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SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

2014 OFFICERS

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

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

CLERK/TREASURER – BROTHER RALPH BAKER, 3422 HIGHWAY 131, CLAYTON, ALABAMA 36016. TELEPHONE 334-775-3081.

ASSISTANT CLERK/TREASURER – SISTER NINA VICKERS, 607 HOLLY DRIVE, EUFAULA, ALABAMA 36027. TELEPHONE 334-703-0720

2014 MEETING DATES AND PLACES

THE FIRST MEETING WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 15, 2014 WITH NEW ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE SPEAKER WILL OUR ANNUAL MISSIONARY SERVICE WITH THE SPEAKER NOT YET DETERMINED.

THE SECOND MEETING WILL BE ON JUNE 14, 2014 WITH SARDIS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER JOEY McCREIGHT.

THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE ON OCTOBER 18, 2014 WITH NEW PROSPECT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER JOEY PETTIS.

THE THEME SELECTED FOR THE 2014 YEAR IS FROM SCRIPTURE FOUND IN REVELATION 3:4. AND THE THEME IS "ARE YOU WORTHY."

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE AT NEW PROSPECT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH AND THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER RALPH BAKER.

THE SUBSTITUTE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER BILLY BEVAN.

ALABAMA STATE MEETINGS

THE PASTORS AND WORKER CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 17-18, 2014.

THE ANNUAL STATE MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 5-7, 2014 AT FLORENCE. BROTHER JOEY PETTIS IS OUR STATE GENERAL BOARD ELECTEE.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

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

DANNY HENDERSON	OCTOBER 2018
WILLIAM SOWELL	OCTOBER 2017
RALPH BAKER	OCTOBER 2016
JOHNNY GILMORE	OCTOBER 2015
JACK ARMSTRONG	OCTOBER 2014

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

JERRY WHITEHEAD	OCTOBER 2016
LINDA CORDELL	OCTOBER 2015
JIMMY BAXTER	OCTOBER 2014

CHILDREN HOME

JACK RYALS	OCTOBER 2016
LINDA FLOYD	OCTOBER 2015
MICKEY GILMORE	OCTOBER 2014
JOEY PETTIS-ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER	OCTOBER 2014

FINANCE

LAMARY BUSTON  
LINDA SOWELL  
BETTY WHITEHEAD

OCTOBER 2016  
OCTOBER 2015  
OCTOBER 2014

MISSIONS

HENRIETTA BROWN  
JENNIFER TRAMMELL  
PAUL DYSON

OCTOBER 2016  
OCTOBER 2015  
OCTOBER 2014

NOMINATING

MELINDA OWENS  
NINA VICKERS  
CHRISTINE BROWN

OCTOBER 2016  
OCTOBER 2015  
OCTOBER 2014

PLACEMENT

JOYCE MULLINS  
SYLVIA ETHRIDGE  
DOLLY VICKERS

OCTOBER 2016  
OCTOBER 2015  
OCTOBER 2014

RESOLUTIONS

BETTY WHITEHEAD  
JEAN ETHRIDGE  
PAM PETTIS

OCTOBER 2016  
OCTOBER 2015  
OCTOBER 2014

ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS

MOUNT ZION

RALPH BAKER  
3422 HIGHWAY 131  
CLAYTON, AL 36016  
334-441-6965

NEW PROSPECT

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

NEW ZION

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

PILGRIMS REST

WILLIE EARL "BILL" BROWN-INTERIM  
40 LOOKOUT LANE  
KINSEY, AL 36303

C. L CULPEPPER  
264 SCENIC DRIVE  
EUFAULA, AL 36027  
334-687-4462

SARDIS

BILLY BEVAN  
P O BOX 503  
EUFAULA, AL. 36072-0503  
334-687-8967

ELZO BEVAN  
112 BROADVIEW DR.  
EUFAULA, AL 36027

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

NEW PROSPECT WILLIAM SOWELL, 2777 COUNTY ROAD 75.CLOPTON, AL 36317 585-5318

NEW ZION BETTY WHITEHEAD, 106 BOYNTON STREET, HEADLAND, AL. PHONE 334-693-3042

PILGRIMS' REST LAMAR BUXTON, 7320 HIGHWAY 10 E, ABBEVILLE, AL 36310 PHONE 585-3250

SARDIS MICKEY GILMORE, 1058 HWY 30, CLAYTON, AL. 36016 PHONE 334-695-7133

UNION LINDA FLOYD, ABBEVILLE, AL 36310, PHONE 334-585-2444

CLERKS

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

NEW PROSPECT JOYCE MULLINS, 3674 COUNTY ROAD 75 N, CLOPTON, AL 36317  
PHONE 334-585-6869

NEW ZION MARY TEAT, 10033 COUNTY ROAD 47, SHORTERVILLE, AL 36373,  
PHONE 334-585-3975

PILGRIMS' REST LAMAR BUXTON, 7320 HIGHWAY 10 E, ABBEVILLE, AL 36310  
PHONE 334-585-3250

SARDIS GEORGIA GILMORE, 1064 HIGHWAY 30, CLAYTON, AL 36016, PHONE 334-687-5416

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

### SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

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

NEW PROSPECT TRACEY ARMSTRONG, 204 ROCKDALE COURT, DOTHAN, AL 36301  
PHONE 334-794-3609

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

PILGRIMS' REST LAMAR BUXTON, 7320 STATE ROAD 10 E, ABBEVILLE, AL 36310  
PHONE 334-585-3250

SARDIS MICKEY GILMORE, 1058 HWY 30, CLAYTON, AL 36016, PHONE 334-695-7133

UNION WILL MADDOX, 2651 COUNTY ROAD 53, ABBEVILLE, AL 36310

### C T S DIRECTORS

PILGRIMS' REST LAMAR BUXTON, 7320 STATE ROAD 10 E, ABBEVILLE, AL 36310,  
PHONE 334-585-3250

### W N A C AUXILLARY

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

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

### MASTERS' MEN

MOUNT ZION STEVE KILCREASE, 220 BOWDEN STREET, NEWVILLE, AL 36353  
PHONE 334-596-4958

### ORDAINED DEACONS

MOUNT ZION: 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.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE IN CHECKING 9/30/2013	\$6,569.90
NO DEPOSITS IN TRANSIT NOR O/S CHECKS	-0-
<i>BALANCE 9/30/12 ON BOOKS</i>	<i>\$6,569.90</i>
<i>BANK STATEMENT 9/30/13</i>	<i>\$6,569.90</i>

