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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Eastside FWB Church

Date: January 10, 1998

Scripture Reading and Prayer: Host Church

Speaker: Rev. Frank Fagan

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: ~~First FWB Church, Dothan~~ *Magnolia*

Date: April 11, 1998

Scripture Reading and Prayer: Host Church

Speaker: Rev. John Edwards

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: ~~Magnolia FWB Church~~ *First Dothan*

Date: June 27, 1998

Scripture Reading and Prayer: Host Church

Speaker: Rev. Dennis Woodham

ANNUAL SESSION:

Location: Union Springs FWB Church

Date: October 10, 1998

Scripture Reading and Prayer: Host Church

Speaker: Rev. Bob Shockey

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<i>Bro. Lewis Mallory, Bro. Levy Parramore, Rev. James Osborn,</i>	
<i>Bro. Tommy Taylor, and Rev. Dennis Woodham</i>	

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Chairman (1998)	Bro. Bobby Kennedy
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Chairman (2000)	Rev. Thomas Coxwell
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<i>Rev. E. R. Mayo (1998), Rev. Lonnie Skiles (1999),</i>	
<i>Rev. Ronnie Dobbs (2001), Rev. Mike Beckon (2002)</i>	

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Chairman (1998)	Bro. Junior Ward
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<i>Rev. Mike Beckon (2001), Rev. Wayne Parker (2002)</i>	

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GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The General Board met October 28, 1996, at First Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan, AL. Rev. Bobby Peters moderated the meeting. He called the meeting to order. Rev. Dennis Woodham opened with prayer. Rev. Peters read Phillipians 1:27-30. He said, "Ministers of our churches should hold true to the Word of God. We are responsible for each other's reputation. We should work together and further the kingdom of Christ. Put forth an effort together to further the gospel. Our enemy is the devil not other churches and fellow Christians. Let us do collectively what we can do without envy or jealousy." Rev. Peters led us in another word of prayer.

In opening up the business, the moderator said let us put forth an effort to have more of our young people involved in our associational meetings. He recommended we use some of our young preachers at our quarterly and annual meetings. He presented the following list for consideration: January, Bro. Joey Beckon; April, Bro. Dave Franks, Jr.; June, Bro. Chris Mitchell; October, Bro. Dennis Haygood. MSC to accept this recommendation.

MSC that the host church would provide someone for scripture reading and prayer for the quarterly and annual meetings this year.

MSC to adopt the following Calendar of Events for the 1997 associational year:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Panther Creek
Date: January 11, 1997
Scripture Reading & Prayer: Panther Creek
Speaker: Bro. Joey Beckon

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Springfield
Date: April 12, 1997
Scripture Reading & Prayer: Springfield
Speaker: Bro. Dave Franks, Jr.

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Shiloh
Date: June 28, 1997
Scripture Reading & Prayer: Shiloh
Speaker: Bro. Chris Mitchell - Jason Miller

ANNUAL SESSION:

Location: New Hope
Date: October 11, 1997
Scripture Reading & Prayer: New Hope
Speaker: Bro. Dennis Haygood

Sixteen Board Members and Associational Officers were present.

MSC to elect the following Executive Board to handle emergency business that may arise in the Association in between sessions: Bro. Junior Ward; Bro. Lewis Mallory; Rev. Wayne Parker; Rev. James Osborn; Rev. Jimmy McNeil; the Association's Clerk; and the Moderator of the Association will serve as Chairman.

A discussion followed on having all the Associational Officers plus five elected members to serve as the Executive Board. This would be the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, the Clerk, the Treasurer and five elected members from the General Board. MSC to present this recommendation for a change to the By-Laws to the January Quarterly Associational Meeting and to vote on this amendment to Section V at the April Quarterly Associational Meeting.

The Clerk asked for the Board to consider a permanent home for the Association's File Cabinet containing old records that is presently stored at Sis. Ann Kennedy's home. Bro. Jimmy McNeil stated that a copy of each of the Association's Minutes should be placed in a safe deposit box. Some mention was made of some old Associational Records being at the Houston County Library from a long time ago. It was suggested that the records in the file cabinet be purged. The Clerk suggested that Sisters Rhett Butler, Ann Kennedy, and Loretta Culpepper get together and purge these old files. The Moderator is to ask if some church will have space to store this file cabinet permanently for the Association, this to be done at the next Associational Meeting.

Rev. Jimmy McNeil announced that Dr. John Edwards was also retiring as State Moderator and that he would be recognized at the State Association at First Church Dothan, 7-8 November 1996. This recognition will take place on Thursday Night of the Association. He will be presented an appropriate plaque. Each church will be encouraged to write a card of thanks and if they so desire put in some type of gratuity. This would also be presented to him that night.

MSC to recognize Dr. John Edwards at the January Associational Meeting with a plaque. The Moderator appointed the Treasurer, Sis. Ann Kennedy to purchase the plaque.

Announcements: Rev. James Osborn announced a Youth Retreat, January 3-4, at the Vineyard. Bro. Randy Wright will be speaker. Bro. Nate Ange will be speaker at Youth Camp.

Rev. Jimmy McNeil announced an Alabama Golf Tournament on Wednesday, Nov. 6, the day before the State Association convenes.

Bro. Junior Ward announced that the Board of Retirement would urge all the churches of the Association to receive a special offering for the Retirement Fund on the Second Sunday of December. He will get a letter out to the churches about this. He said the churches were supporting the fund real well but a little extra was needed for the coming year.

Rev. Lonnie Skiles announced a revival at Goodwater November 10-15 with Rev. Danny Williams from Winfield as the evangelist.

Bro. Junior Ward announced that Rev. Mickey Kirkland would be the evangelist at Eastside for a revival November 10-13.

MSC to adjourn. Dismissed by Bro. David Miller

REV. BOBBY N. PETERS, Moderator - SIS. LORETTA CULPEPPER, Clerk

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION
PANTHER CREEK FWB CHURCH, WICKSBURG, AL
January 11, 1997**

The session opened with the congregation singing "Victory In Jesus," "Where the Soul Never Dies," "I'll Live In Glory," "O, I Want To See Him." Bro. Van Clements led the congregational singing and Bro. Kevin Skiles played the piano. Rev. Raymond Rivers gave the Invocation. The Welcome was given by Rev. Ronnie Dobbs, host pastor; the Response was given by Rev. Dennis Woodham.

The Clerk officially opened the session.

In his initial remarks, Rev. Bobby Ned Peters, New Moderator, read Isaiah 43:1-13. He said, "We are His witnesses." "God separated a nation to show the heathen world there is a God. Today, we are the witnesses of God. How else will the lost know unless we show them. The purpose of our churches is to be a witness." He challenged us as an association, church, and people to show that we fear God. In verse 10 God says, "I have chosen" and in verse 12, "I have declared ----- that I am God."

The Credentials Committee was appointed: Rev. James Osborn, Rev. Dennis Woodham, and Rev. Mike Beckon.

The Finance Committee was appointed: Sis. Ann Kennedy, Sis. Annette Tomlinson, and Sis. Susan Rivers.

The Moderator called for Petitionary Letters. Rev. Paul Mallory asked clerk if his letter had been received. Clerk responded "no." Moderator requested Ordaining Council meet with Rev. Mallory. Meeting was immediately conducted and subsequently approved Rev. Mallory's transfer from Southeastern Association.

