

Clerk

2009 Minutes
of the
Quarterly Meetings
and the
One Hundred Thirty-First
Annual Session
of the
Southeastern Association
of
Free Will Baptist Churches

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SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

2010 OFFICERS

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2010 MEETING DATES AND PLACES

THE FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING WILL BE ON JANUARY 16, 2010 WITH UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER ELLIOTT MISSIONARY TO QUEBEC.

THE SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING WILL BE ON APRIL 17, 2010 WITH NEW ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER BILLY BEVAN.

THE THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING WILL BE ON JULY 10, 2010 WITH SARDIS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER JOEY PETTIS.

FRIDAY NIGHT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 15, 2010 WILL BE AT NEW PROSPECT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER RALPH BAKER.

SATURDAY ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2010 WILL BE AT EVERGREEN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON.

THE THEME SELECTED FOR THE 2010 YEAR IS “SHOWING OUR FAITH IN AN UNFAITHFUL WORLD.” SCRIPTURE TAKEN FROM II CORINTHIANS 5:7.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE AT EVERGREEN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH AND THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND.

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

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHEDULES

NOVEMBER 14, 2009 YOUTH RALLY AT SARDIS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH BEGINNING AT 6:00 PM.

A WINTER RETREAT WILL BE HELD DECEMBER 28 AND 29, 2009 AT THE COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS WITH THE SPEAKER BROTHER JEFFERY PETTIS. THE COST FOR THIS MEETING WILL BE \$45.00 PER CAMPER. REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 AM ON MONDAY DECEMBER 28 AND THE FIRST CHAPEL WILL BE AT 10:00AM THAT MORNING.

A MEN'S RETREAT PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY 2010. THE COST WILL BE \$35.00 EACH. THIS WILL BE HELD AT COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS. THE SPEAKER HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED.

A COUPLES RETREAT IS PLANNED FOR MARCH 2010. THE COST AND THE SPEAKER HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED AT THIS TIME. THE MEETING WILL BE AT COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS

JUNIOR YOUTH CAMP IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 14-18, 2010 AT THE COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS. THE SPEAKER HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED. THE COST IS \$133.00 PER CAMPER.

THE SENIOR YOUTH CAMP IS THE FOLLOWING WEEK OF JUNE 21-24, 2010 AT THE COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS. THE SPEAKER IS NOT CONFIRMED. THE COST IS \$133.00 PER CAMPER.

YOUTH RALLIES ARE SCHEDULED AT THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES AND DATES. ALL RALLIES WILL BEGIN AT 6:00.

FEBRUARY 13, 2010	NEW PROSPECT FWB CHURCH	6:00 PM
MAY 15, 2010	NEW ZION FWB CHURCH	6:00 PM
AUGUST 14, 2010	EVERGREEN FWB CHURCH	6:00 PM
NOVEMBER 13, 2010	SARDIS FWB CHURCH	6:00 PM

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

ALABAMA STATE MEETINGS

THE PASTORS' AND WORKERS' CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 15 AND 16, 2010 AT THE FIRST FWB CHURCH IN DOTHAN, ALABAMA.

THE ANNUAL STATE MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 3-5, 2010 AND HOSTED BY SOUTH HIGHLAND FWB CHURCH IN MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

OKLAHOME CITY, OKLAHOMA	JULY 18-21, 2010
CHARLOTTE, NC	JULY 17-20, 2011
MEMPHIS, TN.	JULY 16-18, 2012
TAMPA, FLORIDA	JULY 21-24, 2013
FORT WORTH, TEXAS	JULY 27-30, 2014
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	JULY 19-22, 2015
KANSAS CITY, MO.	JULY 17-20, 2016
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	JULY 16-19, 2017
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	JULY 15-18, 2018

ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 17, 2009

THE CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE ONLY REPORTED ON THE SEATING OF THE DELEGATES FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS AT THE ANNUAL SESSION. RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED: BROTHERS JACK ARMSTRONG, RALPH BAKER, C. L. CULPEPPER, DANNY HENDERSON, THOMAS KIRKLAND, JOEY PETTIS AND WILLIAM SOWELL.

THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION GAVE THEIR REPORT AND EVENTS ARE LISTED ON PAGE 1 AND 2 ABOVE. PLEASE REFER TO THESE PAGES FOR INFORMATION. RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED: BROTHERS TRACEY ARMSTRONG, CHRIS CULP, AND LARRY SOWELL. MSC YOU MAY ALSO TURN TO PAGE 25 FOR FACTS ON 2009.

THE CHILDREN HOME REPORT WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER RALPH BAKER. PRIORITIES FOR COMING YEAR: DEVELOPE TRANSITION PROGRAM FOR GRADUATING CHILDREN; FILL COTTAGES TO CAPACITY OF 38; FIND WAYS TO RETAIN CHILDREN WHO NEED TO STAY; PROVIDE PLACE FOR HOUSE PARENTS TO TAKE A BREAK AND RELAX; DETERMINE HOW TO MINISTER TO GUARDIANS/PARENTS. NUMBER 2 PROJECT COMPLETIONS: NEW WEB SITE IS WWW.FWBHOME.ORG; ESTABLISHED THE CARLTON LAMBERT ENDOWMENT FUND; BY-LAWS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION; ENHANCED SECURITY; CHANGE VISITATION POLICY; COMPLETED NEW ACTIVITY BUILDING. NUMBER THREE AS ONGOING PROJECTS: HOME PROMOTION; FUNDS FOR OPERATION; DISABILITY INSURANCE APPROVED FOR STAFF. AN ALABAMA DHR INSPECTION WAS COMPLETED.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTED A PLATE OFFERING OF \$271.00 AND RECOMMENDED IT GO TO THE BRANTLEY FUND BENEFIT. THE DUES FOR THE COMING YEAR WILL BE PRORATED AS 20% TO THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, 15% TO THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE, 15% TO THE CHILDRENS' HOME, AND 50% TO THE GENERAL TREASURY. RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED: BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON AND SISTER EDNA WHITEHEAD. MSC

THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT IS SHOWN ON PAGE ONE. PLEASE REFER TO DATES AND CHURCHES THERE.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED: SISTERS' SYLVIA ETHRIDGE, JOYCE MULLINS, AND DOLLY VICKERS. MSC

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE NOMINATED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE REPLACEMENTS FOR THE COMING YEAR. THESE ARE:

MODERATOR	BROTHER JOEY PETTIS
VICE MODERATOR	BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON
CLERK/TREASURER	BROTHER RALPH BAKER
ASSISTANT CLERK/TREASURER	SISTER NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS

CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE WITH TERM EXPIRING IN 2013
BROTHERS DANNY HENDERSON AND WILLIAM SOWEL.

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE WITH TERM EXPIRING 2012
BROTHER KENNY COUSAR.

CHILDREN HOME COMMITTEE WITH TERM EXPIRING 2012 BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE.

CHILDREN HOME BOARD MEMBER WITH TERM EXPIRING 2010 BROTHER RALPH BAKER.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE WITH TERM EXPIRING 2012 SISTER JOHNNIE RUTH TAYLOR.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE WITH TERM EXPIRING 2012 SISTER NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE WITH TERM EXPIRING 2012 SISTER SYLVIA ETHRIDGE.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE WITH TERM EXPIRING 2012 SISTER JEAN ETHRIDGE.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED: SISTERS CHRISTINE BROWN, MELINDA OWENS, AND NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS. MSC

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT GIVEN BY PAUL DYSON REPORTED ON THE ACTS 1:8 PROGRAM. THE SE ASSOCIATION GAVE \$11,521.96 THIS YEAR. AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 THE ACTS 1:8 PROGRAM HAD RECEIVED \$408,326.37, AN INCREASE OVER THE SAME MONTH OF 2008 BY \$2,515.98. ON A MONTHLY SCHEDULE OF NEEDING \$46,250 PER MONTH WE ARE AT PRESENT \$7,923.63 BEHIND THE GOAL. IN THAT BROTHER MIKE CORLEY IS NO LONGER ON THE FIELD THE ACTS 1:8 BUDGET IS NOT QUITE AS GREAT. MAJOR DECISIONS REGARDING THE RUSSIAN MINISTERIES AND THE ACTS 1:8 PROGRAMS ARE BEING MADE FOR 2010. LEADERS FROM ALABAMA AND INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS MET WITH RUSSIAN LEADERS DURING THIS YEAR. THE FUTURE OF THIS PARTNERSHIP WAS DISCUSSED AND IT WILL BE

RECOMMENDED THIS PARTNERSHIP CONTINUE. IT WILL ALSO BE RECOMMENDED WE ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FREE WILL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEXICO. YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT ARE SOUGHT. WE URGE YOU TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND THE STATE MEETING IN MADISON ON NOVEMBER 4-6, 2009 AS IMPORTANT BUDGET ITEMS WILL BE DEALT WITH THAT AFFECTS WORLD EVANGELISM.