<i>GENERAL FUND</i>	<i>MISSIONS FUND</i>	<i>BOARD OF EDUCATION</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
<i>\$4,897.13</i>	<i>\$264.38</i>	<i>\$1,408.39</i>	<i>\$6,569.90</i>

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				SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES								
					OCTOBER		2013					
					CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION							
								C/HOME &		STAFF &		
CHURCH	INCOME	REPAIRS	YARD	RENOV	SUPPLIES	UTILITIES	REVIVALS	MISSIONS	YOUTH	PASTOR	DUES	PROPERTY
								\$500.00		\$2,475.00		
MOUNT ZION	\$33,032.57	\$3,511.09	\$3,100.00		\$1,428.12	\$5,027.50	\$700.00	\$1,100.00	\$200.00	\$11,700.00	\$444.50	\$173,619.00
NEW PROSPECT			NO INFORMATION WAS REPORTED									
			OTHER	\$30,724.08				\$3,990.00		\$2,023.20		
NEW ZION	\$117,960.61	\$433.25	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	\$791.88	\$14,458.70	\$169.99	\$9,680.00	\$846.00	\$32,915.14	\$180.00	\$844,000.00
PILGRIMS' REST			NO INFORMATION WAS REPORTED								\$215.00	
								\$1,200.00		\$49,225.00		
SARDIS	\$288,702.00	\$1,931.00	\$3,190.00	\$27,937.00	\$15,895.00	\$22,571.00	\$55,366.00	\$16,502.00	\$9,064.00	\$74,705.00	\$400.00	\$1,689,000.00
			LISTED OTHER	\$48,194.00			STATE CO-OP	\$700.00				
UNION			NO INFORMATION WAS REPORTED								\$305.00	
TOTALS	\$439,695.18	\$5,875.34	\$8,540.00	\$106,855.08	\$18,115.00	\$42,057.20	\$56,235.99	\$33,672.00	\$10,110.00	\$173,043.34	\$1,544.50	\$2,706,619.00
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FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION  
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FWB  
JANUARY 19, 2013  
SARDIS FWB CHURCH

THE NEW YEAR BEGAN WITH THE FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT SARDIS IN EUFAULA.

THE MODEERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, OPENED BY READING FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> CORINTHIANS 15:58 AND COMMENTING THEREON EMPHASIZING "STAND."

BROTHER DAVID TEAT OF NEW ZION LED IN PRAYER OPENING THIS FIRST SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

BROTHER JIMMY BAXTER GAVE THE WELCOME FOR THE HOST CHURCH AND BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON GAVE THE RESPONSE. IT WAS INDEED A GREAT DAY FOR A MEETING.

SINGING LED BY BROTHER BRYAN GILMORE "JUST OVER IN GLORY LAND" AND "SOME DAY."

BROTHER BILL BROWN PRAYED FOR THE MORNING OFFERING AND A TOTAL OF \$155.00 WAS RECEIVED.

BROTHER JOEY McCREIGHT BROUGHT THE MORNING DEVOTION USING EXODUS 34:28-35. A VERY SPIRITUAL AND POWERFUL MESSAGE. HE BROUGHT OUT HOW WE NEED EXCITEMENT IN OUR SERVICES, HUMILITY, HE USED MOSES AS AN EXAMPLE, AND CLOSED WITH MAKING THE POINT HOW WE NEED OUR PERSONAL LIFE, DEVOTIONAL LIFE, DAILY LIFE OUGHT TO BE REFLECTIVE OF OUR SALVATION. HE CLOSED WITH PRAYER.

MINISTERS: RALPH BAKER, BILLY BEVAN, BILL BROWN, JOEY PETTIS, AND JOSEPH McCREIGHT.

DEACONS: LAMAR BUXTON, BRYAN GILMORE, JOHNNY GILMORE, BILLY JOE MEDLEY, WILLIAM SOWELL, AND JERRY WHITEHEAD.

DELEGATES: ANDY GOMBAR, MELINDA OWENS, DOLLY VICKERS, NINA VICKERS, LINDA CORDELL, LOYD TURNER, SHIRLEY TURNER, JEAN ETHRIDGE, KENNETH ETHRIDGE, PAM PETTIS, DAVID TEAT, BETTY WHITEHEAD, LARRY WHITEHEAD, HENRIETTA BROWN, CAROLYN BUCKZAR, JAMES DYSON, JIMMY BAXTER, MICKEY GILMORE, JENNIFER



TRAMMELL, JOYCE HOGUE, REBECCA SYMONS, WAYNE GILMORE, RACHEL PEARSON, JAMES GILMORE, LINDA FLOYD, PEGGY HERRING, AND RUTH WHITEHEAD. WE ALSO HAD THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATES: LISA CORDELL, LUCY DEES, PAUL DYSON, PAM DYSON, WILBUR BUCKZAR, SYLVIA ETHRIDGE, AND JANICE SMITH.

THERE WERE 10 REGISTERED AS VISITORS SO THE TOTAL FOR THE DAY WAS 56 PERSONS IN ALL.

FOLLOWING THE SEATING OF THE DELEGATES AS THE VOTING BODY FOR THE DAY THE MODERATOR MOVED INTO THE BUSINESS SESSION.

