Alt, Union.

Return to order at 10:00 AM. Motion made to enter business by Bro. Johnny Gilmore, second by Bro. Lamar Buxton. Bro. Billy Bevan led the opening prayer asking God's blessings upon this session of business. Business moved very smoothly and quickly through the few reports we had. The Credentials, The Executive, The Placement, The Nominating Committees had no reports. The Finance Committee of Dot Whitener, Edna Whitehead, Lamar Buxton moved plate offering be sent to general fund. Moved by Lamar Buxton, Second by Bro. Thomas Kirkland. Carried.

A Missions report was given jointly by Sister Pam Pettis and Joni Pettis. One point of interest being the Uruguay mission trip by Joni. She ask for prayer as she sought the leadership of the Lord in the field of labor He would have her to be.

Sister Marvell Armstrong gave the Resolutions report. What is America coming to when we can starve a woman to death but to starve an animal brings punishment as cruel and unusual. We need to pray and pray as never before.

Brother Jack Armstrong was nominated to the temporary position of Credentials committee to take the place of Brother Joe Whitehead whom the Lord had called home. The Nominating Committee will make a permanent appointment, subject to the Associations' approval, at the July session.

We had a total of 54 register for the day.

The Christian Board of Education reported as follows: February 26th a youth rally was held at New Prospect with about 50 in attendance. Brother Jeffrey Pettis and Preston Bysick brought inspiring messages and everyone enjoyed the night-very much. On March 12th a couples retreat was held at Coffee Baptist Vineyards with about 35 couples attending. Brother Billy Bevan and wife Gloria were guest speakers and did an outstanding job. On April 29th and 30th we will have a men's' retreat at Coffee Baptist Vineyards. Brother Billy Bevan will be the speaker at this gathering. We look for and pray for your attendance. The next youth rally will be May 14th at New Zion. A reminder that Junior camp is June 13-17 and Senior camp is June 20-24 and both will be at Coffee Baptist Vineyards. Brother Mike Cox will be speaking at Junior camp and Brother Jeff Jones at the Senior camp. All your support is greatly appreciated.

Business being ended we began a song service in which hymns "Are you washed in the Blood" "Heavenly Sunlight" and "Victory in Jesus" was the selections. We then had a special from Lisa Harden "I bowed on my knees and cried Holy." A very good song service and a good special.

Sister Lillian Wilson testified to the goodness and graciousness of the Almighty and how he had delivered her. Brother Everette Mullins followed and gave his testimony of the goodness of the Lord and how much He had done for him. Brother Thomas Kirkland testified that he was 75 years old before ever spending his first night as a patient in the hospital. This is a living testimony to just how good God is to all of us.

Brother Steve Lytle, Director of field services in Nashville brought the message with emphasize on missions and missions work. He used as scripture Acts 11:19-26 and 13:1-4 and brought an inspiring message tot he Association. Points Evangelism, discipline, Leadership, Send forth. Good. We all stood to sing Hymn 382 as an invitation. A motion was made by Sister Pam Pettis and seconded by Brother Lamar Buxton that \$300.00 be sent to the International Mission Committee in appreciation for Brother Lytle coming and to support the mission work. carried. Brother Clarence Culpepper then dismissed with prayer.

Third Quarterly Session
Southeastern Association of FWB
July 9, 2005
Mount Zion

We began the third quarterly session with registration at 8:30 AM Saturday morning. Brother Danny Henderson called the session to order at 9:00 Am.

All churches reported. Brother Danny had a few remarks concerning Psalms 23 and the Shepherd of our lives. He is Provider, full of Loving Kindness, Protector.

The welcome was given by Sister Nima Vickers-Flowers of the host church with the response given by Brother Lamar Buxton.

A short song service led by Sister Dot Whitener and Sylvia Brannon at the piano. She selected "The old Rugged Cross" and "Take it to the Lord in prayer." Brother Jack Ryles and Jack Armstrong received the morning offering which totaled \$260.15 and will be designated at the business session. Brother Billy Medley brought the devotion and was to the point. He chose Joshua 24:15 Choose ye this day whom ye will serve. Serve the Lord. If we are not here to serve the Lord, then why are we here. Short and to the point. Good thoughts.