THE SOUTHERN LADIES RETREAT WILL BE HELD AT RED BAY ON NOVEMBER 13-14, 2009.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED AS INFORMATION BY BROTHER PAUL DYSON, SISTER PAM PETTIS, AND SISTER JOHNNIE RUTH TAYLOR. MSC

THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE GAVE NO REPORT.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL MEET THURSDAY NIGHT NOVEMBER 12, 2009 WITH MOUNT ZION FWB BAPTIST CHURCH AT 7:00 PM TO PLAN THE CALENDAR FOR THE COMING YEAR.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET ON NOVEMBER 12, 2009 AT MOUNT ZION FWB CHURCH AT 7:00 PM. PRESENT: THOMAS KIRKLAND, EVERGREEN; RALPH BAKER, NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS, MOUNT ZION; EVERETT MULLINS & DANNY HENDERSON, NEW PROSPECT; JOEY PETTIS, EDNA WHITEHEAD, NEW ZION; LAMAR BUXTON AND C L CULPEPPER, PILGRIM'S REST; HOLT STOKES, UNION. SARDIS WAS NOT REPRESENTED.

THE MODERATOR READ FROM JOB AND MADE SOME TIMELY COMMENTS ON TODAY'S WALK.

THE FIRST BUSINESS WAS SELECTING A THEME FOR 2010. II CORINTHIANS 5:7 AND "SHOWING YOUR FAITH IN AN UNFAITHFUL WORLD" WAS THE THEME WITH SCRIPTURE SELECTED.

SPEAKERS IN 2010: BROTHER ELLIOTT, MISSIONARY TO QUEBEC IN JANUARY AT UNION. BROTHER BILLY BEVAN AT NEW ZION IN APRIL. BROTHER JOEY PETTIS IN JULY AT SARDIS. BROTHER RALPH BAKER AT NEW PROSPECT FRIDAY NIGHT OF THE ANNUAL SESSION. BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON AT EVERGREEN ON SATURDAY OF THE ANNUAL SESSION; THE MEMORIAL SERVICE BY BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND AT EVERGREEN ON SATURDAY OF THE ANNUAL SESSION. THE SUBSTITUTE SPEAKER FOR THE YEAR WILL BE BROTHER C. L. CULPEPPER.

SISTER JEAN ETHRIDGE WAS NOMINATED TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPLACING SISTER SHARON PETERS WHO HAS JOINED ANOTHER CHURCH OUTSIDE THIS ASSOCIATION.

MOUNT ZION SERVED REFRESHMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. EVERYONE LEFT WITH AN APPARENT SATISFIED AND JOYFUL ATTITUDE FOR THE COMING YEAR.

COMMITTEES:

CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING

DANNY HENDERSON	OCTOBER 2013
WILLIAM SOWELL	OCTOBER 2013
RALPH BAKER	OCTOBER 2012
JOEY PETTIS	OCTOBER 2011
C L CULPEPPER	OCTOBER 2011
THOMAS KIRKLAND	OCTOBER 2010
JACK ARMSTRONG	OCTOBER 2010

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

KENNY COUSAR	OCTOBER 2012
CHRIS CULP	OCTOBER 2011
LARRY SOWELL	OCTOBER 2010

CHILDREN HOME

JOHNNY GILMORE	OCTOBER 2012
BARBARA KIRKLAND	OCTOBER 2011
MIRIAM SHELLEY	OCTOBER 2010
RALPH BAKER-ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER	OCTOBER 2010

FINANCE

LINDA SOWELL	OCTOBER 2012
EDNA WHITEHEAD	OCTOBER 2011
LAMAR BUXTON	OCTOBER 2010

MISSIONS

JOHNNIE RUTH TAYLOR	OCTOBER 2012
PAUL DYSON	OCTOBER 2011
PAM PETTIS	OCTOBER 2010

NOMINATING

NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS	OCTOBER 2012
CHRISTINE BROWN	OCTOBER 2011
MELINDA OWENS	OCTOBER 2010

PLACEMENT

SYLVIA ETHRIDGE
DOLLY VICKERS
JOYCE MULLINS

OCTOBER 2012
OCTOBER 2011
OCTOBER 2010

RESOLUTIONS

JEAN ETHRIDGE
LISA HARDEN
BETTY WHITEHEAD

OCTOBER 2012
OCTOBER 2011
OCTOBER 2010

ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS

EVERGREEN

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2576 EDDINS ROAD
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334-699-8569

NEW ZION

JOEY PETTIS
9716 COUNTY ROAD 99
HEADLAND, AL 36345

LARRY SOWELL
224 BROAD ST.
HEADLAND, AL 36345

PILGRIMS REST

CLARENCE CULPEPPER
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EUFAULA, AL 36072-0241
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SARDIS

BILLY BEVAN
P O BOX 503
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KENNY COUSAR
276 OUTBACK ROAD
CLAYTON, AL 36016

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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CLERKS

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UNION SYLVIA ETHRIDGE, 9753 COUTNY ROAD 65, ABBEVILLE, AL 36310 PHONE 334-585-2859

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EVERGREEN BART HARDEN, SUTTONS DAIRY ROAD, ARITON, AL 36311

MOUNT ZION CHARLES THOMPSON, 402 KENT DRIVE, EUFAULA, AL 36027, PHONE 334-687-5994

NEW PROSPECT TRACEY ARMSTRONG, 204 ROCKDALE COURT, DOTHAN, AL 36301
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NEW ZION TOM SHELLEY, 295 COUNTY ROAD 26, HEADLAND, AL 36345

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W N AC AUXILLARY

MOUNT ZION DOLLY VICKERS, DOTHAN ROAD, ABBEVILLE, AL. 36310 334-585-2979.

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MASTERS' MEN

MOUNT ZION ANDY GOMBAR, COUNTY ROAD 31, EUFAULA, AL 36027

ORDAINED DEACONS

EVERGREEN: HUBERT PHILLIPS, 218 SUTTON DAIRY ROAD, ARITON, AL 36311; BART HARDEN, 211 SUTTON DAIRY ROAD, ARITON, AL 36311, LARRY PEAVY, P O BOX 453, ARITON, AL 36311

MOUNT ZION: JAMES LIPSCOMB (INACTIVE) BOX 3046 COUNTY ROAD 221, ABBEVILLE, AL 36310; CHARLES WALLACE STANLEY, 101 SUNSET DRIVE, EUFAULA, AL 36027; CHARLES THOMPSON, 402 KENT DRIVE, EUFAULA, AL 36027; BILLY J. MEDLEY, 108 WILLOW OAKS DRIVE, EUFAULA, AL 36027

NEW PROSPECT: WILLIAM SOWELL, 2777 COUNTY ROAD 75 N, CLOPTON, AL 36317; TRACEY ARMSTRONG, 204 ROCKDALE COURT, DOTHAN, AL 36301

NEW ZION: BILLY SHELLEY, 1471 COUNTY ROAD 122 HEADLAND, AL 36345; CHRIS CULP, 320 COUNTY ROAD 49, HEADLAND, AL 36345; KYLE HARDY, 1108 COUNTY ROAD 99, HEADLAND, AL 36345; JACK ARMSTRONG, 213 BROAD STREET, EHADLAND, AL 36345; TOM SHELLEY, 295 COUNTY ROAD 26, HEADLAND, AL 36345; JERRY WHITEHEAD, 106 BOYTON STREET, HEADLAND, AL 36345

PILGRIMS' REST LAMAR BUXTON, 7320 STATE TOAD 10 E, ABBEVILLE, AL 36310; GENE CARR, 111 DOTHAN ROAD, ABBEVILLE, AL 36310

SARDIS JOHNNY GILMORE, 1064 HIGHWAY 30, CLAYTON, AL 36016; BRYAN GILMORE, 495 HIGHWAY 30, CLAYTON, AL 36016.