THE CHRISTAIN BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT GIVEN BY JIMMY BAXTER WAS INFORMATIONAL IN REMINDING THE PEOPLE OF UPCOMING EVENTS, SOME NOT YET FULLY FINALIZED.

THE CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT WAS INFORMATION GIVEN BY BROTHER JOEY PETTIS ON BEHALF OF THE HOME AND WAS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION ONLY.

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT GIVEN BY PAM PETTIS INVOLVED A WORLD MISSIONS VIDEO AND A SECOND VIDEO. THIS WAS FOR INFORMATION TO THE ASSOCIATION. THERE WAS NO PAPER REPORT.

THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT GIVEN BY HENRIETTA BROWN WAS A RESOLUTION FOR US TO RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO ANTI ABORTION AND RESOLVE TO WITHSTAND EFFORTS TO THE CONTRARY. THIS REPORT IS SHOWN IT ITS' ENTIRETY UNDER "REPORTS"

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT WAS THEN READ BY THE CLERK AS TO ITS' MEETINGS OF OCTOBER 25, 2012 AND AGAIN ON NOVEMBER 15, 2012. BOTH MEETINGS WERE HELD AT NEW ZION FWB CHURCH. THIS REPORT IS GIVEN UNDER "REPORTS."

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE PLATE OFFER OF \$155.00 BE PLACED IN THE MISSION FUND. MSC

THERE WAS A SHORT SONG SERVICE AND SONGS "POWER IN THE BLOOD" AND "WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN" WAS CHOSEN. TRACEY ARMSTRONG LED US IN PRAYER. SARDIS HAD A SPECIAL IN SONG "I BOWED ON MY KNEES AND CRIED HOLY." A VERY GOOD SONG.

JIMMY SYMONS OF THE HOST CHURCH SARDIS BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE. FOR HIS TEXT HE CHOSE HEBREWS 12:26-28 AND MATTHEW 3:11. HIS TOPIC WAS "FIRE." FIRE GIVES LIGHT. FIRE PURIFIES, FIRE GIVES HEAT, FIRE ALSO CAN DESTROY. LAMAR BUXTON DISMISSED WITH PRAYER FOLLOWING A RISING VOTE OF THANKS FOR THE HOST CHURCH AND ASK GOD'S BLESSINGS UPON THE NOON MEAL.

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION  
NEW PROSPECT FREE WILL BAPTIST  
SATURDAY APRIL 20, 2013

THIS SESSION BEGAN WITH REGISTRATION AT 9:30 AM. MODERATOR JOEY PETTIS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:00 AM. THIS WILL BE OUR MISSIONS SESSION. WITH US IS JACK SNOW FROM JAPAN, A LONG TIME MISSIONARY TO THAT COUNTRY. ALSO WITH US TODAY IS DANNY WILLIAMS FROM THE CHILDREN'S HOME AND RICK CASH FROM THE STATE OFFICE.

THE MODERATOR READ FROM COLOSSIANS 3:18 AND SPOKE BRIEFLY ON SUBMIT, LOVE, OBEY, PROVOKE NOT, AND SERVANTS OBEY THEM THAT HAVE THE MASTERY OVER YOU. JIMMY BAXTER LED IN PRAYER.

WILLIAM SOWELL OF THE HOST CHURCH GAVE TO THE WELCOME TO THE ASSOCIATION FOR THIS SESSION. LAMAR BUXTON FROM PILGRIM REST RESPONDED TO THE WELCOME.

THE HOST CHURCH LED IN SONGS "HEAVEN'S JUBILEE AND COME UNTO ME." JERRY WHITEHEAD AND ANDY GOMBAR RECEIVED AN OFFERING. THE AMOUNT RECEIVED WAS \$201.00.

DANNY HENDERSON GAVE THE MORNING DEVOTION USING AS SCRIPTURE LEVITICUS 6. DANNY MADE THREE MAJOR POINTS DURING THE DEVOTION. 1. LOOK TO ME-SEARCH THE SCRIPTURE. 2. LIVE FOR ME-SUBMISSION. 3. LOVE ME-WITH ALL THINE HEART.

THE MODERATOR RECOGNIZED THE MINISTERS PRESENT. THESE, INCLUDING VISITORS, WAS RALPH BAKER, BILLY BEVANS, DANNY HENDERSON, JOEY PETTIS, JACK SNOW, AND DANNY WILLIAMS.

THE DEACONS RECOGNIZED AT THIS TIME LAMAR BUXTON, JOHNNY GILMORE, BILLY MEDLEY, WILLIAM SOWELL, AND JERRY WHITEHEAD.

I AM SORRY I CANNOT GIVE A LIST OF VISITORS AS SOME SIGNED AS VISITORS ARE LISTED AS DELEGATES, SOME ARE MINISTERS LISTED ELSEWHERE, AND SOME WERE ALTERNATE DELEGATES.

THE ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES WAS MADE WITH THE FOLLOWING AS LISTED. ANDY GOMBAR, MELINDA OWENS, LILLIE THOMPSON, DOLLY VICKERS, LINDA SOWELL, LUCY DEES, EMMA TURNER, MARIE CARROLL, KENNETH ETHRIDGE, JEAN ETHRIDGE, PAM PETTIS, BETTY WHITEHEAD, PAM DYSON, JAMES DYSON, CAROLYN BUCKZAR, JIMMY BAXTER, SANDRA BAXTER, WAYNE GILMORE, JIMMY SYMONS, LINDA FLOYD, JANICE SMITH, AND RUTH WHITEHEAD. THERE WAS A LIST OF ALTERNATES SHOWN AND ARE LLOYD TURNER, SHIRLEY TURNER, LINDA CORDELL, TERRY WHALEY. THE 22 DELEGATES PLUS ORDAINED MINISTERS AND DEACONS OF THE ASSOCIATION MAKE UP THE VOTING BODY FOR ANY BUSINESS COMING BEFORE THE CONGREGATION. IN CASE A DELEGATE MUST ABSNET THEMSEVES AND THERE IS AN ALTERNATE LISTED FROM THAT CHURCH THEN THAT ALTERNATE BECOMES THE VOTING DELEGATE, OTHERWISE ALTERNATES ARE NOT PART OF THE VOTING BLOCK AS STATED IN OUR CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS.

