
MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS
AND THE
ONE HUNDRED FORTY
ANNUAL SESSION
OF
THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCHES
FOR
THE YEAR 2018

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SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

2019 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 334-695-2312 or HOUSE PHONE 334-441-6965.

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

2019 MEETING DATES AND PLACES

THE FIRST MEETING WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 16, 2019 WITH MOUNT ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER JOEY McCREIGHT, PASTOR OF SARDIS FWB CHURCH.

THE SECOND MEETING WILL BE ON JUNE 15, 2019 AT PILGRIM REST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. BROTHER JERRY SMITH FROM EASTSIDE DOTHAN WILL BE INVITED.

ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 19, 2019 WITH UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER JOEY HUDSPETH FROM UNION, THE HOST CHURCH.

THE MEMORIAL SPEAKER WILL BE BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, PASTOR OF NEW ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH.

THE SUBSTITUTE SPEAKER FOR THE YEAR WILL BE BROTHER JIMMY BAXTER. BILL SANDERS WILL BE INVITED FROM QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA.

THE THEME SELECTED FOR THE 2019 YEAR IS “THE LOVE OF GOD” WITH SCRIPTURE TAKEN FROM ROMANS 9:13.

ALABAMA STATE MEETINGS

THE ANNUAL STATE MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 7-9, 2018. INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE STATE DIRECTOR AS THE TIME DRAWS NEAR. THE STATE OFFICE WILL ALSO PROVIDE HOTEL/MOTEL INFORMATION, MEETINGS, COMMITTEES, ETC.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

CINCINNATI, OHIO	JULY 21-24, 2019
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	JULY 19-22, 2020
TO BE DETERMINED IN FUTURE	
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	JULY 17-20, 2022

COMMITTEES:

CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING

DANNY HENDERSON	OCTOBER 2013
WILLIAM SOWELL	OCTOBER 2022
RALPH BAKER	OCTOBER 2021
JOHNNY GILMORE	OCTOBER 2020
JACK ARMSTRONG	OCTOBER 2019

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

LINDA CORDELL	OCTOBER 2011
JIMMY BAXTER	OCTOBER 2020
CHUCK WHITEHEAD	OCTOBER 2019

CHILDREN HOME

LINDA FLOYD	OCTOBER 2021
MICKEY GILMORE	OCTOBER 2020
PAM DYSON	OCTOBER 2019
ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER JOEY PETTIS	OCTOBER 2019

FINANCE

LINDA SOWELL	OCTOBER 2021
MARY TEAT	OCTOBER 2020
LAMAR BUXTON	OCTOBER 2019

MISSIONS

SANDRA BAXTER	OCTOBER 2021
PAUL DYSON	OCTOBER 2020
HENRIETTA BROWN	OCTOBER 2019

NOMINATING

NINA VICKERS
CHRISTINE BROWN
MELINDA OWENS

OCTOBER 2021
OCTOBER 2020
OCTOBER 2019

PLACEMENT

SYLVIA ETHRIDGE
DOLLY VICKERS
JOYCE MULLINS

OCTOBER 2021
OCTOBER 2020
OCTOBER 2019

RESOLUTIONS

KENNETH ETHRIDGE
PAM PETTIS
JANICE SMITH

OCTOBER 2021
OCTOBER 2020
OCTOBER 2019

ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS

MOUNT ZION FWB CHURCH
RALPH BAKER
3422 HIGHWAY 131
CLAYTON, AL 36016
334-441-6965

NEW PROSPECT FWB CHURCH
DANNY HENDERSON
366 COUNTY ROAD 83 S
HEADLAND, AL 36345
334-693-2051

NEW ZION FWB CHURCH
JOEY PETTIS
9716 COUNTY ROAD 99
HEADLAND, AL 36345
334-714-9266

PILGRIMS REST FWB CHURCH
JIMMY BAXTER-INTERIM LAY SPEAKER
93 LAKESIDE DRIVE
EUFAULA, AL 36027

SARDIS

JOEY McCREIGHT
60 HIGHWAY 30
EUFAULA, AL. 36027
334-687-8967

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MOUNT ZION NINA VICKERS, 607 HOLLY DR, EUFAULA, AL 36027 PHONE 334-703-0720
NEW PROSPECT KENNETH WHALEY, CLOPTON, AL 36317 NO PHONE LISTED ON LETTER
NEW ZION HEADLAND, AL. HENRIETTA BROWN NO PHONE LISTED ON LETTER
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 STEVE KILCREASE, 230 BOWDEN STREET, NEWVILLE, AL 36353
NEW PROSPECT TRACEY ARMSTRONG, 204 ROCKDALE COURT, DOTHAN, AL 36301
NEW ZION TOM SHELLEY, 295 COUNTY ROAD 26, HEADLAND, AL 36345

