
2011 Minutes
of the
Quarterly Meetings
and the
One Hundred Thirty-Third
Annual Session
of the
Southeastern Association
of
Free Will Baptist Churches

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SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

2012 OFFICERS

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

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2012 MEETING DATES AND PLACES

THE FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING WILL BE ON JANUARY 14, 2012 WITH NEW PROSPECT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER RALPH BAKER.

THE SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING WILL BE ON APRIL 14, 2012 WITH MOUNT ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE SPEAKER WILL BE A MISSIONARY SPEAKER NOT YET KNOWN.

THE THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING WILL BE ON JULY 7, 2012 WITH PILGRIM'S REST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON.

FRIDAY NIGHT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 19, 2012 WILL BE AT UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER WILLIE EARL BROWN.

SATURDAY ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 20, 2012 WILL BE AT NEW ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER BILLY BEVAN.

THE THEME SELECTED FOR THE 2012 YEAR IS "BE YE READY" WITH SCRIPTURE FROM LUKE 12:40.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE AT NEW ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH AND THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER JOEY PETTIS.

THE SUBSTITUTE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER JIMMY BAXTER FROM SARDIS.

ALABAMA STATE MEETINGS

THE PASTORS AND WORKER CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 13-14, 2012. PLACE NOT KNOWN.

THE ANNUAL STATE MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 7-9, 2012 AT FIRST CHURCH OF DOTHAN, ALABAMA. BROTHER JOEY PETTIS IS STATE GENERAL BOARD ELECTEE.

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

COMMITTEES:

CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING

RALPH BAKER	OCTOBER 2016
JOHNNY GILMORE	OCTOBER 2015
JACK ARMSTRONG	OCTOBER 2014
DANNY HENDERSON	OCTOBER 2013
WILLIAM SOWELL	OCTOBER 2012

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

JIMMY BAXTER	OCTOBER 2014
JERRY WHITEHEAD	OCTOBER 2013
TRACEY ARMSTRONG	OCTOBER 2012

CHILDREN HOME

DORIS BEARD	OCTOBER 2014
JACK RYALS	OCTOBER 2013
JOHNNY GILMORE	OCTOBER 2012
JOEY PETTIS-ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER	OCTOBER 2012

FINANCE

EDNA WHITEHEAD	OCTOBER 2014
LAMAR BUXTON	OCTOBER 2013
LINDA SOWELL	OCTOBER 2012

MISSIONS

PAUL DYSON
PAM PETTIS
MARIE CARROLL

OCTOBER 2014
OCTOBER 2013
OCTOBER 2012

NOMINATING

CHRISTINE BROWN
MELINDA OWENS
NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS

OCTOBER 2014
OCTOBER 2013
OCTOBER 2012

PLACEMENT

DOLLY VICKERS
JOYCE MULLINS
SYLVIA ETHRIDGE

OCTOBER 2014
OCTOBER 2013
OCTOBER 2012

RESOLUTIONS

JANIE SUE MURPHY
BETTY WHITEHEAD
JEAN ETHRIDGE

OCTOBER 2014
OCTOBER 2013
OCTOBER 2012

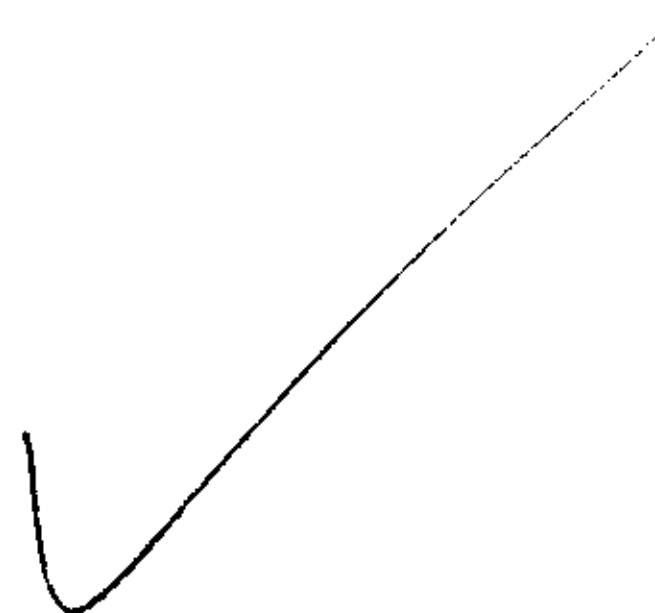
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MOUNT ZION CHARLES THOMPSON, 402 KENT DRIVE, EUFAULA, AL 36027, PHONE 334-687-5994

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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 9/30/2011	\$7,308.02
NO DEPOSITS IN TRANSIT NOR O/S CHECKS	-0-
BALANCE 9/30/11 ON BOOKS	\$7,302.02
BANK STATEMENT 9/30/11	\$7,302.02

GENERAL FUND	MISSIONS FUND	BOARD OF EDUCATION	TOTAL
\$5,144.83	\$215.54	\$1,947.65	\$7,302.02

OCTOBER 2011
THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FWB CHURCHES
MEMBERSHIP RECORD OF INCREASES AND DECREASES

