
2010 Minutes
of the
Quarterly Meetings
and the
One Hundred Thirty-Second
Annual Session
of the
Southeastern Association
of
Free Will Baptist Churches

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SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

2011 OFFICERS

MODERATOR – BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, 9716 COUNTY ROAD 99, HEADLAND, ALABAMA 36345. TELEPHONE 334-714-9266, CELL.

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

CLERK/TREASURER – BROTHER RALPH BAKER, 3422 HIGHWAY 131, CLAYTON, ALABAMA 36016. TELEPHONE 334-775-0002.

ASSISTANT CLERK/TREASURER – SISTER NINA VICKERS, 607 HOLLY DRIVE, EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027. TELEPHONE 334-687-3463.

2011 MEETING DATES AND PLACES

THE FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING WILL BE ON JANUARY 15, 2011 WITH MOUNT ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER BILLY BEVAN, SARDIS PASTOR.

THE SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING WILL BE ON APRIL 16, 2011 WITH PILGRIM'S REST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE SPEAKER WILL BE A MISSIONARY SPEAKER NOT YET KNOWN.

THE THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING WILL BE ON JULY 9, 2011 WITH SARDIS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER KRAIG SPIVEY.

FRIDAY NIGHT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 14, 2011 WILL BE AT NEW ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON, PASTOR AT NEW PROSPECT.

SATURDAY ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 15, 2011 WILL BE AT UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, PASTOR AT NEW ZION

THE THEME SELECTED FOR THE 2011 YEAR IS "OUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN" 1ST CORINTHIANS 15:58 AND "REST FROM THEIR LABORS" REVELATION 14:13.

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

THE SUBSTITUTE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER RALPH BAKER, PASTOR OF MOUNT ZION.

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHEDULES

NOVEMBER 13, 2010 YOUTH RALLY AT SARDIS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH BEGINNING AT 6:00 PM.

A WINTER RETREAT WILL BE HELD DECEMBER 27 AND 28, 2010 AT THE COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS WITH THE SPEAKER BROTHER JONATHON CORDELL. THE COST FOR THIS MEETING WILL BE \$46.00 PER CAMPER. REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 AM ON MONDAY DECEMBER 27 AND THE FIRST CHAPEL WILL BE AT 10:00AM THAT MORNING.

A COUPLES RETREAT IS PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY 11-12, 2011 AND WILL BE HELD AT LAKE POINT IN EUFAULA, ALABAMA. THE COST IS \$25.00 TO ATTEND AND \$100.00 IF SPENDING THE NIGHT. THE SPEAKER IS TO BE BROTHER BILLY BEVAN IF CONFIRMED THAT HE CAN.

A MEN'S RETREAT PLANNED FOR MARCH 4-5, 2011. THE COST WILL BE \$35.00 EACH PER PERSON. THIS WILL BE HELD AT THE LODGE AT COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS. THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER TIM BAUMGARTEN OR TIM RIGGS. IT IS NOT YET CONFIRMED.

A LADIES RETREAT IS TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR APRIL 1-2, 2011 BUT THAT IS TENTATIVE AT THIS TIME. NOTHING HAS BEEN CONFIRMED. AS IT DEVELOPES INFORMATION WILL BE MAILED TO THE CHURCHES.

JUNIOR YOUTH CAMP IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 13-17, 2011 AT THE COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS. THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER JOEY McCREIGHT FROM GATEWAY CHURCH IN VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. THE COST IS \$140.50 PER CAMPER.

THE SENIOR YOUTH CAMP IS THE FOLLOWING WEEK OF JUNE 20-24, 2011 AT THE COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS. THE SPEAKER IS BROTHER SHILOH HACKETT. THE COST IS \$140.50 PER CAMPER.

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

FEBRUARY 12, 2011	EVERGREEN FWB CHURCH	6:00 PM
MAY 14, 2010	NEW ZION FWB CHURCH	6:00 PM
AUGUST 13, 2011	NEW PROSPECT FWB CHURCH	6:00 PM
NOVEMBER 12, 2011	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 WORKER CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 14-16, 2011. PLACE NOT KNOWN.

THE ANNUAL STATE MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 9-11, 2011 AT FIRST FREE WILL IN NORTHPORT, ALABAMA.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

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 16, 2010

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, DANNY HENDERSON, THOMAS KIRKLAND, JOEY PETTIS AND WILLIAM SOWELL.

THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION GAVE THEIR REPORT AND EVENTS ARE LISTED ON PAGE 2 ABOVE. PLEASE REFER THERE FOR INFORMATION. RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED: BROTHERS TRACEY ARMSTRONG, CHRIS CULP. MSC YOU MAY ALSO TURN TO PAGE 25 FOR FACTS ON 2010.

BROTHER RALPH BAKER GAVE THE CHILDREN HOME REPORT. THE WEB SITE IS WWW.FWBHOME.ORG. THE ACTIONS OF THE GENERAL BOARD WHEN MEETING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2010 IS AS FOLLOWS: THE ANNUAL AUDIT BY RIGGS, P. C. WAS DISCUSSED AND ACCEPTED. THE BUDGET OF \$752,500.00 WAS ADOPTED. THE BRIDGE PROGRAM WAS ADOPTED. THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT BRIDGES THE GAP BETWEEN GRADUATING STUDENTS AND ASSUMING THEIR ROLE IN SOCIETY. THIIIS WILL PERMIT RESIDENTS OF THE HOME TO FACE A STABLE FUTURE AS THEY TRANSIST FROM BEING A RESIDENT OF THE HOME TO A PLACE IN SOCIETY. THE FORMER DIRECTORS HOME WAS BEING REMODELED TO BE USED FOR UP TO FOUR BRIDGE STUDENTS AND RRELIEF HOUSE PARENTS FOR THE HOME. THE BOARD APPROVED THE PURCHASE OF 4 NEW COMPUTERS FOR \$1,850.00 TO BE USED FOR THE CHILDREN'S STUDIES. THE BOARD APPROVED REPAIR OF WATER DAMAGE IN THE FIELDS COTTAGE. THE BOARD APPROVED RENOVATION OF ONE OF THE COTTAGES TO BE HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE AT A COST OF \$20,160.00. AS A FUND RAISER

THE HOME WILL BE SELLING BOSTON BUTTS FOR PICKUP OR DELIVERY ON OCTOBER 22, 2010. THE ORDERS MUST BE IN BY OCTOBER 15TH. THERE WILL BE A GOSPEL BENEFIT SING HELD AT FRIENDSHIP STATE LINE FWB CHURCH NEAR ARDMORE, ALABAMA ON OCTOBER 30TH. EACH YEAR THERE IS A SING HELD FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE HOME AND GENERATES CONSIDERABLE INCOME FOR THE HOME. DECEMBER 4TH IS THE ANNUAL ELDRIDGE TOY RUN AND THE END OF THE FALL HARVEST DRIVE. ANY AND ALL DONATIONS OF ANY SIZE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTED A PLATE OFFERING OF \$161.00 AND RECOMMENDED THE TOTAL PLATE OFFERING BE PLACED IN THE GENERAL FUND. THE COMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDED THE BUDGET REMAINS AS IS SINCE IT IS WORKING WELL. THE BUDGET IS 20% CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION, 15% TO THE MISSIONS BOARD (THIS IS THE COMMITTEE WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION), 15% TO THE CHILDREN'S HOME, AND 50% FOR THE GENERAL TREASURY. RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED: BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON, SISTER LINDA SOWELL, AND SISTER EDNA WHITEHEAD. MSC

THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT IS SHOWN ON PAGE ONE. PLEASE REFER TO DATES FOR MEETINGS AND HOST 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

THE CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE APOINTED BROTHERS DANNY HENDERSON AND WILLIAM SOWELL WITH TERMS EXPIRING OCTOBER 2014. THIS WAS AMMENDED AT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SINCE A NEW CONSTITUTION EFFECTIVE IN JULY 2010 HAD REDUCED THIS BOARD TO FIVE MEMBERS. NOMINATED FOR THIS COMMITTEE IS: BROTHERS THOMAS KIRKLAND WITH TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 2015; JACK ARMSTRONG OCTOBER 2014; DANNY HENDERSON OCTOBER 2013; WILLIAM SOWELL 2012; RALPH BAKER 2011.

THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE WITH TERM EXPIRING 2013 RALPH BAKER, TERM EXPIRING IN 2012 TRACEY ARMSTRONG, AND TERM EXPIRING IN 2011 CHRIS CULP.

CHILDREN HOME COMMITTEE WITH TERM EXPIRING 2013 JACK RYALS.

THE CHILDREN HOME BOARD MEMBER WITH TERM EXPIRING 2011 BROTHER JOEY PETTIS.

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE WITH TERM EXPIRING 2013 PAM PETTIS, TERM EXPIRING IN 2012 MARIE CARROLL.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WITH TERM EXPIRING 2013, MELINDA OWENS.

THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE WITH TERM EXPIRING 2013, JOYCE MULLINS.

THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE WITH TERM EXPIRING 2013, BETTY WHITEHEAD.

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

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT WAS GIVEN BY PAM PETTIS. SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE REPORT WAS THE RECEIPTS BY THE ACTS 1:8 PROGRAM IS \$34,682.72 MORE THAN WAS RECEIVED IN THE FIRST 9 MONTHS OF 2009. RECEIPTS HAVE BEEN \$443,009.10 AND PUTS THE TOTAL RECEIPTS \$19,259.13 AHEAD OF FUNDS NEEDED TO MEET THE BUDGET. THE MOBILE WORK CONTINUES TO PROSPER AND CONTINUED PRAYER IS SOUGHT FOR THIS WORK. THE RUSSIAN WORK IS GOING WELL WITH MANY SOULS SAVED TO THE GLORY OF GOD. 4 SESSIONS HELD DURING THE YEAR SAW 300 KIDS PARTICIPATE. THERE WAS 160 KIDS ACCEPT CHRIST AS SAVIOUR. PRAISE GOD! THE PARTNERSHIP WITH MEXICO CONTINUES TO GROW. THERE WAS 44 SALVATION DECISIONS MADE. MISSIONARY JAMIE LANCASTER HAS MADE AN URGENT APPEAL FOR HELP. THEY ARE IN THE MIDST OF BUILDING IN MELO, URUGUAY AND FUNDS HAS RUN OUT. THERE IS CONTINUED DESIRE, PARTICIPATION AND NEW PEOPLE STOPPING BY THE WORK SITE EXPRESSING AN INTEREST IN THE WORK. PINEY GROVE OFFERED TO MATCH UP TO \$10,000.00 FOR THIS WORK. PRAISE THE LORD THE NEED HAS BEEN MET. ALABAMA FWB GAVE \$22,458.00. MSC AS INFORMATION. RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED AS INFORMATION BY SISTER PAM PETTIS. MSC

THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE GAVE NO REPORT.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL MEET MONDAY NIGHT OCTOBER 25, 2010 WITH MOUNT ZION FWB BAPTIST CHURCH AT 7:00 PM TO PLAN THE CALENDAR FOR THE COMING YEAR.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET ON OCTOBER 25, 2010 AT MOUNT ZION FWB CHURCH AT 7:00 PM. PRESENT: RALPH BAKER, NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS, MOUNT ZION; DOUGLAS CARROLL & DANNY HENDERSON, NEW PROSPECT; JOEY PETTIS, BETTY WHITEHEAD, NEW ZION; LAMAR BUXTON, PILGRIM'S REST; HOLT STOKES, UNION. BROTHER JERRY WHITEHEAD FROM NEW ZION AND SISTER DORIS BEARD FROM MOUNT ZION ALSO ATTENDED.

THE MODERATOR READ FROM COLLOSSIANS 3:22 "WHATSOEVER YOU DO, DO ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD. BROTHER HOLT STOKES LED IN PRAYER

THE FIRST BUSINESS WAS CORRECTING THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT FROM THE ANNUAL SESSION PERTAINING TO THE CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE. SEE PAGE 4 FOR THE CORRECTIONS MADE AT THIS TIME.

SPEAKERS IN 2011: BROTHER BILLY BEVAN AT MOUNT ZION ON JANUARY 15, 2011; A MISSIONARY SPEAKER AT PILGRIM'S REST APRIL 16, 2011; BROTHER KRAIG SPIVEY AT SARDIS JULY 9, 2011; BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON ON FRIDAY NIGHT OCTOBER 14, 2011 AT NEW ZION; BROTHER JOEY PETTIS ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 15, 2011 AT UNION. THE MEMORIAL SERVICE TO BE HELD AT UNION ON OCTOBER 15, 2011 WILL BE PRESENTED BY BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND. THE SUBSTITUTE SPEAKER FOR THE YEAR WILL BE BROTHER RALPH BAKER.

MOUNT ZION SERVED REFRESHMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEES:

CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING

THOMAS KIRKLAND	OCTOBER 2015
JACK ARMSTRONG	OCTOBER 2014
DANNY HENDERSON	OCTOBER 2013
WILLIAM SOWELL	OCTOBER 2012
RALPH BAKER	OCTOBER 2011

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

RALPH BAKER	OCTOBER 2013
TRACEY ARMSTRONG	OCTOBER 2012
CHRIS CULP	OCTOBER 2011

CHILDREN HOME

JACK RYALS	OCTOBER 2013
JOHNNY GILMORE	OCTOBER 2012
BARBARA KIRKLAND	OCTOBER 2011
JOEY PETTIS-ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER	OCTOBER 2011

FINANCE

LAMAR BUXTON	OCTOBER 2013
LINDA SOWELL	OCTOBER 2012
EDNA WHITEHEAD	OCTOBER 2011

MISSIONS

PAM PETTIS
MARIE CARROLL
PAUL DYSON

OCTOBER 2013
OCTOBER 2012
OCTOBER 2011

NOMINATING

MELINDA OWENS
NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS
CHRISTINE BROWN

OCTOBER 2013
OCTOBER 2012
OCTOBER 2011

PLACEMENT

JOYCE MULLINS
SYLVIA ETHRIDGE
DOLLY VICKERS

OCTOBER 2013
OCTOBER 2012
OCTOBER 2011

RESOLUTIONS

BETTY WHITEHEAD
JEAN ETHRIDGE
LISA HARDEN

OCTOBER 2013
OCTOBER 2012
OCTOBER 2011

ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS

EVERGREEN

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105 MAR-CAR DRIVE
ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA 36310
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MOUNT ZION