Rev. Joey Pettis and family from the Southeastern Association responded to the call for Correspondence from Sister Associations.

Ministers and Deacons present were recognized. Rev. Bob Shockey from Central Tennessee was present and recognized.

Scripture Reading and prayer was by Rev. Bob Shockey. He read verses from II Timothy and commented on them. Preach the truth in love. Paul is exhorting Timothy to (1) Follow after the pattern of sound and wholesome teaching. (2) Commit these words to faithful men. (3) Study to show thyself approved. (4) Preach the Word, keep your senses of urgency. All of us can be faithful even if we can't play, sing, or preach. He closed with prayer.

MSC to accept the Credentials Committee Report showing all 20 churches reporting; 18 with delegates, 2 without. They recommended seating of Victory Fellowship FWB Church delegates after examination by Ordaining Council. Delegates' names, as presented on letters, were called out by the clerk. Delegates were seated by vote of standing delegates.

MSC to accept General Board Meeting Proceedings which were read by the clerk. General Board made a recommendation to change Article VII: Section V, Executive Committee, of the State Line Association Constitution. It now reads as follows:

"ARTICLE VII - Boards; SECTION V (Executive Committee) The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Clerk and five (5) members of the General Board. The General Board will elect these five members. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to transact emergency business when the Association is not in session. The Executive Committee shall give a written report of business transacted at each session of the Association."

Proposed to read as follows:

"ARTICLE VII - Boards; SECTION V (Executive Committee) shall be amended to read: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and five (5) members of the General Board. The General Board will elect these five members. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to transact emergency business when the Association is not in session. The Executive Committee shall give a written report of business transacted at each session of the Association."
(Change noted by underlining.)

MSC to accept Home Missions Report given by Bro. Bobby Kennedy.

MSC to accept Christian Board of Education Report given by Sis. Wendy Shumake.

MSC to accept Ministers Retirement Board Report given by Bro. Junior Ward.

MSC to accept Ordaining Council Report given by Rev. Lonnie Skiles.

MSC to accept Youth Camp Board Report given by Rev. Mike Beckon.

No Children's Home report was given. It was announced that Bro. Braxton Click was in the hospital at Enterprise in pretty serious condition with pneumonia. The Moderator expressed his appreciation for Bro. Click's faithful service to the Association as Children's Home Trustee and stated he always managed to make the meetings held at the home.

MSC to accept Finance Committee Report and Treasurer's Report given by Sis. Ann Kennedy.

MSC to accept Registration Committee Report given by Sis. Martha Clements showing 19 Ministers, 11 Deacons, 46 Delegates and 15 Visitors present for a total of 91. She moved to give the Host Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Moderator called for a rising vote of thanks.

District WNAC Coordinator, Sis. Jackie Peters, announced the upcoming annual meeting of the District WNAC on March 1 at First Church Dothan. She encouraged all the pastors to encourage their ladies to attend and get involved. "WNAC is a mission-minded organization," she said. She announced that Rev. Dave and Sis. Becky Franks, Jr. would be our speakers. A shower and money tree at the meeting is planned. A "needs" list was passed out to attendees. The Moderator received this report as information. Jennifer Mitchell and Joyce Carter are field workers. Any church interested in learning more about WNAC may contact one of these ladies or Sis. Jackie.

Miscellaneous Business: MSC to accept Rev. Paul Mallory into our association. He is pastor of Magnolia FWB Church. The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to Rev. Mallory.

Announcements: Rev. Lonnie Skiles asked Rev. Peters to report on Rev. Fred Jones and the work progress at Prattville Mission. He reported necessary permits for building in Prattville have been completed. Plans now are to begin building in April. Attendance is better now. They have permission to begin site preparation. It will be a beautiful building. The Board wants to raise \$35,000 by April to have on hand. Rev. Peters said the "Dime a Day for Missions" was working good for their church to raise money for missions. Rev. Dennis Haygood is continuing work toward a new mission in South Huntsville. Please pray for these works the Moderator said.

Rev. James Osborn announced that Pleasant Ridge was getting ready to build. He encouraged us to pray for them and to help financially if we can.

Rev. Dennis Woodham announced he went to the Children's Home. Some cottages are complete, other started. With the completion of one more they can move out of old building. They need help year round. He encouraged us to pray, support, and visit. He said you would be blessed.

Bro. Junior Ward announced Madison Taylor is in poor health. Pray for him.

Mrs. Nobles is in nursing home.

Rev. Mike Beckon announced the Pastors and Workers Conference in Huntsville at Madison FWB Church, February 24-26. He also announced their revival January 24-26 with Rev. Danny Smith preaching. Meeting starts at 7:00 P.M.

Rev. Jim McNeil announced that famous speaker, Rick Amato, will be at First Church Dothan, January 12-14. Everyone is invited.

The Moderator asked Rev. Lonnie Skiles to pray a special prayer for several people including Bro. and Sis. Click, Rev. and Sis. Mayo, and Rev. Madison Taylor.

The Moderator presented an award to Sis. Rhett Butler in appreciation for four years of outstanding service as clerk. Sis. Loretta Culpepper added her appreciation for Rhett's help in the transition saying, "I may not do a good job as clerk but it will not be Sis. Rhett's fault because she has gone above and beyond the call of duty to help me and assure a smooth transition."

The Moderator presented Rev. John Edwards with an award for 23 years of "Hard Work" serving as moderator of this association. Rev. Bobby said Rev. John had been a father figure to him and that he, along with many others, loved, admired and respected him.

Recess.

The worship hour began with Bro. Van Clements leading and Bro. Kevin Skiles playing. Congregation sang "Power In The Blood," "I'll Fly Away," "Just Over In The Glory Land," and "I Can't Feel At Home In This World Anymore." Bro. Van sang a special, "The Sun's Coming Up In The Morning."

The Moderator appointed Ushers to receive the morning offering as follows: Rev. John Edwards (who prayed the offertory prayer), Rev. Mike Beckon, Rev. Lonnie Skiles, Bro. Junior Ward.

MSC offering to be designated for the Children's Home.

Rev. Bobby Peters introduced the morning speaker, Bro. Chris Mitchell. He said Bro. Chris is a product of the bus ministry and youth camp.

Bro. Chris based his message on Galatians 1:8-12 and II Timothy 3:1-11. His subject was "Modern Trends, If Continued, Will Prove Harmful To The Church." Trends that are prevalent in today's churches are: (1) People believe in Heaven without Hell. (2) People believe in Gospel without repentance. (3) People believe in Jesus without Lord. (4) People believe in Church without worship. (5) People believe in Church Membership without Church workmanship. (6) People believe in a Form of Godliness denying the power thereof.

Rev. Ronnie Dobbs, Host Pastor, gave instructions for lunch and invited everyone to stay. He said it was an honor and privilege to be the host. Rev. John Edwards asked the blessing and pronounced the benediction.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION SPRINGFIELD FWB CHURCH, ASHFORD, AL

April 12, 1997

The State Line Association of Free Will Baptists convened at Springfield FWB Church on April 12, 1997. Bro. Sam and Sis. Wendy Shumake served as song leader and pianist. Bro. Sam led us in singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart;" "Dwelling in Beulah Land;" "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings." Rev. Carl Warden gave the Invocation. Rev. Wayne Parker, host church pastor, gave the Welcome and Bro. Byron Mallory the Response.

The session was officially opened by the clerk, Sis. Loretta Culpepper.

