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CHARLIE ROBERSON, MODERATOR

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OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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- Rev. Jeff Cole 1994
Box 83, Jay, FL 32565
- 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
5440 Steele Rd., Baker, FL 32531
- Mr. James Turner 1998
Route 1, Flomaton, AL 36441

CAMPSITE COMMITTEE

Rev. W.A. Wilkinson, Chairman
Mr. Ralph Bass
Mr. Gerry Cannon

Mr. Clyde Harris
Mr. James Turner

MINISTERS PRESENT FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Rev. Clyde Bruley, Star Route A, Box 328, Atmore, AL 36502

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

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

Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, 5440 Steele Rd., Baker, FL 32531

DELEGATES NOMINATED BY CHURCHES TO ATTEND ANNUAL MEETING

CANAAN FREE WILL BAPTIST

Lucille Bruley
Bobby Hammac
Sue Hood
Thelma Odom

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST, FLOMATON

Doris Carden
Lillie Mae Harris
Ruby Roberson
Irma Turner

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST, MOBILE

Patti Hollifield

NEW BETHANY FREE WILL BAPTIST

Glynda Cupp
Ina Walters
Naomi Wilkinson

NEW HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST

William Madden
Jackie Smith

SHADY HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST

Joyce Bass
Learvene Bass
Mavis McVay
Wavie Lee Mims

*It is noted here that all pastors and deacons of the association are standing delegates. Total attendance for the meeting was 18.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Sixty-Seventh session of the Southern Union of Free Will Baptists met on September 25, 1993 at Camp Nebo in Holt, Florida.

The meeting began at 9:00 a.m. as Bro Charlie Roberson welcomed those in attendance and asked Bro. Ralph Bass to lead in prayer. Rev. Jeff Cole then directed the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace." Afterward, the customary handshake took place in the Camp Kitchen.

Sister Ruby Roberson read the annual church reports when the body reconvened in the auditorium. (The important statistics from these reports are contained in a chart at the end of this publication.) All reported information was accepted by majority vote.

Due to the low turn-out, those in attendance decided to serve as a Suggestions Committee and voted to keep all other annual committee reports the same. (The clerk was asked to personally make necessary Sunday School enrollment changes in the Sunday School Report and update the Obituary Report.) Numerous suggestions were made and can be found under the "Suggestions Committee" section.

Rev. W.A. Wilkinson reported a balance of \$252.76 in the Camp fund and stated that the insurance premium for the camp would be \$493. This report was accepted as information then set aside for a few moments before further action was taken on it.

The treasurer's annual report was read next and accepted by the body. After an offering of \$93 was received for the Children's Home Building Fund, the body voted to deduct from the Southern Union treasury: \$792.84 for the Children's Home Building Fund; \$100 for our Day of Worship speaker; and \$493 for the Camp Nebo insurance premium.

An offering of \$63 was then received for the general operating fund of the Children's Home; followed by a \$43 offering for Camp Nebo.

In other business, Bro. James Turner was voted to be kept on the Ordaining Council through 1998. Rev. Greg Hollifield concluded the session with a brief report on our Foreign Missions Department and the recent controversy in Spain. A ten-minute break followed.

Rev. Clyde Bruley delivered the morning message from I Peter 4:1-19; Luke 10:2; and Romans 1:18ff. With all business concluded, no afternoon session took place. A fellowship meal closed the day's proceedings.