CHURCH	DATE ORG.	2010 MEM	BY BAP.	PROF FAITH	BY LET.	2011 ADDED	LOST DEATH	BY LET.	ROLL REV	2011 LOST	2011 MEMBER	SS MEMBER	SS AVE	CTS MEM	CTS AVE	WNAC MEM	WNAC AVE	MM MEM	MM AVE	ORD MIN	LIC MIN	PRAY MEET
EVERGREEN	1885					NO	INFORMATION		REPORTED													
MOUNT ZION	1881	53					3			3	50	10	7			9	6	8	6	1		
NEW PROSPECT	1874	103					1	1		2	101	43	33							1		30
NEW ZION	1907	162	3		6	9	1	3		4	167	44	40							2		30
PILGRIMS' REST	1884	47	1			1	1	1		2	46	14	10	8	7					1		
SARDIS	1906	278	3		7	10	2	4		6	282	186	110			20	15			3		125
UNION	1879	78	2		3	5	1	1		2	81	16	12							0		5
TOTALS		721	9		16	25	9	10		19	727	313	212	8	7	29	21	8	6	8	0	190

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES
AUGUST 2011
CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CHURCH	INCOME	REPAIRS	YARD	RENOV	SUPPLIES	UTILITIES	REVIVALS	C/HOME & MISSIONS	YOUTH	STAFF & PASTOR	DUES	PROPERTY
EVERGREEN	NO INFORMATION WAS REPORTED											
MOUNT ZION	\$25,893.95	\$7,153.57	\$1,200.00		\$2,712.14	\$3,552.49	\$750.00	\$2,550.00	\$120.00	\$2,000.00 \$10,750.00	\$808.50	\$173,619.00
NEW PROSPECT	NO INFORMATION WAS REPORTED											
NEW ZION	\$144,001.23	\$198.20	\$1,800.00	\$13,383.89	\$5,766.40	\$17,473.93	\$1,002.73	\$3,420.79 \$9,331.07	\$973.00	\$34,062.24	\$425.00	\$844,000.00
PILGRIMS' REST	NO INFORMATION WAS REPORTED											\$170,000.00
SARDIS	\$292,312.00	\$11,204.00	\$4,645.00	\$0.00	\$6,285.00	\$25,023.00	\$33,328.00	\$900.00 \$9,225.00	\$10,059.00	\$38,180.00 \$72,202.00	\$1,185.00	\$1,689,000.00
UNION	NO INFORMATION WAS REPORTED										\$305.00	
TOTALS	\$462,207.18	\$18,555.77	\$7,645.00	\$13,383.89	\$14,763.54	\$46,049.42	\$35,080.73	\$25,426.86	\$11,152.00	\$157,194.24	\$2,723.50	\$2,876,619.00

**FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FWB
JANUARY 15, 2011
MOUNT ZION FWB CHURCH**

THE FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION BEGAN WITH REGISTRATION AT 9:30 AM. THE MODERATOR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:00 AM. THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, READ FROM 1ST. THESS. AND REV WHERE THE LORD ADDRESSES EPHESUS BY SAYING I KNOW YOUR WORKS. AS HE KNEW EPHESUS SO ALSO KNOWS HE US.

THE WELCOME FOR THE MEETING WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER BILLY MEDLEY OF THE HOST CHURCH AND THE RESPONSE TO THE WELCOME WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON.

BROTHER JOE VICKERS WITH SYLVIA BRANNON AT THE PIANO TO PROVIDE MUSIC LED THE CONGREGATION IN SINGING "GLAD REUNION DAY" AND "STANDING ON THE PROMISES."

THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, CALLED FOR USHERS TO RECEIVE THE MORNING OFFERING. BROTHERS' WILLIAM SOWELL AND JIMMY BAXTER SERVED TO RECEIVE THE MORNING OFFERING. PRAYER WAS OFFERED BY BROTHER C. L. CULPEPPER. AN OFFERING OF \$158.00 WAS RECEIVED AND WILL BE DESIGNATED AT THE BUSINESS SESSION.

BROTHER RALPH BAKER OF THE HOST CHURCH GAVE THE MORNING DEVOTION.

THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, ASKED FOR RECOGNITION OF MINISTERS (7), DEACONS (6), AND VISITORS (4),

THE READING OF THE DELEGATES LIST BY THE CLERK WAS MADE WITH A MOTION TO ACCEPT BY BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON AND SECONDED BY BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE. A MOTION TO ENTER THE BUSINESS SESSION WAS MADE BY BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON AND SECOND BY BROTHER JIMMY BAXTER. CARRIED.

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE, NOMINATING COMMITTEE, AND PLACEMENT COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORTS.

THE CHILDREN HOME COMMITTEE REPORT WAS PRESENTED BY BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE AND WAS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION TO THE ASSOCIATION.

