
2012 Minutes
of the
Quarterly Meetings
and the
One Hundred Thirty-Fourth
Annual Session
of the
Southeastern Association
of
Free Will Baptist Churches

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OF THE
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AND THE
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SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

2013 OFFICERS

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2013 MEETING DATES AND PLACES

THE FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING WILL BE ON JANUARY 19, 2013 WITH NEW SARDIS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER JIMMY SYMONS.

THE SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING WILL BE ON APRIL 20, 2013 WITH NEW PROSPECT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE SPEAKER WILL BE A MISSIONARY SPEAKER NOT YET KNOWN.

THE THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING WILL BE ON JULY 13, 2013 WITH MOUNT ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON.

FRIDAY NIGHT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2013 WILL BE AT PILGRIM'S REST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER JOEY PETTIS.

SATURDAY ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 19, 2013 WILL BE AT UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER JIMMY BAXTER.

THE THEME SELECTED FOR THE 2013 YEAR IS FROM SCRIPTURE FOUND IN ROMANS 8:28. "AND WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THEM THAT LOVE GOD AND ARE THE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE."

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE AT UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH AND THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER BILL BROWN.

THE SUBSTITUTE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER RALPH BAKER MOUNT ZION.

ALABAMA STATE MEETINGS

THE PASTORS AND WORKER CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 18-20, 2013 AT FLORENCE FWB CHURCH WITH FRED WARNER AND MELVIN WORTHINGTON AS THE SPEAKERS.

THE ANNUAL STATE MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 6-8, 2013 AT FORESTDALE. BROTHER STAN TOLLER WILL BE PRIMARY SPEAKER. BROTHER JOEY PETTIS IS OUR STATE GENERAL BOARD ELECTEE.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

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

WILLIAM SOWELL	OCTOBER 2017
RALPH BAKER	OCTOBER 2016
JOHNNY GILMORE	OCTOBER 2015
JACK ARMSTRONG	OCTOBER 2014
DANNY HENDERSON	OCTOBER 2013

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

LINDA CORDELL	OCTOBER 2015
JIMMY BAXTER	OCTOBER 2014
JERRY WHITEHEAD	OCTOBER 2013

CHILDREN HOME

LINDA FLOYD	OCTOBER 2015
DORIS BEARD	OCTOBER 2014
JACK RYALS	OCTOBER 2013
JOEY PETTIS-ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER	OCTOBER 2013

FINANCE

LINDA SOWELL
BETTY WHITEHEAD
LAMAR BUXTON

OCTOBER 2015
OCTOBER 2014
OCTOBER 2013

MISSIONS

JENNIFER TRAMMELL
PAUL DYSON
PAM PETTIS

OCTOBER 2015
OCTOBER 2014
OCTOBER 2013

NOMINATING

NINA VICKERS
CHRISTINE BROWN
MELINDA OWENS

OCTOBER 2015
OCTOBER 2014
OCTOBER 2013

PLACEMENT

SYLVIA ETHRIDGE
DOLLY VICKERS
JOYCE MULLINS

OCTOBER 2015
OCTOBER 2014
OCTOBER 2013

RESOLUTIONS

JEAN ETHRIDGE
HENRIETTA BROWN
BETTY WHITEHEAD

OCTOBER 2015
OCTOBER 2014
OCTOBER 2013

ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS

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40 LOOKOUT LANE
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UNION LINDA FLOYD, ABBEVILLE, AL 36310. PHONE 334-585-3030

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

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

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W N A C AUXILLARY

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ORDAINED DEACONS

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 ROAD 10 E, 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 9/30/2012	\$7,259.04
NO DEPOSITS IN TRANSIT NOR O/S CHECKS	-0-
BALANCE 9/30/11 ON BOOKS	\$7,259.04
BANK STATEMENT 9/30/11	\$7,259.04

GENERAL FUND	MISSIONS FUND	BOARD OF EDUCATION	TOTAL
\$5,182.61	\$-43.30	\$2,119.73	\$7,259.04

OCTOBER 2012
THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FWB CHURCHES
MEMBERSHIP RECORD OF INCREASES AND DECREASES

CHURCH	DATE ORG.	2011 MEM	BY BAP.	PROF FAITH	BY LET.	2012 ADDED	LOST DEATH	BY LET.	ROLL REV	2012 LOST	2012 MEMBER	SS MEMBER	SS AVE	CTS MEM	CTS AVE	WNAC MEM	WNAC AVE	MM MEM	MM AVE	ORD MIN	LIC MIN	PRAY MEET
MOUNT ZION	1881	50						2		2	48	10	8			7	5	8	6	1		
NEW PROSPECT	1874	101		1		1		2		2	100	43	33							1		30
NEW ZION	1907	167	1			1		4		4	164	44	33							2		30
PILGRIMS' REST	1884	46					2	3		5	41	7	7	6	6					1		
SARDIS	1908	282	2	6		8	2	6		8	282	193	90			23	15			2		110
UNION	1879	81	1	3		4	3			3	82	16	12							0		6
TOTALS		727	4	10	0	14	7	17		24	717	313	183	6	6	30	20	8	6	7	0	176