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE HAD NO REPORT. THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION GAVE NO REPORT. THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE GAVE NO REPORT. THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE, THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE ALSO HAD NO REPORTS.

A REPORT FROM DANNY WILLIAMS WAS PRESENTED ON THE CHILDRENS' HOME. DANNY REPORTED THE OVERALL CONDITIONS FINANCIALLY, STAFF ATTITUDE, NUMBER OF CHILDREN, EVENTS OF PARTICIPATION AND UPCOMING EVENTS TO BE ATTENDED BY STAFF AND CHILDREN

A REPORT FROM PAM PETTIS WAS PRESENTED ON THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE AND THE STATE AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY STATUS. SHE KEPT HER REPORT SHORTER THAN NORMAL DUE TO A MISSIONARY WILL BE PRESENTING FIRST HAD INVOLVEMENT FROM JAPAN'S MISSION FIELD.

A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE PLATE OFFERING OF \$201.00 IS SENT TO THE STATE OFFICE PROJECT.



THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORTED A TOTAL OF 48 HAD REGISTERED FOR THIS SESSION.

THE MODERATOR THEN ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT THAT HAD BEEN MADE AT THE JANUARY SESSION. LAMAR BUXTON SO MOVED AND A SECOND OF THE MOTION WAS MADE BY DANNY HENDERSON. THE MOTION CARRIED. THE REPORT AS GIVEN AT THE JANUARY SESSION WAS THEN READ BY THE CLERK IN A SHORTER VERSION THAT INVOLVED ONLY THE MOTION TO CHANGE OR AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION. THE MODERATOR THEN ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO VOTE ON THE REPORT. A MOTION BY DANNY HENDERSON FOR A VOTE WAS MADE AND A SECOND OF THE MOTION MADE BY JIMMY BAXTER. THIS VOTE REQUIRED A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE AND WAS PASSED BY A MARGIN OF 71%. PLEASE SEE THIS ENTIRE REPORT UNDER "REPORTS." THERE IS LISTED THE ENTIRE REPORT GIVEN IN JANUARY AND THE SHORTER VERSION IN APRIL WHICH WAS VOTED ON AND PASSED.

THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE BEGAN WITH SINGING, "DON'T FORGET TO PRAY", "LIVING BY FAITH" FOLLOWED BY A SPECIAL FROM DANNY HENDERSON AND THE CORDELL FAMILY, LISA, LIND, KRISTE SINGING, "JUST PRAISE HIS NAME, PREACH THE WORD."

NATHAN SNOW, MISSIONARY TO JAPAN, THEN SPOKE ABOUT THE EXPERIENCES IN JAPAN, THE WORK BEING DONE AND NEEDING TO BE DONE, THE PARTICIPATION OF THOSE HERE IN THE STATES THAT ENCOURAGED THE MISSIONARIES OVERSEAS BUT THERE WERE STILL MANY CHALLENGES TO FACE. HE SPOKE FROM ROMANS 10, ROMANS 1, EPHESIANS 2, PSALMS 51, REFERENCED JAMES IN CLOSING. WE DISMISSED FOR LUNCH ABOUT 12:15. DANNY HENDERSON GAVE DIRECTIONS FOR THE MEAL AND ASK THE LORD'S BLESSINGS.

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION  
MOUNT ZION FWB CHURCH  
JULY 13, 2013

MOUNT ZION HOSTED THE THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION AND THE MODERATOR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:00 AM. THE MODERATOR SPOKE FROM JOB 19:25 FOLLOWED BY OPENING PRAYER BY JIMMY SYMONS. NINA VICKERS GAVE THE WELCOME AND MICKEY GILMORE GAVE THE RESPONSE. THE HOST CHURCH AIR CONDITIONING UNIT BROKE DOWN THIS MORNING. IT IS JULY, A LARGE CROWD, IT IS HOT, AND NO ONE COMPLAINED A BIT. PRAISE GOD!



THE CONGREGATION THEN JOINED IN SINGING "VICTORY IN JESUS" AND "TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS." AN OFFERING WAS RECEIVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$191.00 AND WAS DESIGNATED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR USE IN THE STATE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THE CHILDREN'S HOME IN ELDRIDGE, AL.

RALPH BAKER GAVE A SHORT DEVOTION FROM THE SCRIPTURE ABOUT HOW MAN HAS A SENSE OF EXPECTATION, HOW ABOUT GOD'S EXPECTATIONS? HE EXPECTS US TO FULFILL OUR PROMISES TO HIM AND ALWAYS PRESENT OUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE TO THE LORD.

A TOTAL OF SEVEN MINISTERS REGISTERED FOR THIS SESSION. WE HAD RALPH BAKER, BILLY BEVAN, DANNY HENDERSON, JOEY PETTIS, JOSEPH McCREIGHT, RICK CASH, AND BILL BROWN.

A TOTAL OF 5 DEACONS REGISTERED FOR THIS SESSION. WE HAD JOHNNY GILMORE, LAMAR BUXTON, WILLIAM SOWELL, BILLY MEDLEY, & JERRY WHITEHEAD.