SARDIS JOEY McCREIGHT 660 HIGHWAY 30 EUFAULA, AL 36027 AND ASSISTANT MICKEY GILMORE 1058 HWY 30, CLAYTON AL 36016 PHONE 334-695-7133

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

W N A C AUXILLARY

MOUNT ZION DOLLY VICKERS, 204 DOTHAN ROAD, ABBEVILLE, AL 36310

MASTERS' MEN

MOUNT ZION STEVE KILCREASE, 220 BOWDEN STREET, NEWVILLE, AL 36353

ORDAINED DEACONS

NEW PROSPECT: WILLIAM SOWELL, 2777 COUNTY ROAD 75 N, CLOPTON, AL 36317; TRACEY ARMSTRONG, 204 ROCKDALE COURT, DOTHAN, AL 36301, JASON THOMPSON, 1237 STATE HWY 134W, HEADLAND, AL 36345

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; JERRYWHITEHEAD, 106 BOYTON STREET HEADLAND AL 36345; GARY SHELLEY, 9402 COUNTY ROAD 99, HEADLAND, ALABAMA 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 9/30/2018	\$6,207.19
NO DEPOSITS IN TRANSIT NOR O/S CHECKS	-0-
BALANCE 9/30/18 ON BOOKS	\$6,207.19
BANK STATEMENT 9/30/18	\$6,207.19
GENERAL FUND	MISSIONS FUND
BOARD OF EDUCATION	TOTAL
\$8,591.62	(\$-1048.61)
(\$-1,35.83)	\$6,207.19

FIRST SESSION
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FWB
FEBRUARY 17, 2018
NEW ZION FWB CHURCH

NEW ZION FWB CHURCH HOSTED THE FIRST MEETING OF 2018. THE MODERATOR OPENED WITH A CALL TO ORDER FOLLOWED BY SCRIPTURE READING FROM EPHESIANS 6:5-8. THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS ALSO GAVE THE WELCOME TO THE ASSEMBLED DELEGATES, DEACONS, MINISTERS, AND VISITORS TO NEW ZION ON THIS SATURDAY MORNING. THE MODERATOR THEN CALLED ON BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON FROM PILGRIM REST TO MAKE THE RESPONSE. BROTHER LAMAR RESPONDED BY SAYING WE WERE ALL GLAD TO BE IN THE LORD'S GHOUSE ON THIS SATURDAY AND LOOKED FORWARD TO A GREAT DAY IN THE LORD AND A MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW.

HUSBAND AND WIFE JESSIE AND JANE McINNISH Led THE MORNING SONG SERVICE. WE SANG HYMNS NUMBER 518 AND 520 FROM THE CHURCH HYMNAL.

THE MORNING OFFERING RECEIVED BY GARY SHELLEY, DAVID TEAT, KENNETH ETHRIDGE, AND ROY DEAN SMITH TOTALLED \$283.00 AND WAS TURNED OVER TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO DESIGNATE THE USAGE OF THE COLLECTION.

AT THIS SESSION WERE 4 MINISTERS PLUS 1 VISITING MINISTER, 4 DEACONS, AND 4 VISITORS PLUS THE DELEGATES.

THE VOTING BODY TO APPROVE THE DELEGATES WILL BE RALPH BAKER, JOEY McCREIGHT, JOEY PETTIS, THOMAS KIRKLAND, LAMAR BUXTON, GARY SHELLEY, DAVID TEAT, WILLIAM SOWELL, THESE ARE MINISTERS AND DEACONS, THE ORDAINED AUTHORITY:

DELEGATES SYLVIA BRANNON, MELINDA OWENS, DOLLY VICKERS, NINA VICKERS FROM MOUNT ZION; LINDA CORDELL, BARBARA KIRKLAND, LINDA SOWELL, AND ALTERNATE LISA CORDELL FROM NEW PROSPECT; HENRIETTA BROWN, KENNETH ETHRIDGE, MARY SHELLEY, ROY DEAN SMITH, JO ANN SMITH, MARY TEAT, AND ALTERNATE PAM PETTIS FROM NEW ZION; CAROLYN BUCKZAR, KALA DYSON, JAMES DYSON FROM PILGRIM REST; JIMMY BAXTER FROM SARDIS; SYLVIA ETHRIDGE, LINDA FLOYD, JANICE SMITH, AND ALTERNATE CHUCK WHITEHEAD FROM UNION. THESE BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALONG WITH THE ORDAINED AUTHORITY WILL BE THE VOTING MEMBERS DURING THE BUSINESS SESSION. MOTIONED, SECOND, AND CARRIED BY AYE VOTE.

