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

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION - ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 2006 - 2007
BEGINNING/ADDITIONS/LOSSES

CHURCH	ORG.	MEM.	BAP.	LETT.	OTH.	DEA.	LETT.	TOT.	S.	AVE.	CTS	AVE.	WAC	AVE.	M.	AVE.	ORD.	LIC.	PRAYER
NAME	DATE	06	07	07	07	07	07	07	MEM.	ATT.	MEM.	ATT.	MEM.	ATT.	MEM.	ATT.	MIN.	MIN.	MEETING
EVERGREEN	1885	30	0	0	0	1	0	29	15	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	12
MOUNT ZION	1881	58	0	1	0	1	0	58	10	7	0	0	13	10	7	5	1	0	
NEW PROSPECT	1874	100	2	4	5	1	0	100	40	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	25
NEW ZION	1907	163	3	0	0	4	1	161	65	50							1	0	30
PILGRIM'S REST	1884	57			3			54	20	12	12	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	10
SARDIS	1906	282	0	12	0	0	1	293	160	112	0	0	21	17	0	0	3	0	135
UNION	1879	85	0	0		3		82	15	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
TOTALS		775	5	17	8	10	2	777	325	229	12	7	34	27	7	5	11	0	219

2006 / 2007 CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

CHURCH NAME	INCOME	REPAIRS & RENOV.	SUPPLIES OTHER COST	UTILITIES	REVIVALS	MISSIONS	CHILDREN HOME	YOUTH ACTIVITY	SALARY	DUES	PROPERTY VALUE
EVERGREEN	28932.8	1350 106.5	312.19	4092.23	0	3172	0	927.3	16600	375	NOT SHOWN
MOUNT ZION	29834.74	1857.8 1683.7	2047.66	5972.11	1354.57	860	400	120	8875	694	173619
NEW PROSPECT	53739.9	1875 285	795	6527.72	3565	3372.60	0	1191	16200	520	IN/A
NEW ZION	121658	2000 334.2 75558.28	3858.09	14139.87	850	17533.12	3696.39	606.8	32799.51 11949.47	375	575000
PILGRIM'S REST	IN/S	IN/S	IN/S	IN/S	IN/S	IN/S	IN/S	IN/S	IN/S	IN/S	125945
SARDIS	261018	2800 69000 309700	13064	26745	19275	3600 24300	1200	3130	60624 22900	385	1689000
UNION	IN/S	IN/S	IN/S	IN/S	IN/S	IN/S	IN/S	IN/S	IN/S	255	IN/S
TOTALS	495183.44	466550.48	20076.94	57476.93	25044.57	53032.8	5296.39	5975.1	172172.98	2604	2563564

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES
2008 OFFICERS

MODERATOR-JOEY PETTIS, 9716 COUNTY ROAD 99, HEADLAND, ALABAMA
36345 TELEPHONE 334-693-5024:

VICE MODERATOR-DANNY HENDERSON, 366 COUNTY ROAD 83 S,
HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345 TELEPHONE 334-693-2051:

CLERK/TREASURER-RALPH BAKER, 3422 HIGHWAY 131, CLAYTON,
ALABAMA 36016 TELEPHONE 334-775-9703:

ASSISTANT CLERK/TREASURER-NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS, 607 HOLLY
DRIVE, EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027 TELEPHONE 334-687-3463:

MEETING DATES AND PLACES FOR 2008

FIRST QUARTER MEETING JANUARY 19, 2008 AT EVERGREEN FWB
WITH THE SPEAKER TO BE BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND .

SECOND QUARTER MEETING APRIL 19, 2008 AT MOUNT ZION CHURCH
WITH THE SPEAKER TO BE CHOSEN BY MISSIONS COMMITTEE IT IS
HOPEFUL TO HAVE BROTHER ALLAN AUSTIN FROM ELDRIDGE.

THIRD QUARTER MEETING JULY 12, 2008 AT PILGRIM'S REST CHURCH
WITH THE SPEAKER TO BE BROTHER C. L. CULPEPPER.

ANNUAL SESSION FOR FRIDAY NIGHT OCTOBER 17, 2008 WILL BE AT
SARDIS CHURCH WITH THE SPEAKER TO BE BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON.

ANNUAL SESSION FOR SATURDAY OCTOBER 18, 2008 WILL BE AT NEW
ZION CHURCH WITH THE SPEAKER TO BE BROTHER BILLY BEVAN.

THE THEME FOR 2008 IS "THE LOVE OF A CONSECRATED CHRISTIAN."
SCRIPTURE BASIS 1ST JOHN 1:1

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL OCTOBER 18, 2008 AT NEW ZION CHURCH
CONDUCTED BY BROTHER JOEY PETTIS.

THE SUBSTITUTE SPEAKER FOR 2008 IS BROTHER RALPH BAKER.

THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHEDULES

DECEMBER 28 AND 29, 2007 WINTER RETREAT AT COFFEE BAPTIST
VINEYARDS. BROTHER JEREMY OVERSTREET WILL BE THE SPEAKER.
CHURCHES WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY COST.

FEBRUARY 15 AND 16, 2008 MEN'S RETREAT WITH BROTHER CARL
SEXTON AS SPEAKER AT COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS.

THE JUNIOR YOUTH CAMP WILL BE HELD THE WEEK OF JUNE 16-20, 2008. THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER KENNY COUSAR.

THE TEEN YOUTH CAMP WILL BE HELD THE WEEK OF JUNE 23-27, 2008. THE SPEAKER IS BROTHER BRIAN WILLIAMS.

OTHER INFORMATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING FROM THIS BOARD AS THE EVENTS DRAW NEARER.

A RETREAT MARCH 7 AND 8, 2008 AT GEORGE T. BAGBY STATE PARK.

A POSSIBLE LADIES RETREAT AT THE VINEYARDS MAY 2 AND 3, 2008. THESE ARE POSSIBILITIES AND NOT YET CONFIRMED.

THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS SCHEDULED 4 YOUTH RALLIES DURING THE COURSE OF THE ASSOCIATION YEAR TO BE HOSTED BY THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES:

NEW PROSPECT CHURCH ON FEBRUARY 23, 2008.

NEW ZION ON MAY 17, 2008.

EVERGREEN ON AUGUST 16, 2008.

SARDIS ON NOVEMBER 15, 2008.

ALL MEETINGS WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 PM.

THE ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 5-7, 2008. THE MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY FIRST FREE WILL DOTHAN.

THE ALABAMA STATE PASTOR'S AND WORKER'S CONFERENCE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 18-20, 2008. FIRST FREE WILL OF NORTHPORT WILL BE THE HOST CHURCH.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETS IN THE FOLLOWING CITIES ON THE
DURING THE MONTH OF JULY AND LISTED DATES.

CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA	JULY 20 - 23, 2008
CINCINNATI, OHIO	JULY 19 - 22, 2009
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	JULY 18 - 21, 2010
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	JULY 17 - 20, 2011
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	JULY 15 - 18, 2012
TAMPA, FLORIDA	JULY 21 - 24, 2013
FORT WORTH, TEXAS	JULY 27 - 30, 2014
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	JULY 19 - 22, 2015

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS GIVEN OCTOBER 20, 2007:

THE CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE ONLY REPORT WAS THE EXAMINATION OF LETTERS AND SEATING OF DELEGATES AT EACH SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY ON OCTOBER 20, 2008 BY THE COMMITTEE BROTHERS THOMAS KIRKLAND, DANNY HENDERSON, WILLIAM SOWELL, JACK ARMSTRONG, C. L. CULPEPPER, JOEY PETTIS, RALPH BAKER. THERE WAS NO PRESENTATION NOT VOTE ON THIS REPORT.

THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION GAVE THEIR REPORT AND THIS IS RECORDED ON PAGE 1 AND 2 OF THIS SET OF MINUTES. PLEASE SEE THE DATES, TIMES, AND PLACES AS SET FORTH THERE.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED THIS 20 DAY OF OCTOBER 2007 BY: BROTHERS CHRIS CULP, TRACEY ARMSTRONG, LARRY SOWELL. MSC

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT GIVEN BY BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON THE ASSOCIATION CONTINUE TO PERCENTAGE DUES AS SET FORTH AT THE PRESENT TIME AND BEING; 20% BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, 15% MISSIONS COMMITTEE, AND 15% CHILDREN'S HOME. THE REMAINING 50% TO REMAIN IN THE ASSOCIATION TREASURY FOR LOCAL ASSOCIATION CAUSES. THE PLATE OFFERING OF \$170.89 FOR OCTOBER 19 AND 20, 2007 RECOMMENDED TO GO INTO GENERAL FUND.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED THIS 20 DAY OF OCTOBER 2007 BY: SISTERS DOT WHITENER, EDNA WHITEHEAD, AND BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON. MSC

THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES AND DATES TO HOST THE 2008 MEETINGS:

JANUARY 19, 2008 - EVERGREEN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
APRIL 19, 2008 - MOUNT ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
JULY 12, 2008 - PILGRIM'S REST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 17, 2008 - SARDIS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 18, 2008 - NEW ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED THIS 20 DAY OF OCTOBER 2007 BY: SISTERS SYLVIA ETHRIDGE, DOLLY VICKERS, AND JOYCE MULLINS. MSC

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE GAVE THE FOLLOWING REPORT:

MODERATOR - BROTHER JOEY PETTIS
VICE MODERATOR - BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON
CLERK TREASURER - BROTHER RALPH BAKER
ASSISTANT CLERK/TREASURER - SISTER NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS
OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE ELECTED EACH OCTOBER.

CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE NOMINEES WITH TERM EXPIRING IN 2011: BROTHERS JOEY PETTIS AND C L CULPEPPER.

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH TERM EXPIRING IN 2010
BROTHER LARRY SOWELL.

CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE WITH TERM EXPIRING IN 2010 SISTER MIRIAM SHELLEY.

CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD MEMBER WITH TERM EXPIRING IN 2008
BROTHER RALPH BAKER.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE WITH TERM EXPIRING IN 2010 SISTER PAM PETTIS.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE WITH TERM EXPIRING IN 2010 SISTER MELINDA OWENS.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE WITH TERM EXPIRING IN 2010 SISTER JOYCE MULLINS.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE WITH TERM EXPIRING IN 2010 SISTER BETTY WHITEHEAD.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED THIS 20 DAY OF OCTOBER 2007 BY:
SISTERS NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS, CHRISTINE BROWN, MELINDA OWENS
MSC

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORTED ON THE NEW HOME MISSIONS AND THEY ARE DOING WELL. ALSO REPORTED BY RICK CASH THAT 4 CHURCHES REPORTING GAVE OVER \$12,000.00 TO THE ACTS 1:8 PROGRAM. WE ARE AHEAD OF PRIOR YEARS AND ALSO HEAD OF THE BUDGET. PRAISE THE LORD. THESE ARE THE BEST FIRST 9 MONTHS EVER IN THIS PROGRAM. JAMIE LANCASTER HAS RETURNED TO URUGUAY. MSC AS INFORMATION.

THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE DID NOT GIVE A REPORT

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL MEET AT MOUNT ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ON TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 30, 2007 AT 7:00 PM TO PLAN THE 2008 ASSOCIATION YEAR. THE HOST CHURCH WILL PROVIDE REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING THE MEETING. ALL MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE ARE URGED TO ATTEND.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET WITH MOUNT ZION CHURCH ON THURSDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 30, 2008, AT 7:00 PM. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, AT 7:17 PM. ALL SEVEN CHURCHES WAS REPRESENTED. EVERGREEN BY BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND; MOUNT ZION BY BROTHER RALPH BAKER AND SISTER NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS; NEW PROSPECT BY BROTHER EVERETTE MULLINS; NEW ZION BY BROTHER JOEY PETTIS AND SISTER EDNA WHITEHEAD; PILGRIM'S REST BY BROTHER C. L. CULPEPPER AND BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON; AND UNION BY BROTHER HOLT STOKES.