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3422 HIGHWAY 131
CLAYTON, AL 36016
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366 COUNTY ROAD 83 S
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JEFFREY PETTIS
2576 EDDINS ROAD
DOTHAN, AL 36301
334-699-8569

NEW ZION

JOEY PETTIS
9716 COUNTY ROAD 99
HEADLAND, AL 36345
334-714-9266

LARRY SOWELL
224 BROAD ST.
HEADLAND, AL 36345

PILGRIMS REST

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SARDIS

BILLY BEVAN
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EUFAULA, AL. 36072-0503
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KRAIG SPIVEY
276 OUTBACK ROAD
CLAYTON, AL 36016

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EVERGREEN LARRY PEAVY, P O BOX 453, ARITON, AL 36311, PHONE 334-762-2092

MOUNT ZION NINA VICKERS, 607 HOLLY DR, EUFAULA, AL 36027 PHONE 334-703-0720

NEW PROSPECT DOUGLAS CARROLL, 30 COUNTY ROAD 41. CLIO, AL 36017 PHONE 334-397-2635

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UNION HOLT STOKES, 6485 COUNTY ROAD 53, ABBEVILLE, AL 36310, PHONE 334-585-3030

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NEW PROSPECT JOYCE MULLINS, 3674 COUNTY ROAD 75 N, CLOPTON, AL 36317
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PILGRIMS' REST LAMAR BUXTON, 7320 HIGHWAY 10 E, ABBEVILLE, AL 36310
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SARDIS GEORGIA GILMORE, 1064 HIGHWAY 30, CLAYTON, AL 36016, PHONE 334-687-5416

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

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
PHONE 334-794-3609

NEW ZION TOM SHELLEY, 295 COUNTY ROAD 26, HEADLAND, AL 36345

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PILGRIMS' REST LAMAR BUXTON, 7320 STATE ROAD 10 E, ABBEVILLE, AL 36310,
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W N AC AUXILLARY

MOUNT ZION DOLLY VICKERS, 204 DOTHAN ROAD, ABBEVILLE, AL 36310 334-585-2979

SARDIS RACHEL PEARSON, 6 C MERION DRIVE, EUFAULA, AL 36027

MASTERS' MEN

MOUNT ZION ANDY GOMBAR, 1058 COUNTY ROAD 31, EUFAULA, AL 36027
PHONE 334-714-7282

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, HEADLAND, 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 IN CHECKING 9/30/2010	\$6,886.32
NO DEPOSITS IN TRANSIT NOR O/S CHECKS	-0-
BALANCE 9/30/10 ON BOOKS	\$6,886.32
 BANK STATEMENT 9/30/10	 \$6,886.32

GENERAL FUND	MISSIONS FUND	BOARD OF EDUCATION	TOTAL
\$4405.67	\$233.90	\$2,246.75	\$6,886.32

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES
AUGUST 2010
CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CHURCH	INCOME	REPAIRS	YARD	RENOV	SUPPLIES	UTILITIES	REVIVALS	C/HOME & MISSIONS	YOUTH	STAFF & PASTOR	DUES	PROPERTY
EVERGREEN	\$39,952.53	\$15,738.00						\$3,274.35	\$787.38	\$15,905.84	\$195.00	
MOUNT ZION	\$29,473.66	\$5,413.36	\$1,600.00		\$3,110.44	\$3,662.78	\$450.00	\$300.00 \$2,108.00	\$120.00	\$1,950.00 \$11,350.00	\$612.50	\$173,619.00
NEW PROSPECT	\$56,332.21		\$1,625.00	\$43,937.32	\$949.00	\$6,051.00	\$3,674.00	\$745.00 \$3,668.00 INC REV		\$17,550.00	\$295.00	
NEW ZION	\$132,171.14	\$14.60	\$1,950.00	\$48,480.11		\$16,432.91	\$1,854.21	\$3,193.42 \$11,751.76	\$800.00	\$450.00 \$32,915.12	\$570.00	\$725,000.00
PILGRIMS' REST	N/P											\$170,000.00
SARDIS	\$279,634.00	\$7,892.00	\$5,125.00	\$30,349.00	\$7,328.00	\$25,868.00	\$46,930.00	\$900.00 \$14,315.00	\$1,451.00	\$21,645.00 \$64,152.00	\$385.00	\$1,689,000.00
UNION	N/P										\$265.00	
TOTALS	\$537,563.54	\$29,057.96	\$10,300.00	\$122,766.43	\$11,387.44	\$52,014.69	\$52,908.21	\$40,255.53	\$3,158.38	\$165,917.96	\$2,322.50	\$2,757,619.00

OCTOBER 2010
THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF F.W.B. CHURCHES
MEMBERSHIP RECORD OF INCREASES AND DECREASES

CHURCH	DATE ORG.	2009 MEM	BY BAP.	PROF FAITH	BY LET.	2010 ADDED	LOST DEATH	BY LET.	ROLL REV	2010 LOST	2010 MEMBER	S S MEMBER	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
EVERGREEN	1885	23									23	15	13							1		10
MOUNT ZION	1881	53	1			1	1			1	53	10	7			9	7	6	5	1		
NEW PROSPECT	1874	103									103	43	33							1		30
NEW ZION	1907	164					2			2	162	55	30							2		25
PILGRIMS' REST	1884	55									55	15	11	10	8					1		6
SARDIS	1906	280	2		5	7	5	2		7	280	164	90			23	15			3		125
UNION	1879	81	1		3	4	3	3	1	7	78	18	12							0		6
TOTALS		759	4		8	12	11	5		17	754	320	196	10	8	32	22	6	5	9	0	202

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION
JANUARY 16, 2010
UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

THE 2010 ASSOCIATION YEAR BEGAN ON A WINDY, COOL, AND RAINY DAY HOSTED BY UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. MEMBERS BEGAN ARRIVING AROUND 8:00 AM. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, AT 10:00 AM. THERE WAS OPENING COMMENTS MADE BY THE MODERATOR CONCERNING THE THEME FOR THE NEW YEAR. THE MODERATOR ALSO MADE MENTION OF THE MORNINGS SPEAKER WHO WAS TO BE MISSIONARY DANNY ELLIOTT. THE MISSIONARY'S FAMILY OF WIFE, DAWN, DAUGHTERS SUMMER AND AUTUMN, AND SON JOSHUA WAS ALSO WITH US. THIS FAMILY IS GOING TO QUEBEC CITY, QUEBEC, CANADA PROBABLY IN APRIL 2010. BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND OPENED THIS SESSION WITH PRAYER.

THE WELCOME BY THE HOST CHURCH WAS GIVEN BY SISTER LINDA FLOYD, THE RESPONSE BY BROTHER LARRY SOWELL

THE HOST CHURCH LED THE CONGREGATION IN SINGING "WHEN I SEE THE BLOOD".

BROTHERS WILLIAM SOWELL AND DAVID TEAT RECEIVED THE MORNING OFFERING. BROTHER SOWELL LED THE OFFERATORY PRAYER. AN OFFERING OF \$243.93 WAS RECEIVED. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL RECOMMEND THE DESIGNATION OF THE PLATE OFFERING DURING THE BUSINESS SESSION.