BUSINESS SESSION:

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORTED LETTERS IN ORDER.

THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT GIVEN BY BROTHER JIMMY BAXTER REPORTED ON THE RECENT WINTER RETREAT AND THE SPEAKER, BLAKE NANCE. ALSO REMINDED US OF THE YOUTH CAMPS TO BE HELD IN JUNE AT THE VINEYARDS. MOTION TO ACCEPT LAMAR BUXTON, SECOND BY ROY DEAN SMITH, AND CARRIED BY VOTE.

A QUESTION WAS RAISED FROM THE FLOOR TO THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION CONCERNING HOW DUES AND COST WAS SHARED WITH THE STAE LINE ASSOCIATION AND IT SEEMED TO BE A BIT CONFUSING SO THE COMMITTEE WAS ASKED TO GET WITH THE OTHER COMMITTEE AND DISCUSS THIS AND REPORT BACK TO US.

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORTED BY HENRIETTA BROWN GAVE AN UPDATE ON STATE WORKS, MEXICAN WORKS, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS PLACED ON THE E-TEAM MINISTRY WHERE SO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE GO TO BE WITH MISSIONARIES ON THE MISSION FIELD AND LEARN ABOUT MISSIONARY WORK IN OTHER PLACES, BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD. ALSO MENTIONED THE WMO OFFERING ON APRIL 29, 2018 AND URGED CHURCHES TO DO ALL THEY COULD FOR THE MISSION FIELD. A MOTION TO ACCEPT WAS MADE BY DAVID TEAT WITH SECOND FROM LAMAR BUXTON, AND CARRIED BY VOTE.

THE CHILDREN HOME REPORT GIVEN BY THE CHILDREN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER, MODERATOR JOEY PETTIS WAS AN UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS IN THE HOME, THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN, THE ONGOING PROJECT OF RENOVATION OF THE HOUSE PURCHASE TO BE USED AS A RETREAT CENTER FOR WORKERS, THE GENERAL ATTITUDE OF THE CHILDREN AND WORKERS, AND GENERALLY THE HOME OPERATING LIKE A WELL OILED MACHINE WITH ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS, STAFF, AND CHILDREN WORKING WELL TOGETHER. MOTION AS INFORMATION LAMAR BUXTON AND CARRIED BY VOTE.

THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE, THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, THE PLACEMENT HAD NO REPORTS FOR THIS SESSION. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL REPORT FOLLOWING A SHORT RECESS.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE RECESS THE MODERATOR, JOEY PETTIS, CALLED FOR THE FINANCIAL RREPORT. THE PLATE OFFERING OF \$283.00 WAS DELEGATED TO THE YOUTH CAMP TO REMAIN IN THE TREASURY FOR CAMP PASS DUES. A MOTION WAS MADE BY LAMAR BUXTON AND SECONDED BY BOTH DAVID TEAT AND DANNY HENDERSON AND THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

THE MODERATOR, JOEY PETTIS, ASKED THE SONG LEADER AND MUSICIAN, JESSIE AND JANE McINNISH TO OPEN THE MORNING SONG SERVICE. CHOSEN SONGS WERE "WE'LL WORK" 'FREELY, FREELY' AND 'LITTLE IS MUCH'. WE THEN HAD A SPECIAL AND I FAILED TO RECORD THE TITLE OR THE INDIVIDUAL. I WROTE DOWN SPECIAL AND STOPPED THERE. JUST GOES TO SHOW HOW AGE CAN AFFECT THE MIND!

JIMMY SYMONS, PASTOR AT CHESTER CHAPEL FWB CHURCH, BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE. HIS MESSAGE TAKEN FROM PROVERBS 3:5 CONSISTED OF THREE POINTS: LEAN IN PERSONAL LIFE ON THE LORD; LEAN IN CHURCH LIFE ON THE LORD; AND LEAN IN YOUR ASSOCIATION LIFE ON THE LORD. THERE FOLLOWED AN INVITATION FOR ANYONE WHO DESIRED TO COME TO THE ALTAR AND PRAY. A VERY BEAUTIFUL PIANO SOLO 'THE GARDEN.' BROTHER DAVID TEAT GAVE THE CLOSING PRAYER WITH THE BLESSING ON THE NOON MEAL. THE CHURCH SERVED A VERY GOOD MEAL AND ALL ENJOYED FELLOWSHIP SO IT SEEMED.