The Moderator, Rev. Bobby Peters, made his initial remarks based on II Tim. 2:9, 15; Hebrews 4:12. He wanted it to be a challenge and a comfort to us as Christians. More and more agencies are trying to remove God from public places. They are trying to keep us within our "four walls." Our lives should be governed by the Lord Jesus Christ wherever we are. The Word of God is precious in our day and age. We are to stand by the Word of God. Good programs and good numbers are great but "Stick to the Word of God."

Credentials Committee was appointed: Rev. Wayne Parker, Rev. Steve Sanders, Bro. David Rabon.

Finance Committee was appointed: Sis. Ann Kennedy, Sis. Irene Ward, Sis. Sandra Skiles.

There were no petitionary letters or correspondence from Sister Associations. Bro. Byron Mallory introduced Rev. Ed Peters, interim pastor of Corinth FWB Church.

Ministers, Deacons, and Visitors were recognized. There were 15 Ministers, 12 Deacons, and 6 Visitors.

Bro. Junior Ward announced Rev. John Edwards was in Cullman with a sick sister.

The Moderator mentioned that Pleasant Ridge FWB Church, which was destroyed by a tornado last year, are in the process of rebuilding. A group of citizens in their area planned a meeting to take the location for a community house. Rev. Hartzog heard about this and told them he would be at the meeting. The meeting was called off. The Moderator asked us to be in prayer for Pleasant Ridge as they have had a struggle to get started on the re-building. They are building on an existing concrete foundation where the Sunday School rooms and fellowship hall were previously located.

Bro. David Rabon, host church, gave the scripture reading and prayer. He read Mark 5:19. He said the world has lost compassion for our fellow man, even Christians have done this.

Credentials committee report was given by Rev. Steve Sanders. MSC to accept.

Roll Call of delegates was made, MSC to seat the delegates.

Boards reported as follows:

GENERAL BOARD: No report. Rev. Steve Sanders, pastor of Victory FWB Church, asked the Moderator if a newly formed church could submit a candidate to the General Board during the associational year. The Moderator said yes.

MSC to accept HOME MISSIONS BOARD Report submitted by Bro. Bobby Kennedy.

MSC to accept BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Report submitted by Sis. Wendy Shumake.

MSC to accept MINISTERS RETIREMENT BOARD Report submitted by Bro. Junior Ward.

ORDAINING COUNCIL: No report.

MSC to accept YOUTH CAMP BOARD Report submitted by Rev. James Osborn. He said there are a few more workers needed at Camp. Moderator encouraged churches to support camp.

MSC to accept CHILDREN'S HOME Report submitted by Rev. Richard Irwin for Bro. Click.

MSC to accept FINANCE COMMITTEE Report submitted by Sis. Ann Kennedy.

MSC to accept TREASURER'S Report submitted by Sis. Ann Kennedy.

MSC to accept REGISTRATION COMMITTEE Report submitted by Goodwater Church. They reported 73 in attendance. MSC to give rising vote of thanks to Host Church for hospitality.

Announcement was made that minutes and yearbooks are available at the front of the church. Each church was asked to pick up theirs.

Miscellaneous Business: A change to the Associational Constitution was requested by the General Board at the First Quarterly Session. Request was tabled until this session. The Moderator read the Article as it now reads and the proposed wording. MSC to remove from table. MSC to make the proposed change. (See Attachment 1 to minutes.)

Rev. Jim McNeil made a move to adopt the following proclamation in support of Judge Moore; "We the Florida State Line Association of Free Will Baptist support Judge Moore in his Courtroom posting of the Ten Commandments and stand with him as these Commandments serve as the foundation of United States Law and our Judicial System. We also stand with Judge Moore in invoking the blessing and guidance of our Sovereign Creator in his Courtroom." Rev. James Osborn moved that we send copies of this proclamation to Alabama Christian Family Alliance, editors of local papers and to Judge Moore stating that all 21 churches of the State Line Association of Free Will Baptist stands with him. MSC.

Sis. Jackie Peters announced the Alabama WNAC Annual State Meeting to be held in Guin, AL, May 3rd. She gave out maps, and other directions for the meeting.

Rev. Jim McNeil, Alabama State Moderator, thanked the association for their support and encouraged all churches to support the State Promotional Directory by giving a one time gift of \$100.00 per church and including this office in their church budget. Pray for and support all our state officers and boards. Moderator added his support also.

Business meeting adjourned and announcements were given. Rev. Frank Fagan, pastor of New Hope FWB church, urged all of the 21 churches in our association to support the Board of Christian Education.

Rev. Bobby Peters reported on the State Mission Board Meeting. The building at Prattville is in progress. Board has \$110,000 available for building. He encouraged support of "Spring Into Missions" to raise money for state missions and have it in by June 1st. The Board voted to borrow an additional \$175,000. Dennis Haygood account is doing good.

Recess.

Association reconvened for morning worship service at 11:00 A.M. Bro. and Sis. Shumake led in singing "I'll Fly Away." Ronny Dobbs led in prayer. We sang "Where We'll Never Grow Old," "That Glad Reunion Day," "The Glory Land Way." Appreciation was extended to Bro. and Sis. Shumake for the good song service. John Taylor, Christ Mitchell and Milan Sanders were appointed as ushers. Chris Mitchell gave offertory prayer. Offering was designated to Rev. Dave Franks, Jr. Rev. Frank Fagan sang a special, "I Call It Home." Rev. Dave Franks, Jr. thanked the State Line Association for being the number 1 supporter of their ministry.

Rev. Franks brought the morning message on "Hell" taking his text from Luke 16:19-31. He said, "The Lord teaches us about Hell that we might learn to fear Him."

Rev. Wayne Parker asked the blessing on the food and gave directions for lunch. After lunch, meeting was adjourned.

ATTACHMENT 1 TO SECOND QUARTER MINUTES

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - STATE LINE ASSOCIATION,
Adopted April 7, 1962

AS IT IS:

Article VII - Boards/SECTION V

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ATTACHMENT 2 TO SECOND QUARTER MINUTES

May 14, 1997

Honorable Fob James
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State Capital
Montgomery, AL 36130

Dear Governor James:

We, the 21 churches of the State Line Association of Free Will Baptists, wish to thank you for supporting Judge Moore in his stand to keep the Ten Commandments posted in his court room and to invoke our Sovereign Creator's blessings and guidance on the proceedings of his courtroom.

We realize this is not a popular political stand for you to take. We appreciate the fact that you are willing to be used of God to help restore the recognition in the great State of Alabama and the United States of America of our Christian heritage and that our nation was founded upon these principles.

May God continue to bless you and guide you.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. BOBBY NED PETERS

Moderator, State Line Association of Free Will Baptists

ATTACHMENT 3 TO SECOND QUARTER MINUTES

June 25, 1997

Judge Moore
Etowah County Court House
800 Forrest Avenue
Gadsden, AL 35901

Dear Sir:

The State Line Association of Free Will Baptists, located in the Southeast corner of Alabama, voted to adopt the following proclamation at our Second Quarterly Session, April 12, 1997.

"We, the 21 Churches of the State Line Association of Free Will Baptists, wish to proclaim our support for Judge Moore in his posting of the Ten Commandments in his courtroom. We stand with him in his recognition that these Commandments serve as the foundation of the United States Law and Our Judicial System.

We also stand with Judge Moore in invoking the blessings and guidance of our Sovereign Creator in his courtroom."