UNION WILL MADDOX, 261 COUNTY ROAD 53, ABBEVILLE, AL 36310; JACK STARLING (INACTIVE), 713 COUNTY ROAD 57 N, ABBEVILLE, AL 36310

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE 07/01/09	\$7,133.23
DEPOSITS JULY-SEPTEMBER 2009	\$ 575.85
DISBURSEMENTS JULY – SEPTEMBER 2009	\$1,399.00
 BALANCE 9/30/09	 \$6,310.08
 BANK STATEMENT 9/30/09	 \$6,310.08

GENERAL FUND	MISSIONS FUND	BOARD OF EDUCATION	TOTAL
\$4,232.75	\$118.94	\$1,958.39	\$6,310.08

CHURCH GROWTH AND ATTENDANCE INFORMATION
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

CHURCH	DATE ORG.	2008 MEM	2009 BAP.	2009 FAITH	2009 LET.	2009 ADDED	2009 DEATH	2009 LET.	2009 REV	2009 LOST	2009 MEM	S S MEM	S S AVE	C T S MEM	C T S AVE	WNAC MEM	WNAC AVE	M M MEM	M M AVE	ORD MIN	LIC MIN	PRAY MEET
											0											
EVERGREEN	1885	31				0	-1	-1		-2	29	0	12							2		9
MOUNT ZION	1881	55				0	-2			-2	53	10	7			8	6	6	5	1		
NEW PROSPECT	1874	96		3		3					99	43	33							2		30
NEW ZION	1907	159		2		2				0	161	55	35							2		25
PILGRIMS' REST	1884	53					-1			-1	52	9	7	9	6					1		6
SARDIS	1906	292	11			11	-5	-10		-15	288	160	101			23	15			3		125
UNION	1879	83		2		2	-1		-3	-4	81	17	15							0		6
TOTALS		769	11	7	0	18	-10	-11	-3	-24	763	294	210	9	6	31	21	6	5	11	0	201

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES												
CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION												
SEPTEMBER 2009												
CHURCH	INCOME	REPAIRS	YARD	RENOV	SUPPLIES	UTILITIES	REVIVALS	C/HOME & MISSIONS	YOUTH	STAFF & PASTOR	DUES	PROPERTY
EVERGREEN	\$29,188.09	\$2,226.56	\$0.00		\$395.34	\$2,400.36		\$3,426.00		\$16,450.00	\$195.00	NOT SHOWN
MOUNT ZION	\$33,011.16		\$1,400.00	\$2,640.24	\$4,712.42	\$4,451.65	\$2,158.15	\$446.00 \$1,150.00	\$120.00	\$1,950.00 \$11,550.00	\$612.50	\$173,619.00
NEW PROSPECT	\$50,903.18		\$1,750.00	\$9,715.00	\$1,124.00	\$6,008.00		\$1,254.87 \$8,600.00	C/HOME FOREIGN YOUTH CAMP YOUTH ACT.	\$16,900.00	\$345.00	NOT SHOWN
NEW ZION	\$137,709.86	\$2,410.45	\$2,075.00	\$44,435.64	\$8,922.20	\$15,361.68	\$1,363.50	\$4,506.53 \$11,962.00	\$1,197.00	\$1,650.00 \$32,915.12	\$435.00	\$844,000.00
PILGRIMS' REST	INFORMATION NOT PROVIDED										\$205.00	\$170,000.00
SARDIS	\$261,302.00	\$4,627.16 \$1,189.05	MISC OTHER \$3,599.76	\$31,698.44	\$23,607.57	\$30,377.53	\$40,041.41	\$1,200.00 \$13,550.00 \$3,600.00	\$3,726.28 COOPERATIVE	\$31,466.00 \$60,775.51	\$385.00	\$1,689,000.00
UNION	INFORMATION NOT PROVIDED										\$255.00	NOT SHOWN
TOTALS	\$512,114.29	\$10,453.22	\$8,824.76	\$88,489.32	\$38,761.53	\$58,599.22	\$43,563.06	\$49,695.40	\$5,043.28	\$173,656.63	\$2,432.50	\$2,876,619.00

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION
JANUARY 17, 2009
SARDIS FWB CHURCH

THE 2009 YEAR BEGAN WITH THE FIRST MEETING HOSTED BY SARDIS. MORNING REGISTRATION BEGAN AT 9:30 AM WITH THE CALL TO ORDER AT 10:00 AM. TODAY WAS A RATHER MILD AND BALMY DAY FOR JANUARY. THE MODERATOR OPENED THE SESSION WITH SCRIPTURE FROM PSALMS 139:14. HE MADE COMMENTS CONCERNING PRAISE AND WORSHIP OF THE LORD AND I AM WONDERFULLY MADE. HE NOTED ALSO VERSE 23 AND 24. BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE OF THE HOST CHURCH GAVE THE WELCOME TO SARDIS. BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON GAVE THE RESPONSE TO THE WELCOME AND STATED HOW WELCOMED WE FELT BY THE HOST CHURCH AND THANKED THE HOST CHURCH FOR HAVING US ON THIS, THE FIRST ASSOCIATION OF THE NEW YEAR.

BROTHER WAYNE GILMORE AND SISTER GEORGIA GILMORE LED THE CONGREGATION IN SINGING LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS.

BROTHER LARRY SOWELL OPENED THE NEW YEAR WITH PRAYER. THE CONGREGATION THEN SANG I'M IN THE GLORY LAND WAY.

AN OFFERING WAS RECEIVED WITH BROTHERS WILLIAM SOWELL AND JACK ARMSTRONG SERVING AS USHERS. BROTHER WILLIAM SOWELL OFFERED PRAYER. THE MORNING OFFERING OF \$206.00 WILL BE DESIGNATED AND APPROVED BY THE ASSOCIATION DURING THE BUSINESS SESSION.

THE MORNING DEVOTION BY BRO. KENNY COUSAR WAS FROM ROMANS 1:1; GENESIS 30:9, 23; GENESIS 40:4. A SERVANT LIKE THE APOSTLE PAUL. JOSEPH AND POTIPHAR. EVEN THOUGH JOSEPH WAS SOLD INTO BONDAGE HE REMAINED FAITHFUL. AS POINTED OUT IN GENESIS IT IS GOD THAT GIVES BLESSING AND CONTROL. ALL WE HAVE IS A GIFT FROM ABOVE. WE OWN NOTHING AND REALLY ARE ENTITLED TO NOTHING, YET IN THE DEVINE PROVIDENCE OF GOD WE HAVE ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS US. CLOSED WITH PRAYER.

WE HAD 8 MINISTERS, 4 DEACONS, 11 VISITORS, 30 DELEGATES, AND 10 ALTERNATE DELEGATES ANSWERING THE ROLL FOR A TOTAL PRESENT OF 63.

MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED FOR THIS SESSION: BROTHER RALPH BAKER, BROTHER BILLY BEVAN, BROTHER KENNY COUSAR, AND BROTHER

DANNY HENDERSON, BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, BROTHER LARRY SOWELL, AND BROTHER ELZO BEVAN.

DEACONS WHO REGISTERED FOR THIS SESSION: BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON, BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE, BROTHER WILLIAM SOWELL, AND BROTHER JACK ARMSTRONG.