MARIE CARROLL GAVE THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT. SHE REPORTED FROM A LETTER FROM THE STATE OFFICE CONCERNING THE WORK IN ALABAMA AND AROUND THE WORK BEING SUPPORTED BY ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST. THE WORK IN MEXICO, THE WORK IN RUSSIA, AND THE WORK IN STATE MISSIONS BEING DONE IN MOBILE, OXFORD, AND ELSEWHERE AS THE LORD DIRECTS. THIS REPORT WAS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION.

JUST BEFORE RECESS BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND ANNOUNCED THAT EVERGREEN WOULD BE HOSTING THE NEXT YOUTH RALLY IN NOVEMBER AT EVERGREEN. ALL WERE INVITED TO ATTEND. WE EHN RECESSED UNTIL 10:55.

AFTER THE RECESS THE FIRST ITEM WAS TO RECEIVE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT. THIS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE PLATE OFFERING OF \$158.00 BE GIVEN TO THE NEW WORK AT OXFORD/ANNISTON. THIS WAS MSC.

BROTHER JOE VICKERS AND SISTER SYLVIA BRANNON LED THE WORSHIP SERVICE IN SONG. THE SONGS SELECTED WERE "VICTORY IN JESUS" "WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER" AFTER WHICH BROTHER JOE VICKERS SANG A SPECIAL "HE DID NOT THROW THE CLAY AWAY."

THE MORNING MESSAGE WAS BORUGHT BY BROTHER KRAIG SPIVEY OF SARDIS FWB CHURCH. USING AS HIS TEXT 2ND TIMOTHY 2:8-12 AND 4:6-7 HE PREACHED ON FAITHFUL UNTIL HE COMES. IT WAS A VERY INSPIRING MESSAGE AND SEEMED TO BE ENJOYED BY ALL. HE MADE THREE VITAL POINTS; FLEE, FIGHT, FOLLOW. THERE ARE TIMES TO FLEE CERTAIN SITUATIONS, ACTIVITIES, AND PLACES; THERE IS TIMES WE MUST FIGHT; AND WE ALWAYS FOLLOW WHERE HE LEADS US.

1. HOW TO BE FAITHFUL. 2. REMEMBER THE POWER OF THE WORD.
3. REMEMBER THE PEOPLE WE MUST WIN. 4. REMEMBER THE PLACE WE ARE WAITING FOR.

HE CLOSED WITH THE ADMONITION THAT WE AS CHRISTIANS SHOULD RESOLVE TO FOLLOW THE LORD WITH ALL OUR HEART.

AN INVITATION WAS OFFERED WITH BROTHER JOE VICKERS AND SISTER SYLVIA BRANNON AND HYMN 44 WAS SELECTED "COME UNTO ME."

BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON SECONDED BY BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND WE ADJOURNED. BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND GAVE THE BENEDICTION. THE HOST CHURCH SERVED A WONDERFUL MEAL.

**SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FWB
APRIL 16, 2011
PILGRIM'S REST FWB**

THIS SESSION OPENED WITH REGISTRATION AT 9:30 AM ON APRIL 16, 2011 AT PILGRIM'S REST FWB CHURCH. THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER. THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 45 REGISTERED FOR THE DAY: 25 DELEGATES, 6 DEACONS, 8 MINISTERS (2 WERE VISTORS), AND 6 VISITORS.

THE MODERATOR OPENED WITH A FEW REMARKS FROM THE BIBLE AND BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON GAVE FOLLOWING PRAYER BY BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND THE WELCOME, THE RESPONSE BY BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND FOLLOWED BY SOME SPIRITED SINGING AND MUSIC.

THE OFFERING WAS THEN RECEIVED AND A TOTAL OF \$125.00 WAS RECEIVED. THIS WILL BE DESIGNATED AT THE BUSINESS SESSION. BROTHERS JOHNNY GILMORE AND JIMMY BAXTER SERVED AS USHERS AND BROTHER JIMMY BAXTER OFFERED PRAYER.

THE MORNING DEVOTION WAS BROUGHT BROTHER C L CULPEPPER, THE PASTOR OF THE HOST CHURCH. HE BROUGHT SOME VERY SPIRITUAL THOUGHTS AND WARNINGS TO ALL IN ATTENDANCE.

THE MODERATOR CALLED FOR RECOGNITIONS OF MINISTERS, DEACONS, AND VISITORS. WE HAD 6 ASSOCIATION MINISTERS AND 2 VISITING MINISTERS: BROTHERS RALPH BAKER, C L CULPEPPER, DANNY HENDERSON, THOMAS KIRKLAND, JOEY PETTIS, KRAIG SPIVEY AND VISITING MINISTERS RICK CASH AND DANNY THOMPSON. THERE WERE 6 DEACONS: BROTHERS JACK ARMSTRONG, LAMAR BUXTON, JOHNNY GILMORE, BILLY JOE MEDLEY, WILLIAM SOWELL, AND JERRY WHITEHEAD. WE HAD 6 VISITORS: CALEB BAKER, MARY CULPEPPER, THELMA HANCOCK, LINDA HENDERSON, KARON WILLIAMS, AND KATHLEEN WILSON.