THE MODERATOR READ FROM THE BOOK OF 1ST CORINTHIANS 12:12-31. MOTION FOR BUSINESS BY BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON WITH A SECOND FROM BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND. PRAYER BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND.

THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS WAS TO SELECT A THEME FOR 2008. "THE LOVE OF A CONSECRATED CHRISTIAN" WITH 1ST JOHN 1:1 AS A SCRIPTURE BASIS WAS SELECTED. MOTION BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND SECONDED BY BROTHER C L CULPEPPER.

SPEAKERS WERE NOMINATED AS FOLLOWS: BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND FOR THE JANUARY SESSION AT EVERGREEN; A MISSIONARY SPEAKER FOR THE APRIL SESSION AT MOUNT ZION, HOPEFULLY BROTHER ALLAN AUSTIN FROM ELDRIDGE; BROTHER C L CULPEPPER FOR THE JULY SESSION AT PILGRIM'S REST; BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON FOR THE FRIDAY NIGHT ANNUAL SESSION AT SARDIS, AND BROTHER BILLY BEVAN FOR THE SATURDAY ANNUAL SESSION AT NEW ZION. THE SUBSTITUTE SPEAKER FOR THE YEAR WILL BE BROTHER RALPH BAKER AND THE MEMORIAL SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER JOEY PETTIS.

THE MODERATOR THEN ASK IF THE CLERK HAD BROUGHT THE RALLY DATES FOR THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION AND BEING INFORMED HE HAD NOT WE ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING

JOEY PETTIS	OCTOBER 2011
C L CULPEPPER	OCTOBER 2011
THOMAS KIRKLAND	OCTOBER 2010
JACK ARMSTRONG	OCTOBER 2010
DANNY HENDERSON	OCTOBER 2009
WILLIAM SOWELL	OCTOBER 2009
RALPH BAKER	OCTOBER 2008

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

LARRY SOWELL	OCTOBER 2010
TRACEY ARMSTRONG	OCTOBER 2009
CHRIS CULP	OCTOBER 2008

CHILDREN'S HOME

MIRIAM SHELLEY	OCTOBER 2010
JOHNNY GILMORE	OCTOBER 2009
BARBARA KIRKLAND	OCTOBER 2008
RALPH BAKER-BOARD MEMBER	OCTOBER 2008

FINANCE

LAMAR BUXTON	OCTOBER 2010
DOT WHITENER	OCTOBER 2009
EDNA WHITEHEAD	OCTOBER 2008

MISSIONS

PAM PETTIS	OCTOBER 2010
JOHNNIE RUTH TAYLOR	OCTOBER 2009
PAUL DYSON	OCTOBER 2008

NOMINATING

MELINDA OWENS	OCTOBER 2010
NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS	OCTOBER 2009
CHRISTINE BROWN	OCTOBER 2008

PLACEMENT

JOYCE MULLINS	OCTOBER 2010
SYLVIA ETHRIDGE	OCTOBER 2009
DOLLY VICKERS	OCTOBER 2008

RESOLUTIONS

BETTY WHITEHEAD
SHARON PETERS
LILLIAN WILSON

OCTOBER 2010
OCTOBER 2009
OCTOBER 2008

ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS OCTOBER 20, 2007

EVERGREEN

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

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

MOUNT ZION

RALPH BAKER
3422 HWY 131
CLAYTON, ALABAMA 36016
334-775-9703

NEW PROSPECT

DANNY HENDERSON
366 COUNTY ROAD 83 S
HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345
334-693-2051

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

NEW ZION

JOEY PETTIS
9716 COUNTY ROAD 99
HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345
334-693-5024

PILGRIM'S REST

C. L. CULPEPPER
P. O. BOX 241
EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36072
334-687-4462

SARDIS

BILLY BEVAN
P. O. BOX 503
EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36072
334-687-8967

UNION (CLERK)

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

OFFICERS

MODERATOR-JOEY PETTIS
9716 COUNTY ROAD 99
HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345
334-693-5024

CLERK/TREAS-RALPH BAKER
3422 HIGHWAY 131
CLAYTON, ALABAMA 36016
334-775-9703

DANNY HENDERSON-VICE MODERATOR
366 COUNTY ROAD 83 S
HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345
334-693-2051

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EVERGREEN

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

NEW PROSPECT

BROTHER EVERETTE MULLINS
3674 COUNTY ROAD 75 N
CLOPTON, ALABAMA 36317
334-585-6869

PILGRIM'S REST

BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON
7320 HIGHWAY 10 E
ABBEVILLE ALABAMA 36310
334-585-3250

MOUNT ZION

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

NEW ZION

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

SARDIS

BROTHER MICKEY GILMORE
204 WILLOW OAKS COURT
EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027
334-687-7529

UNION

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

CHURCH CLERKS

EVERGREEN

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

NEW PROSPECT

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

PILGRIM'S REST

BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON
7320 HIGHWAY 10 E
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
334-585-3250

MOUNT ZION

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

NEW ZION

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

SARDIS

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

UNION

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

EVERGREEN

BART HARDEN
SUTTONS DAIRY ROAD
ARITON, ALABAMA 36311

MOUNT ZION

CHARLES THOMPSON
402 KENT DRIVE
EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027
334-687-5994

NEW PROSPECT

TRACEY ARMSTRONG
204 ROCKDALE COURT
DOTHAN, ALABAMA 36301
334-794-3809

NEW ZION

TOM SHELLEY
295 COUNTY ROAD 26
HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345