DELEGATES WHO REGISTERED FOR THIS SESSION: EVERGREEN BARBARA KIRKLAND, MARJORIE PHILLIPS; MARY PORTWOOD; MOUNT ZION NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS, MELINDA OWENS, DOLLY VICKERS, DOT WHITNER AND DONALD WHITENER; NEW PROSPECT LINDA CORDELL, LAURA CORDELL, JACK RYALS; NEW ZION JEAN ETHRIDGE, KENNETH ETHRIDGE, DAVID TEAT, MARY TEAT, MARVELL ARMSTRONG AND EDNA WHITEHEAD; PILGRIM'S REST CAROLYN BUCKZAR, PAM DYSON; SARDIS RUSSELL DAVIS, GAIL DAVIS, JENNIFER TRAMMELL, DOT STEELY, TIM HOGUE, JOYCE HOGUE, AND BOBBY COOK; UNION SYLVIA ETHRIDGE, PEGGY HERRING, JANICE SMITH.

ALTERNATES WHO REGISTERED: EVERGREEN ELIZABETH GARNER; MOUNT ZION BECKY WHITNER; NEW PROSPECT LISA CORDELL, LINDA HENDERSON, AND LINDA SOWELL; NEW ZION PAM PETTIS; SARDIS JAMES GILMORE, HARVEY HAMILTON, BARBARA HAMILTON; UNION LINDA FLOYD.

REPORTS FROM THE BUSINESS SESSION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

THE CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORT.

THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION GIVEN BY BROTHER LARRY SOWELL WAS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION AND WAS AN UPDATE OF THE STATUS AND UPCOMING DATES OF MEETINGS AND PLACES.

THE CHILDREN HOME REPORT WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER RALPH BAKER AND RECEIVED AS INFORMATION ON THE ON GOING FINANCIAL NEEDS AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN. THE FALL AND CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES AT THE HOME HAD BEEN VERY WELL RECEIVED AND SUPPORTED. MANY CHURCHES HAD GIVEN GIFT CARDS TO THE HOME AND THIS WAS MUCH APPRECIATED.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MOVED, SECONDED AND PASSED TO PLACE THE PLATE OFFERING OF \$206.00 IN THE GENERAL TREASURY.

SISTER PAM PETTIS GAVE THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT. SHE REPORTED ON THE INFORMATION FROM THE STATE OFFICE ON THE

MISSION WORK IN RUSSIA, MOBILE, AND OTHER STATE LOCATIONS. DUE TO A DROP IN GIVING THE RUSSIAN MINISTRY HAD BEEN CUT. HOPES ARE TO REVIVE IT LATER ON IF FEASIBLE.

THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORT.

THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORTED 63 REGISTERED.

BUSINESS WAS CLOSED AND WE ENTERED THE MORNING WORSHIP. THE CONGREGATION SANG GLORY TO HIS NAME AND WAS LED BY BROTHER WAYNE GILMORE WITH SISTER GEORGIA GILMORE PLAYING THE PIANO. BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE AND SISTER FRANNIE THEN SANG A SPECIAL, HOLD ON.

THE MORNING MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED BY BROTHER BILLY BEVAN USING AS SCRIPTURE PSALMS 85:6, HAB. 3:2, 2ND CHRONICLES 7:14. WILT THOU NOT REVIVE US AGAIN? I HAVE HEARD THY SPEECH. IF MY PEOPLE WHICH ARE CALLED BY MY NAME. THE CALL TO REVIVAL. REVIVAL OF FERVENCY. REVIVAL OF FAITHFULNESS. A VERY GOOD MESSAGE. AN INVITAION WAS MADE SINGING HYMN JUST AS I AM WITH AN ALTAR CALL FOLLOWING. BROTHER BILLY BEVAN GAVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NOON MEAL AFTER WHICH WE HAD A RISING VOTE OF THANKS TO THE HOST CHURCH AND ITS PEOPLE FOR A FINE DAY. BROTHER DAVID TEAT DISMISSED WITH PRAYER ASKING GOD'S BLESSING ON THE FOOD AND PREPARATION FOR THE NOON MEAL.

THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE AT NEW PROPSEPCT ON APRIL 19, 2009.

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION
NEW PROSPECT FREE WILL BAPTIS CHURCH
APRIL 18, 2009

REGISTRATION BEGAN AT 9:30 AM ON APRIL 18, 2009 AT NEW PROSPECT. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:00 AM BY THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS. THE MODERATOR REQUESTED THE ORDAINED AUTHORITY VOTE TO ALLOW SISTER PAM PETTIS TO BE THE TEMPORARY CLERK FOR THE DAY DUE TO UNFORESEEN ABSENCE OF BROTHER RALPH BAKER AND SISTER NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS. MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED. THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, SHARED SOME THOUGHTS FROM EPHESIANS 6:10-11 DURING HIS

OPENING REMARKS. BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON PROVIDED THE WELCOME FOR THE HOST CHURCH. BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE GAVE THE RESPONSE FOR THE ASSOCIATION. BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND LED IN PRAYER.

AN OFFERING WAS RECEIVED AND AMOUNTED TO \$152.00.

BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON GAVE THE MORNING DEVOTION USING THE SCRIPTURE TAKEN FROM EPHESIANS 6.

THE MODERATOR ASKED FOR THE RECOGNITION OF MINISTERS, DEACONS, AND VISITORS. THERE WERE 7 MINISTERS, 6 DEACONS, AND 4 VISITORS.

MINISTERS THOMAS KIRKLAND, DANNY HENDERSON, C. L. CULPEPPER, BILLY BEVAN, KENNY COUSAR, AND LARRY SOWELL.

DEACONS WILLIAM SOWELL, TRACEY ARMSTRON, JOHNNY GILMORE, JACK ARMSTRONG, LAMAR BUXTON, AND JERRY WHITEHEAD.

VISITORS REGISTER LINDA SOWELL AND J. C. FORRESTER.

THE MODERATOR CALLED FOR ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES. THERE WAS A TOTAL OF 25 DELEGATES. EVERGREEN DELEGATES BARBARA KIRKLAND, MARY PORTWOOD, ELIZABETH GARNER; MOUNT ZION DOLLY VICKERS, ANN HATCHER; NEW PROSPECT EMMA TURNER, LINDA HENDERSON ANN ARMSTRONG, ALTERNATE EMMA TEW AND LISA CORDELL; NEW ZION PAM PETTIS, MARY TEAT, BETTY WHITEHEAD, MARVELL ARMSTRONG, JEAN ETHRIDGE, KENNETH ETHRIDGE, AND ALTERNATE EDNA WHITEHEAD; PILGRIM JANIE SUE MURPHY, MARTHA HELMS; SARDIS JENNIFER TRAMMELL, HUNTER TRAMMELL, KATELYN TRAMMELL; UNION SYLVIA ETHRIDGE, JANICE SMITH, PEGGY HERRING.

THE MODERATOR THEN CALLED FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS. THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORT.

THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION GAVE AN UPDATE ON ITS ACTIVITIES SINCE THE JANUARY SESSION. YOUTH RALLY AT NEW PROSPECT WITH APPROXIMATELY 60 IN ATTENDANCE. SPECIAL GUEST "THE BELLS OF PRAISE" FROM FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH. BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON BROUGHT THE MESSAGE AND FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWED IN THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL. A COUPLES RETREAT WAS HELD AT WALTER T. BAGBY STATE PARK ON FEBRUARY 13TH AND 14TH WITH BROTHER TIM BAUMGARTEN AS THE GUEST SPEAKER. A MEN'S RETREAT WAS HELD ON MARCH 6TH AND 7TH AT THE VINEYARDS WITH CARL SEXTON AS THE GUEST SPEAKER. THE NEXT YOUTH RALLY IS MAY 16TH AT NEW ZION AT 6:00 PM. JUNIOR CAMP IS JUNE 15-19 AND SENIOR CAMP IS JUNE 22-26.

BROTHER BILLY BEVAN OF SARDIS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE QUALITY OF FOOD AT THE VINEYARD. BROTHER TRACEY ARMSTRONG NOTED THAT THIS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH CAMP OFFICIALS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT OTHER FACILITIES HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED BUT HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE A SUITABLE PLACE YET. BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE SUGGESTED THAT THE ASSOCIATION, THE STATE LINE ASSOCIATION, AND ANOTHER ASSOCIATION IN EAST ALABAMA PRAYFULLY CONSIDER ESTABLISHING OUR OWN FACILITIES. BROTHER TRACEY ASSURED THAT BOTH BOARDS ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO ADDRESS CONCERNS WITH THE CAMP.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE PLATE OFFERING OF \$152.00 BE GIVEN TO THE MISSIONS FUND. SISTER PAM PETTIS REPORTED AS PART OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT THAT CHECKS FOR THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM MOUNT ZION FOR \$120.00 AND NEW PROSPECT FOR \$30.00. MSC.

BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE GAVE THE CHILDREN HOME REPORT. HE REPORTED THE HOME HAD HIRED DANNY WILLIAMS AS LEADER OF PROMOTIONAL ENTERPRISES AT THE HOME. BROTHER JOEY ADDED THEY ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A DIRECTOR FOR THE HOME. HE ALSO REPORTED THE HOME IS RECEIVING MORE CHILDREN AGAIN.

THE MISSIONS REPORT WAS GIVEN BY SISTER PAM PETTIS. SHE WELCOMED OUR MISSIONARY SPEAKER FOR THE DAY, BROTHER TIM RIGGS FROM THE MOBILE HOME MISSION FIELD. SHE REPORTED ON THE LETTER FROM THE STATE OFFICE. THE SE ASSOCIATION ACTS 1:8 GIVING FOR 2008 WAS \$16,627.61 AND SO FAR THIS YEAR OUR CHURCHES HAVE GIVEN \$3,571.85. THE TOTAL ACTS 1:8 RECEIPTS WAS \$553,909.80. THIS WAS \$16,090.20 BEHIND THE 2008 BUDGET. THE ACTS 1:8 BUDGET FOR 2009 IS \$555,000.00. DUE TO CUTS AND RISING COST RUSSIAN MINISTERIES AND NEW PROJECTS WERE REDUCED FROM \$72,060.00 TO \$19,425.00 IN 2009. AS OF MARCH 31, 2009 WE HAVE RECEIVED \$155,109.14 IN ACTS 1:8 RECEIPTS. THIS IS \$10,614.43 MORE THAN WE RECEIVED IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 2008. ASK EVERYONE TO GET INVOLVED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL GAMBLING IN ALABAMA. ANYONE CAN CONTACT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OR ALCAP FOR INFORMATION. GAMBLING IN ALABAMA ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNOR IS \$675,000,000.00 ANNUALLY. TO VIEW A 5-1/2 MINUTE VIDEO GO TO [HTTP://ALFWB.COM/](http://ALFWB.COM/). ANY PASTOR WHO WISHES A COPY OF THE DVD TO SHOW IN THEIR CHURCH MAY CONTACT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE VIA EMAIL OR PHONE. TO CONTACT

SENATORS CALL 334-242-7800, REPRESENTATIVES 334-242-7600. WORLD MISSIONS OFFERING IS APRIL 26, 2009. AUGUST 22, 2009 IS THE STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT.

THERE WAS NO REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE, AND THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

THE REGISTRATIONS FOR THE DAY WAS 37, HOWEVER THERE WAS THREE REPORTING AS NOT SIGNING + TIM RIGGS SO THERE WAS A TOTAL OF 41.

THE BUSINESS SESSION WAS ADJOURNED.

THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE BEGAN WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON. SISTER LISA CORDELL PROVIDED SPECIAL MUSIC THAT BLESSED EVERYONE. BROTHER TIM RIGGS SHARED ABOUT HIS WORK IN MOBILE AND PREACHED A POWERFUL MESSAGE. SPEAKING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 15 AND VERSE 58 BROTHER RIGGS EMPHASIZED THE TERMS "BE YE STEADFAST, UNMOVABLE, ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD." HE ALSO BROUGHT OUT THAT OUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN IN THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD. IT WAS A VERY TIMELY MESSAGE.

A RISING VOTE OF THANKS TO THE HOST CHURCH FOR ITS HOSTING THIS SESSION AND FOLLOWING PRAYER THE HOST CHURCH SERVED A DELICIOUS MEAL.

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION
MOUNT ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
JULY 11, 2009

REGISTRATION BEGAN FOR THE THIRD QUARTER WITH REGISTRATION AT 9:30 AM. THE MODERATOR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:00 AM. THE WELCOME WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER RALPH BAKER AND THE RESPONSE BY BROTHER WILLIAM SOWELL. BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON LED IN PRAYER. SISTER NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS WITH SISTER SYLVIA BRANNON PROVIDING MUSIC WE SANG TWO CONGREGATIONAL SONGS; I'VE NEVER BEEN SORRY AND JESUS, HOLD MY HAND. AN OFFERING WAS RECEIVED WITH BROTHERS DAVID TEAT AND JOHNNY GILMORE AS USHERS. BROTHER TEAT PRAYED THE OFFERATORY PRAYER. THE OFFERING WAS \$205.00.

THE MODERATOR CALLED FOR RECOGNITIONS AT THIS TIME. WE HAD REGISTERED 5 MINISTERS, 6 DEACONS, AND 4 VISITORS. THE MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED WERE RALPH BAKER, THOMAS KIRKLAND, LARRY SOWELL, JOEY PETTIS AND DANNY HENDERSON. THE DEACONS WHO REGISTERED WERE LAMAR BUXTON, JOHNNY GILMORE, WILLIAM SOWELL, JERRY WHITEHEAD, CHARLES THOMPSON, & BILLY J. MEDLEY. THE VISITORS WERE J. C. FORRESTER, LINDA HENDERSON, SCOTTY PETTIS, AND ANDY GOMBAR.

THE ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES: EVERGREEN LISA HARDEN, MARJORIE PHILLIPS, BARBARA KIRKLAND; MOUNT ZION NINA VICKERS, LILLIE THOMPSON, SYLVIA BRANNON, MELINDA OWENS, DOLLY VICKERS AND ALTERNATE YVONE KILCREASE; NEW PROSPECT JOHN TURNER, SHIRLEY TURNER, EVERETTE MULLINS, AND ALTERNATE JOYCE MULLINS; NEW ZION KENNETH ETHRIDGE, PAM PETTIS, BETTY WHITEHEAD, EDNA WHITEHEAD, DAVID TEAT, MARY TEAT; PILGRIM'S REST MARTHA HELMS, PAM DYSON, JANIE SUE MURPHY, AND ALTERNATE CAROLYN BUCKZAR; SARDIS MICKEY GILMORE, CARLA CUTCHENS, GLORIA BEVAN; UNION JANICE SMITH, PEGGY JERRING, RUTH WHITEHEAD, LINDA FLOYD ALTERNATE, AND SYLVIA ETHRIDGE ALTERNATE.

AFTER A RECESS THE BUSINESS SESSION BEGAN WITH THE MODERATOR CALLING FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS.

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE, THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORTS.

THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER LARRY SOWELL AND OFFERED AS INFORMATION ONLY. THE JUNIOR CAMP HAD DEPOSITS OF \$3,441.00 AND EXPENSES OF \$3,829.00. THE TEEN CAMP HAD DEPOSITS OF \$1,950.00 WITH EXPENSE OF \$2,724.00 THERE WAS A CHECK ATTACHED TO THE REPORT FOR \$120.00 FOR THE CBE. IF ANYONE HAD ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL BROTHER TRACEY ARMSTRONG AT 334-794-3609. MSC

SISTER PAM PETTIS GAVE THE MISSIONS REPORT AND REPORTED ON THE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OFFICE. THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT OF ACTS 1:8. AS OF JUNE 30, 2009 RECEIPTS ARE \$281,117.91 AND IS \$20,060.45 AHEAD OF 2008 GIVING. AT THIS TIME THE OFFERINGS EXCEED THE BUDGET BY \$3,617.91. THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION HAS GIVEN TO DATE \$6,824.42. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS.

