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OF
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RALPH BASS, MODERATOR

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Rev. Jeff Cole 1994
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Rev. Jimmy Carden 1995
 Route 1, Box 345, Flomaton, AL 36441

Rev. Greg Hollifield 1996
 1205 Navco Road, Mobile, AL 36605

Rev. W. A. Wilkinson 1997
 Route 2, Box 300, Baker, FL 32531

CAMPSITE COMMITTEE

Mr. Ralph Bass
Mr. Gerry Cannon

Mr. Clyde Harris
Mr. James Turner

MINISTERS PRESENT FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Rev. James Carden, Route 1, Box 345, Flomaton, AL 36441

Rev. Jeff Cole, Box 83, Jay, FL 32565

Rev. Greg Hollifield, 1205 Navco Rd., Mobile, AL 36605

Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Route 2, Box 300, Baker, FL 32531

DELEGATES PRESENT FOR ANNUAL MEETING

CANAAN FREE WILL BAPTIST

Doris Crutchfield
Thelma Odom

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST, FLOMATON

Doris Carden
Ruby Roberson
Irma Turner

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST, MOBILE

Gerry Cannon
Phyllis Cannon

NEW BETHANY FREE WILL BAPTIST

Naomi Wilkinson
Ottie Lee Wilkinson

NEW HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST

NONE

SHADY HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST

Learvene Bass
Mavis McVay

*It is noted here that all pastors and deacons of the association are standing delegates. Total attendance for the meeting was 29.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Sixty-Sixth session of the Southern Union of Free Will Baptists met on September 26, 1992 at Camp Nebo in Holt, Florida.

The meeting began at 9:00 a.m. as Bro. Ralph Bass welcomed those in attendance. He was followed by Bro. Gerry Cannon who led the body in singing "The Lilly of the Valley" and "Are You Washed in the Blood?" Between the songs, Rev. Jeff Cole asked God's blessing upon the day's proceedings.

Due to the rainy conditions, the customary handshake took place inside. After Rev. Jimmy Carden led the body in prayer and everyone returned to their seats, Mrs. Joyce Bass read the annual church reports. (The vital statistics from those letters are contained in a chart at the end of this publication.) All of the presented information was accepted by majority vote.

Just before the morning break, Bro. Ed Bass and Bro. James Turner were elected as association deacons for the day. Following the break, nominations for the various committees were read. An half hour break then ensued for these committees to formulate their reports.

At 10:20 a.m. the following committees submitted their reports which were approved in majority vote: Obituary, Temperance, Sunday School, Resolutions, and Ladies Auxiliary. A moment of silence followed the reading of the Obituary Committee's report in memory of the deceased. Rev. W.A. Wilkinson then led the congregation in prayer for the families of the deceased.

From the Suggestions Committee came a recommendation that the Association go from four to two meetings per year. Along with this, it was suggested that a yearly meeting for sake of fellowship and worship involving the Southern Union, Liberty #1, and Northwest Florida Associations be held next year. The vote on these suggestions was postponed until after lunch.

The outgoing treasurer, Rev. Greg Hollifield, reported that a balance of \$1,708.57 remained in the general fund. Afterward, Bro. Gerry Cannon led the body in singing "Standing on the Promises," "Mansions over the Hilltop," and "O I Want to See Him." The morning message was then presented by Rev. Jeff Cole from Ephesians 6:6,7 on the subject of pleasing Christ through our service.

Prior to the afternoon meal, Bro. Ralph Bass spoke of Free Will Baptist distinctives; then he asked Bro. Charlie Roberson to thank the Lord for the food. Lunch followed.

Afternoon Session

The congregation reconvened for business as Bro. Gerry Cannon led everyone in singing "Jesus Saves" followed by Bro. James Turner praying for God's direction in the decisions to be made. Rev. W.A. Wilkinson brought the afternoon devotion from Hebrews 13:1-7 on the subject of marriage. At the conclusion of the devotion, numerous business matters were addressed.

The suggestions committee report was read and voted on. (See the details from this report in the next section of this publication.)

An offering of \$65.00 was collected for the Children's Home, and \$46.00 was collected for Camp Nebo.