JUNE 18, 2018

THE JUNE SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION WAS HOSTED BY SARDIS FWB CHURCH ON A BEAUTIFUL JUNE DAY, A DAY THE LORD HAD MADE AND EVERYONE SHOULD BE GLAD AND REJOICE IN IT.

THE REGISTRATION FOR THIS MEETING BEGAN AT 9:30 AM AND BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, OUR MODERATOR, CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:00 AM. AS WAS HIS CUSTOM HE MENTIONED OUR ASSOCIATION AND THE GATHERING TOGETHER OF THOSE SO FAITHFUL TO BE A PART OF THIS ASSOCIATION. BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND LED THE CONGREGATION IN THE OPENING PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S MERCY AND GUIDANCE ON THE GATHERING. THE WELCOME BY BROTHER MICKEY GILMORE AND THE RESPONSE BY BROTHER WILLIAM SOWELL WAS EXTENDED.

BROTHER MICKEY GILMORE LED THE CONGREGATION IN A SHORT SONG SERVICE. BROTHER JOHNNY GILMORE HAD ADVISED THAT THIS EVENING THE GILMORE'S WOULD COME TOGETHER FOR THEIR FINAL FAMILY GET TOGETHER AND SING IN WHICH THEY WOULD HAVE A MEAL FOLLOWING. EVERYONE WAS INVITED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE.

RECOGNITION OF MINISTERS, DEACONS, AND VISITORS SHOWED MINISTER'S RALPH BAKER, THOMAS KIRKLAND, DANNY HENDERSON, JOEY McCREIGHT, JOEY PETTIS AND VISITORS RICKY GILMORE AND DALE BISHOP. BROTHER BISHOP WOULD BRING THE MORNING MESSAGE.

THE ORDAINED DEACONS REGISTERING WAS ODIS LAMAR BUXTON, JOHNNY GILMORE, BILLY SHELLEY, AND WILLIAM SOWELL. VISITORS REGISTERED WAS SANDRA BISHOP, ABBEY CORNELIUS, TERRY COPWELL, WAYNE AND JENNIFER PITTMAN, PATTY BUSH?, AND PATRICIA HAMPTON. THE ORDAINED AUTHORITY LISTED ABOVE, WITH THE EXCEPTIONS OF RICKY GILMORE AND DALE BISHOP (VISITORS) WILL BE THE VOTING AUTHORITY ON SEATING OF DELEGATES AS CALLED.

THE DELEGATES FOR TODAY ARE MELINDA OWENS, DOLLY VICKERS, NINA VICKERS WITH ALTERNATES SYLVIA BRANNON AND ANN HATCHER FROM MOUNT ZION; BARBARA KIRKLAND, JOHN TURNER, SHIRLEY TRUNER WITH ALTERNATES LINDA CORDELL, LUCY DEES, AND LINDA SOWELL FORM NEW PROSPECT; HENRIETA BROWN, KENNETH ETHRIDGE, PAM PETTIS, MARY SHELLEY, JOANN SMITH, ROY DEAN SMITH, CHARLOTTE WHIDDON FORM NEW ZION; CAROLYN BUCKZAR, KAYLA DYSON, PAM DYSON AND ALTERNATE WILBUR BUXKZAR FROM PILGRIM REST; JIMMY BAXTER, SANDRA BAXTER, MICKEY GILMORE, BRIDGETT McCREIGHT, RONNIE MARSHALL FROM SARDIS; SYLVIA ETHRIDGE, PEGGY HERRING, CHUCK WHITEHEAD AND ALTERNATES LINDA FLOY FLOYD AND LOUIS MATHIS FORM UNION. A MOTION WAS MADE FROM THE ORDAINED AUTHORITY WITH SECOND AND CARRIED BY THE BODY. THESE, ALONG WITH THE ORDAINED AUTHORITY WILL BE THE VOTING BLOCK FOR THE BUSINESS SESSION.

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE DECLARED THE LETTERS FROM ALL CHRUCHES TO BE IN ORDER. MSC.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE, AND THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ALL HAD NO REPORT.

THE CHILDREN HOME BOARD MEMBER GAVE AS INFORMATION THE NEAR COMPLETION OF THE HOUSE TO BE USED FOR HOUSE PARENTS REST AND RELAXATION DURING DOWN TIME, THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN THE HOME AND OTHER NEWS AS WAS AVAILABLE ON THE WEB SITE AND IN THE NEWS LETTER. THE HOME IS DOING REALLY WELL AND GOD HAS REALLY BLESSED. BROTHER JOEY PETTIS IS THE BOARD MEMBER GIVING THE REPORT.