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Given by James A. Turner

Date	Transaction	Received	Paid	Balance
9-26-92	Cashier's Check	\$1,708.57		
9-26-92	Total rec'd from churches at Association	600.00		
9-26-92	Offering for Children's Home	65.00		
9-26-92				\$2,373.57
9-29-92	Greg Hollifield (Stamps)		5.00	2,368.57
9-29-92	Ala. State Association		180.00	2,188.57
9-29-92	FWB Children's Home		65.00	2,123.57
12-22-92	Interest Received	14.30		2,137.87
1-9-93	Offering for Children's Home	59.00		2,196.87
1-9-93	FWB of Mobile for 1993 Minutes		122.35	2,074.52
1-9-93	Greg Hollifield (Assoc. Clerk) + \$4.75 for stamps		104.75	1,969.77
1-15-93	FWB Children's Home		59.00	1,910.77
1-15-93	Checks		12.15	1,898.62
7-25-93	Interest Rec'd. (12-25-93 > 7-25-93)	29.03		1,927.65
7-31-93	Offering for Children's Home	26.00		1,953.65
9-1-93	FWB Children's Home		26.00	1,927.65
9-22-93	Interest rec'd.	4.50		1,932.15

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.

Sunday School Committee: We, the committee on the Sunday School, find six (6) churches have an active Sunday School with a total of 150 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.

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.

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

Stacy Bass, Shady Hill Free Will Baptist Church
Ottie Lee Wilkinson, New Bethany Free Will Baptist Church

Our loss is Heaven's gain.

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

1. The quarterly meetings be held on the second Saturday of each affected month as follows:
January 8, 1994 Canaan Free Will Baptist
April 9, 1994 ~~First Free Will Baptist Mobile~~ *Shady Hill*
July 8, 1994 ~~Shady Hill Free Will Baptist~~
16 *New Bethany*
All of the above meetings start at 10:30 a.m.
2. Youth Camp be conducted at Camp Nebo from June 20-25, 1994.
3. A Day of Fellowship and Worship be held at First Free Will Baptist Church in Mobile, AL, on April 9, 1994, in lieu of a second quarterly meeting. The speaker will be selected on January 8, 1994.

Resolution of Thanks: We, the people of the Southern Union 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 9, 1993
Shady Hill Free Will Baptist Church

The worship service began with Bro. Ed Bass leading the 30 in attendance in singing "Victory in Jesus" and "Down at the Cross." On the final verse of the latter song, everyone stood and remained standing for prayer.

Host pastor Jeff Cole extended his word of welcome then turned the service over to Bro. Ed Bass who directed in a display of Sacred Harp music. Afterward, Rev. Cole led the congregation in singing "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship."

Following a word of prayer from Bro. Clyde Harris, Rev. Cole sang "Land of the Living." He then delivered from Micah 6:1-3 a sermon entitled "Look at what God has done for you, then look at what you're doing for God." The worship service ended at 11:30 a.m., and the body dismissed for lunch.

In the post-lunch session, Moderator Charlie Roberson extended his word of welcome and called upon the musicians to come forward. After the singing of "Come Unto Me," prayer requests were received and prayed over by Rev. Clyde Bruley.

Highlights of the 1992 Alabama State Meeting were presented by Rev. Greg Hollifield just before Rev. Jimmy Carden delivered the afternoon devotion from Philippians 3:11-14. A number of business matters were then addressed:

Rev. Jimmy Carden announced nothing had been studied or discovered in regard to a March Day of Warship. The motion was made and carried that Rev. Carden check on the interests of the Liberty #1 and Southwest Florida Associations in having a joint day of worship later in the year. He was asked to report back on the matter in April.

Rev. W.A. Wilkinson reported the Children's Home was doing well and reported a balance of \$749.20 in the Camp Nebo fund.

It was indicated Bro. Matt Pinson will report back to the Association in March as to whether he will be able to serve as camp coordinator this year (1993).

Bro. Ralph Bass spoke of the youth camp's need for new doors and a cook for the coming year.

The Campsite Committee was asked to meet to decide dates for camp clean-up.

Rev. Clyde Bruley asked for a Pastors' and Deacons' meeting to be held two weeks prior to each quarterly meeting, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on April 3, 1993. Camp Nebo was chosen as the first meeting place.

A motion was made and passed that a "Thank You" card be sent to Bro. Frank Harris for his work at the Camp.

A motion was made and passed that notification cards be sent to each church prior to any association gathering.