It was decided that Rev. W.A. Wilkinson be kept on the ordaining council through 1997 and that Rev. Jimmy Carden be allowed to replace Frank Harris on the executive committee.

The following individuals were chosen to fill the corresponding offices for the next two years:

Mr. Charlie Roberson	Moderator
Mr. Ralph Bass	Assistant Moderator
Rev. Greg Hollifield	Clerk
Mr. James Turner	Treasurer
Mrs. Betty Roberson	Reading Clerk

Rev. W.A. Wilkinson reported a balance of \$1,193.25 in the Camp Nebo treasury.

The session closed with the customary handshake.

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Given by Darrell Holley in January, 1992:

Balance brought forward	\$1,453.20
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Paid in:

contributions from churches	700.00
contributions from individuals for Children's Home	50.00

Paid out:

Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists	210.00
Rev. Greg Hollifield, associational clerk	100.00
Rev. Greg Hollifield, for printing of associational minutes	126.55
Rev. Greg Hollifield for stationery supplies	23.42
Free Will Baptist Children's Home	<u>50.00</u>

TOTAL IN TREASURY	\$1,693.23
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Respectfully,
Darrell Holley

Temperance Committee: We, the temperance committee, suggest that Christian people avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from sinful amusements and worldly conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages and drugs, to provide things honest in the sight of all men and pray for and encourage each other daily.

Irma Turner, Chairperson
Gerry Cannon
Phyllis Cannon
Ottie Lee Wilkinson

Sunday School Committee: We, the committee on the Sunday School, find five (5) churches have an active Sunday School with a total of 137 members. We would like to stress the importance of Sunday School in teaching the fundamentals of the faith and grounding of the body of Christ. We pray for saving of souls and the cause of Christ to be strengthened. We ask that each church be represented at our annual rally and the other activities of the association. We ask each member of the association to pray and strive for an active Sunday School showing our youth a way of life to be desired and a vision of heavenly things to come. (Due to the absence of any representative from New Home, their enrollment is not included in this report.)

Ruby Roberson, Chairperson
Learvene Bass
James Turner

Ladies Auxiliary Committee: We, the Ladies' Auxiliary Committee, find one active auxiliary in our association. We regret some of the other groups have failed to function recently. We show a total membership of thirteen and an average attendance of ten. We have a central thrust of missions and try to assist the pastor and other officers in the church where possible. In these times we strongly urge our women to form an active group where none exist and let us all strive to further the cause of Christ.

Resolutions Committee: Be it resolved that the Southern Union Association of Free Will Baptists re-affirm the fundamental principles of orthodox Christian faith and morality;

That we stand for public morality, withstanding the social ills of feminism, abortion, and homosexuality;

That we stand for the reintroduction of prayer into the public schools, as well as the fair and objective treatment of Biblical creation in the public school classroom;

and

That we re-affirm our orthodox position on the plenary-verbal inspiration, infallibility, and inerrancy of Holy Scripture in a day when such doctrines are easily dispensed with.

Jeff Cole, Chairperson
Naomi Wilkinson
Doris Crutchfield

Obituaries Committee: With deepest regret we report the deaths of these members.

Fred Cooper, Shady Hill Free Will Baptist
Dora Gettinger, First Free Will Baptist, Mobile
Alston Henderson, First Free Will Baptist, Mobile

Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Doris Carden, Chairperson
Mavis McVay

Suggestions Committee: The following suggestions were made by this committee and were passed by majority vote.

1. All people who serve as officers in our association must be members for one year before they can start their term.
2. The Easter Egg Hunt be held on Saturday, April 10, 1993 at 1:00 p.m.
3. The quarterly meetings be held as follows:

January 9, 1993	Shady Hill Free Will Baptist Andalusia, AL 10:30 a.m.
April 17, 1993	New Bethany Free Will Baptist Holt, FL 10:30 a.m.
July 31, 1993	First Free Will Baptist Flomaton, AL 10:30 a.m.
4. Youth Camp be conducted at Camp Nebo from June 21-26, 1992.
5. A day of worship be held in March of 1993 involving the Liberty #1, Northwest Florida, and Southern Union Associations. (The specific date, time, and place is to be decided at the January quarterly meeting.)
6. Mr. Frank Harris be appointed as an honorary member of the Camp Committee.