THE HOST CHURCH PRESENTED THE MORNING DEVOTION MADE BY HOLT STOKES. HE CHOSE 1ST TIMOTHY 5:1 AS A DEVOTION SCRIPTURE. HE GAVE A HISTORY OF WHAT WAS ONCE CALLED "THE OLD FOLKS HOME" IN HENRY COUNTY, HOW THE HENRY COUNTY HOSPITAL WAS FIRST FORMED, HOW IT LATER BECAME THE HENRY COUNTY REHABILITATION FACILITY. HE ALSO REMINDED US OF HOW THERE USED TO BE AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BENCH IN MOST CHURCHES. HE RECALLED THE ONE AT UNION AND HOW PEOPLE HAD TO SIT ON THE BENCH FOR DANCING, DRINKING, OR OTHER INFRACTIONS. HIS FATHER HAD TO SIT THERE ONE DAY BECAUSE OF DANCING. THE MODERATOR LED IN PRAYER.

THERE WAS 9 MINISTERS PRESENT TODAY: RALPH BAKER, BILLY BEVAN, KENNY COUSAR, C. L. CULPEPPER, DANNY HENDERSON, THOMAS KIRKLAND, JOEY PETTIS, LARRY SOWELL, AND MISSIONARY DANNY ELLIOTT.

THERE WAS 5 DEACONS REGISTERED TODAY: JACK ARMSTRONG, LAMAR BUXTON, JOHNNY GILMORE, WILLIAM SOWELL, AND JERRY WHITEHEAD.

THERE WAS A TOTAL OF 25 DELEGATES REGISTERED ALONG WITH 6 ALTERNATES. DELEGATES: EVERGREEN: ELIZABETH GARNER, BARBARA KIRKLAND, MARY PORTWOOD; MOUNT ZION: DORIS BEARD, NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS, MELINDA OWENS, DOLLY VICKERS; NEW PROSPECT: LINDA SOWELL, JOHN TURNER, SHIRLEY TURNER WITH ALTERNATES CHRISTINE BROWN, LINDA CORDELL, LINDA HENDERSON; NEW ZION: CATHY GREENE, JESSE GREENE, DAVID TEAT, MARY TEAT, BETTY WHITEHEAD, EDNA WHITEHEAD WITH ALTERNATE MARVELL ARMSTRONG; PILGRIM'S REST: CAROLYN BUXKZAR, MARTHA HELMS; SARDIS: JIMMY BAXTER, GLORIA BEVAN, MARY BROWN, HARVEY HAMILTON, JENNIFER TRAMMELL; UNION: LINDA FLOYD, RUTH WHITEHEAD WITH ALTERNATES SYLVIA ETHRIDGE AND JANICE SMITH.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON AND SECONDED BY BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND OF THE ORDAINED AUTHORITY TO SEAT THE DELEGATES AS CALLED. THESE, ALONG WITH THE ORDAINED AUTHORITY AS MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION IN GOOD STANDING, WILL COMPRISE THE VOTING BODY TODAY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND AND SECONDED BY BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON TO REMOVE THE TABLED CONSTITUTIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TABLE AND CONSIDER THE CHANGES. THE CLERK READ EACH PROPOSED CHANGE AND EACH WAS HANDLED INDIVIDUALLY. THE ONLY CHANGE WILL BE IN SECTION TWO – AUTHORITY OF THE STATEMENT OF FAITH. THE LAST SENTENCE WILL READ AS FOLLOWS: "THE KING JAMES AUTORIZED VERSION OF THE HOLY BIBLE IN AND OF ITSELF IS THE FINAL SOURCE OF ALL THAT WE BELIEVE." BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON MOTIONED AND BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON SECONDED THE RECOMMENDED CHANGE. THERE WAS A MOTION TO PLACE THE PROPOSED CHANGES BACK ON THE TABLE UNTIL THE SECOND QUARTER SESSION TO BE HOSTED BY NEW ZION ON APRIL 17, 2010. THIS WAS CARRIED. THE MOTION WAS MADE BY BROTHER LARRY SOWELL AND SECONDED BY BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON. WE THEN RECESSED FOR 10 MINUTES.

THE ASSOCIATION RESUMED THE FIRST SESSION BY ENTERTAINING THE VARIOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS.

THE CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE, THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE, THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE, AND THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE GAVE NO REPORTS

BROTHER LARRY SOWELL GAVE THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT. IN HIS REPORT BROTHER LARRY REMINDED THE ASSOCIATION OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND COST FIGURES WHICH ARE PRINTED IN THE MINUTES FOR REFERENCE BY MEMBERS.

BROTHER RALPH BAKER GAVE THE UPDATE ON THE CHILDREN'S HOME IN ELDRIDGE. THE HOME HAS HAD 2 CHILDREN NOT RETURN AFTER CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, ONE SET OF HOUSE PARENTS HAS RETIRED AND IS MOVING TO ARDMOR, MISSISSIPPI, THE LAST DHR EVALUATION HAS APPROVED THE HOME FOR 38 CHILDREN, 2009 OFFERINGS ARE DOWN SOME 14% OVER 2008 ALTHOUGH DECEMBER WAS A GOOD MONTH, THE FIRST SATURDAY IN DECEMBER SAW SOME 450 BIKES, 24 ANTIQUE CARS, AND 750 PEOPLE AT THE HOME WITH A TOY RUN COLLECTION OF PLUS \$42,000.00.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE PLATE OFFERING BE GIVEN TO THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE. THIS WAS CARRIED. (NOTE) ORIGINALLY THE PLATE OFFERING WAS COUNTED AS \$223.93. AT THE TIME THE CLERK/TREASURER MADE THE DEPOSIT IT WAS FOUND THERE WAS ACTUALLY \$243.93.

SISTER PAM PETTIS GAVE THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT. SHE DID NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION FROM THE STATE OFFICE BUT DID RECOMMEND THAT OUR VISITING MISSIONARY, BROTHER DANNY ELLIOTT, BE GIVEN THE CUSTOMARY \$500.00 FOR HIS COMING TO THE ASSOCIATION TODAY. THERE WAS A MOTION AND SECOND AND THIS WAS CARRIED. THE CHECK WILL BE MAILED TO THE STATE OFFICE FOR THE MISSIONS ACCOUNT DISPOSITION.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON AND SECONDED BY ? TO ADJOURN THE BUSINESS AND WAS CARRIED.

THE HOST CHURCH LED THE CONGREGATION IN THREE SONGS. BROTHER HOLT STOKES LED THE SINGING AND SISTER LINDA SOWELL PLAYED THE PIANO. THE SONGS SELECTED WAS "THE SWEETEST NAME I KNOW" "AT THE CROSS" AND "HIVE THINE OWN WAY LORD."