BROTHER MIKE CORLEY HAS RESIGNED FROM THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS AND WILL BE ASSUMING THE DIRECTOR'S POSITION AT THE CHILDREN HOME. MEETINGS HAVE BEEN SET BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS AND THE STATE OFFICES PRIOR TO THE STATE MEETING. MEETINGS HAVE ALSO BEEN SCHEDULED WITH THE RUSSIAN MINISTRY AND LOCAL OFFICES. MANY DECISIONS MUST BE MADE FOR THE FUTURE. PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND THE STATE MEETING. THERE WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION SHARED. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THREE ALABAMA PASTORS HAS BEEN ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEXICO MISSION TRIP. PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL. THE STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 22, 2009 WITH FUNDS GOING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE STATE OFFICE. OCTOBER 12-13 A PASTORS RETREAT AT LAKE GUNTERSVILLE. BROTHER TRYMON MESSER AND WIFE OPAL WILL BE THERE AND CHAD DONOHO WILL PROVIDE SPECCIAL MUSIC. MOVED AND SECONDED TO RECEIVE AS INFORMATION. THERE WAS A NOTE OF THANKS FOR THE \$500.00 OFFERING TO THE TIM RIGGS MISSION WORK IN MOBILE.

THE CHILDREN HOME REPORT WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER RALPH BAKER AS INFORMATION ONLY. ITEMS OF INTEREST IS THE DIRT WORK HAS BEGUN ON THE NEW STEEL BUILDING TO SERVE AS A MULTI FUNCTION BUILDING FOR BOTH AN INSIDE PLAY AREA FOR THE CHILDREN AND TO HOST LARGE EVENTS WHICH THE HOME HAS FROM TIME TO TIME. THE ELDRIDGE TOY RUN IS A HUGE CONTRIBUTOR TO THIS WORK AND HAS BEEN A STRONG WORKER TO BENEFIT THE HOME FOR MANY YEARS. ONE STUDENT RECENTLY GRADUATED AND PLANS TO ATTEND NURSING SCHOOL. ONE OTHER STUDENT IS A TRACK RUNNER AND IS DOING WELL. ALL THE CHILDREN ARE ENJOYING SUMMER BREAK. MANY USUAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS ARE NEEDED SUCH AS MOPS, BROOMS, CLEANING FLUIDS, DETERGENTS, BLEACH, AND SO FORTH. WE ARE IN HOPES OF HAVING MORE CHILDREN SOON. PRAY AND SUPPORT.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMEDED THE PLATE OFFER OF \$205.00 BE PLACED IN THE GENERAL TREASURY AND THEN A CHECK BE WRITTEN TO BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON AND LINDA HENDERSON AS A LOVE GIFT IN VIEW OF THEIR RECENT AND ONGOING MEDICAL COST. THERE WAS A MOTION, SECOND AND CARRIED.

THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE TOTAL WAS 43 WHO REGISTERED BUT 4 OTHERS SPOKE AND SAID THEY HAD NTO REGISTERED SO WE HAD 47 FOR TODAYS MEETING.

THE MODERATOR APPOINTED A COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE STATE, NATIONAL, AND SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTIONS AND SEE IF WE ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH THESE BODIES. THE STATE CONSTITUTION IN THE 2007 MINUTES WILL HAVE TO BE USED AS THE PRINTING OF THE 2008 MINUTES HAS THE WRONG VERSION OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION. A REPORT WILL BE GIVEN AT THE ANNUAL SESSION HELD AT PILGRIM'S REST IN OCTOBER 2009. THE COMMITTEE WAS BROTHER RALPH BAKER, BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND, SISTER NINA VICKERS, FLOWERS; AND SISTER LINDA FLOYD. BROTHER RALPH BAKER TO CHAIR SAID COMMITTEE. MOTION DANNY HENDERSON SECOND LAMAR BUXTON CARRIED.

BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON MOTIONED TO END BUSINESS AND WAS SECONDED BY BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON. CARRIED.

WE SANG ONLY TWO SONGS PRIOR TO THE WORSHIP SERVICE LED BY NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS AND SISTER SYLVIA BRANNON. VICTORY IN JESUS AND WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE.

BROTHER LARRY SOWELL BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE USING AS A TEXT DEUT. 8:2 AND 2ND CHRONICLES 7:14. PRIOR TO THE MESSAGE HE SANG A LITTLE SONG THEY HAD LEARNED AT YOUTH CAMP TITLED "LORD, I GIVE ME." HE THEN PREACHED ON SEVERAL POINTS OF GREAT INTEREST WHILE READING FROM DANIEL 4:27, 30, 33, AND 34. HE ALSO USED MATTHEW AND DUET. 8 FOR OTHER VERSES. A GOOD AND TIMELY MESSAGE AND ONE THE CHURCH NEEDS TO FOLLOW.

THE PASTOR, BROTHER RALPH BAKER, PROVIDED DIRECTIONS FOR THE NOON MEAL. THE HOST CHURCH SERVED A DELICIOUS AND PLENTIFUL MEAL AND EVERYONE SEEMED TO ENJOY THEMSELVES VERY MUCH.

THE ANNUAL SESSIONS WILL BE AT EVERGREEN ON FRIDAY NIGHT AND PILGRIM'S REST ON SATURDAY.

FRIDAY NIGHT ANNUAL SESSION
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION
EVERGREEN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 16, 2009

THE FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION OPENED WITH REGISTRATION BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM. THE MODERATOR CALLED THE MEETING TO

ORDER AT 7:00 PM. THE MODERATOR OPENED BY ASKING FOR A SONG. BROTHER AND SISTER PEAVEY LED THE CONGREGATION IN SINGING HYMN NUMBER 163. BROTHER WILLIAM SOWELL THEN PRAYED. THE CONGREGATION THEN SANG HYMN 251 FOLLOWED BY AN OFFERING BEING RECEIVED. BROTHER BRYAN GILMORE AND LAMAR BUXTON RECEIVED THE OFFERING. THE PLATE OFFERING OF \$87.00 WILL BE COMBINED WITH THE OFFERING OF TOMORROW AND DESIGNATED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE., BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND PRAYED THE OFFERATORY PRAYER. THE CONGREGATION SANG HYMN 117 CONCLUDING THE SONG SERVICE.

BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON BROUGHT THE EVENING MESSAGE USING AS HIS TEXT 2ND CHRONICLES 20:1-3,15. HE BROUGHT OUT SEVERAL VERY GOOD POINTS IN HIS MESSAGE.

1. HE WAS TOLD THE ENEMY WAS COMING
2. HE DECLARED A FAST THROUGHOUT ALL JUDAH
3. HE CALLED ALL JUDAH TOGETHER TO ASK HELP OF THE LORD
4. UNLIKE THEM WE GET COMMITTEES TOGETHER TO DECIDE.

AFTER WE HAVE GOTTEN THE COMMITTEES TOGETHER THERE IS SELDOM, IF EVER, A UNANIMOUS DECISION. ONE WANTS THIS, ONE WANTS THAT, ANOTHER WANTS SOMETHING ELSE. FINALLY ON A MAJORITY DECISION THE COMMITTEE AGREES TO AGREE AND DISAGREE WITH THE AYES HAVING THE VOTE. WE WAIT UNTIL WE ARE KNEE DEEP IN TROUBLE BEFORE WE CRY OUT AND THEN EXPECT IMMEDIATE RESULTS. HE CALLED ATTENTION TO DEUT. 2:4-19, 2ND CHRONICLES 7:10 AND 25.

THE MODERATOR CALLED FOR A HYMN OF INVITATION. HYMN NUMBER 382 WAS SELECTED "JESUS IS CALLING TODAY."

ANNOUNCEMENTS: IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THERE IS A BENEFIT SING TO BE HELD TOMORROW NIGHT, SATURDAY, AT THE HEADLAND HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BRANTLEY FAMILY WHO IS GOING THROUGH EXTREME MEDICAL BILLS AT THE PRESENT. A RISING VOTE OF THANKS WAS GIVEN BY THE HOST CHURCH FOLLOWED BY A VERY DELICIOUS MEAL IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. BROTHER JOEY PETTIS DISMISSED WITH PRAYER PRIOR TO THE TIME OF FELLOWSHIP.

WE WILL REASSEMBLE TOMORROW MORNING AT 9:30 WITH PILGRIM'S REST CHURCH FOR THE SECOND DAY OF THE ANNUAL SESSION.