PILGRIM'S REST

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

SARDIS

MICKEY GILMORE
204 WILLOW OAKS COURT
EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027

UNION

WILL MADDOX
2651 COUNTY ROAD 53
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310

C I S DIRECTORS

PILGRIM'S REST

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

W N A C AUXILIARY

MOUNT ZION

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

SARDIS

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

MASTER'S MEN

MOUNT ZION

DONALD WHITENER
1707 COUNTY ROAD 31
EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027
334-585-3150

ORDAINED DEACONS

EVERGREEN

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

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

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

NEW PROSPECT

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

TRACEY ARMSTRONG
204 ROCKDALE COURT
DOTHAN, ALABAMA 36301
334-794-3609

PILGRIM REST

GENE CARR
111 DOTHAN ROAD
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
334-585-2627

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

SARDIS

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

BRYAN GILMORE
495 HIGHWAY 30
CLAYTON, ALABAMA 36016
334-687-4568

MOUNT ZION

JAMES M LIPSCOMB-INACTIVE
BOX 3046 COUNTY ROAD 221
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
334-585-3799

WALLACE STANLEY
101 SUNSET DRIVE
EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027
334-687-5687

CHARLES THOMPSON
402 KENT DRIVE
EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027
334-687-5994

NEW ZION

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

BILLY SHELLEY
1471 COUNTY ROAD 122
HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345
334-693-2248

CLEVELAND SHELLEY
9355 COUNTY ROAD 99
HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345
334-693-2783

KYLE HARDY
11087 COUNTY ROAD 99
HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345
334-693-2758

JACK ARMSTRONG
213 BROAD STREET
HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345
334-693-3068

EVERETTE O'HEARN
18 O'HEARN DRIVE
EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36024
334-687-3560

UNION

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

JACK STARLING (INACTIVE)
713 COUNTY ROAD 57 N
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE 09/30/06	\$5,615.05
OCTOBER 2006 DEPOSITS:	1,971.19
DISBURSEMENTS:	1,060.00

<u>BALANCE 12/31/06</u>	<u>\$6,526.24</u>
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JANUARY 2007 DEPOSITS:	572.52
DISBURSEMENTS:	654.55

<u>BALANCE 3/31/07</u>	<u>\$6,444.21</u>
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APRIL 2007 DEPOSITS	700.61
DISBURSEMENTS:	409.10

<u>BALANCE 6/30/07</u>	<u>\$6,735.72</u>
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JULY 2007 DEPOSITS	497.50
DISBURSEMENTS:	
BANK CHARGE FOR CANCELLED CHECKS	15.00
	15.00
<u>BALANCE 9/30/07</u>	<u>\$6,854.05</u>

GENERAL FUND
\$2,934.40

MISSIONS FUND
\$586.85

BOARD OF EDUCATION
\$3,335.80

TOTAL FUNDS AT 9/30/07
\$6,854.05

THE FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION OF 2007 WAS HELD AT PILGRIM'S REST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH WITH REGISTRATION BEGINNING AT 8:30 AM. THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:00 AM. BROTHER PETTIS CALLED ON BROTHER DAVID TEAT FOR OPENING PRAYER.

THE WELCOME WAS EXTENDED BY BROTHER PAUL DYSON AND THE RESPONSE GIVEN BY BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND.

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A TIME OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOLLOWED BY CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY BROTHER LARRY SOWELL WITH SISTER LINDA SOWELL PROVIDING PIANO ACCOMPANIED. SEVERAL SONGS WERE SELECTED WITH "HE SET ME FREE," "THE LOVE OF GOD," "VICTORY IN JESUS."

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USHERS THEN RECEIVED THE MORNING OFFERING WHICH WILL BE DESIGNATED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AT THE BUSINESS SESSION. A TOTAL OFFERING OF \$189.00 WAS RECEIVED. SERVING AS USHERS WERE BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON AND BROTHER MICKEY GILMORE. BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON PRAYED THE OFFERTORY PRAYER.

BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON THEN BROUGHT THE MORNING DEVOTION USING SCRIPTURE FROM LUKE 22:27-40. A SHORT, BUT, INSPIRING DEVOTION.

TODAY WE HAD 7 MINISTERS, 5 DEACONS, 5 VISITORS, AND 22 DELEGATES AND 3 ALTERNATES. MINISTERS PRESENT WERE BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND FROM EVERGREEN; BROTHER RALPH BAKER FROM MOUNT ZION; BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON FROM NEW PROSPECT; BROTHER JOEY PETTIS FROM NEW ZION; BROTHER C. L. CULPEPPER FROM PILGRIM'S REST; BROTHER BILLY BEVAN FROM SARDIS; BROTHER LARRY SOWELL FROM NEW PROSPECT, BROTHER KENNY COUSAR, YOUTH MINISTER FROM SARDIS. DEACONS PRESENT WERE LAMAR BUXTON, PILGRIM'S REST; JACK ARMSTRONG, NEW ZION; JOHNNY GILMORE, SARDIS; WILLIAM SOWELL, NEW PROSPECT, AND JERRY WHITEHEAD, NEW ZION. VISITORS WAS 1 FROM PILGRIM'S REST; 1 FROM NEW PROSPECT; 2 FROM NEW ZION; 1 ZION. THE DELEGATES WERE SEATED BY VOTE OF THE ORDAINED AUTHORITY. AS WE HAD NOT RECEIVED EVERGREEN'S LETTER, AND KNOWING FROM PAST EXPERIENCE IT WAS A "GLITCH" SOMEWHERE WE VOTED TO ACCEPT DELEGATES AND SEAT THEM ALONG WITH OTHERS. LETTER WOULD BE SENT OR RE-SENT, WHICHEVER THE CASE. THERE WERE 42 REGISTERED WHILE PHYSICAL COUNT WAS CLOSER TO 50.