Letters to the Editors of our local newspapers were sent and they published these letters. We also sent a letter to the Montgomery Advertiser.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14 (KJV Bible)

Sincerely,

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(This article was sent to the editors of The Dothan Eagle, The Southern Star; and the The Montgomery Advertiser for publishing in their Letters to The Editor. They were published as requested.)

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION
SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBIA, AL**

June 28, 1997

The Session began with singing directed by Bro. Van Clements; Sis. Sandra Skiles, pianist. We sang "He Keeps Me Singing," "Joy Unspeakable," "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," and "The Old Account Was Settled Long Ago." Rev. John Edwards opened the Session in prayer; Rev. Thomas Coxwell, pastor of host church, gave the Welcome and Bro. Lewis Mallory gave the response.

The clerk, Sis. Loretta Culpepper, officially opened the Session.

Rev. Bobby Peters, Moderator, based his initial remarks on Acts 11:26. He said he doesn't like the word "religion," that he was a Christian. Christians are simply followers of Christ. He said he was thankful to be an American. He read several quotes from famous Americans from history acknowledging the value of a government based on the fundamentals of Christianity.

The Credentials Committee was appointed as follows: Bro. Harvey Windham, Bro. David Miller, Rev. Lonnie Skiles.

The Finance Committee was appointed as follows: Sis. Ann Kennedy, Sis. Jennifer Mitchell, Sis. Niria Ammons.

There were no petitionary letters or correspondence from Sister Associations. Moderator introduced Rev. Dennis Haygood and his wife from the South Huntsville Mission Church. Moderator recognized 9 ministers, 12 deacons and 1 visitor.

Bro. John Lanton from the host church gave the scripture reading from Psalm 100 and led in prayer. He said it is God's will that we love and serve Him.

The Credentials Committee gave the following report: 19 churches reporting, 16 with delegates, 3 without. MSC to accept report. Standing delegates approved report and seating of delegates present.

Moderator read list of appointed committees for the annual session.

Home Missions Board had no report. Moderator asked Rev. Dennis Haygood to give a report on the South Huntsville work. Rev. Haygood thanked the association and churches for their support. He thanked the state WNAC for their support. The Lord furnished a building after many months of disappointment. Property owner has been very helpful giving the first three months rent free and monthly rent is about half of what any previous building cost. Projected opening date is September 7. Moderator asked Rev. Lonnie Skiles to talk a minute about "Spring Into Missions." Under this state program. 35% goes to Prattville, 35% to South Huntsville and 30% to the General fund. Money for this program is to be sent to Rev. Richard Cordele. National Home Mission Board is encouraging each state to take care of its own missions. Alabama is doing real good. This program, if well supported, will help build some strong churches in Alabama. MSC to accept this report as information.

MSC to accept the report of the Christian Board of Education as given by Rev. Dennis Woodham.

No report by Minister's Retirement Board.

No report by Ordaining Council.

MSC to accept as information the report of the Children's Home, as given by Bro. Braxton Click.

MSC to accept the report of the Youth Camp Board as given by Rev. James Osborn.

MSC to elect Bro. Joe Beckon to replace Rev. Raymond Rivers on the Youth Camp Board. His term will expire 1999. Name placed in nomination by Youth Camp Board.

MSC to accept the Finance Committee Report and Treasurer's Report as given by Sis. Ann Kennedy.

MSC to accept the Registration Committees Report as given by Goodwater FWB Church. MSC to give host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

During Miscellaneous Business Moderator announced the State Women Active for Christ Prayer Retreat to be at Shocco Springs September 19 and 20. Moderator asked Rev. Steve Sanders to report on Victory Fellowship Church. Rev. Sanders said they have a new place to worship located on Highway 52 near Houston/Geneva County line. Grand opening is tomorrow. All are invited to services, lunch will be served, preachers recognized and given opportunity to speak. They are in need of church type items to be donated. Prayers requested. They are planning a camp meeting 3rd week of July. Prayer time starts at 6:30 followed by preaching. Harvest gave them a bus. Bible School is planned for last week of July. Moderator asked for financial assistance.

Announcements as follows:

Bro. Byron Mallory said Corinth needs a pastor. Pray for us and let us know if you hear of one available.

Rev. Lonnie Skiles announced a week end revival July 11-13 at Goodwater. Rev. Dennis Woodham will be the speaker. Pray and come. A Free Will Baptist Bible Institute in the Wiregrass Area is being planned. Three are to be started in Alabama. Bibles classes will be somewhat on college level and will be for lay persons and preachers.

Rev. Thomas Coxwell announced revival at Shiloh the week of July 14th. Rev. John Grice evangelist.

Bro. David Rabon announced revival at Springfield July 31 thru August 3. The Fourth Sunday in September they will observe the 100th anniversary of their church. Rev. Tim Rabon will bring the morning message. Activities begin at 10:30 A.M.

Following recess, Bro. Van and Sis. Saundra led the congregation in singing "He Brought Me Out," "There Is A Name I Love To Hear," "Rock of Ages," "Where We'll Never Grow Old." Prayer by Rev. James Osborn. A special song, "Come Unto Me" was sung by Bro. Van, Bro. Lewis, Sis. Rita, and Rev. Lonnie.

Ushers were appointed as follows: Rev. Lonnie Skiles (who led the offertory prayer), Bro. John Lanton, Rev. Dennis Woodham, Bro. Harvey Windham. MSC to give offering to Victory Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church.

Morning message was brought by Bro. Jason Miller. His text was Isaiah 6:9-10; Matthew 14:27-30. He said it is time for the church to take a risk. Time for our churches to follow the voice of the Lord. Use any measure within the laws of God to get people in church. Jesus said, "Occupy til I come."

Rev. Coxwell gave instructions for lunch; we were dismissed in prayer and blessing on the food by Rev. John Edwards.

The Session was adjourned.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION
New Hope Free Will Baptist Church
October 11, 1997**

The Annual Session was opened with the congregation singing: "I Heard An Old, Old Story," "Just a Little Talk With Jesus," "Jesus, Hold My Hand," "I'm In The Glory Land Way," and "Oh I Want To See Him." Bro. Van Clements led the singing, and Sis. Sandra Skiles played the piano. The Invocation was led by Rev. James Osborn.

The Welcome was given by Rev. Frank Fagan, pastor of the host church. Response was given by Bro. Junior Ward from Eastside.

The Clerk officially opened the Annual session for any business properly brought before the body. In his initial remarks, the Moderator, Rev. Bobby Peters, read Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19-27. He said that winning souls is the purpose of our churches' existence. He said we are a part of our Local, State, and National Associations. This helps us fulfill this command. He read Proverbs 11:37; Daniel 12:3; James 5:20; and Jude 1:23.

The Credentials Committee was appointed as follows: Bro. Junior Ward, Bro. Bobby Kennedy and Rev. Steve Sanders.

The Finance Committee was appointed as follows: Sis. Ann Kennedy, Sis. Sandra Skiles, and Sis. Niria Ammons.

There were no Petitionary Letters. There was no correspondence from sister associations.

The Moderator recognized 13 Ministers, 17 Deacons, and 19 visitors. Visitors included the Moderator's aunt; Rev. and Sis. Dennis Haygood, Missionary to Huntsville, AL and the guest speaker; and Rev. Richard Cordele. Others came in later and were recorded on the registration report.