THE MODERATOR CALLED FOR THE ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES. WE HAD 25 DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES: MOUNT ZION DELEGATES DORIS BEARD, ANDY GOMBAR, MELINDA OWENS, AND DOLLY VICKERS. NEW PROSPECT DELEGATES CHRISTINE BROWN, JOHN TURNER, SHIRLEY TURNER WITH ALTERNATES JOYCE MULLINS, LINDA SOWELL, AND EMMA TEW. NEW ZION DELEGATES MARVEL ARMSTRONG, PAM PETTIS, DAVID TEAT, MARY TEAT, AND BETTY WHITEHEAD. PILGRIM'S REST DELEGATES MARTHA HELMS AND JANIE MURPHY. SARDIS DELEGATES JIMMY BAXTER, SANDRA BAXTER, GLORIA BEVAN, AND GEORGIA GILMORE. UNION DELEGATES PEGGY HERRING, JANICE SMITH, AND STOKES MORING WITH ALTERNATES LINDA FLOYD AND SYLVIA ETHERIDGE.

THE DELEGATES WERE SEATED TO CONDUCT BUSINESS FOLLOWING A MOTION AND SECOND FROM THE ORDAINED AUTHORITY PRESENT.

AT THIS TIME BROTHER DANNY THOMPSON FROM THE ELDRIDGE CHILDREN'S HOME GAVE US AN UPDATE ON THE HOME, THE HOME'S NUMBER OF CHILDREN PRESENTLY AT THE HOME AND THE FUTURE PLANS AND DRIVES OF THE HOME.

THE MODERATOR THEN CALLED FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS AND THE FOLLOWING REPORTS WERE GIVEN.

THE CREDENTIALS, PLACEMENT, NOMINATING AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEES HAD NO REPORT. THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER JOEY PETTIS AT THE REQUEST OF RALPH BAKER AND WAS JUST TO UPDATE THE COMING EVENTS OF THE NEXT YOUTH RALLY AND THE YOUTH CAMPS TO BE HELD IN JUNE 2011 AT COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS. MSC AS INFORMATION

THE MISSIONS REPORT GIVE BY SISTER PAM PETTIS BROUGHT US UP TO DATE ON THE WORK IN MOBILE, THE APPOINTMENT OF MARK McCRAVEY AS HOME MISSIONARY TO THE CASTLE ROCK, ARIZONA AREA, THE STATE OFFICE, ACTS 1:8 PROGRAM AND THE FINANCES RECEIVED THUS FAR THIS YEAR ON THE STATE BUDGET. A MOVE WAS ALSO MADE THAT WE GIVE THE STATE OFFICE \$300.00 FROM THE MISSION DEPARTMENT. MSC

WE TOOK A 15-MINUTE RECESS AND FOLLOWING THE RECESS THE BUSINESS SESSION WAS COMPLETED WITH THE REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. THIS COMMITTEE MOTIONED THE PLATE OFFERING OF \$125,00 BE PLACED IN THE McCRAVEY CASTLE ROCK FUND. MSC.

WE SANG ONE HYMN, HE LOVES ME, AND THEN SISTER KARON WILLIAMS SANG A SPECIAL "I HAVE BEEN BLESSED."

BROTHER RICK CASH FROM THE STATE OFFICE BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE. HE CHOSE AS SOME OF HIS SCRIPTURES MATT: 6 AND MARK 14. HE BROUGHT OUT SOME THREE SPECIAL POINTS FOR US FROM THESE SCRIPTURES. (1) WHAT SHE BELIEVED (2) WHAT SHE RECEIVED (3) WHAT SHE PRECEIVED. WHAT SHE BELIEVED WAS HIS POWER OVER DISEASE, HIS POWER OVER DEATH, AND HIS DIETY. WHAT SHE RECEIVED WAS THE VERY PRESENCE OF CHRIST HIMSELF. WHAT SHE PRECEIVED WAS LEARNING DAILY TO LEAN ON JESUS. A VERY GOOD MESSAGE.

THERE FOLLOWED AN INVITATION, DIRECTIONS FROM BROTHER CULPEPPER CONCERNING THE NOON MEAL AND DISMISSAL WITH PRAYER FOR THE FELLOWSHIP AND MEAL.

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FWB
JULY 9, 2011
SARDIS FREE WILL BAPTIST

THE CLERK, RALPH BAKER, WAS OUT OF TOWN THIS SESSION AND THE ASSISTANT CLERK HANDLED THE RECORDING FOR THIS SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION. THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, OPENED THE SESSION BY CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER AND READING FROM 1ST CORINTHIANS 2:1-10.

THE WELCOME WAS GIVEN BY JOHNNY GILMORE, THE RESPONSE BY C. L. CULPEPPER. DANNY HENDERSON LED IN PRAYER. KRAIG AND SAMSYN SPIVEY SANG "THE LILY OF THE VALLEY." THERE WAS AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT BROTHER WILLIE EARL "BILL" BROWN REITED MINISTER AND HIS WIFE IS AVAILABLE FOR FILL IN DUTY FOR ANY CHURCH HAVING A NEED.