SATURDAY ANNUAL SESSION
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION
PILGRIM'S REST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 17, 2009

THE SATURDAY SESSION OF THE ANNUAL BEGAN WITH MORNING REGISTRATION AT 9:30 AM. THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:55 AM. BROTHER PAUL DYSON GAVE THE WELCOME BY THE HOST CHURCH. BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON GAVE THE RESPONSE. BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND LED IN PRAYER.

BROTHER PAUL DYSON WITH SISTER JEAN ETHRIDGE AT THE PIANO LED THE CONGREGATION IN SINGING HYMN NUMBER 310.

BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE AND BROTHER WILLIAM SOWELL SERVED AS USHERS FOR THE MORNING OFFERING. BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE MADE THE OFFERATORY PRAYER. THE OFFERING WAS \$184.00. THE DISPOSITION OF THIS AND THE FRIDAY NIGHT OFFERING OF \$87.00 WILL BE MADE BY RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AT THE DAYS BUSINESS SESSION.

THE MORNING DEVOTION WAS BROUGHT BY BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON OF THE HOST CHURCH USING AS A TEXT MATT: 28:9-11. HE GAVE A VERY GOOD DEVOTION.

THE MODERATOR CALLED FOR THE RECOGNITION OF MINISTERS, DEACONS, AND VISITORS. WE HAD 8 MINISTERS, 4 DEACONS, AND 8 VISITORS. FOLLOWING THE RECOGNITION WE HAD THE DELEGATE ROLL CALL.

MINISTERS WERE BROTHERS RALPH BAKER, BILLY BEVAN, C. L. CULPEPPER, KENNY COUSAR, DANNY HENDERSON, THOMAS KIRKLAND, JOEY PETTIS, AND LARRY SOWELL.

DEACONS WERE LAMAR BUXTON, JOHNNY GILMORE, AND JERRY WHITEHEAD.

VISITORS WERE MYRTLE BUXTON, JAKE FORRESTER, JANE SOWELL, RUTH MORRIS, EMMA TURNER, EMMA TEW, CHRISTINE BROWN, AND MARY CULPEPPER.

THE DELEGATES WERE EVERGREEN BARBARA KIRKLAND, ELIZABETH GARNER, MARY PORTWOOD; MOUNT ZION DORIS BEARD, NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS, MELINDA OWENS, LILLIE THOMPSON, DOLLY VICKERS, AND ALTERNATE ANN HATCHER; NEW PROSPECT LINDA CORDELL, EVERETTE MULLINS, LINDA SOWELL, ALTERNATES LINDA HENDERSON, JOYCE MULLINS, AND GWEN SOWELL; NEW ZION MARVELL ARMSTRONG, JEAN ETHRIDGE, KENNETH ETHRIDGE, DAVID TEAT, EDNA WHITEHEAD, BETTY WHITEHEAD, AND ALTERNATE PAM PETTIS; PILGRIM'S REST PAM DYSON AND PAUL DYSON; SARDIS JIMMY BAXTER, GLORIA BEVAN, BARBARA HAMILTON, HARVEY HAMILTON, AND JENNIFER TRAMMELL; UNION SYLVIA ETHRIDGE, LINDA FLOYD, JANICE SMITH, AND ALTERNATE PEGGY HERRING.

THE MODERATOR THEN ENTERED THE BODY INTO THE BUSINESS SESSION

THE FIRST ITEM WAS FROM THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO STUDY THE CONSTITUTION AND MAKE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO CHANGES, IF ANY. THE COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF BROTHERS RALPH BAKER AND THOMAS KIRKLAND WITH SISTERS LINDA FLOYD AND NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS. THIS COMMITTEE MET AT MOUNT ZION ON AUGUST 15, 2009 WITH BROTHER RALPH BAKER, SISTER LINDA FLOYD, AND SISTER NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS FOR OUR FIRST LOOK OVER. BROTHER THOMAS WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND DUE TO OBLIGATIONS BEYOND HIS CONTROL. WE HAD A VERY GOOD MEETING AND CHANGES WERE RECOMMENDED. THE CHANGES WERE IN PART TO BE IN LINE WITH THE STATE BODY AND THE NATIONAL BODY. SOME MINOR CHANGES ARE RECOMMENDED AS BEING BENEFICIAL TO THE ASSOCIATION. WE ADJOURNED FROM THIS MEETING WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE CLERK WOULD RECORD THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGE AND MAIL A COPY TO EACH MEMBER OF THIS COMMITTEE. THIS WAS DONE ON AUGUST 26, 2009. THIS COMMITTEE THEN CAME TOGETHER ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 3, 2009 TO MAKE A FINAL REVIEW AND DISCUSSION. ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE PRESENT AND ALL AGREED TO THE MODIFICATIONS AND WAS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION AT THE ANNUAL SESSION. THE REVISIONS WERE READ BY THE CLERK AT THE ASSOCIATION HELD AT PILGRIM'S REST ON OCTOBER 17, 2009 AND WAS TABLED UNTIL THE JANUARY 2010 SESSION WHERE IT WOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE TABLE AND ADOPTED OR LEFT TABLED OR PUT BACK ON THE TABLE WITHOUT VOTE UNTIL A LATER SESSION.

THE BODY THEN ENTERED THE REGULAR BUSINESS OF REPORTS OF THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES.

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT GIVEN BY BROTHER LARRY SOWELL WAS CONCERNING THE 2010 YEAR MEETINGS ETC. THE 2009 INFORMATION COMPILED BY THIS BOARD WAS AS FOLLOWS: WINTER RETREAT WITH 71 IN ATTENDANCE AT A COST OF \$376.00. THE YOUTH RALLY IN FEBRUARY HAD 60 IN ATTENDANCE AT A COST OF -0-. THE MAY RALLY HAD 43 IN ATTENDANCE WITH COST OF -0-. THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR YOUTH CAMPS WITH 86 IN ATTENDANCE AT THE JUNIOR CAMP AND 50 AT THE TEEN CAMP AND COST THE CBE \$1,117.85 ABOVE CAMPERS PAYMENTS. THE AUGUST RALLY HAD 35 IN ATTENDANCE AND COST OF -0-. THE COUPLES RETREAT IN FEBRUARY AND THE MENS RETREAT IN MARCH COMBINED COST WAS \$652.00. THE COST OF ALL CBE EVENTS DURING 2009 WAS \$2,145.85. DURING THE CAMPS WE HAD APPROXIMATELY \$500.00 IN INFLATABLES DONATED. THIS IS NOT GURANTEED FOR 2010. PLEASE SEE PAGE TWO FOR DATES, PLACES, AND COST OF 2010 EVENTS.

THE CHILDREN HOME REPORT GIVEN BY BROTHER RALPH BAKER AND WAS ACCEPTED AS INFORMATION. THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN, RECENT ADDITIONS TO STAFF, COMPLETION OF RECREATION BUILDING, THE TOY RUN OF DECEMBER, AND SOME NEEDS OF THE HOME. PAGE 3.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RECOMMENDED THE PLATE OFFERINGS OF \$271.00 BE GIVEN TO THE BRANTLEY FUND FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES. CARRIED. THE BUDGET FOR THE COMING YEAR WAS UNCHANGED WITH 20% TO CBE, 15% TO MISSIONS COMMITTEE, 15% TO THE CHILDREN HOME, AND 50% FOR LOCAL CAUSES.

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT GIVEN BY BROTHER PAUL DYSON WAS RECIVED AS INFORMATION AT PAGE 3.

THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORT.

THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT GIVEN BY SISTER NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS AND THE NOMINATIONS ARE RECORDED IN THE COMMITTEE REPORTS AT PAGE 4.

THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT GIVEN BY SISTER JOYCE MULLINS AND IS RECORDED AT PAGE 1

THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORTED A TOTAL 52.

DELEGATES TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION WERE SISTER BARBARA KIRKLAND, SISTER LINDA SOWELL, AND SISTER EMMA TURNER.

A MOTION TO CLOSE BUSINESS WAS MADE BY BROTHER C. L. CULPEPPER AND SECOND BY BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON. CARRIED.