A MOTION BY BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON AND SECONDED BY BROTHER BILLY BEVAN TO ENTER BUSINESS SESSION. MOTION WAS CARRIED.

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORTED THE FOLLOWING: ON REQUEST OF SARDIS WE HAVE EXAMINED BROTHER KENNY COUSAR ACCORDING TO THE FAITH AND PRACTICE OF FREE WILL BAPTIST TO BE ACCEPTED AS AN ORDAINED MINISTER IN OUR ASSOCIATION. IT IS NOTED THAT DUE TO HIS MINISTRY BEING IN INDEPENDENT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES AND ASSOCIATED WITH BIBLE COLLEGE HE BE ACCEPTED AS A MINISTER IN OUR ASSOCIATION. WE WILL WRITE MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH WHERE HE WAS ORDAINED FOR A LETTER.

THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTED THERE WAS A YOUTH WINTER RETREAT AT COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS WITH 25 CAMPERS AND A TOTAL CAMP OF 39. THE NEXT YOUTH RALLY WILL BE ~~2/24/06~~ AT NEW PROSPECT. SUMMER CAMPS ARE IN JUNE AT COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS. WINTER RETREAT WILL BE DECEMBER 28 AND 29.

THE COUPLES RETREAT IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME. AS WE GET IT LINED OUT CHURCHES WILL BE NOTIFIED. MEN'S RETREAT WILL BE APRIL 20 AND 21, 2007 AT COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS WITH REGISTRATION AROUND FRIDAY NOON WITH EATING AT 6:00 PM. THE FIRST SERVICE WILL BE AT 7:00 PM FRIDAY NIGHT. THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER DANNY THOMPSON AND THE COST PER CAMPER WILL BE \$35.00.

THERE WAS NO REPORT BY THE CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE, THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE NOR THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON, SISTER DOT WHITENER, AND SISTER EDNA WHITEHEAD MOVED THE PLATE OFFERING BE RETAINED IN THE LOCAL TREASURY. MSC

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORTED A MISSIONS JOINT MEETING WITH STATE LINE FEBRUARY 3 AND 4. GENERAL MISSIONS WORK WAS REPORTED AND WAS MSC.

THERE WAS NO FLOOR BUSINESS. A MOTION BY BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON SECONDED BY BROTHER MICKEY GILMORE TO END BUSINESS AND THIS WAS CARRIED.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY BROTHER LARRY SOWELL AND SISTER LINDA SOWELL PROVIDING MUSIC. "JESUS, HOLD MY HAND" "WHEN HE PUT A LITTLE SUNSHINE IN" "JUST A LITTLE TALK WITH JESUS" AND "I'VE NEVER BEEN SORRY"

THE MORNING MESSAGE WAS BROUGHT BY BROTHER BILLY BEVAN AND USED PROVERBS 22:28 AND OPENED THEN WITH PRAYER. HE USED ALSO DEUT. 19:14, JEREMIAH 6:16, HEBREWS 13:8. A VERY GOOD MESSAGE USING THREE MAJOR POINTS; PERSONAL PIETY, AVERAGE CARNAL CHRISTIAN, AND POWERFUL PREACHING FOR THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THEY WILL NOT HEAR. CLOSED WITH PRAYER AND AN INVITATION HYMN "JUST AS I AM." THERE WAS A GATHERING IN THE ALTAR FOR PRAYER AND COMMITMENT.

THERE WAS A RISING VOTE OF THANKS TO THE HOST CHURCH FOR ALL THE HOSPITALITY SHOWN AND WE WERE DISMISSED FOR A WONDERFUL MEAL PREPARED BY THE HOST CHURCH. DISMISSED WITH PRAYER BY BROTHER KENNY COUSAR ASKING GOD'S BLESSINGS ON THE MEAL AND THE SAFETY OF TRAVEL BACK TO OUR RESPECTIVE HOMES. NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN APRIL AT NEW ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH IN LOWER HENRY COUNTY.

THE SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING WAS HOSTED BY NEW ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ON APRIL 14, 2007. REGISTRATION BEGAN AT 8:30 AM AND THE MODERATOR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:00 AM. BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND LED THE OPENING PRAYER. THE WELCOME WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER CHRIS CULP WITH THE RESPONSE FROM BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON.

THE CONGREGATION JOINED IN SINGING "THE SOLID ROCK" AND "HE ABIDES". MUSIC BY SISTER JEAN ETHRIDGE AND LED BY BROTHER KENNETH ETHRIDGE.

THE OFFERING WAS THEN RECEIVED AND PRAYER BY BROTHER JACK ARMSTRONG. THE PLATE OFFERING WILL BE DESIGNATED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE DURING MORNING BUSINESS SESSION.

THE DEVOTION WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER JOEY PETTIS. HE TOOK HIS SCRIPTURE FROM 1ST KINGS 8:56. GOD'S PROMISES ARE PRECIOUS. ARE YOU DOWN AND OUT? JUST PRAY AND HE WILL ANSWER YOUR PRAYER. BROTHER JOEY ENDED WITH PRAYER.

WE HAD 8 MINISTERS REGISTERED: BROTHERS THOMAS KIRKLAND, C L CULPEPPER, JOEY PETTIS, DANNY HENDERSON, ROSS PETERS, AND LARRY SOWELL FROM OUR ASSOCIATION, BROTHER RICK CASH FROM THE STATE OFFICE AND BROTHER DALE MCCOY FROM GREATER VISIONS IN PRATTVILLE.

WE HAD 6 DEACONS REGISTERED: BROTHERS CHRIS CULP, JACK ARMSTRONG, JERRY WHITEHEAD, JOHNNY GILMORE, ODIS L. BUXTON, AND WILLIAM SOWELL.