The following suggestions were rejected by majority vote:

1. The association meetings be reduced from four to two per year.

2. The Sunday School rally be held on June 12, 1993 at Camp Nebo.

Rev. Jimmy Carden, Chairperson
Ralph Bass
Glynda Cupp
Thelma Odom

Resolution of Thanks: We, the people of the Southern Union Association, wish to express in written form our gratitude for the work of the New Bethany Free Will Baptist Church in preparing Camp Nebo for our annual meeting. Furthermore, we wish to thank everyone else that has made this past associational year a successful one. To attempt to name everyone who has been involved in that success would be futile. May the Lord who leaves no good deed unrewarded smile upon you each.

Respectfully,
Greg Hollifield, Clerk

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING
January 18, 1992
New Home Free Will Baptist Church

The first quarterly meeting of the year opened with the host pastor, Rev. Ray Cathey, extending his word of welcome and leading the body in prayer. Bro. Matt Pinson then led the congregation in singing four hymns. From I Thes. 2:13 and Matt. 8:5-13 Rev. Cathey delivered the morning message entitled "How can the Word of God do us any good?"

After the sermon, Rev. L.V. Pinson took charge of the service. Rev. Greg Hollifield announced that copies of the annual minutes were ready to be picked up. Afterward Bro. Matt Pinson returned to the podium to lead in two more hymns. Rev. Clyde Bruley then asked God's blessing upon the afternoon meal. Lunch followed.

In the post-lunch session, Rev. L.V. Pinson thanked the New Home Church for their hospitality and called the meeting to order. Bro. Matt Pinson then presented a devotion from I Peter 1:1-9, 13-16. A number of business concerns were then addressed:

Rev. L.V. Pinson reminded the body of each church's need to nominate someone for the campsite committee.

A letter from the Liberty #1 Association was read in which there was a request that a letter of recommendation for Rev. Tony Downey be sent to them from our association. The body appointed the association's clerk to send such a letter.

A letter from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Pensacola requesting permissions to join the West Florida Association and asking that all their church members be released from their responsibilities in the Southern Union Association was read and granted.

Bro. Darrell Holley presented the treasurer's report covering the period of August 21, 1991 through January 18, 1992.

Motion was made and carried that the offices of clerk and treasurer be combined for the rest of the year.

Individual members of the Association expressed their love and appreciation for the First Free Will Baptist Church of Pensacola.

Bro. Matt Pinson volunteered his services as Camp Coordinator again this year.

Due to the withdrawal of the Pensacola Church from our Association, Canaan Church invited everyone to their place for the next quarterly meeting.

Bro. Ralph Bass was chosen to be the new moderator, and it was decided that the assistant moderator would be selected at the next meeting.

Rev. L.V. Pinson expressed his regrets that his church would be leaving the Association and said "good-bye" in behalf of his congregation.

Rev. Greg Hollifield closed the meeting in prayer.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING
April 11, 1992
Canaan Free Will Baptist Church

The meeting opened with everyone gathering around the piano and singing their favorite hymns. For the special music, Rev. Clyde Bruley proceeded to sing "Because He Lives" followed by Rev. and Mrs. Ray Cathey singing "Gettin' Ready to Leave this World." After a time of prayer at the altar, Rev. Bruley delivered the morning message from Luke 7:18; 10:2; et.al. entitled "Art thou He that should come?" Lunch followed.

The afternoon session opened with a hymn and Bro. James Turner leading in a word of prayer. Bro. Odom gave the day's devotion from John 3:1-6 and 14:1-3. Moderator Ralph Bass thanked the Canaan Church for hosting the quarterly meeting, then asked the clerk to read the minutes of the preceding meeting.

Wrapping up some matters of old business, the Moderator asked each church to submit their nominees for the Campsite Committee. (Those nominees are listed in the front of this publication.) Rev. Ray Cathey was then selected to be the Assistant Moderator.

Bro. Matt Pinson was elected to be Camp Coordinator for the year and given the liberty to choose his own Camp Evangelist. Concerning youth camp, the body voted to raise camper fees from \$25 to \$30; voted against renting the camp to an unnamed inquiring church; selected June 6-13 as work-days for the

campgrounds; and decided to send a personal invitation to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Pensacola to send their youth to this year's camp.