A TOTAL OF 25 DELEGATES AND 11 ALTERNATES REGISTERED FOR THE DAY. DELEGATES REGISTERED WERE SYLVIA BRANNON, ANDY GOMBAR, MELINDA OWENS, LILLIE THOMPSON, NINA VICKERS, LINDA CORDELL, LINDA SOWELL, JOHN TURNER, SHIRLEY TURNER, KENNETH ETHRIDGE, JEAN ETHRIDGE, PAM PETTIS, DAVID TEAT, BETTY WHITEHEAD, HENRIETTA BROWN, CAROLYN BUCKZAR, PAM DYSON, JIMMY BAXTER, SANDRA BAXTER, GLORIA BEVAN, MICKEY GILMORE, JIMMY SEYMOUR, PEGGY HERRING, JANICE SMITH, AND CHCK WHITEHEAD. THE ALTERNATES REGISTERED WERE LEIGH ADAMS, STEVE KILCREASE, YVONNE KILCREASE, DOLLY VICKERS, CHRISTINE BROWN, LINDA HENDESON, JOYCE MULLINS, JAMES DYSON, WILBUR BUCKZAR, SYLVIA ETHRIDGE, AND LINDA FLOYD. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOHNNY GILMORE AND A SECOND BY DANNY HENDERSON TO SEAT THOSE DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES AS CALLED. CARRIED.

RICK CASH FROM THE STATE EXECUTIVE OFFICE UPDATED THE ASSEMBLY WITH INFORMATION FROM THE CONSTRUCTION TO MISSIONARY ENDEAVORS, TO ACTIVITY AT THE HOME AND SO FORTH.

THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION DID NOT HAVE A BOARD MEMBER PRESENT WITH INFORMATION SO THE MODERATOR GAVE AS INFORMATION HE HAD AT THE TIME. DURING THE TWO YOUTH CAMPS WE HAD 9 SENIOR CAMPERS AND 3 JUNIOR CAMPERS. THERE WAS SEVERAL REDEDICATIONS AND SEVERAL ASKED FOR SALVATION. SOME ANSWERED SPECIFIC CALLS ON THEIR LIVES BY THE LORD.

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT WAS GIVEN BY RICK CASH FROM THE STATE EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND GAVE AN OVERALL VIEW OF THE DIFFERENT WORKS GOING ON IN THE STATE AT THIS TIME. THE WORK AT MOBILE, OXFORD, RUSSIA, MEXICO, AND OTHERS.

INFORMATION WAS GIVEN BY THE MODERATOR ON THE EFFORTS OF THE CHILDREN'S HOME IN ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF THE CHILDREN, THE NEED FOR A SET OF HOUSE PARENTS, AND SOME ITEMS IN NEED BY THE HOME. WITH A FAMILY THIS SIZE THERE IS ALWAYS A NEED FOR LAUNDRY ITEMS, BATHROOM ITEMS, & CLEANING SUPPLIES.

THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE GAVE A REPORT BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION BY THE SARDIS PASTOR, BILLY BEVAN. THIS CONCERNED THE USE OF NEW BIBLES USED IN THE YOUTH SERVICES AT THE NATIONAL. THE FULL REPORT IS PUBLISHED UNDER THE PAGES TITLED "REPORTS."

THE REGISTRATION FOR THE DAY WAS 54. A VERY GOOD NUMBER AND A VERY SPIRITED SERVICE.

OUR MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE BEGAN WITH SINGING "JUST OVER IN THE GLORY LAND" "I'LL MEET YOU IN THE MORNING" AND LEIGH ADAMS SANG "TAKE MY HAND PRECIOUS LORD."

DANNY HENDERSON, PASTOR AT NEW PROSPECT, BROUGHT THE MESSAGE AND USED AS HIS TEXT ROMANS 8 AND JOB 1. HIS SUBJECT WAS "SPEND SOME TIME WITH JESUS." SPEND SOME TIME IN SINGING, PRAYING, STUDYING, WORSHIP, CHURCH ATTENDANCE, VISITING AND SEE WHAT GOD WILL DO.

AN INVITATION WAS OFFERED AND WE SANG "JUST AS I AM" AND THEN CLOSED THE MEETING WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR DINNER, REST ROOMS, AND A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP. A DELICIOUS MEAL WAS SHARED BY ALL.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION OF ANNUAL  
PILGRIM'S REST FWB CHURCH  
OCTOBER 18, 2013

THE FINAL FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION (UNLESS CONSTITUTION IS AMENDED AT SOME LATER DATE) BEGAN AT 7:00 PM WITH THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER. THE SESSION OPENED WITH PRAYER BEING OFFERED BY WILLIAM

SOWELL. THE MODERATOR HAD OPENING REMARKS. HENRIETTA BROWN LED THE SONG SERVICE AND JEAN ETHRIDGE PLAYED THE PIANO. THE USHERS RECEIVED AN OFFERING (I MISPLACED THE AMOUNT) BUT IT IS INCLUDED IN THE TOTAL PLATE OFFERING RECEIVED AT BOT SESSIONS. THE MODERATOR ASK JIMMY BAXTER TO LEAD IN PRAYER. THE SONG SERVICE CONTINUED WITH JEAN ETHRIDGE PROVIDING THE MUSIC AND HENRIETTA BROWN LEADING THE SONG SERVICE. HENRIETTA BROWN SANG A SPECIAL ENTITLED "I STILL TRUST YOU."

THE EVENING MESSAGE WAS BROUGHT BY THE MODERATOR, JOEY PETTIS, THE PASTOR AT NEW ZION FWB CHURCH. THE SERVICE WAS DISMISSED BY BILL BROWN, INTERIM PASTOR AT PILGRIM'S REST. A SHORT TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AND DELICIOUS "FINGER" FOODS WERE ENJOYED BY ALL. ANY COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDING TO FINALIZE THEIR REPORTS FOR THE SATURDAY SESSION WAS ABLE TO MEET AND DISCUSS THEIR FINAL REPORT.

SATURDAY ANNUAL SESSION  
UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
OCTOBER 19, 2013

THE SATURDAY SESSION BEGAN AT 10:00 AM WITH THE CALL TO ORDER BY THE MODERATOR, JOEY PETTIS. THERE WERE SOME REMARKS MADE AND THEN JOHNNY GILMORE LED IN PRAYER.