Bro. Billy Ammons, deacon from the host church, brought our scripture reading and prayer; his text was from John 15:1-17. He said we need much love in our churches.

MSC to accept the Credentials Committee Report showing all 21 churches reporting - 17 with delegates and 4 without.

Roll was called and delegates seated by vote of standing delegates.

MSC to accept the reports of the Committees: Auxiliaries, Obituary, Placement, Suggestions, Temperance and Nominating, which included election of the General Board Members.

MSC to accept the reports of all Standing Boards: Home Missions, Christian Education, Minister's Retirement, Youth Camp, and Children's Home. The Ordaining Council had no report.

MSC to accept the Fiance Committee and Treasurer's Reports given by Sis. Ann Kennedy.

MSC to accept the Registration Committee's Report given by Goodwater Church. A move was made by the committee to give the Host Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

The following delegates were appointed to the State Association Meeting November 6 and 7 at Forestdale FWB Church, Birmingham, AL: Sarah Fagan, Saundra Skiles, Carmen Osborn, Ann Kennedy, H. W. Mills. The Moderator asked others who might decide to attend to call the Clerk before the letter goes in to the State. (NOTE: These were Hayward and Rhett Butler; Betty Coxwell; Sam and Betty Morris.)

There were no delegates appointed for the Southeastern Association meeting October 17 and 18.

MSC to accept the District WNAC Report as information.

During Miscellaneous Business, the Moderator read a proposed change to the Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE VII - BOARDS

SECTION I: (Standing Boards) Standing Boards of the Association shall include the General Board, Executive Committee, Home Mission Board, Board of Minister's Retirement, Ordaining Council, Board of Christian Education and the Youth Camp Board.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

ARTICLE VII - BOARDS

SECTION I: (Standing Boards) Standing Boards of the Association shall include the General Board, Executive Committee, Missions Board, Board of Minister's Retirement, Ordaining Council, and the Youth and Education Board.

Copies of this proposed change were handed out at this session. MSC to table the Proposed Change and take action on it at the January 1998 Session. For the record, members of both affected Boards support the change.

Rev. Dave Franks, Jr., Missionary to Uruguay, gave a missions report. He thanked the Association for our support. They plan to leave for Uruguay in November. Prayer support is the most important thing we can give them. He asked the Body to pray for the Lord to work in the hearts of the men; the ladies seem to be more receptive to the gospel. Pray for people to be saved; pray for the Lord to provide a permanent place for the church; and pray for a Uruguayan pastor to serve the church so they may move on to another location.

Rev. Richard Cordele, Alabama State Promotional Secretary, reported on the state work. He said we are in a period of decline. He represents all of Alabama. We need to organize for growth. We now have four Alabama Bible Institutes. One of these is located at Howard Grove. A Bi-vocational Preachers Retreat is being planned. A Missions Conference is being planned with 65 churches involved, 10 local churches. The Acts 1:8 Program to support our Alabama Missionaries was discussed.

Rev. Steve Sanders, pastor of Victory FWB Church, reported they are meeting in Malvern Community Hall. Their goal is to have 30 in attendance by the end of CY 97. They have started a land fund. The Moderator urged our churches to support this new work.

Recess.

Following recess, Bro Van led the congregation in singing, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms," and "There Is Coming A Day." Rev. Frank Fagan opened the Worship Hour with prayer. Bro. Junior Ward and Rev. Mike Beckon served as ushers; Rev. Mike Beckon prayed the offertory prayer.* Rev. Frank Fagan rendered our special music, "We Want America Back."

The Moderator introduced our speaker, Rev. Dennis Haygood, Home Missionary to Huntsville, AL. Prior to the message, he gave a brief report on their progress there. The first service was held on September 1. Average attendance for the first month was 26. The congregation is young in age. He asked for prayers for people to be saved.

He preached on Acts 6:8-15. He talked about Stephen and how he reacted to persecution and trials. He said the mark of character is how you handle trials and tribulations. Some people will quit, Stephen just kept preaching with a countenance that reflected holiness. He looked toward Heaven and saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God. He boldly proclaimed that vision although the stones were being hurled. He prayed for his persecutors and asked God not to charge them with it. He commended his spirit into Jesus's hands. He left a lasting testimony as there was one Saul of Tarsus who later became Paul the Apostle that was present at this execution.

Rev. Cordele led in a prayer of dedication for the congregation.

Bro. Eugene Jones gave instructions for lunch. Rev. Bobby Peters led in the blessing on the food and the benediction.

The Session was adjourned.

*Offering was designated to Rev. Dennis Haygood and the Huntsville Mission.

**THE FORTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF
STATE LINE WOMEN NATIONALLY ACTIVE FOR CHRIST
First Free Will Baptist Church
March 3, 1997**

1 March 1997

The 40th Annual Convention of the State Line Women Nationally Active for Christ met 2 March 1997, at First Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan, Alabama.

1997 theme "Study: Expanding Knowledge. II Timothy 2:15.

The Convention began with congregational singing. Led by Annette Thomlinson with Sara Hanna at the piano. The opening hymn was "This Is The Day." Starla Parker led in the opening prayer. Followed by another song "Open My Eyes."

The President, Jackie Peters, opened the 1997 session with responsive reading. Psalms 119: 137-144.

Geraldine Boyd from the host church gave the "Welcome." Sharon Sanders from Goodwater gave the "Response."

Visitors, Pastors and Churches were recognized. Visitors 4, two ministers: Rev. Dave Franks, Jr. from Uruguay; Rev. Jim McNeil, host church. Seven churches were represented.

The following committees were appointed by the president.

<u>Credentials:</u>	Rhetta Butler - Chairman, Geraldine Cox, Janet Ammons
<u>Finance:</u>	Loretta Culpepper - Chairman, Aileen Dowing, Sara Cox
<u>Nominations:</u>	Teri Martin - Chairman, Annette Thomlinson, Joyce Carter
<u>Resolutions:</u>	Annette Mallory - Chairman, Linda Edwards, Robin McLaney
<u>Registration:</u>	Host Church

Prayer was then led by Jackie Peters.

Announcements were made. First Church Dothan will be hosting a Rally March 20 at the Dothan Civic Center. Guest speaker David Ring. Guest singers will be the Kingsmen. The teens from First Church will also be selling Boston Butts to raise money for their summer camp. The State Line and Southeastern Associations will be having summer camp June 23-27, at the Vineyard in Ariton, AL. Bro. Nate Ange will be camp evangelist.

Becky Franks, missionary to Uruguay, shared with the group about the work in Uruguay. Her scripture text was Phil. 6:1.

The credentials committee gave the following report. Seven churches reporting with dues and membership - Corinth, First Dothan (day and night groups), Harvest, Goodwater, New Hope, Shiloh and Union Hill. Total membership 106. Delegates were then seated to carry on the business of the day.

Appointment of delegates to State Convention May 3, 1997. The convention will meet at Liberty Church in Guin, AL. Rhetta Butler, Ethel Vaughn, Teri Martin, Betty Coxwell, Robin McLaney, Sharon Sanders, Annette Thomlinson, Joyce Carter, Geraldine Boyd, Betty Morris, Mrs. Click, and Sara Hanna.