BROTHER RALPH BAKER BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE WITH THE OPENING THOUGHT THAT WE ARE LIVING IN ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS TIMES IN MODERN HISTORY. THE BREAKDOWN IN AMERICA IS DUE DIRECTLY TO THE BREAKDOWN OR SPIRITUAL DECLINE. USING PROVERBS 29:18; JEREMIAH 3:21; JOB 1:7; PROVERBS 22:6; HEBREWS 2:3 FOR THE MAIN BEGINNING AND MANY OTHER SCRIPTURES THEREAFTER. THE MAIN THREE POINTS MADE WAS SIMPLY "THE WORD SPOKEN BY THE LORD" "PREACH THE WORD" AND "CONTEND FOR THE FAITH".

THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS ASKED THAT AMAZING GRACE BE SUNG AND ANYONE DESIRING TO COME TO THE ALTER MIGHT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO. BROTHER CLARENCE GAVE DIRECTIONS FOR THE MEAL AND ASK GOD'S BLESSING UPON THE MEAL.

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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 letter of petition. 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 in 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, Practice, or Discipline, the Bible and Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Free Will Baptist shall be considered the final authority. However, if said Church(es) fail to comply with same, this

body, when in session, may, by majority vote of the delegates present, withdraw the hand of fellowship until such time as Church(es) has set its' house in order.

Article Seven-Meetings: The Association shall meet in Quarterly sessions on Saturday before the third Sunday in January and April. The July session shall 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 through 9:00 PM and on Saturday before the third Sunday in October. The three Quarterly session and the Saturday Annual session shall be called to order at 10:00 AM, (registration begins at 9:30 AM), on each day of the Association. (Change made July 2008).

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 in good standing with a Church in good standing with this Association, and one 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. Credential 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 renomination. 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, one for one year. Each year at the Annual session one or more members shall be up for replacement or renomination. See the By-Laws for the duties to be performed.

C. Missions Committee composed of three members elected from nominations presented to this body while in session. These are elected one for three 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 renomination. See the By-Laws for the duties to be performed.

D. Children Home Committee composed of three members elected from nominations presented to this 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 renomination. 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 board member to the Children's' Home. This member is to be able to attend the meetings at the Home, vote on proceedings at the Home, and keep the Association informed of all that occurs at the Home that would have meaning to all the members of the 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 renomination. 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 for replacement or renomination. See the By-Laws for 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 renomination. See the By-Laws for duties to be performed.

H. Finance Committee composed of three members elected from nominations presented to this body while in session. These shall be elected one for three 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 renomination. See the By-laws for duties to be performed.

Article Twelve: Any individual nominated to hold office or position in this Association must be a member in 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/herself in office if so nominated.

Article Two-Duties of Officers:

Section One-Moderator: The Moderator shall preside over all meetings of the Association, appoint temporary Committees, and call the Executive Committee together when necessary.

Section Two-Vice Moderator: The Vice Moderator shall preside over the meetings of the Association in the absence of the Moderator, call the Executive Committee into session when necessary, and assist the Moderator in the general work of the Association.

Section Three-Clerk: The Clerk shall record the proceedings of the Quarterly and Annual sessions of the Association and of the Executive Committee and 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. The Treasurer shall keep a record of all monies received and paid out by the Association. The Treasurer shall distribute funds at the direction of the Association while in session or Executive Committee by a majority present. The Treasurer shall turn over all records of the Association to his/her successor in office.

Section Five-Provision for the Moderator: In case of the absence of the Moderator and the Vice Moderator the senior minister of the standing Delegates shall act in that capacity.

Article Three-Duties of the elected Committees:

Section One-Executive Committee: This Committee shall meet in October following the Annual session of the Association on a date, time, and place appointed by the Moderator for the purpose of planning the next years 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 recommendation to this body.
- C. Examine all candidates for the office of Deacon at the request of the local Church and make recommendation to this body.
- D. Examine all candidates for ordination 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 the 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 this 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 Association 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. This committee will provide the written forms.
- 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.
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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 for the camp, secure an Evangelist, solicit workers, purchase such teaching materials and aids as necessary, establish dress codes for the 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 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:

- A. 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 as each session the disposition of the plate offering.
- C. To assist the Christian Board of Education at their request in financing the camp, youth rallies, and 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 Committee might be required to handle the matter. If the Moderator feels the need to be pressing and cannot wait until the next regular session of the Association he may call the Executive Committee into session to handle the matter.

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 are standing Delegates.

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 the that session of the Association. A Church pastor may make no appointments nor may any substitute be made in any other manner to stand in for an elected Delegate or Alternate. To be seated the name must be on the Church letter.

Section Five:

Dues for each Delegate are fixed at five dollars (\$5.00) per Delegate to the 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:

- A. Funds are to be used for the printing of the Annual minutes.
- B. The Association is to support Home and Foreign missions, promote the Bible College in Nashville, the Children's' Home in Eldridge, Alabama, and the superannuation of our older Ministers.
- C. Pay such funds as prescribed in the Annual budget.
- D. Funds designated at any session of the Association for such cause as may properly come before the Association and voted on.
- E. Plate offerings, special offerings, or other gifts as designated by the body at each session.
- F. Funds are to be distributed at the time authorized and in such quantity as authorized and to whom authorized.

Article Six-Amendments:

- A. This Constitution and By-Laws shall not be changed or altered except by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}^{\text{rd}}$) majority vote of Delegates present from member Churches in any session of the Association.

- B. All amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be presented in writing to any session of the Association and shall be read in the hearing of those assembled Delegates and shall be tabled until the next scheduled Association meeting and then shall be removed from the table, read again in the hearing of those assembled, and then acted on by the Association.

Rules of Decorum

1. The Association when convened shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at a time and he/she shall rise to his/her feet and address the Moderator.
3. Each person speaking shall not be interrupted except by the Moderator until he/she gets through speaking, nor shall the Moderator interrupt him/her unless he/she gets out of order.
4. The person speaking shall adhere to the question in order and shall in no way cast reflection on any person who may have spoken before him/her.
5. No person shall speak more than three (3) times on the same subject without leave of the Moderator.
6. No person shall laugh, whisper, or cause a disturbance in time of speech.
7. Members shall address each other by the appellation of brother or brethren and sister or sisters.
8. No member of this Association shall absent himself/herself 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 and in His nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is ever our present Savior 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 therefore inherits a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin and become guilty before God.
7. The work of Christ: The Son of man by His incarnation, life and sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith,
8. The Terms of Salvation: The conditions of salvation are:
 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciation of it.
 2. Faith, or the reserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior 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.
 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.
 4. Election: God determined from the beginning to save all who would comply with the conditions of salvation, hence, by faith men become his elect.
 5. 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.
 6. Salvation Free: God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and taste the water of life freely.
 7. Perseverance: All believers in Christ who persevere in holiness to the end of life have promise of eternal salvation.
 8. Gospel Ordinances: Baptisms (complete submersion in water) and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. The washing of feet is an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all believers.
 9. Tithing: God commands tithing 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" 1st Corinthians 16:2).
 10. 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.

11. Resurrection, Judgment, and final Retribution. The scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life and they that have done evil to the resurrection of damnation. The wicked will go away into eternal punishment and 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 scripture, 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 Savior, Jesus Christ.”

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for Church conference, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay 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 and 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 to 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 school, 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, NC in 1727 the first FWB church was formed by Paul Palmer. This was known as the FWB churches of the South. Fifty years later Benjamin Randall formed the FWB churches of the North. There was 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 was three churches in the State of South Carolina.

The FWB denomination moved on to the State of Georgia in approximately 1835 and settled in Columbus, Georgia area. We believe the FWB then moved on to 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 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 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 acknowledgements 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 paid \$.50 for Association purposes.

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

In April 1892 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 minutes 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 of Free Will Baptist convened at New Prospect Church in Henry County, Alabama for the 32nd Annual session. Brother J. H. Guilford was the 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 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 Word 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's 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 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 Deacon.

J. Long Stokes was treasurer and he showed a balance of \$51.20 in the treasury.

There were 14 churches listed as members. The largest membership was Union Grove with 191 members. The pastor paid the largest salary was T. B. Millette from Friendship. He was paid \$600.00.

Times have really changed since the beginning of our Association, some for the better, some for the worse.

It is a pleasure to have you with us at Goodwater on this 100th Annual session of the Association.