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES
OCTOBER 2012
CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CHURCH	INCOME	REPAIRS	YARD	RENOV	SUPPLIES	UTILITIES	REVIVALS	C/HOME & MISSIONS	YOUTH	STAFF & PASTOR	DUES	PROPERTY
MOUNT ZION	\$26,976.57	\$1,505.07	\$1,800.00		\$1,585.86	\$3,171.52	state co-op \$1,491.59	\$150.00 \$1,865.00	\$120.00	\$1,800.00 \$6,700.00	\$529.50	\$173,619.00
NEW PROSPECT			NO INFORMATION WAS REPORTED									
NEW ZION	\$129,938.94		LISTED OTHER \$2,400.00	\$35,105.20 \$11,897.28	\$343.29	\$17,209.64	\$531.04	\$3,455.00 \$11,076.00	\$846.00	\$33,536.16	\$425.00	\$844,000.00
PILGRIMS' REST			NO INFORMATION WAS REPORTED									
											\$215.00	
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	\$449,227.51	\$12,709.07	\$8,845.00	\$47,002.48	\$8,214.15	\$45,404.16	\$35,350.63	\$26,671.00	\$11,025.00	\$152,418.16	\$2,659.50	\$2,706,619.00

**FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FWB
JANUARY 14, 2012
NEW PROSPECT 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 DEUT. 30:19 SANCTITY OF LIGHT; I CALL HEAVEN AND EARTH TO WITNESS; LIFE IS SACRED. W. E. "BILL" BROWN GAVE THE OPENING PRAYER.

BROTHER WILLIAM SOWELL GAVE THE WELCOME AND THE RESPONSE TO THE WELCOME WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON.

JACK RYALS AND LINDA SOWELL AT PIANO LED THE MORNING SONG SERVICE. SONGS WE'LL WORK TIL JESUS COMES, WILL JESUS FIND US WATCHING, AND I AM RESOLVED. A SPECIAL IN SONG BY SISTER LINDA SOWELL, BROTHER DANNY HENDEERSON, AND RECITATION BY JACK RYALS; A STORY OF LONG AGO. THIS SONG SPOKE OF THE WHERE THE OLD RUSTY NAILS CAME FROM AND THOSE INVOLVED IN THE USE.

THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, CALLED FOR USHERS TO RECEIVE THE MORNING OFFERING. BROTHERS' WILLIAM SOWELL, JIMMY BAXTER, ODIS BUXTON, DAVID TEAT SERVED TO RECEIVE THE MORNING OFFERING. PRAYER WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER JIMMY BAXTER. AN OFFERING OF \$167.10 WAS RECEIVED AND WILL BE DESIGNATED AT THE BUSINESS SESSION.

BROTHER JACK RYAL OF THE HOST CHURCH GAVE THE MORNING DEVOTION USING MATT. 25:1-13. A VERY GOOD DEVOTION.

THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, ASKED FOR RECOGNITION OF MINISTERS (4) BROTHERS RALPH BAKER, WILLIE EARL BROWN, DANNY HENDERSON, AND JOEY PETTIS. DEACONS (4) BROTHERS JACK ARMSTRONG, LAMAR BUXTON, BILL MEDLEY, AND WILLIAM SOWELL. 3 VISITORS, OR NON DELEGATES.

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

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORTED THAT CONTACT WITH THE GEORGIA ASSOCIATION CONCERNING THE LETTER FOR BROTHER WILLIE E. BROWN WAS DELAYED DUE TO THEIR MEETING BEING BEFORE THEY GOT OUR REQUEST BUT ASSURED US THE LETTER WAS COMING. THERE ARE OTHER ISSUES THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE IS WORKING ON AND WE ASK THE PRAYERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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

THE CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT WAS SUBMITTED BY BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE WITH ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS. INFORMATION ON MISSION, NUMBER OF CHILDREN AT THE HOME, AND THE BLESSED CHRISTMAS JUST ENJOYED BY THOSE AT THE HOME.

SISTER PAM PETTIS GAVE AS INFORMATION THE MISSIONS REPORT. THE UPDATE ON THE NEW EXECUTIVE BUILDING, THIS ASSOCIATION HAS GIVEN TO ACTS 1:8 \$12,467 FOR 2011. WHILE OTHER ASSOCIATIONS WERE DOWN OUR ASSOCIATION WAS UP IN 2010 AND 2011. PROGRESS REPORTS WERE GIVEN ON THE VARIOUS WORKS AROUND THE STATE.