THE DEVOTION WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER JIMMY BAXTER OF THE HOST CHURCH. HE READ FROM MATTHEW, GENESIS, 1ST CORINTHIANS, JOHN, 11ND CORINTHIANS, AND CLOSED WITH JOHN. BROTHER BAXTER CLOSED WITH PRAYER. A VERY MOVING TESTIMONY WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER BAXTER

THE LIST OF DELEGATES WAS GIVEN AND A MOTION AND SECOND FOLLOWED BY VOTE OF ORDAINED AUTHORITY WAS RECEIVED AND THE DELEGATES WERE SEATED FOR BUSINESS THAT MIGHT COME BEFORE THE BODY. THE DELEGATES FROM NEW ZION WAS SEATED BY MOTION AND VOTE, AS THEY DID NOT HAVE A LETTER AT THE ASSOCIATION. THE CLERK OF NEW ZION WILL MAIL A LETTER THE FIRST OF THE WEEK.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE AT THE ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING. MINISTERS BILLY BEVAN, SARDIS; C. L. CULPEPPER, PILGRIM'S REST; DANNY HENDERSON, NEW PROSPECT; JOEY PETTIS, NEW ZION; AND KRAIG SPIVEY, SARDIS YOUTH MINISTER. ALSO PRESENT WAS WILLIE EARL BROWN, RETIRED MINISTER. ALSO PRESENT WAS ALSO BEVAN.

DEACONS ATTENDING: TRACEY ARMSTRONG AND WILLIAM SOWELL, NEW PROSPECT; LAMAR BUXTON, PILGRIM'S REST; BRYAN GILMORE AND JOHNNY GILMORE, SARDIS; AND BILLY JOE MEDLEY, MOUNT ZION.

DELEGATES FROM MOUNT ZION; NINA VICKERS, DOLLY VICKERS, MELINDA OWENS, SYLVIA BRANNON, ALTERNATES DORIS BEARD, ANDY GOMBAR, AND LILLIE THOMPSON: NEW PROSPECT LINDA SOWELL, JOHN TURNER, SHIRLEY TURNER AND ALTERNATES LINDA CORDELL, LAURA TEW, AND ANN ARMSTRONG: FROM NEW ZION KENNETH ETHRIDGE, JEAN ETHRIDGE, DAVID TEAT, MARY TEAT, JESS GREEN, KATHRYN GREEN AND ALTERNATE PAM PETTIS: PILGRIM'S REST MARTHA HELMS AND JANIE MURPHY: SARDIS JIMMY BAXTER, WESLEY STRINGER, BOBBY COOK, JENNIFER TRAMMELL, WAYNE GILMORE, GEORGIA GILMORE, NICKI STRINGER AND ALTERNATE SARA JONES: UNION SYLVIA ETHRIDGE, PEGGY HERRING, JANICE SMITH AND ALTERNATES STOKES MORING AND LINDA FLOYD. VISITORS REGISTERED: JOYCE MULLINS, SAMSYN SPIVEY, HENERITTA BORWN, EARL CHANCE, J. C. FORRESTER, EDNA WHITEHEAD, RUSSELL HATFIELD, ALICE HATFIELD (??NOT SURE OF FIRST NAME), GLORIA BEVAN, AND RACHEL PEARSON.

THE MODERATOR MOVED INTO THE BUSINESS SESSION WITH THE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

FIRST UP WAS THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION GIVEN BY BROTHER TRACEY ARMSTRONG. AN UPDATE ON YOUTH RALLY'S AND YOUTH CAMP IN WHICH THERE WAS APPROXIMATELY 85 CAMPERS AND 20 COUNSELLORS IN ATTENDANCE. THE BOARD IS LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING OUR OWN MEALS AT THESE CAMPS NEXT YEAR AND ANYONE INTERESTED IN BEING OF ASSISTANCE IN THIS AREA IS ASKED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ANY BOARD MEMBER. THE NEXT YOUTH RALLY WILL BE AT NEW PROSPECT ON AUGUST 13, 2011. MSC.

THE CHILDREN'S HOME, THE RESOLUTIONS, AND THE FLOOR HAD NEITHER BUSINESS NOR REPORT.

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT, GIVEN BY SISTER PAM PETTIS, WAS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION. MSC. AN UPDATE ON THE STATE OFFICE, THE STATE MISSIONARY WORK, THE ACTS 1:8 PROGRAM AND THE RECEIPTS TOTAL BY THE STATE OFFICE WAS GIVEN AS INFORMATION.

BROTHER JOEY PETTIS AS THE HOME ADVISORY MEMBER GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE HOME. THE HOME HAS BEEN APPROVED AND LICENSED FOR 40 CHILDREN. WE DO NOT HAVE THAT MANY AT PRESENT AND ANYONE WHO KNOWS SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE A CANDIDATE CALL THE HOME AND GIVE THEM THE INFORMATION. THE HOME IS LOOKING FOR ONE SET OF HOUSE PARENTS. IF YOU, OR YOU KNOW ANYONE THAT MIGHT FIT THIS FIELD AND INTERESTED IN THE VOCATION PLEASE CONTACT THE HOME. MSC.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (GIVEN AFTER THE RECESS) WAS TO BE PLACED IN THE MISSIONS FUND WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION. THE PLATE OFFERING WAS \$196.00.