Business session begins with Chairmen's reports

Missions:

Week of Prayer	
Pre-Easter Average Attendance	189
Offering (Laura Belle Barnard)	\$156.00
Pre-Thanksgiving Average Attendance	137
Offering (Lizzie McAdams)	\$127.67
State Home Missions Average Attendance	49
Offering (Alice Dupton)	\$8.00
Number Mission Studies	7
Average Attendance	66
Books studied	3
Missionary Speakers	9
Dave Franks, Jr., Dennis Haygood, Fred Jones, State promotional leader, Susan Turnbough	
Mission Programs	9

Other Activities: Mailing cards to sick, visiting nursing homes, taking baskets to the shut-ins, Pastor Appreciation Day, preparing lunch for pastors, studying Godly Women, giving to Shirley Kennedy Memorial, and the District projects, and skits.

Number of women participating in missions activities 80

Chairman, Niria Ammons MSC

Prayer Chairman

Prayer Fellowship	35
Daily Devotions	38
Pre-Easter Week-of-Prayer	134
Pre-Thanksgiving Week-of-Prayer	154
State Home Missions Week of Prayer	8
National Association Day of Prayer and Fasting	8
World Day of Prayer	8
National Day of Prayer	8
Prayer Studies: Number	4
Average Attendance	29
Prayer Reminders Prepared	203

Ethel Vaughn, Chairman MSC

Service: The Missionary Provision Closet was held November 3, 1996 at the First Free Will Baptist Church Dothan, Alabama. The speaker was Janet Ammons from the Harvest Church in Ozark, Alabama. A covered dish meal was enjoyed by all. Total value of gifts were: \$488.00

Submitted by Sharon Sanders in the absence of Cynthia Knowles,
Chairman MSC

<u>Study:</u>	Mission Studies	8
	Christian Living Studies	11
	Prayer Studies	5
	Manual Studies	1
		<hr/> 25 Total
	Attendance In Study Average	64

The following books, tapes, or videos were used: *New Life Discipleship Series, The Spirit Controlled Woman, The Hiding Place, Don't Say That*

Name, A Woman God Can Use, A Woman Jesus Can Teach, What Happens When Families Pray, Women of the Bible, Wisdom from the Bible, Unto My Glory Tape, Rick Amato, Prayer Study, Annette Amato

Number of Women subscribing to	Co- Laborer	84
	Contact	17
	Heartbeat	85
	Mission Grams	59
	FWBBC Bulletin	33
	SEBC	10

Betty Coxwell, Chairman, MSC

Field Worker: No Report

Historian: Entered in the District scrapbook for 1996 are pictures of the 50th Anniversary of our State's Annual Convention, held May 4, 1996 at Unity FWB Church in Sylacauga, AL. Our 9th National Prayer Retreat was held at Ridgecrest, NC on September 12-14. We also have a very interesting 50 year history compiled of our State Women Active for Christ.

Terri Martin, Chairman, MSC

Resolutions:

1. We resolve to send letters of support to Judge Roy Moore, Attorney General Bill Pryor, and Governor Fob James for their support of Biblical principles and right living in a time when it is not politically correct.
2. We resolve to provide workshops during the year on the national manual to provide a better understanding of the procedures now in place. This workshop will be for the benefit of local officers and other interested members.
3. We resolve to pray for and strive to involve more women from our local churches in our WNAC work. We also want to pray for a renewed interest among the churches who presently do not have an active group.
4. We resolve to propose a change in the date of the Provision Closet Showers from the first Tuesday in November to the second Tuesday in November. The reason for the proposed change is a conflict with national and local elections.

Items 1-3 were approved - item 4 was put on the table for one year. It will be taken off the table at the 1998 Convention and be voted on.

Annette Mallory, Chairman; Linda Edwards; Robin McLaney; MSC

Registration: 39 Delegates
 4 Visitors
 2 Ministers
 45 Total

Ann Kennedy, Betty Deal, MSC

The Convention was then recessed.

Morning worship began by receiving the morning offering. Shirley Jannett prayed the offertory prayer.

Annette Thomlinson led the group in singing "Alive, Alive" and "Soon and Very Soon."

Brandi Ammons from the Harvest Church in Ozark, Alabama sang a special *"Thank you for Giving to the Lord."*

Rev. Dave Franks, Jr., missionary from Uruguay, brought the morning message. His text was II Timothy 2:15. His challenge to us was that if we do not study God's Word, divide it rightly, and know the truth of God's word, we will be like a skeleton without muscles.

Treasurer Report

Cash on hand 1 January 1996	\$25.00
Received and deposited	<u>5721.97</u>
Total Money to account for	5746.97
Disbursements	<u>5723.47</u>
Balance on hand 31 December 1996	23.50

Record of Disbursements:

AL FWBW Active for Christ	5541.79
Rev. & Sis. Fred Jones Love Offering (Speakers for Annual Meeting)	150.00
State Line Association for printing minutes	30.00
WNAC (ordered Tre. forms)	<u>1.50</u>
	\$5723.47

Disbursements of Money Sent Through AFWBWAC (State)

Home Missions	\$120.00
Foreign Missions	170.00
WNAC Operations	440.00
Fred Jones	365.00
Prattville Building Fund	617.00
Dave Franks, Jr.	644.39
Pre-Thanksgiving Offering	41.00
Murial Gainer	60.00
Dennis Haygood	188.00
Dues for 111 members @ 11.50 each	1221.00
Food for State Annual Convention	45.00
Printing of State Minutes	9.00
Shirley Kennedy Memorial Fund	244.00
Alabama Children's Home	289.14
Joey Bilbrey	25.00
Dave Franks, Sr.	50.00
Pre-Easter Offering	454.25
Jonathan Miley	270.39
Susan and Jeff Turnbough	100.00
Emphasis Month	173.00
Student Loan	10.00
Southeastern Bible College	5.00

Loretta Culpepper, MSC

Finance Committee's Report 1997

Faith Project money	\$550.00
Love Offering	100.65
Money Tree	360.00
Dues (106 members @ 11.50 per member)	1219.00
Food for State Annual Meeting	40.00
Printing of State Minutes	7.00
Shirley Kennedy Memorial Fund	200.00
Balance from Treasury	23.50
Total Receipts to account for	2500.15

Recommended Disbursements

State and National Dues for 106 @ 11.50 per member	1166.00
Food for State Convention	40.00
Printing of State Minutes	7.00
Shirley Kennedy Memorial Fund	200.00
State Line Association for printing minutes	30.00
Love Offering for Speakers	100.65
Money Tree	360.00
Gift to Speakers Account	571.50
Treasury for 1997	25.00
Total Disbursements	2500.15

Loretta Culpepper, Chairman; Sarah Cox; Wendy Shumake;
Ailene Downing; MSC

Jackie Peters presented to Dave and Becky Franks money from the Money Tree, the love offering and items for the home.

Ann Kennedy reminded the group about the State Meeting. Encouraging all ladies to attend. A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church.

The 1997 Convention was dismissed by Wendy Shumake.

A covered dish luncheon was enjoyed by all.

Jackie Peters, President; Emma Jean Mallory, Secretary

The weather was sunny and extremely warm for the time of the year.

ANNUAL SESSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auxiliaries Committee Report: 1 September 1996 - 31 August 1997

We, the Auxiliaries Committee, make the following report:

Classification	Number of Churches	Membership
Churches Reporting	21	2454
Sunday Schools	20*	829
Church Training Services	7	234
WNAC's	8	88
Master's men	1	10

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Culpepper, Clerk

*Pleasant Ridge is still not in their new church. They did send in a church letter and said they have preaching each second Sunday in Sister Louise Granger's home.