WE TOOK A SHORT RECESS AND FOLLOWING THE RECESS WE HAD THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT TO CONCLUDE THE BUSINESS OF THE DAY. THE PLATE OFFERING OF \$167.10 WAS DESIGNATED TO THE ACTS 1:8 PROGRAM.

THE DELEGATES FOR THIS SESSION WAS: MOUNT ZION ANDY GOMBAR, MELINDA OWENS, DOLLY VICKERS, NINA VICKERS: NEW PROSPECT CHRISTINE BROWN, LISA CORDELL, EMMA TURNER ALTERNATES SHIRLEY TURNER AND JOHN TURNER: NEW ZION MARVEL ARMSTRONG, HENRIETTA BROWN, PAM PETTIS, JANELLE SHELLEY, DAVID TEAT, MARY TEAT: PILGRIM'S REST PAM DYSON, MARTHA HELMS, JANIE MURPHY, ALTERNATE CAROLYN BUXZAR: SARDIS JIMMY BAXTER: UNION SYLVIA EHTRIDGE, PEGGY HERRING, LINDA FLOYD, RUTH WHITEHEAD.

THE MORNING SONG SERVICE "THERE'S A GREAT DAY COMING AND READY." A SPECIAL IN SONG BY LISA CORDELL, "CAN I PRAY FOR YOU?"

THE MORNING MESSAGE WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER RALPH BAKER USING 2ND TIMOTHY 4:6. THE MESSAGE WAS WELL RECEIVED. AN INVITATION WAS GIVEN AND THE HYMN "PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD" WAS USED.

A RISING VOTE OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION WAS GIVEN TO THE HOST CHURCH AND WE WERE DISMISSED FOR LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP. THE HOST CHURCH SERVED A VERY GOOD MEAL AND WAS MOST GRACIOUS IN HOSTING THIS SESSION.

**SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FWB
APRIL 14, 2012
MOUNT ZION FWB CHURCH**

THIS SESSION OPENED WITH REGISTRATION AT 9:30 AM. THE MODERATOR CALLED THIS SESSION TO ORDER AT 10:00 AM. THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS THAT AT THIS MEETING WO WOULD HAVE THE LANCASTERS, JIMMIE AND JAMIE, AS OUR GUEST TODAY WHO WOULD ALSO BE PRESENTING THE MISSIONS PROGRAM LATER IN THE SERVICE. PRAY FOR REVIVAL ACCORDING TO 2ND CHRONICLES 7:14, "IF MY PEOPLE---" BROTHER CLARENCE CULPEPPER LED IN PRAYER.

THE WELCOME WAS THEN GIVEN BY BROTHER RALPH BAKER OF THE HOST CHURCH. BROTHER WILLIAM SOWELL GAVE THE RESPONSE TO THE WELCOME. THE MORNING SINGING WAS LED BY SISTER NINA VICKERS AND SYLVIA BRANNON PROVIDED MUSIC. "TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS" "JESUS, HOLD MY HAND" "I'VE NEVER BEEN SORRY"

THE MORNING OFFERING WAS RECEIVED BY BROTHER TRACEY ARMSTRONG AND JERRY WHITEHEAD. BROTHER TRACEY LED IN PRAYER. AN OFFERING OF \$119.00 WAS RECEIVED AND WILL BE DESIGNATED AT THE REGULAR BUSINESS SESSION BY VOTE. A LETTER HAD BEEN SENT OUT TO ALL CHURCHES THAT A SPECIAL OFFERING MIGHT BE GIVEN AND THERE WAS SOME INDIVIDUAL EFFORT MADE IN THAT TWO OF OUR CHURCHES DID PARTICIPATE. THERE WAS A DESIGNATED OFFERING FOR THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION OF \$984.33 AND FOR WORLD MISSIONS AN OFFERING OF \$315.00.

THERE WERE 6 MINISTERS PRESENT: BROTHERS RALPH BAKER, BILLY BEVAN, WILLIE EARL BROWN, CLARENCE CULPEPPER, DANNY HENDERSON, AND JOEY PETTIS.

THERE WERE SEVEN DEACONS PRESENT AT THIS SESSION: BROTHERS JACK ARMSTRONG, TRACEY ARMSTRONG, LAMAR BUXTON, JOHNNY GILMORE, BILLY MEDLEY, WILLIAM SOWELL, AND WILLIAM SOWELL.

WE HAD A TOTAL OF 4 VISITORS PRESENT, TWO FROM THE ASSOCIATION AND TWO FROM OUTSIDE THE ASSOCIATION. FROM THE ASSOCIATION WE HAD SISTERS CHRISTINE BROWN AND EMMA TEW. FROM OUTSIDE THE ASSOCIATION WE HAD VISITING MISSIONARY FAMILY JAMIE AND TAMMY LANCASTER.