THE TOTAL REGISTERED FOR THE DAY WAS 51.

THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE OPENED WITH SINGING SEVERAL SONGS; WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER; WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN; AT CALVARY. A SPECIAL IN SONG WAS GIVEN BY KRAIG AND TAMSYN SPIVEY "GOD SAW A CROSS."

THE MESSAGE WAS BROUGHT BY BROTHER BILLY BEVAN OF SARDIS. ELSON BEVAN OPENED WITH PRAYER. THEN READING FROM HEBREWS 6:17-20. BROTHER BEVAN TITLED HIS MESSAGE "LIVING RIGHT SIDE UP IN AN UPSIDE DOWN WORLD." IN THE MESSAGE HE BROUGHT FORTH 4 POINTS.

1. GOD IS STILL ON THE THRONE. 2. GOD'S WORD IS STILL TRUE. 3. JESUS IS STILL IN MY HEART. 4. JESUS IS STILL COMING BACK. PRAISE GOD. IN THE MESSAGE HE USED SCRIPTURE FROM PSALMS, ROMANS 8:28, II CHRONICLES 2, ISAIAH 46, ROMANS 2, THE BOOK OF TITUS, AND I THESS. HE BROUGHT A VERY WARM AND BLESSED MESSAGE.

AFTER THE MESSAGE A MOVE TO ADJOURN WAS MADE, BROTHER BEVAN GAVE DIRECTIONS CONCERNING THE NOON MEAL AND THE TIME OF FELLOWSHIP. BROTHER BEVAN PRAYED GOD'S BLESSINGS ON ALL.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION
NEW ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST
OCTOBER 14, 2011

THE FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION BEGAN WITH THE REGISTRATION OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE. THE MODERATOR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM. THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH PRAYER BY BROTHER JIMMY BAXTER. OPENING MUSIC WAS LED BY BROTHER BILL BROWN AND WIFE HENRIETTA BROWN PROVIDING MUSIC. THE SONGS SELECTED FOR THE MEETING WAS "GLORY TO HIS NAME" "HE LIVES" AND "I CAN HEAR MY SAVIOR CALLING."

THE EVENING PLATE OFFERING WAS RECEIVED BY BROTHER WILLIAM SOWELL, JIMMY BAXTER, DAVID TEAT, AND JACK ARMSTRONG. BROTHER WILLIAM SOWELL LED IN PRAYER. THE PLATE OFFERING WAS \$80.00 AND WILL BE DESIGNATED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AT TOMORROES SESSION AT UNION.

SISTER HENRIETTA BROWN SANG, "YOU AMAZE ME." AS A SPECIAL IN MUSIC BY THE HOST CHURCH.

THE EVENING MESSAGE WAS DELIVED BY BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON USING AS SCRIPTURE MATT. 7:13 "ENTER YE IN AT THE STRAIT GATE ... THIS GATE LEADETH TO ETERNAL LIFE AND FEW FIND IT. THE BROAD WAY AND BROAD GATE LEADETH TO DESTRUCTION. BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS AND YE SHALL KNOW THEM BY THE FRUIT THEY BEAR. BROTHER DANNY ALSO READ FROM A WRITING HE HAD WITH HIM. A VERY MOVING MESSAGE AND INSPIRATIONAL FOR ALL PRESENT. AN INVITATION "I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS." JEREMY OVERSTREET AND ZACKERY VICKERY ARE AVAILABLE FOR FILL IN DUTY IF NEEDED.

WE WERE GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE EVENING REFRESHMENTS WHERE A VERY GOOD MEAL WAS SERVED. THERE WAS GOOD FELLOWSHIP ENJOYED BY ALL. BROTHER DAVID TEAT DISMISSED WITH PRAYER AND WE WILL REASSEMBLE TOMORROW AT UNION FOR THE SATURDAY SESSION AND THE BUSINESS SESSION. REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN AT 9:30 WITH THE SESSION BEGINNING AT 10:00 AM.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION
UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 15, 2011

SATURDAY MORNING OF THE ANNUAL SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:00 AM BY THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS. HE WELCOMED THOSE IN ATTENDANCE AND NOTED THAT BROTHER STEVE TRAIL FROM DOTHAN WOULD BE REPRESENTING THE BIBLE COLLEGE IN NASHVILLE. BROTHER TRAIL STATED THIS WAS HIS FIRST TIME AS THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE BIBLE COLLEGE. HE HAD LITERATURE FROM THE COLLEGE AND SOME VERY GOOD INFORMATION CONCERNING COURSES OFFERED, SUCCESS OF THE COLLEGE, AND THE APPEAL OF THE COLLEGE TO YOUNG PEOPLE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A GOOD SCHOOL.