Offerings of \$58 and \$41 were received for the Children's Home and Camp Nebo respectively.

Bro. Ed Bass closed the meeting in prayer.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING
April 17, 1993
New Bethany Free Will Baptist Church

In the morning session, Bro. Chad Wilkinson and his daughter presented a special in song. Rev. David Isaac, pastor of the Niceville Free Will Baptist Church, preached from Titus 2:10.

In the afternoon session our moderator welcomed those in attendance and asked for special prayer requests. Rev. David Isaac led the body in prayer for those mentioned. Afterward Rev. Jeff Cole directed the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace." Rev. Jimmy Carden then delivered the day's devotion from John 6:66-69. By way of business:

Rev. Carden reported a failure to contact sister associations about a day of fellowship and worship. Further action on this matter was tabled until the next quarterly meeting.

Rev. Wilkinson reported the Children's Home is doing well and reported a balance of \$920 in the Camp Nebo fund.

Numerous camp needs were addressed, including: doors, bathroom repairs, a cook, and director. Motions were made and passed that the physical repairs be made on May 22, 1993. (An offering of \$202 was received to offset these

expenses.) Regarding the need for a camp director, the body agreed to hire Bro. Matt Pinson for the fee of \$100.

An offering of \$54.75 was collected for the Children's Home.

May 28, 1993, was set aside for an association-wide youth fellowship. The meeting was scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. in the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flomaton.

The meeting then adjourned.

*A special word of thanks is here extended by the clerk to Mrs. Ruby Roberson for recording the minutes in lieu of his absence. Thanks Ruby!

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

July 31, 1993

First Free Will Baptist Church of Flomaton, AL

Host pastor Jimmy Carden welcomed the Southern Union to his church for the third quarterly meeting, and asked Rev. Greg Hollifield to open the meeting in prayer. Bro. Jeff Harris was placed in charge of the song service, leading the congregation in singing "Oh, How Sweet to Trust in Jesus", "What a Friend We Have in Jesus", and "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus." Afterward Bro. Harris performed "Some Call It Heaven" as a solo. Following a time of prayer, Bro. Harris led in the final congregational hymn "Lord, You've Been a Friend." Rev. L.V. Pinson, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Pensacola, then delivered the morning message from Joshua 20:1-9.

Following lunch and the moderator's word of welcome: Rev. Jeff Cole prayed; two more hymns were sung; and Rev. Greg Hollifield delivered the afternoon devotion from John 4:19-24 and Isaiah 66:1-4. Afterward, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Rev. Wilkinson reported \$229.45 was left in the Camp fund after this year's camp expenses were deducted and also spoke of the Children's Home desire to build a new facility on its property. Offerings of \$21 and \$26 were received for Camp Nebo and the Children's Home respectively. Bro. Gerry Cannon then prayed the closing prayer.

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	24	\$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	75	\$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	43	\$100.00	Sunday Mornings and Evenings Wednesday Evenings
New Bethany F.W.B. Holt, FL	Glynda Cupp 4814 Van Horn Rd. Milton, FL 32583 (904) 623-3408	19	\$100.00	Fourth Sunday Preaching S.S. Each Sunday
New Home F.W.B. Brewton, AL	Annie Ruth Bell Route 4, Box 91-1 Brewton, AL 36426 (205) 867-3988	24	\$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	34	\$100.00	Sunday Mornings Wednesday Evenings

STATISTICAL TABLES, CONTINUED

CHURCH	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	BAPTISMS	MEMBERS ADDED	C.T.S. MEMBERS
Canaan F.W.B. Brewton, AL	23	0	2	0
First F.W.B. Flomaton, AL	32	5	4	0
First F.W.B. Mobile, AL	40	0	0	0
New Bethany F.W.B. Holt, FL	7	0	0	0
New Home F.W.B. Brewton, AL	N/A	0	1	0
Shady Hill F.W.B. Andalusia, AL	34	1	5	0