MISSIONARY DANNY ELLIOTT THEN BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE. HE FIRST GAVE US SOME INFORMATION ON THE CITY OF

QUEBEC CITY, QUEBEC, CANADA AND HOW MUCH DARKNESS EXISTED IN THIS PROVINCE OF NEARLY 7.6 MILLION PEOPLE. ONLY ABOUT 1% PROFESSES TO BE EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN. THERE ARE ONLY ABOUT 5 CHURCHES IN THIS PROVINCE AND TWO OF THESE INSIST ON PREACHING IN ENGLISH WHILE THREE PREACH IN FRENCH. HE GAVE OTHER STATISTICS ON THIS FIELD THAT MIRRORS MANY OTHER PLACES IN THE WORLD. THERE IS A REAL NEED FOR THE GOSPEL MESSAGE HERE. HE THEN ENTERED INTO THE MESSAGE USING ACTS CHAPTER 1:3-8 FOR SCRIPTURE REFERENCE. HE MADE THREE VERY IMPORTANT POINTS IN HIS MESSAGE. FOCUS – ON THE KINGDOM OF GOD; FILLED-WITH THE POWER OF GOD; AND FAITHFUL-TO OBEY THE GREAT COMMISSION. THIS IS TO BE BOTH IN THE UTTERMOST PARTS, THE SURROUNDING STATE OR NATION, AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. HE CLOSED WITH PRAYER AND AN INVITATION. THE INVITATIONAL HYMN WAS “NEAR THE CROSS.”

THE CONGREGATION WAS ALREADY STANDING SO THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, ADVISED WE WOULD CONSIDER THIS AS A RISING VOTE OF THANKS TO THE LOCAL CHURCH FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY IN HOSTING THIS SESSION. WE THEN ADJOURNED FOR A VERY GOOD MEAL PROVIDED BY THE HOST CHURCH IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. IT WAS STILL WINDY, COOL, AND RAINING.

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION
APRIL 17, 2010
NEW ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

THE SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION FOR THE 2010 ASSOCIATION YEAR WAS ASSEMBLED AT NEW ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ON APRIL 17, 2010. THE DAYS REGISTRATION BEGAN BETWEEN 8:00 AM AND 10:00 AM. THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:00 AM. HE READ JUST A FEW REMARKS FROM PAUL’S LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS IN CHAPTER 15 BEGINNING WITH VERSE 1.

BROTHER JOEY GAVE THE WELCOME FOR THE HOST CHURCH AND BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND GAVE THE RESPONSE FOR THE BODY. BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON OPENED THE SESSION WITH PRAYER AT THIS TIME.

BROTHER KENNETH ETHRIDGE AND SISTER JEAN ETHRIDGE LED THE GATHERING IN SINGING ‘MAJESTY.’ BROTHERS JERRY WHITEHEAD AND TRACEY ARMSTRONG THEN RECEIVED THE MORNING OFFERING.

THE PLATE OFFERING WAS \$147.00. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL RECOMMEND THE PLACEMENT OF THIS OFFERING DURING THE BUSINESS SESSION. BROTHER JOEY PETTIS LED THE OFFERATORY PRAYER.

THE CONGREGATION SANG ONE SONG "I'M SO GLAD JESUS LIFTED ME" FOLLOWED BY THE MORNING DEVOTION BY BROTHER JOEY PETTIS. USING 1ST CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 15. THE SUBJECT OF THE DEVOTION WAS "WE ARE WHAT WE ARE BY THE GRACE OF GOD." CLOSED WITH PRAYER.

WE HAD 5 MINISTERS REGISTERED AND RECOGNIZED; BROTHERS RALPH BAKER, BILLY BEVAN, DANNY HENDERSON, THOMAS KIRKLAND, AND JOEY PETTIS.

WE HAD 5 DEACONS REGISTERED AND RECOGNIZED; BROTHERS JACK ARMSTRONG, TRACEY ARMSTRONG, LAMAR BUXTON, JOHNNY GILMORE, AND JERRY WHITEHEAD.

WE HAD 4 VISITORS STAND FOR RECOGNITION; ANN ARMSTRONG, J. C. FORRESTER, PAM PETTIS, AND EDNA WHITEHEAD.

THE CLERK CALLED THE ROLL OF DELEGATES PRESENT; FROM EVERGREEN; SISTERS BARBARA KIRKLAND, MARJORIE PHILLIPS, MARY PORTWOOD, AND ALTERNATE ELIZABETH GARNER. FROM MOUNT ZION; MELINDA OWENS AND DOLLY VICKERS. FROM NEW PROSPECT; EMMA TURNER, JOHN TURNER, SHIRLEY TURNER WITH ALTERNATES, LINDA HENDERSON AND EMMA TEW. FROM NEW ZION; MARVELL ARMSTRONG, KENNETH ETHRIDGE, MIRIAM SHELLEY, JOHNNIE TAYLOR, MARY TEAT, AND BETTY WHITEHEAD. FROM PILGRIM'S REST; MARTHA HELMS AND JANIE SUE MURPHY. FROM SARDIS; MICKEY GILMORE AND WAYNE GILMORE. FROM UNION; PEGGY HERRING AND SYLVIA ETHRIDGE. ON A MOTION FROM BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON AND SECOND BY BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND THE DELEGATES WERE SEATED.

ON A MOTION BY BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND AND SECOND BY BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON WE ENTERED INTO THE BUSINESS SESSION. ON A MOTION BY BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON AND SECOND BY BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND THE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION WAS REMOVED FROM THE TABLE AND A VOTE WAS TAKEN WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. THE FINAL CHANGE TO THE CONSTITUTION UPGRADE WAS IN SECTION TWO-AUTHORITY OF THE STATEMENT OF FAITH WHERE THE WORDS WERE INSERTED "THE KING JAMES VERSION OF THE HOLY BIBLE."

FROM THE COMMITTEES THERE WAS NO REPORT FROM THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE, THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION, NOR THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT GIVEN BY SISTER PAM PETTIS UPDATED THE ASSOCIATION ON STATE ACTIVITIES: THE 2010 BUDGET IS AT PRESENT \$6,665.00 AHEAD OF WHAT IS NEEDED TO MAKE THE BUDGET. ROLL CALL SUNDAY REPORTED ATTENDANCE OF 12,423 WITH 12 FIRST TIME DECISIONS FOR CHRIST. THE MOBILE CHURCH CONTINUES TO MOVE FORWARD FOR THE LORD. APRIL 14 TO MAY 1, 2010 IS MEDICAL MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO; APRIL 25TH WORLD MISSIONS OFFERING, AND MAY 10-20 A CONSTRUCTION MISSIONS TRIP TO MEXICO. MOTION BY PAM SECOND BY LAMAR TO ACCEPT AS INFORMATION.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE PLATE OFFERING OF \$147.00 GOES TO THE GENERAL TREASURY. THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 38 REGISTERED FOR THE DAY.

A QUESTION WAS RAISED CONCERNING CHESTER CHAPEL AND THAT WE SHOULD CONTACT THE CHURCH ABOUT REJOINING THE ASSOCIATION. A MOTION BY BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND AND SECONDED BY BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON AND BILLY BEVAN AT THE SAME TIME. A LETTER FROM THE CLERK TO BE WRITTEN TO THE MEMBERSHIP AT CHESTER CHAPEL. THE CLERK WROTE TO CHESTER CHAPEL FOLLOWING THE ASSOCIATION MEETING AND MAILED THE LETTER TO BROTHER BILLY HUDSPETH, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS. THE CLERK INCLUDED A COPY OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION WITH THE LETTER.

THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE BEGAN WITH MUSIC AND LEADERSHIP BY BROTHER KENNEETH AND SISTER JEAN ETHRIDGE. THEY LED THE CONGREGATION IN "THIS WORLD IS NOT MY HOME" AND "UNTIL THEN." FOLLOWING THESE TWO SONGS SISTER PAM PETTIS SANG "WHEN I GET CARRIED AWAY."