BROTHER WILL MADDOX GAVE THE WELCOME TO UNION AND THE RESPONSE WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER WILLIAM SOWELL.

THE EARLY MORNING PORTION OF SINGING WAS LED BY BROTHER WILL MADDOX. THE CLERK FAILED TO RECORD THE MUSICIAN'S NAME. SONGS SELECTED "I KNOW I'M SAVED" AND "THE OLD COUNTRY CHURCH."

THE PLATE OFFERING WAS RECEIVED BY BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE AND WILLIAM SOWELL. PRAYER WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER BILL BROWN. THE PLATE OFFERING WAS \$115.00. THE TOTAL FOR THE TWO DAY MEETING IS \$195.00 AND WILL BE DESIGNATED DURING THE BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING.

THE MORNING DEVOTION WAS GIVEN NEXT. PSALMS 107 WAS USED AS THE TEXT. ATTENTION WAS CALLED TO SCRIPTURE FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION.

MINISTERS PRESENT BROTHERS RALPH BAKER, BILLY BEVAN, JOEY PETTIS, W. E. BROWN, STEVE TRAIL FROM DOTHAN.

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

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES: BROTHERS AND SISTERS NINA VICKERS, DORIS BEARD, DOLLY VICKERS, ANDY GOMBAR MOUNT ZION; JOYCE MULLINS, LLOYD TURNER, SHIRLEY TURNER, AND ALTERNATE

LINDA SOWELL NEW PROSPECT; MARVELL ARMSTRONG, JANELL SHELLEY, BETTY WHITEHEAD NEW ZION; MARTHA HELMS AND JANIE MURPHY PILGRIM'S REST; JIMMY BAXTER, GLORIA BEVAN, AND JENNIFER TRAMMELL SARDIS; LINDA FLOYD, PEGGY HERRING, JANICE SMITH AND ALTERNATES JOANN ELLIOTT AND SYLVIA ETHRIDGE UNION.

THE BUSINESS REPORTS WERE GIVEN BY EACH COMMITTEE.

CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT BROTHER WILLIE EARL "BILL" BROWN BE ACCEPTED INTO THE ASSOCIATION WITH ALL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES ASS AN ORDAINED MINISTER AFTER EXAMINATION BY THE COMMITTEE AND CONTINGENT UPON A LETTER OF GOOD STANDING FROM THE UNION ASSOCIATION IN GORGIA. MSC

BROTHERS JACK ARMSTRONG,
RALPH BAKER, DANNY HENDERSON,
WILLIAM SOWELL.

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT SUBMITTED BY BROTHER TRACEY ARMSTRONG. YOUTH RALLY WAS HELD AT NEW PROSPECT WITH APPROXIMATELY 55 IN ATTENDANCE. PROVIDING MUSIC WAS THE GILES FAMILY AND BROTHER JEFFERY PETTIS DELIVERED THE MESSAGE. FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWED IN THE DINING HALL. THE NEXT YOUTH RALLY TO BE HELD AT SARDIS WAS CANCELLED AND NO YOUTH RALLY'S ARE PLANNED FOR 2012 DUE TO LACK OF PARTICIPATION. A WINTER RETREAT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS DECEMBER 29 AND 30 2011. THE SPEAKER NOR COST HAS BEEN DETERMINED AS YET. THERE IS ALSO A COUPLES RETREST SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 13 AND 14, 2012. THE LOCATION, COST, OR THE SPEAKEER HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED SINCE BOTH BOARDS HAVE NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET. YOUTH CAMP DATES (THOUGH THEY WILL BE IN JUNE) HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED. THE COST AND SPEAKERS HAVE NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED SINCE THE TWO BOARDS HAVE NOT MET TO MAKE THESE DECISIONS. A SINCERE THANK YOU WAS GIVEN TO THE ASSOCIATION FOR ALL THE PRAYERS AND SUPPORT. MSC

SUBMITTED BY BROTHER TRACEY ARMSTRONG
CHRIS CULP, AND RALPH BAKER.

CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE GAVE NO REPORT, HOWEVER, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS; THE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER FOR THE ASSOCIATION

GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE CONDITIONS AT THE HOME. THIS WAS ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE NEWS LETTER FROM THE HOME. MSC.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT WAS COVERED IN PART BY BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, THE MODERATOR, IN THE ABSENCE OF SISTER PAM PETTIS. THIS REPORT ONLY GAVE AS INFORMATION FOR THE ASSOCIATION THE UPDATE OF INFORMATION FOUND IN THE DIGEST REPORT. THE STATE OF ALABAMA MISSIONS WORK WAS SHOWING IMPROVEMENT, THE WORK IN MEXICO WAS COMING ALONG, AND THE WORK IN RUSSIA IN SPITE OF THE ATTEMPTED HINDERANCE OF THE DEVIL WAS BEING VERY SUCCESSFUL. KEEP PRAYING, SUPPORTING, LOVING, AND LOOKING FOR HIS RETURN.

THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE GAVE NO REPORT.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE NOMINATED THE FOLLOWING TO FILL VARIOUS OFFICES AND ON MOTION AND SECOND WAS ELECTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE DELEGATES.