Nominating Committee - Slate of Officers

Officers:

Moderator
Assistant Moderator
Clerk
Assistant Clerk
Treasurer
Song Leader
Pianist

Presently

Rev. Bobby N. Peters
Rev. Jim McNeil
Sis. Loretta Culpepper
Sis. Maude Fowler
Sis Ann Kennedy
Bro. Van Clements, Jr.
Sis. Saundra Skiles

Recommended

Rev. Bobby N. Peters
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Sis. Maude Fowler
sis. Ann Kennedy
Bro. Van Clements, Jr.
Sis. Saundra Skiles

Boards

Home Missions
Ordaining Council
Minister's Retirement
Christian Education
Youth Camp
Children's Home Trustee

Bro. Larry Jones
Rev. Jim McNeil
Rev. Thomas Coxwell
Bro. Donnis Hartzog
Rev. Wayne Parker
Bro. Braxton Click

2000 Bro Earl Culpepper
2002 Rev. Mike Beckon
2000 Rev. Frank Fagan
2000 Bro. Chris Mitchell
2002 Rev. Wayne Parker
Bro. Braxton Click

GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS - ANNUAL SESSION

Church

Antioch
Corinth
Cowarts Creek
Eastside
First, Dothan
First, Enterprise
First, Samson
Goodwater
Harvest
Howard Grove
Magnolia
New Hope
Panther Creek
Pine Hills
Pleasant Ridge
Shiloh
Springfield
Spring Hill
Union Hill
Union Springs
Victory

General Board Member

Rev. Ralph Bollon
Earl Culpepper
Rodney Fowler
Junior Ward
Lewis Mallory
Braxton Click
Rev. Donald Gainey
Rev. Lonnie Skiles
David N. Miller
Rev. James Osborn
Levy Parramore
Harvey Windham
Davin Vann
Tommy Taylor
None
Rudolph Lanton
Rev. Wayne Parker
Bill Carlisle
Sam Morris
Rev. Dennis Woodham
Rev. Steve Sanders

Due to an error on the Clerk's part, only the expired board members' positions were presented by the nominating committee in this report. Move, second and carried to fill these positions. A separate move was made by Bro. Lewis Mallory to re-elect the present slate of officers. Move was second and Moderator asked for a standing vote. The move was carried. MSC to approve General Board Members.

The Body was reminded that Rev. Joey Beckon was nominated and elected to fill position on Youth Camp Board vacated by Rev. Raymond Rivers when he changed pastorates. This action took place at Third Quarterly Meeting in June.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dennis Woodham, Chairman; Bro. Earl Culpepper, Bro. Lewis Mallory

OBITUARY

We, the Obituary Committee, make the following report:

There were 24 deceased members for the period September 1, 1996 to August 31, 1997:

Eastside	Mrs. Beatrice (Pat) Vanhoy, Rev. Madison Taylor, Mrs. Ruby Crews, Mr. Hubert Smith
First, Dothan	Dutchie Temples, Debra Jackson, Ellamae Perdue
First, Samson	Mr. Dempsey Gorden Spear
Goodwater	Bro. Quinton Draughon
Harvest	Bro. Charles George
Howard Grove	Johnnie Monday, Barbara Crum, Bobby Womack, Red Smith, Ruby Nobles
Magnolia	Ray Bohn, Brunice Blakey
New Hope	Howard Patterson
Springfield	Mary Frances Rabon, James F. McCraney
Spring Hill	Mrs. Callie Mae Benton, Mrs. Mamie Grice
Union Springs	Pearl Bell Harrison, Ruby Flucker

"Let us thank the Lord for these lives we've seen before us to blaze the trail for us," Rev. Parker said. He then led in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Rev. Wayne Parker

PLACEMENT

We, the Placement Committee, make the following report:

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Eastside

Date: January 10, 1998

Scripture Reading and Prayer:

Speaker:

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: First Church, Dothan

Date: April 11, 1998

Scripture Reading and Prayer:

Speaker:

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Magnolia

Date: June 27, 1998

Scripture Reading and Prayer:

Speaker:

ANNUAL SESSION:

Location: Union Springs

Date: October 10, 1998

Scripture Reading and Prayer:

Speaker:

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Ed Peters, Corinth Free Will Baptist Church

TEMPERANCE

Romans 12:1 exhorts us to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God. Titus 2:12 tells us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts. We have compromised with the world so much that it is becoming difficult to tell the differences between a Christian and a non-Christian. Satan would have us be weak and give in to his every temptation. With God's help we must be temperate - in control - of our lives physically, mentally, and spiritually. We need to question ourselves more and ask "What would Jesus do?" To be in true fellowship with God we must exercise temperance.

Respectfully submitted

Union Springs Free Will Baptist Church

(Read at Association by clerk in absence of Union Springs.)

SUGGESTIONS:

A "suggestion" or "to suggest" means; to seek to influence, to evoke, to propose as a desirable or fitting solution to a problem. A suggestion is to serve as motivation or inspiration to action, therefore:

- #1 We suggest that this association and its body of members seriously take a look around at the lack of "young men and women" involved in the fellowship and ministry of this association. And after careful consideration present some of its own suggestions, to this body, to bring about a change in this area.
- #2 We suggest the different "boards" from the Executive to the other ministry boards seek to promote fellowship among our churches, not only in the sense of meeting together but in "projects" and "goals."
- #3 We suggest that this association, through some means, seek to develop a stronger fellowship and ministry to our Ministers and Pastors especially our bi-vocational pastors.
- #4 We suggest that this association keep our people aware and informed of trends and movements that are a danger and threat to our churches and congregations. We need to do more than just fellowship some times; WE NEED TO STAND AND BE COUNTED!
- #5 We suggest that this association, though implied by its name, be for "fellowship," but also provide and be a source of direction, support, and encouragement to our churches, congregations and pastors. And also to promote denominational programs and other such things that will bring Christian maturity, church growth and soul-winning - locally, state-wide and around the world.

Respectfully submitted,

James Osborn, Pastor

Howard Grove FWB Church

HOME MISSIONS BOARD

First Quarterly Session

We continue to support Rev. Dave Franks, Jr. with the money received from the association.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Bobby Kennedy, Chairman, Bro. Larry Jones, Bro. Byron Mallory

Second Quarterly Session

We continue to send funds received to our account to Bro. Dave Franks, Jr.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Bobby Kennedy, Chairman, Bro. Larry Jones, Bro. Byron Mallory

Third Quarterly Session

No report.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Bobby Kennedy, Chairman, Bro. Larry Jones, Bro. Byron Mallory

Annual Session

We continue to send the funds received to our account to Bro. Dave Franks, Jr.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Bobby Kennedy, Chairman, Bro. Larry Jones, Bro. Byron Mallory

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

First Quarterly Session

The Christian Board of Education is looking for wonderful things to take place in 1997. Please pray that we will do what the Lord would have us do. We would like to see the youth and association more active and we are going to work toward that. Thank you for your support and, as we plan future events, we will send out letters and contact the pastors. May God bless each of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Christian Board of Education

Second Quarterly Session

The CBE would like to submit the following report. The Sunday School Teacher's Banquet was postponed for now for lack of support. We are planning an associational youth revival. Please start praying for the revival now. We encourage the youth as well as adults to come and support the revival. We will use some of our young preachers preaching during the revival as well as others. Please pray for us and we ask for your support as we try to do the things the Lord would have us do. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to come to any Christian Board member and tell us what you would like to see done to get the association or your individual church more active. If you want or need anything, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,

Christian Board of Education

Third Quarterly Session

Amber Whatley and Joey Beckon are receiving our scholarship fund. Christian Board of Education is planning a revival in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,

Christian Board of Education

Annual Session

The Christian Board of Education would like to make the following report. On the Third Saturday in January, we will be having a youth rally at New Hope FWB Church at 6:00 P.M. We will keep you up-to-date as it comes closer. Please continue to pray for us.