THE CLERK CALLED THE ROLL OF DELEGATES AND WE HAD: SYLVIA BRANNON, ANDY GOMBAR, MELINDA OWENS, LILLIE THOMPSON, AND DOLLY VICKERS MOUNT ZION; LINDA SOWELL, SHIRLEY TURNER, LLOYD TURNER, ALTERNATES LINDA HENDERSON AND LUCY DEWS NEW PROSPECT; MARVELL ARMSTRONG, KENNETH ETHERIDGE, JEAN ETHRIDGE, PAM PETTIS, AND BETTY WHITEHEAD NEW ZION; MARTHA HELMS, JANIE SUE MURPHY, MARY CULPEPPER PILGRIM'S REST; JIMMY BAXTER, GLORIA BEVAN, DEE SUTTON, JENNIFER TRAMMELL, SANDRA BAXTER, HUNTER TRAMMELL SARDIS; PEGGY HERRING, JANICE SMITH, LINDA FLOYD UNION. MSC TO SEAT THE DELEGATES BY THE ORDAINED AUTHORITY. MOTIN LAMAR BUXTON SECOND DANNY HENDERSON.

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORTED THAT THE LETTER OF GOOD STANDING FROM THE GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION AND HE IS NOW A MEMBER OF STANDING WITH THIS ASSOCIATION. WHILE WE WERE NOT IN SESSION WE HAD A REQUEST TO GRANT A LETTER OF GOOD STANDING TO BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND TO THE STATE LINE ASSOCIATION. UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE TO GRANT SUCH A LETTER IN TIMES THE ASSOCIATION WAS NOT IN SESSION AND DUE TO THE FACT THE STATE LINE ASSOCIATION WILL MEET THE WEEK BEFORE WE HOLD OUR SESSION WE GRANTED THE LETTER TO THE STATE LINE ASSOCIATION AND HEREBY REPORT TO THIS ASSOCIATION AS TO OUR ACTIONS. BROTHER THOMAS IS REMOVED FORM OUR ASSOICATION ROLLS. WE ALSO SADLY AGREE TO EVERGREEN'S LETTER OF WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ASSOCIATION ON THEIR REQUEST.

THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT GIVEN BY BROTHER TRACEY ARMSTRONG REPORTED ON THE FEBRUARY COUPLES RETREAT AS HAVING BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF PARTICIPATION. THE EN'S RETREAT WAS HELD IN MARCH AT COFFEE BAPTIST VINEYARDS. LOOKING FORWARD WE HAVE SCHEDULED A WOMEN'S RETREAT APRIL 27TH AND 28TH WITH SALLY CASH AS THE SPEAKER. ALSO OUR SUMMER CAMPS ARE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 11-15, 2012 ANE JUNE 18-22, 2012. PRAY FOR OUR CAMPS, OUR YOUTH, OUR CHURCHES, AND OUR NATION.

THE CHILDREN HOME REPORT GIVEN BY BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE WAS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION ON THE WELFARE OF THE HOME AND THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN NOW THERE. WE HAVE ONE NEW

SET OF HOUSE PARENTS, CHAD AND ANGELA HART.

THE MISSIONS REPORT GIVEN BY SISTER PAM PETTIS WAS MADE FROM THE INFORMATION PROVIDED FROM THE STATE OFFICE BY THE STATE LEADER, RICK CASH. A REMINDER THAT THE ACTS 1:8 PROGRAM ALLOWS US TO FUND SUCH PROGRAMS AS INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS, FUND HOME MISSIONS IN MOBILE AND OXFORD. DURING 2011 THE MOBILE CHURCH BAPTIZED 20 NEW CONVERTS AND OXFORD 4. FUND WORKS IN MEXICO AND RUSSIA. THE RUSSIAN WORK SAW 420 IN ATTENDANCE WITH 200 PROFESSIONS OF FAITH IN CHRIST OUR LORD.

THE FINANCIAL REPORT DESIGNATED THE PLATE OFFERING TO THE ACTS 1:8 PROGRAM. THE OFFERING GIVEN FOR THE \$315.00 WAS GIVEN AS AN EAR MARK TO THE JAMIE LANCASTER FUND.

TO REPLACE DEPARTING MEMBERS OF BOARDS BROTHER JOEY APPOINTED SISTER MARTHA HELMS TO REPLACE DORIS BEARD ON THE CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE, AND SISTER BETTY WHITEHEAD TO REPLACE SISTER EDNA WHITEHEAD ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. THESE WILL SERVE UNTIL THE ANNUAL SESSION WHEN THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WILL FILL VACANCIES ON THE BOARDS.