BROTHER BILLY BEVAN, PASTOR AT SARDIS, BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE. USING 1ST KINGS 14:25-28 AND MESSAGE TITLED "THINGS THAT CANNOT BE SUBSTITUTED." THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR HOLY GHOST POWER, HOLY GHOST PRAYING, HOLY GHOST PRAISE, HOLY GHOST PREACHING AND HOLY GHOST FILLED MAN. A VERY GOOD AND INSPIRING MESSAGE.

BROTHER JOEY PETTIS ASKED FOR AN INVITATION AND FOLLOWING THE INVITATION THERE WAS DIRECTIONS GIVEN FOR THE NOON MEAL WITH A RISING VOTE OF THANKS TO THE HOST CHURCH.

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION
SARDIS FWB CHURCH
JULY 10, 2010

THE SESSION BEGAN WITH REGISTRATION AT 9:30 AM. BROTHER JOEY PETTIS CALLED THE SESSION INTO ORDER AT 10:02 AM. BROTHER THOMAS KRIKLAND OPENED WITH PRAYER. BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, THE MODERATOR READ FROM JOHN CHAPTER 16:32. THE WELCOME WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER WAYNE GILMORE, THE RESPONSE BY BROTHER C. L. CULPEPPER. BROTHER BRYAN GILMORE AND GEORGIA GILMORE LED THE CONGREGATION IN SINGING HYMN 248. TRACEY ARMSTRONG AND JERRY WHITEHEAD Received THE MORNING OFFERING.

THE MORNING DEVOTION WAS BROUGHT BY BROTHER BILLY BEVAN USING MATT: 9:2, MATT: 14:27, AND JOHN 16:33. IT WAS A VERY GOOD DEVOTION.

THE MODERATOR THEN CALLED FOR RECOGNITION OF MINISTERS, DEACONS, AND VISITORS. WE HAD 7 MINISTERS: BROTHERS RALPH BAKER, BILLY BEVAN, C.L. CULPEPPER, DANNY HENDERSON, THOMAS KIRKLAND, JOEY PETTIS, ELZO BEVAN, AND VISITOR RICK CASH.

THE DEACONS PRESENT: BROTHERS TRACEY ARMSTRONG, LAMAR BUXTON, BRYAN GILMORE, JOHNNY GILMORE, WILLIAM SOWELL, AND JERRY WHITEHEAD.

THE VISITORS: SISTER GLORIA BEVAN, GEORGIA GILMORE, AND BROTHER RICK CASH (ALSO LISTED UNDER MINISTERS AS A VISITOR.)

THE DELEGATES FOR THIS SESSION ARE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AS LISTED BY CHURCH: EVERGREEN; BARBARA KIRKLAND: MOUNT ZION; MELINDA OWENS, NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS, LILLIE THOMPSON, DOLLY VICKERS: NEW PROSPECT; ANN ARMSTRONG, CHRISTINE BROWN, LINDA SOWELL, AND ALTERNATE LINDA HENDERSON: NEW ZION; JEAN ETHRIDGE, KENNETH ETHRIDGE, PAM PETTIS, JOHNNIE TAYLOR, DAVID TEAT, AND BETTY WHITEHEAD: PILGRIM'S REST; MARTHA HELMS AND JANIE MURPHY: SARDIS; WAYNE GILMORE, BARBARA HAMILTON, HARVEY HAMILTON, JOYCE HOGUE, TIM HOGUE, JENNIFER TRAMMELL, AND ALTERNATES JIMMY BAXTER AND SANDRA

BAXTER: UNION; SYLVIA ETHRIDGE, PEGGY HERRING, JANICE SMITH, AND ALTERNATES LINDA FLOYD AND RUTH WHITEHEAD. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON AND SECONDED BY BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND TO SEAT THE DELEGATES. THE MOTION CARRIED.

THE MODERATOR THEN MADE THE ASSOCIATION AWARE THAT THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION HAD TWO VACANCIES; BROTHER KENNY COUSAR HAD MOVED AWAY AND BROTHER LARRY SOWELL HAD RESIGNED. BROTHER TRACEY ARMSTRONG HAD VOLUNTEERED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD SUBJECT TO ASSOCIATION APPROVAL. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON AND SECONDED BY BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON TO RESEAT BROTHER ARMSTRONG ON THE BOARD. THE MOTION HAD UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

IN THE ABSENCE OF A FULL REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BROTHER JOEY PETTIS GAVE WHAT INFORMATION HE HAD ON THE RECENT ACTIVITIES OF THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION. BROTHER JASON MILLER HAD FILLED IN AS SPEAKER AT THE JUNIOR CAMP AND BROTHER PATRICK WAS SPEAKER AT THE SENIOR CAMP. THERE WERE SEVERAL RE-DEDICATIONS. THE COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS IS BUILDING A NEW CHAPEL AT THE VINEYARDS CONFERENCE CENTER. THE NEXT YOUTH RALLY WILL BE AT EVERGREEN ON AUGUST 14TH. MSC AS INFORMATION.

THE MODERATOR CALLED FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS. THERE WAS NO REPORT FROM THE CREDENTIALS, CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION, RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE, NOMINATING COMMITTEE, OR PLACEMENT COMMITTEE. THE CHILDREN HOME ADVISOR BOARD MEMBER RALPH BAKER GAVE THE REPORT WITH INFORMATION BEING PROVIDED FROM THE HOEM AND FROM RICK CASH. BROTHER DANNY WILLIAMS WAS TO BE AT THIS SESSION BUT FELL SICK ON THE WAY AND TURNED BACK IN BIRMINGHAM. GIVING IS DOWN SOME 9% FROM 2009. THE HOME IS STRIVING TO BE A STORNG CONTRIBUTOR TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION AND HAS HOSTED 5 MISSIONARIES THIS YEAR. THE HOEM RECENTLY HOSTED THE GO10 WALK ON MAY 15TH. A JUNIOR FORM THE HOME JUST RETURNED FROM THE VIRGIN ISLANDS WITH THE E TEAM. THE CHILDREN JUST RETURNED FROM YOUTH CAMP. THERE IS PRESENTLY 18 CHILDREN AT THE HOME. WE HAVE SPACE FOR 38 SO WE HAVE 20 OPENINGS. THE SPOTLIGHT IN THE NEWS LETTER WAS ON JUDY McKINNEY, A LONG TIME HOUSE PARENT AT THE HOME. TEN OF THE CHILDREN MADE THE HONOR ROLL. THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION AT ONE TIME HAD A HARVEST DRIVE FOR THE HOME. WE PRAYFULLY HOPE THAT THIS WILL BE CONTINUED THIS YEAR. SOME OF THE NEEDS ARE LAUNDRY PRODUCTS, ROOM FRESHNERS, SNACK FOODS, ANIMAL FEED, CANNED GOODS, ETC.

WE ADJOURNED FOR A 10 MINUTE RECESS. AFTER THE RECESS THE MODERATOR CALLED FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE PLATE OFFERING OF \$127,00 BE DEPOSITED IN THE GENERAL FUND. MSC.