MODERATOR BROTHER JOEY PETTIS; VICE MODERATOR BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON; CLERK TREASURER BROTHER RALPH BAKER, AND ASSIST, CLERK TREASURE SISTER NINA VICKERS. ALL ARE ONE TERM THRU 2012.

THE ELECTED MEMBER TO THE STATE GENERAL BOARD WAS BROTHER JOEY PETTIS REPLACING BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND.

MEMBERS NOMINATED AND ELECTED TO THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES:

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE RALPH BAKER TERM EXPIRING IN 2016, JOHNNY GILMORE TERM EXPIRING IN 2015 (REPLACES BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND.)

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION BROTHER JIMMY BAXTER TERM EXPIRING IN 2014; BROTHER JERRY WHITEHEAD TERM EXPIRING IN 2013.

CHILDREN'S HOME SISTER DORIS BEARD REPLACING SISTER BARBARA KIRKLAND. THE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER BROTHER JOEY PETTIS WITH TERM EXPIRING IN 2012.

FINANCE COMMITTEE SISTER EDNA WHITEHEAD TERM EXPIRING IN 2014.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE BROTHER PAUL DYSON TERM EXPIRING IN 2014.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SISTER CHRISTINE BROWN TERM EXPIRING IN 2014.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE SISTER DOLLY VICKERS TERM EXPIRING IN 2014.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE SISTER JANIE SUE MURPHY TERM EXPIRING 2014.

THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE GAVE AS THE ANNUAL MEETING PLACES FOR THE ASSOCIATION AS:

JANUARY 14, 2012	NEW PROSPECT
APRIL 14, 2012	MOUNT ZION
JULY 7, 2012	PILGRIM'S REST
FRIDAY NIGHT OCTOBER 19, 2012	UNION
SATURDAY OCTOBER 20, 2012	NEW ZION

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RECOMMENDED THE PLATE OFFERING OF \$195.00 IS GIVEN TO THE ACTS 1:8 PROGRAMS WITH THE STATE OFFICE.

OUR STATE MEETING DELEGATES AT THIS TIME IS SISTER'S CHRISTINE BROWN, LINDA CORDELL, AND LINDA SOWELL. OTHERS MAY BE ADDED AT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING LATER IN OCTOBER.

THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS SET A DATE OF OCTOBER 27, 2011 AS THE MEETING FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT NEW ZION BEGINNING AT 7:00 PM.

BROTEHR MADDOX AND PIANOIST LED IN THE MORNING SONG SERVICE AND THREE SONGS WAS SELECTED. THE SINGING WAS VERY GOOD.

THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, WAS ON THE PROGRAM AS THE MORNING SPEAKER. HE CHOSE TO READ FROM JAMES 1:1-12 AND MADE SOME VERY GOOD POINTS; AMONG THESE BEING: WHEN SAVED A CHANGE OCCURS. SHOWS THE CHURCH ON BOTH SIDES OF THE FENCE AS DOING/NOT DOING, GOING/NOT GOING, WORSHIP/NON WORSHIP, PRAYER/NOT PRAYING. THE CHURCH HAS LET THE WORLD IN AND THE WORLD HAS SHUT THE CHURCH OUT. THERE ARE REWARDS AND NON-REWARDS FOR A LIFE LIVED HERE. WE NEED TO SEEK THE REWARDS. A VERY GOOD MESSAGE.

A RISING VOTE OF THANKS WAS GIVEN TO THE HOST CHURCH AND BY MOTION OF BROTHER BILLY BEVAN SECONDED BY BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE WE WERE DISMISSED FOR A WONDERFUL MEAL AND TIME OF FELLOWSHIP WITH THE BRETHERN AND SISTERS.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONVENED WITH NEW ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH THURSDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 27, 2011 TO CONDUCT THE BUSINESS OF THE ASSOCIATION IN SETTING SPEAKERS AND A THEME FOR THE YEAR 2012. FOLLOWING IS THE RECOMMENDED SPEAKERS AND DATES. OPENING WITH PRAYER THE MODERATOR READ A PASSAGE FROM 1ST CORINTHIANS 15:58 AND 57 IN THAT ORDER.

NEW PROSPECT	JANUARY 14, 2012	RALPH BAKER
MOUNT ZION	APRIL 14, 2012	MISSIONARY
PILGRIM'S REST	JULY 7, 2012	DANNY HENDERSON
UNION-FRIDAY	OCTOBER 19, 2012	WILLIE EARL BROWN
NEW ZION	OCTOBER 20, 2012	BILLY BEVAN
MEMORIAL SERVICE	OCTOBER 20, 2012	JOEY PETTIS
SUBSTITUTE SPEAKER		JIMMY BAXTER

THE THEME FOR 2012 WILL BE "BE YE READY" SCRIPTURE LUKE 12:40

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE COMMITTEE ADJOURNED FOR REFRESHMENTS SUPPLIED BY NEW ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH.

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 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 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:

- 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.
- 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.

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) 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 (2/3rd) 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.