WE SANG TWO SONGS "VICTORY IN JESUS" AND "WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE" PILGRIM'S REST WILL HAVE HOMECOMING AND REVIVAL WITH THE HOMECOMING ON THE FIRST SUNDAY IN MAY WITH BILL MONAGEN AND THEN MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY NIGHTS REVIVAL WITH BROTHER JOEY PETTIS.

THE PROGRAM WAS TURNED OVER TO THE LANCASTERS WHO PRESENTED A VERY MOVING AND INFORMATIVE PROGRAM ON THE MISSION WORK IN URAGUAY. SLIDES, STILLS, AND SPEAKING WERE ALL A PART OF THE SERVICE. VERY TOUCHING TO SEE SO CLOSE AT HAND WHAT THESE GREAT MEN AND WOMEN OF GOD GIVE AND RECEIVE IN THEIR EFFORTS FOR THE LORD. AMY ROBINSON SAY AS SPECIAL ENTITLED "WHY SHOULD HE LOVE ME SO" THEY CLOSED WITH PRAYER. FOLLOWING A RISING VOTE OF THANKS TO THE HOST CHURCH WE WERE DISMISSED TO ENJOY A MOST WONDERFUL MEAL PREPARED BY THE HOST CHURCH.

**THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FWB
JULY 7, 2012
PILGRIM'S REST FREE WILL BAPTIST**

THE THIRD SESSION BEGAN IN THE NORMAL MANNER WITH REGISTRATION AT 9:30 AM AND THE CALL TO ORDER BY THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS. THE MODERATOR OPENED WITH READING MATT: 24:42, WATCH THEREFORE FOR YOU KNOW NOT WHEN YOUR LORD SHALL COME. BROTHER BILL BROWN LED THE CONGREGATION IN PRAYER AS HE ASKED GOD'S LEADERSHIP DURING THIS SESSION AND GIVING THE WELCOME AT THE SAME TIME. BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE GAVE THE RESPONSE TO THE WELCOME.

THE MORNING SONG SERVICE WAS LED BY BROTHER AND SISTER KENNETH ETHRIDGE. "KEEP ON THE FIRING LINE."

THE MODERATOR ASKED FOR THE MORNING PLATE OFFERING TO BE RECEIVED AT THIS TIME. BROTHER'S PAUL DYSON AND WILLIAM SOWELL SERVED AS USHERS. BROTHER PAUL DYSON PRAYED THE OFFERATORY PRAYER. AN OFFERING OF \$134.00 WAS RECEIVED AND WILL BE DESIGNATED AT THE BUSINESS SESSION.

THE DEVOTION WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER DORCEY PAIN. HE READ SOME SCRIPTURE AND GAVE A VERY GOOD DEVOTION.

WE HAD 4 MINISTERS PRESENT: BROTHERS RALPH BAKER, W. E. "BILL" BROWN, DANNY HENDERSON, AND JOEY PETTIS.

WE HAD 4 DEACONS PRESENT: BROTHERS LAMAR BUXTON, JOHNNY GILMORE, BILLY MEDLEY, AND WILLIAM SOWELL.

WE HAD 1 VISITOR (NON DELEGATES) SISTER EMMA TEW.

THE ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES WAS MADE BY THE CLERK:
MOUNT ZION: CALEB BAKER, ANDY GOMBAR, AND NINA VICKERS. NEW PROSPECT: CHRISTINE BROWN, JOHN TURNER, SHIRLEY TURNER AND ALTERNATES LINDA HENDERSON, LINDA SOWELL, AND EMMA TURNER. NEW ZION: KENNETH ETHRIDGE, JEAN ETHRIDGE, HENRIETTA BROWN, AND PAM PETTIS. PILGRIM'S REST: PAYL DYSON, MARTHA HELMS, JANIE SUE MURPHY, WILLIAM BUCKZAR, AND DORCEY PAIN. SARDIS: JIMMY BAXTER, SANDRA BAXTER, JENNIFER TRAMMELL, AND HUNTER TRAMMELL.

UNION: PEGGY HERRING, Joann ELLIOTT, SYLVIA ETHRIDGE AND ALTERNATES LINDA FLOYD AND JANICE SMITH. ON A MOTION BY BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON AND SECOND BY BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON THE ORDAINED AUTHORITY SEATED THESE DELEGATES TO CONDUCT THE DAYS BUSINESS.

THE MODERATOR ASK FOR A MOTION TO ENTER THE BUSINESS SESSION AND BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON MADE THE MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON.

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION GIVEN BY BROTHER JIMMY BAXTER WITH INFORMATION ONLY ON CAMPS AND FINANCES.

THE MODERATOR, BROTHER PETTIS, GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE CHILDREN HOME IN ELDRIDGE, ALABAMA. CHILDREN ARE NOW OUT OF SCHOOL FOR THE SUMMER. SEVERAL MADE THE HONOR ROLL, SOME HAD DONE WELL IN SPORTS, AND ONE GRADUATE WAS PLANNING ON ENROLLING AT AUBURN IN THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY. IN THE INTERIM HE WILL REMAIN AT THE HOME IN THE BRIDGE PROGRAM.