THE WELCOME WAS GIVEN BY WILL MADDOX AND DANNY HENDERSON RESPONDED ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION.

WILL MADDOX WITH SANDY BEASLEY PROVIDING MUSIC LED THE CONGREGATION IN SEVERAL SONGS. THESE WERE "THE EASTERN GATE", "I'LL LIVE IN GLORY."

THE USHERS RECEIVED THE MORNING OFFERING WITH PRAYER OFFERED BY KENNETH ETHRIDGE.

THE MORNING DEVOTION WAS GIVEN B RAY RILEY FOR THE HOST CHURCH.

THERE WERE 5 MINISTERS PRESENT AT THIS SESSSION: BILL BROWN, DANNY HENDERSON, JOEY PETTIS, RAY RILEY, AND ONE NOT REGISTERED.

THERE WERE 6 DEACONS: LAMAR BUXTON, JOHNNY GILMORE, WILL MADDOX, BILLY JOE MEDLEY, WILLIAM SOWELL, AND JERRY WHITEHEAD.



THERE WERE THREE VISITORS: LINDA HENDERSON, EMMA TEW, AND ONE I COULD NOT DETERMINE FROM THE SIGNIN SHEETS.

NINA VICKERS GAVE THE ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES. THERE WERE THE FOLLOWING DELEGATES: NINA VICERS, DOLLY VICKERS, MELINDA OWENS, STEVE KILCREASE, ANDY GOMBAR, JOHN TURNER, SHIRLEY TURNER, LINDA SOWELL, LUCY DEES, KENNETH ETHRIDGE, JEAN ETHRIDGE, PAM PETTIS, BETTY WHITEHEAD, DAVID TEAT, HENRIETTA BROWN, CAROLYN BUCKZAR, WILBUR BUCKZAR, JIMMY BAXTER, SANDRA BAXTER, MICKEY GILMORE, JIMMY SYMONS, JANCIE SMITH, LINDA FLOYD, AND PEGGY HERRING. IN ADDITION THERE WERE ALTERNATE DELEGATES: YVONNE, KILCREASE, CHRISTINE BROWN, LINDA CORDELL, LISA CORDELL, JAMES DYSON, AND SYLVIA ETHRIDGE.

PLEASE REFER TO THE PAGES TITLED "REPORTS" FOR ALL THE ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS.

THE CONGREGATION SANG "THE UNCLOUDED DAY" AND "HEAVEN'S JUBILEE."

BILL BROWN GAVE THE MEMORIAL SERVICE REMEMBERING THOSE WHO NO LONGER WERE IN OUR MIDST FROM PRIOR MEETINGS.

THE MORNING MESSAGE WAS GIVEN BY JIMMY BAXTER. JOEY PETTIS LED THE CONGREGATION IN PRAYER FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE.

A RISING VOTE OF THANKS WAS GIVEN TO UNION FOR ITS' HOSPITALITY IN HOSTING THIS ANNUAL SESSION. WILL MADDOX CLOSED THE SERVICE WITH PRAYER.

## REPORTS FOR 2013

JANUARY 19, 2013  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, ABORTION IS CONDEMNED BY BIBLICAL TEACHING AND PRINCIPLES, AND WHEREAS, JANUARY 22 – MARKS THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THIS UNFORTUNATE AND UNGODLY DECISION MADE BY THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND WHEREAS, SINCE JANUARY 22, 1973 – OVER 55 MILLION PRECIOUS UNBORN BABIES HAVE BEEN ABORTED, AND WHEREAS, ALREADY IN THIS NEW YEAR OF 2013 – PLANNED PARENTHOOD HAS ABORTED OVER 16,200 BABIES, AND WHEREAS, WORLDWIDE THIS YEAR OVER 1,937,000 BABIES HAVE BEEN MURDERED, AND WHEREAS, TODAY AS WE ATTEND THE SE ASSOCIATION OF FWB AND GO LEISURELY ABOUT OUR DAY – 1,600 BABIES WILL BE KILLED; BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, THAT WE THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES GO ON RECORD THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2013 AS – ONCE AGAIN – OPPOSING ABORTION BOTH LEGAL AND ILLEGAL; AND WHILE ABORTIONISTS ARE ALL ABOUT A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE – WE STAND TODAY AS A "UNITED VOICE" FOR THE "CHILD," WHO HAS NO "CHOICE." MSC.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR AT THE OCTOBER ANNUAL SESSION FOR STUDY AND RECOMMENDATION TO THIS BODY CONCERNING CHANGES THAT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED FOR THE ASSOCIATION MADE THE FOLLOWING REPORT TODAY.

WHEREAS OUR ASSOCIATION NOW MEETS ON SATURDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN JANUARY, APRIL, AND OCTOBER:

AND

WHEREAS WE NOW MEET ON SATURDAY BEFORE THE SECOND SUNDAY IN JULY:

AND

WHEREAS WE MEET ON FRIDAY NIGHT BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER AS A PART OF THE ANNUAL SESSION:

WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING CHANGES BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION AND VOTED ON AT THE PROPER TIME AND PLACE.

THE ASSOCIATION SHALL MEET ONLY THREE TIMES PER YEAR IN THE FOLLOWING FORMAT:

THE FIRST MEETING SHALL BE ON SATURDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY EACH YEAR AND SHALL BE CALLED INTO SESSION AT 10:00 AM. THE REGISTRATION OF ATTENDEES BEGINS AT 9:30 AM.

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THE THIRD MEETING SHALL BE ON SATURDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER EACH YEAR AND SHALL SERVE AS THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THIS BODY AND SHALL BE CALLED INTO SESSION AT 10:00 AM. THE REGISTRATION OF ATTENDEES BEGINS AT 9:30 AM.