WE HAD 15 REGISTERED AS VISITORS: BARBARA KIRKLAND, EMMA TURNER, MARY TEAT, SCOTTY, PAM PETTIS, DON WHITENER, LINDA SOWELL, BELINDA SOWELL, LARRY SOWELL, WESLEY SOWELL, FAY CULP, JEANETTE CLEMENTS, EDNA WHITEHEAD.

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES CALLED AND SEATED ARE: BARBARA KIRKLAND, SHARON PETERS, MARJORIE PHILLIPS, EVERGREEN; DOT WHITENER, DOLLY VICKERS, MELINDA OWENS, NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS, MOUNT ZION; CHRISTINE BROWN, LINDA HENDERSON, TERRY WHALEY, NEW PROSPECT; JEAN ETHRIDGE, KENNETH ETHRIDGE, BETTY WHITEHEAD, MIRIAM SHELLEY, JOHNNIE TAYLOR, AND MARVELL ARMSTRONG, NEW ZION; PAM DYSON, PAUL DYSON, CAROLYN BUCKZAR, PILGRIM REST; RUSSELL DAVIS, GAIL DAVIS, GLORIA BEVAN, SARDIS JANICE SMITH, PEGGY HERRING, SYLVIA ETHRIDGE, ALTERNATE LINDA FLOYD, UNION. MSC TO SEAT ALL DELEGATES

BROTHER RICK CASH FROM THE STATE OFFICE THEN TOOK THE PODIUM AND SPOKE OF THE WORK IN THE STATE THAT IS GOING ON RIGHT NOW. HE ASKED SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE MOBILE MEETING WHERE THEY WOULD MEET TO PURCHASE LAND THERE. SPECIAL PRAYER FOR BROTHER RANDY WRIGHT SUFFERING WITH CANCER.

THE ACTS 1:8 PROGRAM GIVING HAS BEEN SUPPORTED REALLY WELL. PRESENTLY WE STAND AT \$544,445.75. DENNIS HAYGOOD WORK WILL GO SELF SUPPORTING IN APRIL 2007. RUSSIA AND OTHER MINISTRY.

THE NEXT YOUTH RALLY WILL BE MAY 19, 2007 AND WILL BE HOSTED BY EVERGREEN WITH NEW ZION HOSTING THE AUGUST RALLY.

PILGRIM'S REST WILL HAVE HOMECOMING MAY 6, 2007 WITH REVIVAL FOLLOWING ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY NIGHTS. BROTHER JOEY PETTIS WILL BE GUEST EVANGELIST. SERVICE WILL BEGIN EACH NIGHT AT 7:00 PM. ALL ARE INVITED.

THE ASSOCIATION THEN ENTERED THE DAY'S BUSINESS WITH COMMITTEE REPORTS BEING THE MOST THEREOF.

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, PLACEMENT COMMITTEE, NOMINATING COMMITTEE, RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE, CHILDREN HOME COMMITTEE ALL HAD NO REPORT.

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE GAVE TIME TO BROTHER DALE MCCOY FROM THE GREATER VISION MINISTRY OF PRATTVILLE. HE SPOKE OF THE ADVANCE OF THE WORK. THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE MOVED WE SEND \$500.00 TO THIS WORK FROM THE MISSION FUND. MSC.

THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION BROUGHT THE ASSOCIATION UP TO SPEED ON WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING AND REMINDING ALL OF THE UPCOMING EVENTS. YOUTH RALLY, MEN'S RETREAT, CAMP.

THE FINANCE MOVED THE MORNING OFFERING OF \$178.11 GO TO THE GENERAL FUND. MSC.

THE WORSHIP SERVICE BEGAN WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY KENNETH AND JEAN ETHRIDGE.. SONGS OF PRAISE WERE "GLORY LAND WAY" "LET MY LIFE BE A LIGHT" "HE LIVES" SISTER MARY TEAT SANG A SPECIAL "BEYOND THE CROSS"

BROTHER DALE MCCOY BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE FROM LUKE 10:38-42 AND JOHN 12:1-9, JOHN 11:28-30. JESUS KNOWS WHEN YOU ARE HURTING. WE CAN FIND ANSWERS AT HIS FEET. THE BEST PLACE TO BE IS AT JESUS FEET, NOT BESIDE HIM, IN FRONT OF HIM, OR BEHIND HIM, BUT AT HIS FEET, AS MARY WAS.

THE MODERATOR CLOSED WITH AN INVITATIONAL HYMN "WHAT CAN WASH AWAY MY SINS". WE THEN HAD A RISING VOTE OF THANKS FOR THE HOST CHURCH WITH DISMISSAL PRAYER BY BROTHER JERRY WHITEHEAD. A WONDERFUL MEAL WAS ENJOYED BY ALL.

THE THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION HOSTED BY SARDIS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ON JULY 7, 2007 WITH REGISTRATION AT 8:30 AM AND THE MODERATOR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:00 AM. BROTHER DAVID TEAT OPENED WITH PRAYER.

BROTHER JOEY READ FROM JOSHUA 1:9 AND EMPHASIZED WE NEED TO BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE.

BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE LED IN PRAYER TO OPEN THE SESSION AND BROTHER C L CULPEPPER GAVE THE RESPONSE.

BROTHER BRYAN GILMORE LED THE SONG SERVICE. "GLORY TO HIS NAME." THE MORRIS FAMILY THEN SANG SEVERAL SONGS AND WAS A REAL BLESSING TO ALL.

WE RECEIVED THE MORNING OFFERING WITH BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND PRAYING THE OFFERTORY PRAYER. \$154.85 WAS RECEIVED.

BROTHER KENNY COUSAR BROUGHT THE MORNING DEVOTION USING 1ST CHRONICLES 29:1. GOD HATH CHOSEN: GOD IS CALLING: GOD IS CHALLENGING. THE CAUSE IS ABOUT GOD. CLOSED WITH PRAYER.