After an offering of \$34.13 was collected for the Children's Home, Rev. Clyde Bruley closed the meeting in prayer.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

July 18, 1992

First Free Will Baptist Church of Mobile, AL

Host pastor Greg Hollifield opened the third quarterly meeting with a word of prayer. Bro. Jeff Cole and Bro. Gerry Cannon divided between themselves the responsibility of leading the congregational singing. Rev. Hollifield returned to the pulpit later to deliver the morning's message from the book of Jonah entitled "Patriots for the Kingdom." Following prayer, the meeting adjourned for lunch.

The body reconvened as Bro. Gerry Cannon led in singing and Rev. Jeff Cole prayed for God's blessing upon the business to be conducted. Mrs. Patti Hollifield was then recognized to sing a special number. Rev. Clyde Bruley presented the afternoon devotion from Romans 10:1-3 and James 1:22-25.

After the reading of the last meeting's minutes, the following matters were addressed:

Rev. Bruley was chosen to replace Rev. Cathey as the Assistant Moderator.

Reverends Jeff Cole, Jimmy Carden, and Greg Hollifield were voted in as new members of the ordaining council.

Rev. W.A. Wilkinson reported a balance of \$1,082.60 in the camp treasury after youth camp expenses were covered.

Bro. Ralph Bass explained the cancellation of 1992's Sunday School Rally.

Following a brief interlude, Rev. Wilkinson reported to the body that the ordaining council had reviewed Rev. Jeff Cole's credentials and approved him as an ordained minister within the Southern Union Association. Rev. Cole was then extended the congregation's right hand of fellowship.

An offering of \$50 was collected for the Children's Home. Rev. and Mrs. Ray Cathey then Rev. Cole sang two selections before the meeting was dismissed in prayer led by Bro. James Turner.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. As to God--One God and Father of all. Eph. 4:6.
2. As to Scripture--All Scripture is given by inspiration of God. II Tim. 3:16.
3. As to Freedom of Will--"Ye will not come unto me." John 5:40. "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17.
4. As to Condition of Salvation--He (Christ) died for all. II Cor. 5:15. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13. "For in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not." Gal. 6:9. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of Life." Rev. 2:10.
5. As to Election--"God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is accepted with Him." Acts 10:34-35.
6. As to Grace--"For the grace of God that bringeth Salvation hath appeared to all men." Titus 2:11. "For by grace are you saved through faith." Eph. 2:8.
7. As to Faith--"Justified by faith." Rom. 5:1. "This is the victory which overcometh the world, even our faith." I John 5:4.
8. As to Works--"Faith without works is dead." James 2:26. "God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Eph. 2:10.
9. As to Baptism--"And they went down both into the water, and when they were come up out of the water." Acts 8:39. "We are buried with Him by baptism unto death." Rom. 6:4.
10. As subject to Baptism--"If thou believest with all thine heart thou mayest." Acts 8:37. "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Rom. 14:12.
11. As to Oneness of the Christian Church--"Is Christ divided?" I Cor. 1:13. "I am the vine, ye are the branches." John 15:5. "That they may be one as we are." John 17:11-21. "There is one body and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling." Eph. 4:4.

12. As to Communion--"This do in remembrance of Me." Luke 22:19. "But let a man examine himself and so let him eat the bread and drink of the cup." I Cor. 11:28. "Let no man therefore judge you." Col. 2:16.
13. As to the Resurrection--"For the hour cometh in which all that are in the grave shall hear his voice and shall come forth." John 5:28. "For the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed." I Cor. 15:52.
14. As to the Judgment, Reward and Punishment--"For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ." Rom. 14:10. "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal." Matt. 25:46.
15. As to Feet Washing--"Ye also ought to wash one another's feet." John 13:14. "For I have given you an example." John 13:15. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the servant is not greater than his Lord." John 13:16. "If you know these things happy are ye if ye do them." John 13:17. "Because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example." I Peter 2:21.