FROM THE FLOOR THERE WAS NO BUSINESS. BROTHER BILLY BEVAN QUESTIONED WHETHER THE CONSTRUCTION AT THE VINEYARDS WOULD RAISE OUR COST OF USING THE CAMP. NO ONE REALLY WAS CERTAIN, HOWEVER, BROTHER JOEY SAID HE THOUGHT THE CONSTRUCTION WAS BEING DONE FROM DESIGNATED GIVING.

WE THEN SANG POWER IN THE BLOOD AND EASTERN GATE FOLLOWED BY THE MORNING MESSAGE.

BROTHER JOEY PETTIS HAD ASKED BROTHER RICK CASH TO BRING THE MORNING MESSAGE. HE USED JOHN 4:19-24 AS A TEXT AND INCOOPERATED INTO THE MESSAGE BOTH WORDS FROM THE WORD AND INFORMATION FROM THE VARIOUS MISSIONS THE STATE OFFICE OF MISSIONS IS WORKING WITH. OCTOBER WILL BE PASTORS APPRECIATION MONTH. THERE IS CONFUSION ABOUT WHERE TO WORSHIP, PSALMS 29:2. VERSE 23 OF THE TEXT SPEAKS OF THE HOUR COMETH:

ALL RELIGION IS NOT WORSHIP

ALL WORSHIP IS NOT ACCEPTABLE

AMOS 5:21-23 AND REV: 3:20

WORSHIP SERVICE INVOLVES REVERENCE. WORSHIP SERVICE HAS CHANGED OVER THE YEARS AND NOT ALL FOR THE GOOD.

WHAT IS WHRSHIP? SERVICE DIRECTED TOWARD AND AFFECTION FOR THE OBJECT OF WORSHIP.

RALIZE WHO HE IS AND REVERENCE HIM IN ALL THINGS. REAL WORSHIP INVOLVES THE PRESENCE, PRAYER, AND POWER OF HIM. HE THEN ASKED THAT WE STAND FOR PRAYER FOLLOWED BY THE MODERATOR CALLING FOR AN INVITAIONAL HYMN AND OPENING OF THE ALTAR FOR ANYONE WHO DESIRED TO COME. WE SANG AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND.

THERE WAS A RISING VOTE OF THANKS TO SARDIS FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY. BROTHER BILLY BEVAN GAVE NOON MEAL INSTRUCTIONS AND THEN CALLED ON BROTHER TIM HOGUE TO DISMISS THE MEETING AND ASK GOD'S BLESSINGS ON THE MEAL.

ANNUAL SESSION FRIDAY NIGHT
NEW PROSPECT FWB CHURCH
OCTOBER 15, 2010

THE FRIDAY NIGHT ANNUAL SESSION BEGAN WITH REGISTRATION AT 6:30 PM AND CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM. BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND OPENED WITH PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S BLESSINGS ON US ALL. BROTHER JOEY READ FROM 11 CORINTHIANS 5:7 "WALK BY FAITH, NOT SIGHT"

BROTHER JACK RYALS AND SISTER LINDA SOWELL LED THE GROUP IN SINGING TWO HYMNS "MARVELOUS GRACE" AND "WILL JESUS FIND US WATCHING".

THE EVENING OFFERING WAS RECEIVED BY TRACEY ARMSTRONG AND JIMMY BAXTER. AN OFFERING OF \$46.00 WAS RECEIVED. THIS WILL BE DESIGNATED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TOMORROW AT THE BUSINESS SESSION WHEN CONVENED WITH EVERGREEN FWB CHURCH. BROTHER LARRY SOWELL GAVE THE OFFERATORY PRAYER.

THE CONGREGATION THEN SANG "JUST A LITTLE TALK WITH JESUS" AND SISTER LISA CORDELL SANG A SPECIAL "FOR THE LIFE OF ME."

THE EVENING MESSAGE WAS BROUGHT BY RALPH BAKER, PASTOR AT MOUNT ZION. THE TEXT WAS LUKE 15, JOHN 4, MATT: 9, MARK 5, LUKE 8, LUKE 18 AND WITH REFERENCE TO JEREMIAH 13:23 AND PROVERBS 6:27. "CAN A MAN CHANGE HIMSELF?"

THE MODERATOR ASKED THAT AN INVITATIONAL HYMN BE SUNG AND "CARELESS SOUL" WAS SELECTED.

WE THEN HAD A RISING VOTE OF THANKS TO NEW PROSPECT AND PRAYER FOR THE FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW. ADJOURN UNTIL 9:30 AM TOMORROW AT EVERGREEN FWB CHURCH.

SATURDAY ANNUAL SESSION
EVERGREEN FWB CHURCH
OCTOBER 16, 2010

THE SATURDAY ANNUAL SESSION DAY BEGAN WITH REGISTRATION AT 9:30 AM WITH EVERGREEN FWB CHURCH WITH THOMAS KIRKLAND AS HOST PASTOR. THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS OPENED BY READING FROM ISAIAH 5:20. HE HAD SOME VERY TIMELY COMMENTS TO MAKE.

THE WELCOME WAS THEN GIVEN BY BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND WITH THE RESPONSE GIVEN BY BROTHER WILLIAM SOWELL. BROTHER JIMMY BAXTER THEN LED IN PRAYER.

THE CONGREGATION, WITH BROTHER AND SISTER LARRY PEAVY PROVIDING MUSIC AND LEADERSHIP, WE SANG "HE KEEPS ME SINGING" AND "JESUS SAVES" FOLLOWED BY THE MORNING DEVOTION GIVEN BY BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND. BROTHER THOMAS USED JEREMIAH 20:9 AND LUKE 24:32. HE MADE SEVERAL VERY TIMELY POINTS. FACT, FAITH, FEELING. PSALMS 119:165 AND CLOSED WITH MATT: 24:12. CLOSED WITH PRAYER.

THE MODERATOR THEN CALLED FOR RECOGNITION OF MINISTERS, DEACONS, VISITORS, AND THE ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES BY THE CLERK.

MINISTERS IN ATTENDANCE WAS BROTHERS: RALPH BAKER, DANNY HENDERSON, THOMAS KIRKLAND, AND JOEY PETTIS.

DEACONS IN ATTENDANCE WAS BROTHERS: JACK ARMSTRONG, LAMAR BUXTON, BART HARDEN, LARRY PEAVY, HUBERT PHILLIPS, WILLIAM SOWELL, AND JERRY WHITEHEAD.

DELEGATES AND CHURCHES: EVERGREEN; LISA HARDEN, BEULAH PEAVY, MARJORIE PHILLIPS, AND ALTERNATE BARBARA KIRKLAND: MOUNT ZION; KORIS BEARD, MELINDA OWENS, DOLLY VICKERS, NINA VICKERS: NEW PROSPECT; CHRISTINE BROWN, LINDA SOWELL, LOYD TURNER, SHIRLEY TURNER AND ALTERNATE EMMA TURNER: NEW ZION; MARVEL ARMSTRONG, JEAN ETHRIDGE, KENNETH ETHRIDGE, PAM PETTIS, BETTY WHITEHEAD, AND EDNA WHITEHEAD: PILGRIM'S REST; CAROLYN BUCKZAR AND PAM DYSON: SARDIS; JIMMY BAXTER, SANDRA BAXTER, AND MICKEY GILMORE: UNION; SYLVIA ETHRIDGE, PEGGY HERRING, AND JANICE SMITH. BY MOTION LAMAR BUXTON SECOND THOMAS KIRKLAND THE DELEGATES WERE SEATED.

THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, THEN CALLED FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS.

THE CREDENTIALS, RESOLUTIONS, AND FLOOR OPTIONS BROUGHT NO REPORTS OR BUSINESS.

THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT WAS GIVEN BY RALPH BAKER IN THE ABSENCE OF TRACEY ARMSTRONG. THIS REPORT IS SHOWN AT PAGE 2. PLEASE LOOK THERE FOR DATES AND EVENTS.

THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT INFORMATION CAN BE SEEN AT PAGES

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE GAVE THEIR REPORT AND THE REPORT CAN BE SEEN AT PAGES

THE CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT WAS GIVEN BY RALPH BAKER AND CAN BE READ AT PAGES

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT WAS GIVEN BY PAM PETTIS AND CAN BE READ AT PAGES

THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE GAVE THEIR REPORT AND 40 HAD REGISTERED. THE COUNT WAS A LITTLE HIGHER THAN THIS BUT AN EXACT NUMBER WAS NOT KNOWN BECAUSE OF SOME COMING AND GOING.

WE THEN HAD A 10 MINUTE RECESS AND WAS TO RE-ASSEMBLE AT 11:00 AM FOR CONTINUATION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE GAVE THEIR REPORT AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE TWO-DAY OFFERING OF \$161.00 BE PLACED IN THE GENERAL TREASURY.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL MEET WITH MOUNT ZION ON MONDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 25, 2010 AT 7:00 PM TO PLAN THE 2011-YEAR.

THE MORNING SERVICE BEGAN WITH SONG SERVICE LED BY BROTHER AND SISTER PEAVY. THE SONGS SELECTED "TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS" "WHAT A FRIEND" AND BRETHERN WE HAVE MET TO WORSHIP"

THE MORNING MESSAGE WAS BROUGHT BY BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON USING 11 CHRONICLES 7:14 AND A MESSAGE TITLED "IF MY PEOPLE" WE ARE THE SALT SHAKER. WE ARE THE PEPPER SHAKER.

THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE WAS BROUGHT BY BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND. A VERY GOOD REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE GONE ON AND A GREAT REMINDER TO THOSE THAT REMAIN TO BE READY AND PREPARED TO GO.

WE THEN HAD A RISING VOTE OF THANKS TO EVERGREEN, AND FOLLOWED BY DIRECTIONS FOR THE NOON MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP.

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.

Article one- Constitution – Name and Purpose

Section One – Name: This organization shall be known as the Southeastern Association of Free Will Baptist Churches.

Section two – Purpose: The Southeastern Association of Free Will Baptist Churches is organized exclusively for Charitable, Religious, and Educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, including, but not limited to Religious Worship, Missions, Youth Activities of Religious Education, Radio and Television Ministries and other causes promoting Christ.

Article Two – Statement of Faith and Covenant:

Section One – Statement of Faith

The Southeastern Association has adopted the Statement of Faith as recorded in the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc., and the Church Covenant as recorded in the National Association of Free Will Baptist, Inc. The Articles of Faith and the Church Covenant appear in our Constitution on pages 37, 38, and 39.

Section Two – Authority of the Statement of Faith

While we as an Association of Free Will Baptist Churches in adopting this Statement believe it accurately portrays the teaching of the Bible and thus is binding on all members of our Association, we, however, realize it does not exhaust nor limit the extent of our faith. The King James Authorized Version of the Holy Bible in and of itself is the final source of all that we believe.

Article Three – 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 Four – 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 Five – 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 Six – 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 Seven – Independence of Churches: Each Church in this Association is an independent organization having authority to manage its' internal affairs, to elect its' Pastor, its' Officers, 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 is a vehicle through which member Churches fellowship, work, and cooperate in all things that 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 Matthew 18:15-17 shall be the rule for settling any disciplinary problem. 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 five 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 one for five years, one for four years, 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 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 an Advisory Board Member to the Children's Home. This member is to be able to attend the Annual meeting at the Home, serve as the contact person for the Association with the Home, have some understanding of budgets and financial matters, and keep the Association informed on the conditions at the Home. The Board Member does not have to be a Member of the Children Home Committee.

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~~ *Twenty (20)* *Four (4)* 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, appoint temporary committees, and call the Executive Committee into session when necessary, and assist the Moderator in the general work of the Association.

Section Three-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.

 **Section Four-Clerk:** The Clerk shall record the proceedings of the ~~Quarterly and Annual sessions~~ ^{meetings} 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. In the absence of the Clerk the Assistant Clerk shall perform these duties. In the event both Clerk and Assistant Clerk is absent the Moderator shall appoint a temporary Clerk to record the minutes.

Section Five-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. The Assistant Treasurer shall have the same authority as the Treasurer to fulfill the Association duties. In the event both Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer should be incapacitated the Moderator shall appoint a temporary Treasurer.

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.

Section Three-Christian Board of Education:

- A. To plan, organize, and supervise youth rallies, summer camp, other religious events, and promote Sunday Schools within the Association.
- B. To promote the Bible College and education of our people.
- C. This Committee 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 in support of 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:

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- A. To coordinate with our Sister Churches the places for the ~~Quarterly and Annual sessions~~ ^{meetings} of the Association.

Section Seven-Nominating Committee:

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- 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~~ ^{any} sessions when a Committee has lost a member for any reason.
 - D. To comply with the Alabama State Association Constitution and By Laws under ITEM G THE GENERAL BOARD a candidate must be nominated by this Association to serve on the General Board of The State Association. The Association may also have a proxy for a General Board Member who is unable to attend the meeting of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Section Eight-Finance Committee:

- A. Prepare an Annual budget to be presented to the Association at the Annual Session.
- B. Recommend to the Association at each session the disposition of the plate offering.
- C. To assist the Christian Board of Education at their request in financing the camp and youth rallies.
- D. At the request of the Children Home Committee provide assistance in any Fund Raising efforts on behalf of the Children Home in Eldridge, Alabama.

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. *to each meeting*

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 should be elected by their home Church and their name shown on the Church letter presented to that session of the Association. In cases where an elected delegate is prevented from attending the meeting the Pastor of that church will be able to appoint a substitute from his Church who is in attendance, providing there is not an alternate already on the letter and present to serve.

Section Five:

Dues for each Delegate are fixed at ~~five dollars (\$5.00)~~ *15.00* per Delegate ~~to the Quarterly sessions and ten dollars (\$10.00) per Delegate to the Annual session.~~

to each session. Dues are payable according to Section Two above,

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 ($2/3^{\text{rd}}$) 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 member shall speak longer than five (5) minutes at any one time without leave of the Moderator.
6. No person shall speak more than three (3) times on the same subject without leave of the Moderator.
7. No person shall laugh, whisper, or cause a disturbance in time of speech.
8. Members shall address each other by the appellation of brother or brethren and sister or sisters.
9. No member of this Association shall absent himself/herself when the Association is sitting in conference without leave of the Moderator.
10. The names of the members of this Association shall be enrolled and called as often as the Moderator thinks is necessary.

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.
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 taste 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: Baptisms (complete submersion in water) and the Lord's Supper is 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.
14. 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
15. 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 communion of God.
16. 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.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS APPROVED 4/17/2010 WHEN CONVENED WITH NEW ZION FWB CHURCH AS AMENDED.

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.

Sin 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.

I. 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.