WE HAD 8 MINISTERS PRESENT: RALPH BAKER, BILLY BEVAN, THOMAS KIRKLAND, JOEY PETTIS, DANNY HENDERSON, C L CULPEPPER, KENNY COUSAR, LARRY SOWELL.

WE HAD 5 DEACONS: LAMAR BUXTON, JOHNNY GILMORE, JERRY WHITEHEAD, BRYAN GILMORE, AND WILLIAM SOWELL.

WE HAD 11 VISITORS: WESLEY SOWELL, SETH SOWELL, MARY TEAT, SHELBY ANDERSON, KAILEE ANDERSON, SONNY MORRIS, LINDA MORRIS, JULEEN GILMORE, GEORGIA GILMORE, TIM SELLERS, AND GLORIA BEVAN.

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES: EVERGREEN CHURCH BARBARA KIRKLAND; MOUNT ZION MELINDA OWENS, SYLVIA BRANNON, NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS; NEW PROSPECT LINDA SOWELL, LINDA HENDERSON; NEW ZION DAVID TEAT, JEAN ETHRIDGE, KENNETH ETHRIDGE, PAM PETTIS, BETTY WHITEHEAD; PILGRIM'S REST MARY CULPEPPER; SARDIS RUSSELL DAVIS, GAIL DAVIS, JAMES GILMORE, BOBBY COOK, JENNIFER TRAMMELL, JIM WALKER, SR., SADE DAVIS, EARL GILMORE, ALTERNATE; UNION SYLVIA ETHRIDGE, PEGGY HERRING, JOANN ELLIOTT, LINDA FLOYD ALTERNATE, AND JANICE SMITH ALTERNATE. MSC TO SEAT ALL DELEGATES BY THE ORDAINED AUTHORITY.

BROTHER BILLY BEVAN MENTIONED THAT THE MORRIS FAMILY ARE MEMBERS OF SARDIS, BUT ARE AVAILABLE FOR SINGS, REVIVALS, AND OTHER WORK OF THE LORD.

~~AT 10:05~~ AT 10:05 BUSINESS SESSION OPENED WITH PRAYER. THERE WAS VERY LITTLE BUSINESS TODAY SO IT WAS VERY SHORT.

THE CREDENTIALS, CHILDREN HOME, NOMINATING, PLACEMENT COMMITTEES HAD NO REPORT. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MOVED THE PLATE OFFERING OF \$154.85 BE GIVEN TO THE GENERAL FUND AND THIS WAS MSC.

THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION GAVE A SHORT REPORT ON CAMP, ATTENDANCE, AND THAT BROTHER SETH SOWELL HAD ACCEPTED THE CALL TO THE MINISTRY. HE CAME TO THE PODIUM FOR A FEW MINUTES AND SPOKE OF THE GRATITUDE OF PRAYING PEOPLE AND HOW HE HAD COME BACK TO THE LORD AND NOW WAS DEVOTING HIS LIFE TO THE WORK OF THE LORD. MSC TO END BUSINESS SESSION BY JOHNNY GILMORE AND SECONDED BY LAMAR BUXTON.

WE HAD 48 REGISTERED FOR THE DAY ACCORDING TO REPORTS.

THE BUSINESS SESSION WAS OVER AND WE STARTED THE WORSHIP HOUR WITH SINGING BY THE MORRIS FAMILY. THEY WERE OF A GREAT BLESSING TO ALL WHO WAS IN ATTENDANCE. THEY SANG SEVERAL VERY INSPIRING AND UPLIFTING SONGS AND I AM SURE ALL WAS BLESSED BY THEM.

THE MORNING SPEAKER WAS INTRODUCED AND BROTHER JOEY PETTIS OF NEW ZION CHURCH DELIVERED A STIRRING MESSAGE USING JOHN 8:12 FOR A SCRIPTURE ALONG WITH 1ST JOHN 1:7. THIS WAS A VERY GOOD MESSAGE ON THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. I AM SURE ALL IN ATTENDANCE WAS GREATLY BLESSED. AN INVITATIONAL FOLLOWED "LORD I'M COMING HOME." BROTHER BILLY BEVAN GAVE DIRECTIONS FOR THE NOON MEAL. BROTHER BILLY DISMISSED WITH PRAYER.

THE ANNUAL FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION HOSTED BY NEW PROSPECT CHURCH WITH REGISTRATION AT 6:30 PM. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM WITH OPENING PRAYER BY BROTHER LARRY SOWELL. THE WELCOME WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON AND THE RESPONSE BY BROTHER CHRIS CULP. WE HAD REGISTERED A TOTAL OF 22 BUT THERE WAS MORE IN ATTENDANCE THAN WHAT REGISTERED.

WE HAD ONE CONGREGATIONAL HYMN, I'LL FLY AWAY, THEN PRAYER BY BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND. WE HAD SEVERAL SPECIALS FROM A TRIO WITH BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON AND OTHERS. THEY SANG WHY ME LORD, AIN'T NOTHING COMING BETWEEN ME AND GOD. SISTER LINDA HENDERSON AND SISTER LINDA SOWELL DID A SPECIAL THIS VALLEY IS FOR ME. THE GROUP THEN SANG BEULAH LAND AND COME MORNING.

WE HAD AN OFFERING RECEIVED BY BROTHERS LARRY AND SETH SOWELL WITH OFFERTORY PRAYER BY BROTHER WILLIAM SOWELL.

BROTHER ALLAN AUSTIN FROM THE CHILDREN HOME BROUGHT THE EVENING MESSAGE. A VERY GOOD MESSAGE FOR OUR TIMES. WE HAD AN ALTAR OF PRAYER AFTERWARD FOR OUR NATION AND LEADERS.