We had 6 ministers with one visiting; 7 deacons; and 2 visitors. The roll call of delegates was answered by 26 delegates being present. These names are as follows: Ministers Ralph Baker, Billy Bevan, C. L. Culpepper, Danny Henderson, Thomas Kirkland, Ross Peters. Deacons Lamar Buxton, Jack Armstrong, Tracey Armstrong, Merlyn Lipscomb, Johnny Gilmore, William Sowell, Charles Thompson. Visitors are Bert Tippet and wife Diane Tippet from Nashville at the Bible college. Delegates Barbara Kirkland, Sharon Peters, Evergreen; Sylvia Brannon, Nina Vickers-Flowers, Dot Whitener, Melinda Owens, Lillie Thompson, Mount Zion; Linda Henderson, Joyce Mullins, New Prospect; Jeanette Trammell, Marvell Armstrong, Johnnie Ruth Taylor, Mary Teat, Edna Whitehead, David Teat. New Zion; Pam Dyson, Paul Dyson, Pilgrim's Rest; Derek Druey, Karla Druey, Gloria Bevan, Mickey Gilmore, Sardis; Linda Floyd, Peggy Herring, Peggy Stokes, Sylvia Ethridge-alt, Joanne Elliott-alt., Union. Brother Bert Tippet gave a small talk about the Bible College, gave out some literature. Brother Bert is a very easy going friendly person.

We came back to order at approximately 8:55, recess having gone over the allotted time. The business session went rather smoothly and quickly since there was little business to attend to.

The Credentials Committee had no report other than the examination of church letters. Missions Committee, Placement Committee, Nominating Committee no reports. The Finance Committee recommended the plate offering go to the general fund. MSC. Sharon Peters gave a Resolutions Committee report referring to Romans 13:11-12 "and that knowing the

time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep. Very challenging point. The Christian Board of Education gave it's report. A men's retreat was held at Coffee Baptist Vineyards March 29th and 30th with Brother Billy Bevan the Speaker. 35 were in attendance. May 14th a youth rally was held at New Zion with Brother Chris Culp bringing the devotion and officer Mark Jones from the Headland Police Department presenting a program on Drug awareness. 36 were in attendance. June 13-17 Junior Youth Camp was held at Coffee Baptist Vineyards. June 20-24 Senior Youth Camp was held at Coffee Baptist Vineyards. Brothers Mike Cox, Derek Druey, and Rodney Brazell spoke at Junior Camp and Jeff Jones spoke at Senior Camp. Approximately 100 Campers in attended. We give special thanks to those who helped as workers and to those churches who supported the 14 girls brought by Brother Johnathon Cordell from the Girls Home. Our next Youth rally is at Evergreen on August 27th.

Morning worship service with songs led by Dot Whitener and Sylvia at the piano. "All Alone" "I'll meet you by the river" "I've never been sorry" "Glad reunion day" and "Just a little talk with Jesus." The Stokes trio then gave us specials "Heavens Harmony" "What a lovely name" "What a day" and "I should have been crucified" A very good song service to begin the worship service.

Brother Danny Henderson brought the morning message titled "Road to Heaven or Hell?" In the 1940's the major problems in schools were talking out of turn, chewing gum, making a noise, cutting in line. The major problems of today drugs, alcohol, pregnancy, suicide. Folks we have to know how to possess our vessels unto sanctification. Road to Heaven. Road to Hell. Which are you on. Verse 13 Sudden coming of the Lord. Verse 15 This we say unto you. Verse 17 Caught up together in the air. Chapter 5 tells us that "of the times and seasons." Which road are you travelling? Invitation Hymn 57 "Amazing Grace with altar call. Dismissed with prayer for time of food and fellowship after giving Mount Zion a rising vote of thanks.

Annual Session-Friday
Pilgrim's Rest
October 14, 2005
Annual Session-Saturday
Sardis
October 15, 2005

The Friday night session began with registration at 6:30 PM. The Vice-Moderator, Brother Joey Pettis then called the meeting to order. We had some good old "without music" singing. Every one certainly seemed to enjoy themselves

though the gathering was small. We had several sick, some assisting family members who were ill and so forth. Brother Thomas Kirkland led in prayer. Brother Jack Ryles and Brother William Sowell took the evening offering and \$54.00 was received. We then had some more "without music" singing and again every one seemed to have a good time. Brother Ralph Baker brought the evening message on 4 have as Christians. we need to concentrate on what we have and not what we don't have. The gifts of God are many and continued. We were dismissed with prayer and time of fellowship in the dining hall at Pilgrim's Rest.