THE MISSION'S BOARD REPORT GIVEN BY HENRIETTA BROWN COVERED INFORMATION ON THE VARIOUS E-TEAMS GOING OUT THIS YEAR TO VARIOUS PLACES, IN THE US AND ABROAD, TO SERVE WITH MISSIONARIES AND GET A FEEL FOR THE LIFE OF A MISSIONAY. ALOS MENTIONED THE MEXICO WORK, THE OTHER MISSION WORK, THE WORK

BEGINNING IN THE HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA, CONTINUED PRAYER FOR THE MOBILE WORK AND OTHER STARTUPS AND REVITALIZATION PROGRAMS LIKE THE ONE AT EAST SIDE IN DOTHAN. THIS WAS VERY GOOD INFORMATION AND WELL SHARED. RECEIVED AS INFORMATION

THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTED ON HOW THE BOARD WAS DOING, HOW THE DUES WAS COLLECTED, HOW THE SPEAKING FEES FOR EACH FUNCTION WAS SHARED. OUR COST FOR THE TOW CAMPS THIS YEAR IS \$1,200.00 FOR CAMP AND ONE RETREAT. RECEIVED AS INFORMATION AND REPORT.

WE HAD A SHORT RECESS FOR 10 MINUTES OR SO.

UPON REASSEMBLY THE MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, ASKED FOR THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND IT WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER LAMAR BUXTON. THIS MORNINGS PLATE OFFERING OF \$179.00 WAS GIVEN TO THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR ITS PURPOSES. ALOS MOVED THAT WE CONTINUE OUR PRACTICE OF GIVING TO OUR MISSIONAY SPEAKER AN HONORARIUM OF \$500.00 FOR COMING TO THIS SESSION. MSC.

THE CLERK HAD RECORDED THE INFORMATION IN A SPIRAL BINDER USED FOR OTHER PURPOSES AND UNFORTUNATELY THAT SPIRAL BINDER WAS USED UP AND HAS BEEN FILED AND A THE TIME OF ASSEMBLYING THESE MINUTES HAS NOT LOCATED THAT PARTICULAR BINDER. THE REGISTRATION REPORT AND THE POINTS ON THE MORNING MESSAGE BY BROTHER DALE BISHOP WAS THEREIN RECORDED. I APOLOGIZE FOR MISPLACING THE BOOK, BUT I AM HUMAN. AS I RECALL WE HAD A GATHERING OF OVER 60 PEOPLE, COUNTING THE ONES DOWNSTAIRS IN THE DINING HALL.

BROTHER DALE BISHOP BROUGHT A VERY STIRRING MESSAGE AND I REMEMBER WELL HIS DELIVERANCE, HIS SITTU REMARKS, HIS LITTLE ASIDES THAT BORUGHT HOMOR, SERIOUS HUMOR, TO HIS MESSAGE. HE DID A COMMENDABLE JOB IN PRESENTING THE GOSPEL MESSAGE.

OUR MODERATOR, BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, THEN FOLLOWED WITH AN ALTAR CALL. HE CLELLED ON BORHTER JOEY McCREIGHT TO GIVE DIRECTIONS FOR THE MEAL AND TO ASK THE BLESSINGS ON THE MEAL AND THE FELLOWSHIP THAT FOLLOWED.

OCTOBER 20, 2018
NEW PROSPECT FWB CHURCH

THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION WAS HOSTED BY OUR SISTER CHURCH NEW PROSPECT. SISTER NINA VICKERS SERVED AS CLERK AT THIS SESSION AS THE CLERK WAS IN TENNESSEE WITH FAMILY. THE SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:00 AM BY OUR MODERATOR BROTHER JOEY PETTIS WITH READING FROM ACTS 23:1. BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND WAS CALLED ON TO LEAD IN OPENING PRAYER. THE WELCOME WAS THEN GIVEN BY BROTHER WILLIAM SOWELL OF THE HOST CHURCH AND BROTHER JIMMY BAXTER RESPONDED TO THE WELCOME.

THE MORNING SONG SERVICE AT THIS TIME WAS OPENED WITH SISTER LINDA SOWELL AS PIANIST, BROTHER JASON THOMPSON GUITAR, AND BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON LEADING THE SINGING. "REDEEMED", "IS YOUR ALL ON THE ALTAR LAID" AND "I KNOW WHO HOLDS TOMORROW."