AS TO THE RULES - ARTICLE 1

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| Section 1 | When a sufficient number of members are ready for organization, the articles of faith and the covenant shall be read, and if adopted, the right hand of fellowship shall be extended. After prayer, they shall proceed to the election of officers, after which they shall be declared organized and ready for business. |
| Section 2 | No church shall be organized with less than three male members nor within six miles of another church of the same faith, unless in towns or cities. |
| Section 3 | The officers of a church shall be a pastor, one or more deacons, a clerk and treasurer, and not less than three trustees. |

- Section 4 The church shall call their pastor at the next conference preceding the last regular conference in the associational year, unless in case of vacancy, in such a case they may call a conference for that purpose.
- Section 5 Any church, in case of necessity, may call a conference and elect one of their members or a visiting minister as moderator.
- Section 6 The church may hold a conference as often as it deems necessary.
- Section 7 It is suggested that the church commune and wash the members' feet as often as convenient, and it shall not be postponed on account of disobedient members.
- Section 8 The church shall not try a member without a hearing unless said member refuses to attend the conference when notified to do so.
- Section 9 The church is to recommend the questioning of any member for licensing, the same as for ordination.
- Section 10 A presbytery of 5 ordained men shall be appointed by the moderator to hold office for 5 years to conduct ordination of ministers or deacons for this association or any church connected with this association.
- Section 11 Deacons shall not be ordained until they are tried.
- Section 12 Each minister shall be a member of some live church and in good standing with the church.
- Section 13 It shall be the duty of every member, male or female, to attend each conference meeting if possible. On that day, the pastor is expected to instruct the church in a spiritual manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine, discipline, the rule of holy living, and the church member's duties.

Section 14 As the Scriptures teach against worldliness in any form, be it resolved that each member seek the divine guidance of the Holy Spirit in things that pertain to holy and righteous living.

ARTICLE 2

Section 1 The pastor shall attend his church unless providentially hindered and shall sit as moderator to see that justice is carried out. In case of his absence, he is to appoint some suitable brother to assume his responsibility when he thinks the situation warrants such action. He shall also hold a protracted meeting with his church once a year.

Section 2 The deacons shall be elected by the church and shall hold office at the discretion of the church. They shall watch the flock, advise the unruly members, and report such to the church in conference when necessary. They may administer the ordinance of baptism, shall make all necessary arrangements for the communion, monitor the needs of the church and the support of the pastor. They shall take notice of such members who refuse or neglect to partake of the Lord's Supper and wash each other's feet, and endeavor to ascertain the cause that the same may be laid before the church in conference.

Section 3 The clerk shall be elected by the church and shall hold office at the discretion of same. He shall keep a record of the members and minutes of the business transactions of the church and shall read the same in conference as often as the church may demand. He shall turn all books and papers over to his successor in office.

Section 4 The treasurer shall be elected by the church, shall hold office at the will of the church, shall hold monies paid into the church for general expenses, and shall turn over all money and papers to his successor.

Section 5 The trustees shall be elected by the church, and shall hold office for two years until their successors are elected, unless removed for cause.

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(continued) They shall look after the repairs of the church, but they cannot sell or otherwise dispose of the church property without an order from the church in conference.
- Section 6 No one shall be received in the church unless Scripturally baptized by immersion by an ordained baptizer.
- Section 7 Members must pay their debts contracted by themselves or make satisfactory arrangements with their creditors, and they shall help pay their pastor.
- Section 8 We recommend that each church elect a Home Missions Treasurer and all money collected for Home Missions be retained in the church and paid out only by order of the church.
- Section 9 No preacher has a right to organize and bring a church into our Association without the arm of a church in our Association to help organize and presbytery same.
- Section 10 We recommend that each ordained minister in our Association obtain credentials showing the denomination that ordained him, the name of the church, the country, and the state. If possible, the presbytery that ordained him should also be named.
- Section 11 It is required of each church to do everything possible to promote religious work by encouraging your members to speak in public in behalf of our Saviour.
- Section 12 Each church shall encourage its members to attend every conference possible, to study the minutes, follow the rules and the articles of faith which are to be read in the church at least once a year.
- Section 13 No member shall leave the house without sufficient cause nor engage in conversation without being subject to being called to order by the moderator.
- Section 14 All discussion in conference must be conducted with calmness and good feelings. Those who speak

- Section 14
(continued) must rise to their feet, address the moderator and stay with the point in debate.
- Section 15 No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission from the moderator, nor shall the remarks of any member be unreasonably long.
- Section 16 When the moderator speaks in debate, he shall nominate some other moderator in his stead.
- Section 17 No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it is necessary to call him to order.
- Section 18 The Executive Committee is the governing body of the Association to act on things pertaining to the Association when the Association is not in session.