MISSIONS REPORT GIVEN BY SISTER PAM PETTIS UPDATED THE OXFORD WORK, THE MOBILE WORK THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE, THE JOINT VENTURE IN RUSSIA AND MEXICO.

OTHER COMMITTEES HAD NO REPORTS.

NEW PROPSECT ANNOUNCED REVIVAL WITH BROTHER JOE TOLBERT TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY WITH BROTHER DANNY ON SUNDAY AND BROTHER JOEY ON MONDAY NIGHT. UNION WILL HAVE BROTHER MIKE GRIGGS JULY 22-25, 2012. NEW ZION WILL HAVE VBS JULY 9-13, 2012. WE ADJOURNED UNTIL 10:55 AM.

FOLLOWING THE RECESS THE MODERATOR ASK FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT. IT WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON. THE PLATE OFFERING OF \$134.00 WAS DESIGNATED TO THE MISSIONS FUND. M BY BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON, SECOND BY DANNY HENDERSON AND CARRIED. DISMISSED FROM BUSINESS SESSION.

THE SONG SERVICE LED BY BROTHER AND SISTER KENNETH ETHRIDGE. WE SANG "JUST A LITTLE TALK WITH JESUS" "JOY UNSPEAKABLE" AND "JUST OVER IN THE GLORY LAND." SISTER HENRIETTA BROWN SANG, "LOOK FOR ME AT JESUS FEET."

THE MORNING MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED BY BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON USING OUR MATTHEW 24:42 AND OUR THEME. HE ASKED THE QUESTION "ARE YOU READY? ARE YOU READY? ARE YOU REALLY READY? CHRISTIANS NEED MAINTENANCE TO STAY CLEAN AND RIGHT. AS WE DEPART THIS LIFE AND ENTER THE NEXT WE WILL HEAR ONE OF TWO THINGS, WELL DONE THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT, OR, DEPART FROM ME, I NEVER KNEW YOU. OH HOW SAD TO HAVE HAD EVERY OPPORTUNITY AND YET TO HAVE MISSED THE GOAL. HE CLOSED THE MESSAGE WITH PRAYER. FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE WE HAD AN INVITATION AND BORTHER JOEY READ MATTHEW 25:12-13. WE WERE THEN DISMISSED WITH PRAYER FOR A WONDERFUL MEAL PREPARED BY THE HOST CHURCH.

**FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION
UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST
OCTOBER 19, 2012**

THE FRIDAY EVENING SESSION WAS CONVENED WITH UNION FWB CHURCH ON FRIDAY NIGHT OCTOBER 19, 2012 WITH REGISTRATION BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM. THE MODERATOR CALLED THE SESSION TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM. OUR MODERATOR OPENED THE MEETING BY CALLING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SO MANY INVOLVED IN SO MUCH IN SO MANY PLACES THAT SOME HARDLY HAD TIME FOR CHURCH ANYMORE. THE SESSION WAS OPENED WITH PRAYER GIVEN BY BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON.

BROTHER WILL MADDOX AND THEIR PIANIST, AND I FAILED TO ASK BROTHER MADDOX HER NAME, LED IN SINGING "VICTORY IN JESUS" AND "GOD OF THE MOUNTAIN."

AN OFFERING WAS RECEIVED WITH BROTHERS JIMMY BAXTER AND DAVID TEAT SERVING AS THE USHERS. BROTHER JIMMY BAXTER LED IN PRAYER.

CONTINUING THE EVENING SONG SERVICE BROTHER MADDOX SELECTED "DRAW ME NEARER" AND "I'LL BE HOME BEFORE DAWN."

BROTHER WILLIE EARL "BILL" BROWN BROUGHT THE EVENING MESSAGE USING AS A TEXT LUKE 12:40 AND REFERENCING 12:16-21. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE ARE READY AS OUR TEXT TELLS US.

1. MAKE SURE OF YOUR SALVATION
DO THIS BY HEARING, TURNING, TRUSTING. CHRIST BRINGS YOU THE ASSURANCE.
2. BE ACTIBVE AND FAITHFUL IN CHURCH ACTIBVITY.

3. MAKE RESTITUTION TO OTHERS WHEN AND WHERE NEEDED.
 4. GET RIGHT WITH THE MONEY QUESTION. WHAT IS GOD'S IS GOD'S, WHAT IS CEASARS IS CEASARS.
- BE READY, BE READY, AND BE READY. YOU KNOW NOT THE DAY OR HOUR. BE YE READY.