THE PLATE OFFERING WAS RECEIVED WITH BROTHERS ROY DEAN SMITH AND DAVID TEAT SERVING AS USHERS AND THE OFFERATORY PRAYER BY BROTHER JIMMY BAXTER. THE OFFERING WAS \$198.00.

THE MORNING DEVOTION WAS BROUGHT BY BROTHER TRACEY ARMSTRONG FROM ROMANS 1:18, 2:9, AND MATTHEW 16:1-3. BROTHER WILLIAM SOWELL WAS CALLED ON FOR PRAYER.

THE MINISTERS, DEACONS, AND VISITORS WERE RECOGNIZED. THE MINISTERS PRESENT WAS BROTHER JOEY PETTIS, BROTHER JOEY McCREIGHT, BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON, AND BROTHER THOMAS KIRKLAND. DEACONS REGISTERED WAS TRACEY ARMSTRONG, LAMAR BUXTON, GARY SHELLEY, WILLIAM SOWELL, DAVID TEAT, AND JASON THOMPSON. VISITORS REGISTERED WAS LINDA SOWELL, TEZ CAPOTE, KATHY CAPOTE, GAVIN THOMPSON, LIBERTY THOMPSON, LINDA FLOYD, JANE SOWELL, AND GWEN SOWELL.

THE ELECTED DELEGATES REGISTERED WAS DOLLY VICKERS, NINA VICKERS MOUNT ZION; LINDA CORDELL, JOHN TURNER, SHIRLEY TURNER, ALTERNATE CHRISTINE BROWN, LUCY DEES, TERRY WHALEY NEW PROSPECT; HENRIETTA BROWN, PAM PETTIS, MARY SHELLEY, ROY DEAN SMITH, MARY TEAT, KENNETH ETHRIDGE NEW ZION; KAY LA DYSON, CAROLYN BUCKZAR, WILBUR BUCKZAR, ALTERNATES JAMES DYSON, PAUL DYSON PILGRIM REST; JIMMY BAXTER, SSANDARA BAXTER, BRYAN SENN SARDIS; SYLVIA ETHRIDGE, PEGGY HERRING, BETTY TAYLOR ALTERNATE JANICE SMITH UNION. MSC TO SEAT BY THE ORDAINED.

THE ANNUAL BUSINESS SESSION WAS CALLED FOR AT THIS TIME.

CREDENTIALS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE REPORTED LETTERS IN ORDER.

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT WAS GIVEN BY BOARD MEMBER BROTHER JOEY PETTIS AS INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN, FINANCES, AND THE GOINGS ON AT THE HOME. THIS WAS RECEIVED AS CURRENT INFORMATION. MSC

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION WAS GIVEN BY BROTHER JIMMY BAXTER AND THE INFORMATION WAS PRESENTED FROM INFO ON HIS PHONE SO THERE IS NO WRITTEN REPORT. MSC

FINANCE COMMITTEE GIVEN BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE PLATE OFFERING FOR THE DAY WAS DESIGNATED TO THE ACTS 1:8 PROGRAM FOR MISSIONS. MSC

MISSIONS COMMITTEE WAS REPORTED ON BY SISTER HENRIETTA BROWN AND COVERED MISSIONS IN ALABAMA, SOME OTHER US MISSIONS, FOREIGN MISSIONS, INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, SPECIAL PRAYER FOR NORTH KOREAN CHRISTIANS, CHRISTIANS BEING PERSECUTED AROUND THE WORLD. WE SHOULD ALL PRAY DAILY FOR OUR FELLOW WORKERS IN THE LORD.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE DESIGNATED FOR 2019 MOUNT ZION FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2019 MEETING, PILGRIM REST FOR JUNE 15, 2019, AND UNION ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019 FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION. MSC

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE GAVE NO REPORT. THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORTED A TOTAL REGISTERED OF 45.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MADE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BOARDS, MODERATOR, VICE MODERATOR, CLERK/TREASURER, AND ASSISTANT CLERK/TREASURER. PLEASE SEE PAGES LISTING THE NAMES AND DATES OF ALL ELECTED BOARDS AND OR COMMITTEES EARLIER IN THE MINUTES. SINCE THEY ALL APPEAR THERE IT IS REDUNDANT TO REPRINT THEM HERE.