PERMANENT REGULATIONS

1. The officers shall be elected every 2 years.
2. Each church may appoint up to 4 delegates to the Association each year.
3. All deacons from the different churches are to be counted as standing delegates to the Association.
4. Minutes will be kept by Clerk of the Quarterly Meetings and recorded in the Annual Minutes.
5. The clerk is to write the Resolution of Thanks.
6. Each church is to record and report their Children's Home offering separate from other offerings.
7. A letter of explanation from each church is to be sent in absence of representation at the Quarterly Meetings.
8. No minister shall be held responsible for marrying anyone unknowingly who has previously been married, having a living husband or living wife.
9. No minister is to be called as pastor or used as an evangelist in any church in this Association without being subject to questioning by the ordaining council.

10. No minister is to be used as an evangelist in this Association except one of Free Will Baptist Faith.
11. Each church recommends someone from their membership to be placed on the executive committee every two years.

GUIDELINES FOR ORDINATION

1. This Association ordains no man that has more than one living wife; nor a man whose wife has more than one living husband.
2. Every minister carries a license until he is either called to a church or enters full time evangelistic work. The license of ministers licensed by this Association are to be reissued each year if the church of which they are member makes this request.
3. This Association ordains no one that doesn't fully believe the faith and practices of the Free Will Baptist Treatise.
4. This Association ordains no one that doesn't believe and practice tithing.
5. This Association ordains no one that doesn't believe in the verbal inspiration of the Word of God.
6. This Association will not ordain women to preach the Gospel.
7. This Association will not ordain anyone that is affiliated with the World Council of Churches.
8. This Association will not ordain anyone with a bad testimony with them that are without.
9. This Association will not ordain anyone that doesn't believe and practice the ordinances of the church.
10. This Association will not ordain anyone that doesn't believe a person can apostatize and be lost.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus 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 of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to grow in the grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of 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 to be careful to one another's happiness and reputation, seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and the gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on Earth as it is 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 Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world.

And may the God of Peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

STATISTICAL TABLES 1991

CHURCH	CLERK	MEMBERSHIP	PAID FEE	SERVICE SCHEDULE
Canaan F.W.B. Brewton, AL	Frances Beasley Rt. 4, Box 340 Brewton, AL 36426 (205) 867-6756	22	\$100.00	Sunday Mornings and Evenings Wednesday Evenings
First F.W.B. Flomaton, AL	Alice Chavers Rt. 1, Box 259 Flomaton, AL 36441 (205) 296-2829	68	\$100.00	Sunday Mornings and Evenings Wednesday Evenings
First F.W.B. Mobile, AL	Diane Weaver 7364 Havenwood Dr. Theodore, AL 36582 (205) 653-8974	47	\$100.00	Sunday Mornings and Evenings Wednesday Evenings
New Bethany F.W.B. Holt, FL	Ottie Lee Wilkinson Rt. 1, Box 84 Holt, FL 32564 (904) 537-6752	21	\$100.00	Fourth Sunday Preaching S.S. Each Sunday
New Home F.W.B. Brewton, AL	Ruby Robinson Rt. 1 Brewton, AL 36426 (205) 867-9692	28	\$100.00	Sunday Mornings and Evenings Wednesday Evenings
Shady Hill F.W.B. Andalusia, AL	Learvene Bass Rt. 1, Box 179 Andalusia, AL 36420 (205) 222-4597	44	\$100.00	Sunday Mornings Wednesday Evenings

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CHURCH	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	BAPTISMS	MEMBERS ADDED	C.T.S. MEMBERS
Canaan F.W.B. Brewton, AL	23	0	8	0
First F.W.B. Flomaton, AL	32	0	9	0
First F.W.B. Mobile, AL	40	3	0	0
New Bethany F.W.B. Holt, FL	8	1	0	0
New Home F.W.B. Brewton, AL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Shady Hill F.W.B. Andalusia, AL	34	1	1	0