IF THIS BODY SHALL DECIDE TO ADOPT THIS RECOMMENDATION OF CHANGES TO THE FORMAT THEN THE FOLLOWING CHANGES WILL BE REQUIRED TO THE DOCUMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS THAT ARE NOW IN PLACE. CHANGES WOULD BE:

ARTICLE SIX-REPRESENTATION: OMIT THE WORDS "QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL" AND REPLACE WITH THE WORD "MEETINGS."

ARTICLE SEVEN-MEETINGS: WOULD BE DELETED AND REPLACED BY THE PRECEDING FORMAT OF MEETINGS WITH TIMES AS DESCRIBED. SECTION ONE WOULD REMAIN AS IS CONCERNING ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN-REQUIRED QUORUM: DELETE "THIRTY (30)" AND REPLACE WITH "TWENTY (20)." DELETE THE WORDS "SIX (6) AND INSERT "FOUR (4)" LEAVING THE REST OF THE ARTICLE IN PLACE.

UNDER THE BY-LAWS OF THE CONSTITUTION:

ARTICLE TWO-SECTION FOUR-CLERK: DELETE "QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL SESSION" AND INSERT "MEETINGS" LEAVING THE REST OF THE ARTICLE INTACT.

ARTICLE THREE-DUTIES OF THE ELECTED COMMITTEES: SECTION SIX-PLACEMENT COMMITTEE: DELETE WORD "QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL" AND INSERT THE WORD "MEETINGS."

ARTICLE THREE-DUTIES OF THE ELECTED COMMITTEES: SECTION SEVEN-NOMINATING COMMITTEE, ITEM C: DELETE THE WORD "QUARTERLY" AND INSERT THE WORD "ANY."

ARTICLE FOUR-REPRESENTATION OF CHURCHES:

SECTION ONE DELETE THE WORDS "QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL" AND INSERT AT THE END OF THE SENTENCE THE WORDS "TO EACH MEETING."



SECTION FIVE DELETE THE PRESENT WORDING IN ITS' ENTIRETY AND REPLACE WITH THE FOLLOWING: DUES PER DELEGATE ARE FIXED AT \$15.00 PER AUTHORIZED DELEGATE TO EACH SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION PAYABLE AS OUTLINED IN SECTION TWO OF ARTICLE FOUR- REPRESENTATION OF CHURCHES.

NEW PROSPECT FWB CHURCH  
APRIL 20, 2013

AFTER ENTERTAINING A MOTION TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE THE TABLED REPROT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT THE MEETING HOSTED BY SARDIS IN JANUARY 2013 THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WAS THEN READ AGAIN BEFORE THE MEMBERS THEN PRESENT:

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AND

WHEREAS WE NOW MEET ON SATURDAY BEFORE THE SECOND SUNDAY IN JULY:

AND

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ARTICLE FOUR-REPRESENTATION OF CHURCHES:

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MOUNT ZION FWB CHURCH  
JULY 13, 2013

THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE GAVE THE FOLLOWING REPORT AND IT WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY:

WHEREAS THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOICATION IS A KING JAMES BIBLE ASSOCIATION, AND WHEREAS, WE HAVE FOUND THE KING JAMES VERSION OF THE SCRIPTURE TO SERVE OUR CHURCHES AND FAMILIES WELL, FOR MANY, MANY YEARS – AND

WHEREAS, WE HAVE NO PLANS IN OUR ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES TO “CHANGE” OUR VERSION OF THE SCRIPTURE IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE –



BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT WE GO ON RECORD THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY 2013 AT THE MOUNT ZION FREE WILL BAPTISE CHURCH IN REGULAR SCHEDULED CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST AS BEING GREATLY "DISAPPOINTED" AND STROBNGLY "OPPOSED" TO THE RULING MADE BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF RANDALL HOUSE – ALLOWING THE USE OF THE ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION (ESV) IN THIS YEAR'S (2013) NATIONAL ASSOCIATION YOUTH COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT WE APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO RECONSIDER THEIR DECISION TO ALLOW THE USE OF THE ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION (ESV), AND RESCIND THEIR DECISION AND RETURN TO THE ORIGINAL GUIDELINES OF USING "ONLY" THE KING JAMES VERSION OF THE SCRIPTURES FOR USE IN THE YOUTH COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED,

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF  
FREE WILL BAPTIST

PASTOR JOEY PETTIS, PASTOR BILLY BEVAN, INTERIM PASTOR BILL BROWN, PASTOR DANNY HENDERSON, PASTOR RALPH BAKER, AND UNION REPRESENTATIVE WILL MADDOX.

UNION FREE WILL BAPTISE CHURCH  
OCTOBER 19, 2013

THE ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE CHILDREN'S HOME, THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE DID NOT GIVE A REPORT.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE PLATE OFFERING FOR BOTH DAYS TOTALING \$198.00 BE GIVEN AS A LOVE GIFT TO JASON MILLER WHO IS RECOVERING FORM A SEVERE ILLNESS. MSC

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORTED GENERALLY ON THE STATE, UNITED STATES, AND FOREIGN WORKS WE HAVE GOIN GAT THIS TIME. MSC

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE GAVE THE FOLLOWING RREPORT:

MODERATOR	JOEY PETTIS	2014
VICE MODERATOR	DANNY HENDERSON	2014
CLEERK/TREASURER	RALPH BAKER	2014
ASST CLERK/TREASUR	NINA VICKERS	2014
STATE GENERAL BOARD	JOEY PETTIS	2014
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE	DANNY HENDERSON	2018
CHRISTIAN BD OF ED	JERRY WHITEHEAD	2016
CHILDREN'S HOME	MICKEY GILMORE	2014
	JACK RYALS	2016
CHILDREN HOME ADVISORY	JOEY PETTIS	2014
FINANCE COMMITTEE	LAMAR BUXTON	2016
MISSIONS COMMITTEE	HENRIETTA BROWN	2016
NOMINATING COMMITTEE	MELINDA OWENS	2016
PLACEMENT COMMITTEE	JOYCE MULLINS	2016
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE	PAM PETTIS	2014
	BETTY WHITEHEAD	2016

THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE GAVE THE FOLLOWING REPORT:

FEBRUARY 15, 2014	NEW ZION FWB CHURCH
JUNE 14, 2014	SARDIS FWB CHURCH
OCTOBER 18, 2014	NEW PROSPECT FWB CHURCH

THE REGISTATION COMMITTEE REPORTED 25 IN ATTENDANCE FRIDAY NIGHT AND 40 IN ATTENDANCE FOR SATURDAY ANNUAL SESSION.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET WITH NEW ZION FWB CHURCH ON THURSDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 24, 2013 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLANNING THE 2014 CALENDAR:

THE MODERATOR READ FROM JOSHUA 1:6,7 & 9 WHERE JOSHUA HAD PROVEN HIMSELF AS BEING BOLD AND FORTHRIGHT BUT GOD FELT HE NEEDED ENCOURAGEMENT AND GAVE IT. WE NEED TO BE AN ENCOURAGER AS WELL.

THERE WAS 2 – 3 SUGGESTIONS FOR A THEME FOR 2014 AND IT WAS SETTLED ON COMBINING THE RECOMMENDATIONS INTO ONE GENERAL THEME TITLED “ARE YOU WORTHY” AND USING REVELATION 3:4 AS THE SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE.

THE FIRST MEETING AT NEW ZION WILL BE OUR MISSIONARY MEETING. A MISSIONARY OR PERSON FORM THE MISSIONS FIELD WILL BE

INVITED TO ATTEND AND SPEAK AT THAT MEETING.

THE SECOND MEETING HELD AT SARDIS WILL HAVE AS THE SPEAKER JOEY McCREIGHT THE SARDIS YOUTH PASTOR.

THE THIRD MEETING HOSTED BY NEW PROSPECT WILL HAVE JOEY PETTIS AS THE SPEAKER.

THE MEMORIAL SPEAKER WILL BE RALPH BAKER, THE SUBSTITUTE FOR THE YEAR WILL BE BILLY BEVAN.

THERE WAS NO FLOOR BUSINESS, HOWEVER, THE MODERATOR REQUEST THAT THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MEET AT LEAST 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO EACH SESSION TO GO OVER THE LETTERS AND OTHER ITEMS THAT MIGHT ARISE FOR THIS COMMITTEE TO HANDLE. HE ALSO REQUESTED THAT ALL COMMITTEES BECOME MORE SERIOUS IN HANDLING THE ASSIGNED DUTIES OF EACH. PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER, SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER, AND EDIFY ONE ANOTHER.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY LAMAR BUSTON AND SECONDED BY MICKEY GILMORE. BILL BORWN CLOSED THE SESSION WITH PRAYER.

# 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 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 on Saturday before the third Sunday in February, on Saturday before the third Sunday in June, and on Saturday before the third Sunday in October. The October meeting shall serve as the Annual session of the Association. Each session of the Association shall be called into order at 10:00 AM, (registration begins at 9:30 AM), on each day of the Association.

**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:** Twenty (20) Delegates from for (4) 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 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 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 any session 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 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 fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per Delegate to each 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 ( $2/3^{\text{rd}}$ ) majority vote of Delegates present from member Churches in any session of the Association.
- B. All amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be presented in writing to any session of the Association and shall be read in the hearing of those assembled Delegates and shall be tabled until the next scheduled Association meeting and then shall be removed from the table, read again in the hearing of those assembled, and then acted on by the Association.

### **Rules of Decorum**

- 1. The Association when convened shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.
- 2. Only one person shall speak at a time and he/she shall rise to his/her feet and address the Moderator.
- 3. Each person speaking shall not be interrupted except by the Moderator until he/she gets through speaking, nor shall the Moderator interrupt him/her unless he/she gets out of order.
- 4. The person speaking shall adhere to the question in order and shall in no way cast reflection on any person who may have spoken before him/her.



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

### **Articles of Faith**

1. The Bible: The scripture of the old and new testaments were given by inspiration of God and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.
2. God: There is one true and living God revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe and in scripture as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are to supremely love, adore, and obey.
3. Christ: Christ is God manifest in the flesh and in His nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is ever our present Savior and Lord.
4. The Holy Spirit: The scripture assign the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.
5. The Government of God: God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all things by maintaining the construction and laws of nature. He also performs special acts not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men require.
6. The sinfulness of man: Man was created innocent but by his disobedience fell into sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore inherits a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin and become guilty before God.
7. The work of Christ: The Son of man by His incarnation, life and sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith,
8. The Terms of Salvation: The conditions of salvation are:
  1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciation of it.

2. Faith, or the reserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God.
3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.
9. Election: God determined from the beginning to save all who would comply with the conditions of salvation, hence, by faith men become His elect.
10. Freedom of Will: The human spirit is free and self controlled, having Power to yield to the influence of the Truth and Spirit or resist them and perish.
11. Salvation Free: God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, The Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and taste the water of life freely.
12. Perseverance: All believers in Christ who persevere in holiness to the end of life have promise of eternal salvation.
13. Gospel Ordinances: Baptisms (complete submersion in water) and the Lord's Supper is ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. The washing of feet is an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all believers.
14. Tithing: God commands tithing and offerings in the old testament and Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt: 23:23) and the Apostle Paul said, "upon the first day of the week let everyone lay by him in
15. Christian Sabbath: The divine law required that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements for the rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for the personal commission 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in October 1910 the Southeastern of Free Will Baptist convened at New Prospect Church in Henry County, Alabama for the 32<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in October 1936 the Southeastern Association convened at New Zion church for their 58<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in October the Southeastern Association of Free Will Baptist convened with Sardis church for the 68<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in October 1947 the Southeastern Association of Free Will Baptist convened at Union Grove church for the 69<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> Annual session of the Association.