THE MODERATOR ASK FOR A SONG OF INVITATION AND BROTHER MADDUX SELECTED "HAVE THINE OWN WAY LORD" FOLLOWING THE HYMN THE MODERATOR MENTION THE STATE ASSOCIATION WHICH WOULD BE AT DOTHAN THIS YEAR AND HOPEFULLY MANY OF OUR MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND. WE WILL REASSEMBLE AT NEW ZION TOMORROW MORNING TO CONTINUE THE ANNUAL SESSION. BROTHER DAVID TEAT DISMISSED THE MEETING AND ASKS THE LORD'S BLESSINGS UPON THE REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP.

**SATURDAY MORNING SESSION
NEW ZION WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 20, 2012**

OUR SATURDAY ANNUAL SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, AT 10:00 AM. BROTHER JOEY HAD A FEW OPENING REMARKS AND APPRECIATION FOR THOSE IN ATTENDANCE. THE WELCOME BY THE HOST CHURCH WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER JERRY WHITEHEAD WITH THE RESPONSE BEING GIVEN BY BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON.

THE SON LEADER OF NEW ZION, BROTHER DAVID TEAT, HAD BEEN CALLED INTO WORK SO BROTHER JOEY PETTIS LED THE SINGING. BROTHER DANNY WILLIAMS WIFE, KAREN, PLAYED TWO SONGS FOR US ON THE PIANO AND IT WAS REALLY INSPIRING. I BELIEVE EVERYONE RECEIVED A VERY SPECIAL BLESSING JUST FROM THIS MUSIC.

WE WERE LED IN SINGING TWO SONGS "WON'T IT BE WONDERFUL THERE" AND "I'LL MEET YOU IN THE MORNING."

A MORNING OFFERING WAS RECEIVED WITH BROTHER JERRY WHITEHEAD AND JIMMY SYMONS SERVING AS USHERS.

WE HAD IN ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING 5 MINISTERS: BROTHERS RALPH BAKER, BILLY BEVAN, W E BROWN, DANNY HENDERSON, AND VISITING MINISTER DANNY WILLIAMS.

WE ALSO HAD 5 DEACONS TO REGISTER: BROTHERS LAMAR BUXTON, WILL MADDUX, BILLY MEDLEY, WILLIAM SOWELL, AND JERRY WHITEHEAD.

WE HAD IN ATTENDANCE 7 VISITORS OF FREE WILL BAPTIST DOCTRINE BUT NOT SERVING AS DELEGATES, DEACONS, OR MINISTERS. HENRIETTA BROWN, LISA CORDELL, LUCY DEES, EMMA TEW, EMMA TURNER, AND KAREN WILLIAMS.

THE MODERATOR ASK THE CLERK TO READ THE DELEGATES LIST AND THOSE ANSWERING: MOUNT ZION, ANDY GOMBAR AND NINA VICKERS: NEW PROSPECT: LINDA SOWELL, LLOYD TURNER, SHIRLEY TURNER WITH ALTERNATES LINDA CORDELL AND LINDA HENDERSON. NEW ZION; MARVELL ARMSTRONG, PAM PETTIS, MIRIAM SHELLEY, MARY TEAT, BETTY WHITEHEAD AND ALTERNATE JOHNNIE RUTH TAYLOR WHO WILL SERVE AS DELEGATE REPLACING BROTHER DAVID TEAT WHO HAD BEEN CALLED INTO WORK. PILGRIM'S REST; NONE. SARDIS; JIMMY BAXTER, GLORIA BEVAN, JIMMY SYMONS, AND JENNIFER TRAMMELL. UNION; LINDA FLOYD, PEGGY HERRING, WITH ALTERNATES JANICE SMITH (SHE WILL MOVE UP AS DELEGATE SINCE ONLY TWO OTHERS WERE PRESENT) AND BEVERLY SMITH. THESE, BY MOTION OF BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON AND SECOND BY BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON WERE SEATED AS DELEGATES TO HANDLE ANY AND ALL BUSINESS AT THIS SESSION.

MOVING INTO THE BUSINESS SESSION THE MODERATOR GAVE BROTHER DANNY WILLIAMS FROM THE CHILDREN'S HOME THE FLOOR TO MAKE A REPORT ON THE HOME AND THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND WORKERS AS WELL AS THE ONGOING NEEDS AT THE HOME. BROTHER DANNY ALSO THANKED THE ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE HOME AND CALLED ATTENTION TO THE HARVEST DRIVE AND THE ANNUAL ELDRIDGE TOY RUN.