THE MORNING WORSHIP HOUR WAS OPENED WITH SINGING AGAIN LED BY THE HOST CHURCH AS SHOWN ABOVE. SELECTED SONGS "HEAVENLY SUNLIGHT" SPECIAL BY LISA CORDELL "IT IS NO SECRET" "I CHOOSE JESUS"

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE WAS PRESENTED BY BROTHER JOEY PETTIS REFENCING SCRIPTURE FROM REVELATION 21:1-5 AND PHILLIPIANS 4:7. THOSE MEMBERS LOST DURING 2018 ARE: TRACEY OWENS MOUNT ZION; DELANE SHELLEY, JEANETTER TRAMMELL NEW ZION; C. L. CULPEPPER PILGRIM REST; FAY O'HEARN, JAMES GILMORE, WYLENA CUTCHEN, WARREN GILMORE, HARVEY CARROLL SARDIS; JAMES BRADLEY, DWAIN ELLIOTT, JEFF HERRING, CONNIE HIX, RUBY LEE UNION.

THE MORNING MESSAGE WAS BROUGHT BY BROTHER JASON THOMPSON OF THE HOST CHURCH AND USED SCRIPTURE FOUND IN MATTHEW 16:13-28 AND EVELATION 22:12. FOUR POINTS MADE: PERSON OF, PRICE BY, PROTOTYPE, ARE WE TRUE DISCIPLES?

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL MEET AT NEW ZION THURSDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 25, 2018 AT 7:00 PM TO PLAN THE AGENDA FOR 2019.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP BY PRAYER LED BY BROTHER DANNY HENDERSON.

OCTOBER 25, 2018

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET AT NEW ZION AT 7:00 PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLANNING THE AGENDA FOR THE COMING YEAR OF 2019.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:15 PM BY THE MODERATOR JOEY PETTIS. PRESENT FROM SISTER CHURCHES NINA VICKERS AND RALPH BAKER MOUNT ZION, DANNY HENDERSON FROM NEW PROSPECT, JOEY PETTIS AND HENRIETTA BROWN FROM NEW ZION; JIMMY BAXTER FROM PILGRIM REST; JOEY McCREIGHT FROM SARDIS; LINDA FLOYD FROM UNION.

A THEME WAS SELECTED FROM THREE RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE LOVE OF GOD WAS CHOSEN. SCRIPTURE ROMANS 9:13.

BROTHER JOEY McCREIGHT WILL SPEAK AT MOUNT ZION ON FEBRUARY 16, 2019; A MISSIONARY SPEAKER WILL BE USED AT PILGRIM REST ON JUNE 15, 2019 BUT HOPEFULL WE WILL HAVE BROTHER JERRY SMITH; BROTHER JOEY HUDSPETH WILL SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL SESSION ON OCTOBER 19, 2019. THE MEMORIAL SPEAKED WILL BE BROTHER JOEY PETTIS. THIS SERVICE WILL BE MOVED TO THE MORNING PORTION OF THE MEETING AND FEATURED AS A DEVOTIONAL MOTIVATION SERVICE. THE SUBSTITUTE SPEAKER FOR THE YEAR WILL BE BILL SANDERS AND OR JIMMY BAXTER. CLOSING PRAYER BY BROTHER JOEY McCREIGHT.

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 four (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 3rd Saturday in December 1892.

In April 1892 Union Grove approved the buying of one half dozen Hymn books.

In September 1896 Union Grove elected Delegates to represent them in the Association meeting and the church paid \$1.00 for minutes and \$.75 for Association purposes.

In the year of 1897 the Association dues was raised to \$2.00. (Times have changed.)

In the month of October 1898 the Annual session of the Southeastern Association was held with Prospect church in Henry County, Alabama. Piney Grove, New Prospect, Antioch, and Evergreen withdrew from the Southeastern Association without any authority from their respective churches. They then formed an Association known as the Evergreen Association. This Association was contrary to any precedent known to the Ecclesiastical law and without authority from the Southeastern Association and adopted a

decorum contrary to any Baptist or Congregational form of government. The Southeastern Association would not allow any pastor of the Evergreen Association to serve in a church in the Southeastern Association.

On Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October 1910 the Southeastern of Free Will Baptist convened at New Prospect Church in Henry County, Alabama for the 32nd Annual Session. Brother J. H. Guilford was the Moderator and Brother C. B. Searcy, Clerk. The following report was brought before the Association on documents.