We came together again with registration at 8:30 AM on Saturday morning at Sardis with the moderator, Brother Danny Henderson, calling the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. It was a beautiful day. Brother Danny opened the session with prayer followed by moderator remarks from Romans 12:1-3. Some remarks "be a window throughout life" "be a lighthouse sending out the beacon" "be a prayer warrior" "be a proof bearer" The welcome was given by Brother Johnny Gilmore and the response was given by Brother Ross Peters.

The host church then entertained us with several specials by Assurance singing "I'm Blessed" "What a God" and "Nailed to the Cross." Brother Johnny Gilmore and Mickey Gilmore received the morning offering with Brother Johnny Gilmore offering prayer. A total of \$164.00 was received.

The morning devotion was given by Brother Thomas Kirkland along with the Memorial service combined into one service. Brother Thomas chose Psalms 12:1-6 as his scripture reading and made several very good points during the presentation. "He is with me" "Great is He" "The world drains us, but He fills us" "Minds stayed on the Lord." A very good devotion and Memorial service.

We had 7 ministers, 4 deacons, 1 visitor. We had 33 delegates and or alternates answering the roll call. Ministers Ralph Baker, Billy Bevan, C L Culpepper, Danny Henderson, Thomas Kirkland, Joey Pettis, and Ross Peters. Deacons Lamar Buxton, Johnny Gilmore, Merlyn Lipscomb, William Sowell. The one visitor was Tommy Taylor from Pine Hill of the Florida State Line. Delegates Rita Moffett, Sharon Peters, Marjorie Phillips, Evergreen; Melinda Owens, Nina Vickers-Flowers, Sylvia Brannon, Mount Zion; Joyce Mullins, Everette Mullins, Linda Henderson, Jack Ryles-alt, Emily Pettis-alt, Christine Brown-alt, New Prospect; Mary Teat, Jerry Whitehead, Jeanette Clements, Jeanette Trammell, Johnnie Ruth Taylor, Edna Whitehead, Janelle Shelley-alt., New Zion; Pam Dyson, Paul Dyson, Amanda Owens, Pilgrim's Rest; Mickey Gilmore, Bobby Cook, Lisa Gilmore, Gloria Bevan,

Derek Druey, Karla Druey, James Gilmore, Jean Gilmore-alt, Sardis; Linda Floyd, Peggy Herring, Joann Elliott, Union. Brother Jeffrey Pettis dismissed for short recess.

We came back to order at 10:15 AM and began the business session. Please see the various committee reports, Officers, Board members and their expiration dates for the Nominating Committee Report. Also see the meeting places report for this committee report. The Credentials Committee had no report and neither did the children home. The Finance committee recommended the plat offering of 218.00 from both offerings go to the general fund. MSC. See also the Events schedule in the front of the minutes for the Christian Board of Education schedule events. Missions Committee reported a joint effort for Web page and meeting at Harvest in Ozark. Interested parties contact any member of the Missions Board for further details. We had 52 in attendance for this day.

The morning worship service began with congregational singing led by Mickey Gilmore "Love lifted me" "Power in the Blood" "The old rugged Cross" "Hand in Hand with Jesus" Brother Derek Druey sand "Saved by Grace" for a special.

The morning message was brought by Brother Billy Bevan, host pastor. He "shucked" some corn, took the kernels from the cob and spread it all around. A very good message using II Corinthians 5:9-11 "when the going gets tough, the tough get going, He talked about the Saints, Salvations Change, Saviours Compassion, Service Question and Absolved and it just gets sweeter as time goes by. A heaven sent message. Brother Bevan led the closing prayer and after a rising vote of thanks to the host church we had a good meal in the fellowship hall.

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.

D1. 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 be re-nominated. 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 be re-nominated. See the By-Laws for the duties to be performed.

H. Finance Committee composed of three members elected from nominations presented to his 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 be re-nominated. 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 tot he 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:

A. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciation of it. B. 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, C. 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 anothers 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. F. 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. 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 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.