SISTER PAM PETTIS GAVE THE MISSIONS REPORT AND UPDATED THE BODY ON THE STATE REPORT FROM RICK CASH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. THE MOBILE WORK CONTINUES TO PROSPER; THE OXFORD WORK IS GETTING UP AND GOING WITH AVERAGE ATTENDANCE OF 27, IN MEXICO THE FOURTH CHURCH ALABAMA HELPED PLANT WAS DEDICATED IN JULY 2012. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING CONTINUES TO MOVE ALONG, THOUGH AT A SLOWER PACE THAN WE HAD HOPED. IT IS A BUILD AS MONEY IS AVAILABLE PROJECT SO IT IS EXPECTED TO MOVE IN SPURTS. THE FOURTH ALABAMA GOLF TOURNAMENT WAS THE BEST WE HAVE HAD. WE PROFITED \$6,000.00.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE GAVE THE ANNUAL REPORT AS FOLLOWS: WE RECOMMEND THE PLATE OFFERING OF FRIDAY AND SATURDAY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$154.00 BE SENT TO THE CHILDREN'S HOME. WE FURTHER RECOMMEND THE BUDGET AS NOW USED IS CONTINUED. THIS IS 20 PERCENT TO CHRISTIAN BOARD OF

EDUCATION, 15% TO ASSOCIATION MISSION FUND, 15% TO THE ELDRIDGE CHILDREN'S HOME, AND 50% IN THE LOCAL TREASURY FOR OPERATIONS.

THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT IS AS FOLLOWS FOR 2013. MODERATOR, JOEY PETTIS. ASSISTANT MODERATOR DANNY HENDERSON, CLERK/TREASURER RALPH BAKER, ASSISTANT CLERK/TREASURER NINA VICKERS, STATE GENERAL BOARD MEMBER JOEY PETTIS, CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE WILLIAM SOWELL WITH TERM EXPIRING 2017, CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION LINDA CORDELL TERM EXPIRING 2015, CHILDREN'S HOME LINDA FLOYD TERM EXPIRING 2014, JOHNNY GILMORE TERM EXPIRING 2015; ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER JOEY PETTIS; FINANCE COMMITTEE BETTY WHITEHEAD TERM EXPIRING 2014, LINDA SOWELL TERM EXPIRING 2015; MISSIONS COMMITTEE JENNIFER TRAMMELL; NOMINATING COMMITTEE NINA VICKERS-FLOWERS; PLACEMENT COMMITTEE SYKLVA ETHRIDGE; RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE HENRIETTA BROWN TERM EXPIRING IN 2014 AND JEAN ETHRIDGE TERM EXPIRING IN 2015. THE TERMS OF ALL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS IS SHOWN IN THE PAGES LISTING COMMITTEES ON PAGES 1, 2, AND 3.

THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT IS FOUND ON PAGE 1 OF OUR MINUTES.

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION PLANNING ON ATTENDING THE STATE MEETING IN DOTHAN ARE JIMMY BAXTER OF SARDIS, LINDA SOWELL OF NEW PROSPECT, HENRIETTA BROWN OF PILGRIM'S, AND PAM PETTIS OF NEW ZION.

THE MODERATOR ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO TAKE UDNER ADVISEMENT A MATTER BROUGHT BEFORE THE ASSOCIATION. HE ASKED THAT THE COMMITTEE MEET AT NEW ZION ON OCTOBER 25, 2012 AT THE TIME OF THE PLANNING OF THE NEW YEARS PROGRAM AT 7:00 PM. MOTION TO ACCEPT BY BROTHER BILLY BEVAN, SECOND BY LAMAR BUXTON AND CARRIED.

WE THEN BEGAN THE MORNING SONG WORSHIP SERVICE WITH THE MODERATOR, JOEY PETTIS, LEADING THE SINGING. SONGS SELECTED WERE "GLAD REUNION DAY" "STEPPING IN THE LIGHT" AND "JESUS HOLD MY HAND." SISTER HENRIETTA BROWN SANG A SPECIAL TITLED "JESUS DIED FOR THE LIFE OF ME."

BROTHER BILLY BEVAN, PASTOR AT SARDIS, BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE WITH SCRIPTURE FROM MATT: 24. POINTS HE MADE
1. READY OR NOT, HERE I COME.

2. JESUS IS COMING, COUNT ON IT.
3. BECAUSE HE HAS NOT COME DOES NOT MEAN HE ISN'T.
4. NOBODY KNOWS THE DAY NOR THE HOUR OF HIS COMING.

A SONG OF INVITATION WITH AN INVITATION TO ANYONE WHO FELT THE NEED TO MIGHT COME TO THE ALTAR.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE WAS GIVEN BY THE MODERATOR, JOEY PETTIS.. HE USED SCRIPTURE FROM II THESS: 2. A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE WAS GIVEN BY A MOMENT OF SILENCE AND CLOSED BY PRAYER.

FOLLOWING THIS PRAYER WE GAVE THE HOST CHURCH A RISING VOTE OF THANKS AND WE WERE DISMISSED TO A LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE. THE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS IS OCTOBER 25.

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.

1. 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.