Temperance: We, your Committee, submit the following report. As the Lord commanded His children to be temperate in all things, we will submit and surrender to be temperate in such acts and deeds and as God's Word pronounces "woe unto him that giveth to his brother drink or putteth the bottle to his lips to make him drunk" We will not only abstain from it ourselves, but do everything against the sale of it or the use of it in any way. We see that whiskey is a destruction of humanity and the church. We give below the estimate of what one bushel of corn will make. The distiller gets 4 gallons of whiskey which retails at \$16.00, the farmer gets \$1.00 for his corn, the government gets \$4.40, the railroad gets \$1.00 for carrying, the manufacturer gets \$9.85, the drayman gets \$.15, the consumer gets drunk, the wife and children go half clad in ignorance and shame.

In 1910 the Association paid \$15.00 for its' minutes and on Saturday the collection was \$8.65. A motion was made to send \$10.00 to the Ayden, North Carolina school. There was also a motion made to pay the Moderator \$10.00 for his services.

Only 4 churches in the Southeastern Association were having Sunday school (Sabbath school). C. A. Arnold asked that the churches put forth a special effort to have Sabbath schools, as it is a stepping-stone to religion for the boys and girls.

In 1920 there were 15 churches in the Southeastern Association. They were Antioch, Bethsaida, Christian Home, Ephesus, Evergreen, Goodwater, Judson, Mount Zion, New Prospect, Piney Grove, Pleasant Hill, Pilgrim's Rest, Sardis, Union Grove, and Zion.

On Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October 1936 the Southeastern Association convened at New Zion church for their 58th Annual session. Brother J. H. Guilford, Moderator; Brother D. F. Pelt, Vice Moderator; Brother J. S. Vickers, Clerk; and D. E. Shirley, Treasurer.

The following report was given on temperance. We urge that our members obey Paul's instruction, "be ye temperate in all things", especially pertaining to strong drinks, and we recommend that all our churches deal with its' members that walk disorderly in any respect.

Six churches reported as having Sunday schools. Each church was urged to organize a Sunday school and take the Word to heart.

Brother J. T. Hutto held the congregation almost spellbound with old time preaching. This was very impressive and enjoyed by all.

The Sunday school convention was set to meet Saturday before the 2nd fifth Sunday in 1937 and went to Goodwater.

The following men were given as ministers. S. O. Sellers, Bob Beasley, J. H. Guilford, C. P. Guilford, Thomas Bailey, J. M. Shirley, and D. F. Pelt. There were 12 churches in the Association in 1936.

On Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October 1938 the Southeastern Association of Free Will Baptist met at Union Grove church. Brother J. H. Guilford, Moderator, Brother D. F. Pelt, Vice Moderator, J. S. Vickers, Clerk, and J. L. Stokes (Long), Treasurer.

On Friday Brother T. B. Millette preached the true Gospel of Christ to a congregation that enjoyed it and was thankful for such a message. An intermission of one hour and fifteen minutes was given during which time a bountiful feast was spread and enjoyed by all. Song service was led by Brother Bob Stokes.

Only five churches were having Sunday school in 1938.

Pilgrim's Rest gave the following report. From the days of Jesus down to our age or throughout the entire history of the Christian religion, women have been found among the most loyal and ardent followers of Christ. The Ladies auxiliary work affords opportunity for women to lend a helping hand in carrying out Jesus command "go ye into all the world."

A motion was made to pay the clerk \$15.00 and \$10.00 was given to Brother D. F. Pelt for his expense to the National Association. There were 12 churches in the Association. Evergreen had the largest attendance with 229 members. Brother G. W. Nobles was pastor.

On Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October the Southeastern Association of Free Will Baptist convened with Sardis church for the 68th Annual session. This was the year 1946. Brother D. F. Pelt was Moderator and J. L. Stokes, treasurer.

On Saturday morning the song service was led by Brother Long Stokes. Brother Human had the devotion for the morning and Brother Pelt in the afternoon.

A motion was made to sell James Chapel church and the proceeds to be donated to Holmes new church.

There were 14 churches in the Association. They were Chester Chapel, Evergreen, Friendship, Goodwater, Hickory Grove, Holmes, Judson, Mount Zion, New Prospect, New Zion, Pilgrim's Rest, Pleasant Hill, Sardis, and Union Grove. Evergreen had the largest membership with 239 members.

On Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October 1947 the Southeastern Association of Free Will Baptist convened at Union Grove church for the 69th Annual session. Brother D. F. Pelt was Moderator; Lucille Bodiford, Clerk; and J. Long Stokes, treasurer. The theme for this service was "Christianity will never end."

Brother K. V. Shutes gave a report for the Junior College, the Children Home in Eldridge, Alabama, and a donation of \$47.28 was given.

Pilgrim's Rest had Johnny Wilson and Carl Wilson ordained as Deacon.

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

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

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

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

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