THE SATURDAY ANNUAL SESSION HOSTED BY UNION BEGAN WITH REGISTRATION AT 8:30 AM AND THE CALL TO ORDER AT 9:00 PM BY THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS AND BROTHER WILL MADDOX WELCOMED THE ASSOCIATION TO UNION CHURCH. BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND GAVE THE RESPONSE. WE LOOKED FORWARD TO A GOOD DAY IN THE HE LORD.

THE CONGREGATION THEN SANG ONE SONG LED BY BROTHER HOLT STOKES AND SISTER JEAN ETHRIDGE TITLED POWER IN THE BLOOD.

AN OFFERING WAS RECEIVED TOTALING \$115.55. THE FRIDAY NIGHT OFFERING WAS \$55.24 MAKING THE PLATE OFFERINGS FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION \$170.89. THIS WILL BE DESIGNATED AND VOTED ON IN THE BUSINESS SESSION AS TO HOW TO USE THE MONEY.

BROTHER HOLT STOKES GAVE THE MORNING DEVOTION AND DID A VERY GOOD JOB USING AS SCRIPTURE MATT: 5:43-45; ROMANS 11:16-21, AND CHAPTER 12:1-3..

THERE WERE 7 MINISTERS PRESENT: RALPH BAKER, BILLY BEVAN, C. L. CULPEPPER, DANNY HENDERSON, THOMAS KIRKLAND, JOEY PETTIS, LARRY SOWELL.

THERE WAS A TOTAL OF 6 DEACONS PRESENT: JACK ARMSTRONG, LAMAR BUXTON, JOHNNY GILMORE, CHRIS CULP, WILLIAM SOWELL, AND WILL MADDOX.

VISITORS NOT AS DELEGATES WERE JAKE FORRESTER, JOYCE MULLINS, EVERETT MULLINS, MARY CULPEPPER, SANDY BEASLEY, JANE SOWELL, AND SCOTTY PETTIS.

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES ARE: BARBARA KIRKLAND, BEULAH PEAVY, AND MARJORIE PHILLIPS, EVERGREEN; MELINDA OWENS, NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS, DOLLY VICKERS, DOT WHITENER, ANN HATCHER AND ALTERNATE BECKY WHITENER, MOUNT ZION; CHRISTINE BROWN, LINDA HENDERSON, LINDA SOWELL, AND JACK RYALS, GWEN SOWELL ALTERNATES NEW PROSPECT; MARVELL ARMSTRONG, EDNA WHITEHEAD, LARRY WHITEHEAD, PAM PETTIS, JEAN ETHRIDGE, KENNETH ETHRIDGE, NEW ZION; CAROLYN BUCKZAR, PAM DYSON, PAUL DYSON, PILGRIM'S REST; JIMMY BAXTER, GLORIA BEVAN, CARLA CUTCHENS, RUSSELL DAVIS, GAIL DAVIS, SANDRA BAXTER, JOYCE HOQUE, SARDIS: LINDA FLOYD, PEGGY HERRING, JANICE SMITH, UNION. BY THE ORDAINED AUTHORITY THESE ARE SEATED. MSC

MOUNT ZION ANNOUNCED A SING FIRST SUNDAY NIGHT IN DECEMBER; EVERGREEN WAS HAVING HOMECOMING FIRST SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER, NEW ZION WAS HAVING REVIVAL IN NOVEMBER WITH BROTHER DAVID CROWE AS EVANGELIST.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON USING 1ST CORINTHIANS 15:50. AFTER COMMENDING THOSE WHO HAD DEPARTED TO A BETTER LAND HE CLOSED WITH PRAYER. THOSE NAMED AS DECEASED ARE: BROTHER JAMES WILSON, EVERGREEN; SISTER ANN BAKER, MOUNT ZION; BROTHER TROY BARON, NEW PROSPECT; MOEASE SPANN, MONETTE SHELLEY, MARY LOU SHELLEY, EARL SHELLEY, NEW ZION; MARGIE DUKE, BILLY HARRIS, ROBERT (COULD NOT DECIPHER LAST NAME), PILGRIM'S REST; GOLDEN HERRING, BETTY ETHRIDGE, LUCY FLOYD KIRKLAND, UNION.

THE BUSINESS SESSION WAS OPENED WITH PRAYER BY BROTHER BILLY BEVAN. PLEASE SEE PAGES 3, 4, AND 5 FOR FULL COMMITTEE REPORTS GIVEN AT THE ANNUAL SESSION ON SATURDAY HOSTED BY UNION.

THE HOST CHURCH THEN OPENED THE WORSHIP SERVICE WITH THE SENIORS GROUP SINGING SEVERAL SONGS. MEMBERS OF THE GROUP ARE BROTHER HOLT STOKES, ZEKE STOKES, DOT WHITENER, WITH SISTER JEAN ETHRIDGE AT THE PIANO. CERTAINLY SOME GOOD UPLIFTING SONGS THAT BLESSED ALL IN ATTENDANCE.

THE MODERATOR THEN INTRODUCED THE MORNING SPEAKER, BROTHER RALPH BAKER. HIS WAS NOT A MESSAGE OF DO'S AND DON'T'S, BUT A MESSAGE OF COMMENDATION FOR THE FAITHFULNESS THE PEOPLE OF THIS ASSOCIATION HAS SHOWN THRU THE YEARS. HE SPOKE OF THE YEARS WHEN CAMP WAS BURSTING, WORKERS HAD TO BE FURNISHED AS WELL AS MENUS AND FOOD. OUR CHURCHES ARE WELL KEPT AND A REFLECTION ON THOSE ATTENDING, THE MISSIONS WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION. JUST A MESSAGE INTENDED TO UPLIFT THE FOLK FOR WHAT THEY HAVE DONE, ARE DOING AND WILL DO.

A RISING VOTE OF THANKS WAS GIVEN TO THE HOST CHURCH AND PRAYER WAS HAD FOR THE FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP BY BROTHER WILL MADDOX.

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 tot 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 i 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 elect-ed 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 Associ-ation. 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 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 F.W.B. 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. 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.