Respectfully submitted,
Christian Board of Education

MINISTER'S RETIREMENT BOARD

First Quarterly Session:

Financial Statement Ministers Retirement Board September 1, 1995 thru August 31, 1996

<u>CHURCHES</u>	<u>ASSN OFFERING</u>	<u>29% TO RETIREMENT</u>	<u>SPECIAL OFFERINGS</u>	<u>TOTAL RECEIVED</u>
Antioch	250.00	72.50	0	72.50
Corinth	585.51	169.80	0	169.80
Cowarts Creek	400.00	116.00	0	116.00
Eastside	893.29	259.05	1237.04	1496.09
First Dothan	1676.00	486.04	1200.00	1686.04
First Enterprise	80.00	23.20	0	23.20
First Samson	923.45	267.80	923.45	1191.25
Goodwater	400.00	116.00	0	116.00
Harvest	300.00	87.00	0	87.00
Howard Grove	400.00	116.00	0	116.00
Magnolia	1967.08	570.45	0	570.45
New Hope	750.00	217.50	400.00	617.50
Panther Creek	125.00	36.25	0	36.25
Pine Hill	75.00	21.75	0	21.75
Pleasant Ridge	50.00	14.50	0	14.50
Shiloh	400.00	116.00	174.95	290.95
Spring Field	680.00	197.20	170.00	367.20
Spring Hill	150.00	43.50	0	43.50
Union Hill	600.00	174.00	600.00	774.00
Union Springs	200.00	58.00	0	58.00
Interest Checking			201.07	
Interest C.D.			1263.40	1464.47
Floyd Barber			50.00	50.00
Totals	\$10905.33	3162.54	4755.44	7917.98
Grand Total Plus Interest				9382.45
Disbursements to Retiree's				\$7800.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Retirement Board: Junior Ward, Eugene Jones, Rev. Thomas Coxwell

MINISTER'S RETIREMENT BOARD

Second Quarterly Session:

We have reinvested \$21,000.00 of retirement funds in Church Bonds with Harvest Free Will Baptist Church, Ozark, Alabama at six and one-half (6 1/2) percent interest. Some bonds are for 24 months and others are 30 months.

Respectfully Submitted:

Junior Ward, Chairman

Eugene Jones

Thomas Coxwell

Third Quarterly Session:

No change. Financial Report given by treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Junior Ward, Chairman

Eugene Jones

Thomas Coxwell

Annual Session:

Sister Ruby Nobles and Sister Eunice Stevens went to be with the Lord in September. Both were wives of deceased ministers. Financial report given by treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Junior Ward, Chairman

Eugene Jones

Thomas Coxwell

ORDAINING COUNCIL

First Quarterly Session:

The Ordaining Council met at Goodwater Church on December 1, 1996 for the purpose of ordaining Dennis Woodham to the ministry. Rev. Paul Mallory was examined by the Ordaining Council today and we recommend he be accepted into the fellowship of the State Line Association. Rev. Mallory has been called to pastor the Magnolia FWB Church. He comes to us from the Southeastern Association. There were no other meetings or business during this quarter.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rev. Thomas Coxwell, Chairman

Rev. Jim McNeil

Rev. E.R. Mayo,

Rev. Lonnie Skiles

Rev. Ronnie Dobbs

YOUTH CAMP BOARD

First Quarterly Session:

We, the Youth Camp Board, have felt for sometime that camp from year to year was too long and not enough for our young people. So this year we had our first winter retreat. The retreat was held back on January the third and fourth at the Coffee Baptist Vineyard. We joined hands with the Southeastern Association and had a total attendance of 63. Brother Randy Wright, Pastor of the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist in Guin, Alabama, came and served as our evangelist. There were several decisions made and we feel this retreat was a complete success.

Also plans for this year's youth camp are quickly being fulfilled. Camp this year again will be held at the Coffee Baptist Vineyard in Ariton, Alabama. The dates for Camp this year have been established. They are: June 23 - 27, Monday morning through Friday mid-morning. Our evangelist this year will be Brother Nate Ange from Cary, NC. Cost this year will be \$99 per camper, but all we ask them to pay is \$75. We would like to thank the churches who give financially to this Board and to those churches who go the extra mile and pay the full expense for their youth to attend camp. This helps relieve the financial strain from our Board and it allows us to hold a first rate camp and gives us the opportunity to further minister to our young people in a winter retreat.

Thank you for trusting us with your young people. We encourage you to continue to send them and encourage them to attend, for we feel Youth Camp changes lives and it makes friends forever.

The Youth Camp Board:

Bro. James Osborn, Bro. Raymond Rivers, Bro. David Miller, Bro. Wayne Parker and Bro. Mike Beckon

Second Quarterly Session:

Youth Camp is just around the corner. Again this year we will be having our Youth Camp in Ariton at the Coffee Baptist Vineyard. Camp will be held June 23 - 27, Monday morning through Friday morning. We will have a split camp again this year with classes and activities for Senior and Junior campers. Our evangelist this year will be Bro. Nate Ange for the Seniors and Bro. Chris Mitchell for the Juniors.

The cost again this year to each camper is \$75.00. This does not cover our cost per camper and the Camp Board picks up the remainder, per camper, of \$24.00. We encourage churches, youth groups and others to help with the cost of sending your young people to camp, by helping with the cost and even with the total amount of \$99.00. Churches in the past have helped tremendously by helping with the fee as well as pay for "workers" that are going to help in the camp. We pay the same price for each worker; each person attending camp. We appreciate all the help with cost of the camp from the Association, the churches and individuals who contribute to make this Youth Camp possible.

Needless to say, we need your prayers also. As has been said time and time again, Youth Camp is one of the greatest arms of Evangelism a church, your church, and our Association can have to reach the young people of our day. The results are always rewarding and challenging. The benefits and blessings of these few days of camp compel us to pursue this effort each

year. We hope that each of you feel the same and will make it a matter of prayer and support in your individual lives and churches.

Pastors you must lead. We pray that you will promote youth camp for all your teens and juniors as well as workers. We need your help again this year. Don't forget to mention from the pulpit and in your bulletins the dates of camp. Get behind this program to win and keep our youth from the clutches of sin and this immoral society.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as a Youth Camp Board. Thank you for allowing us the time to influence your children with the gospel and a loving staff concerned for the souls of boys and girls.

Respectfully submitted:

James Osborn, Chairman

Mike Beckon, Youth Camp Director; David Miller; Wayne Parker

Third Quarterly Session:

It is our joy to report to you once again a wonderful camp session this past week. God seems to always amaze us during these times, how he works in the hearts of young people when they are focused upon Him and His Word.

There were at least seven first time decisions for salvation as well as many rededications and several who came in the closing services to yield their lives to God's will for them. We had an overall total of 126 with both associations. We had 52 campers and 10 workers attending. This was our biggest number in years and also almost double the number of teenagers we have had in the past. We thank God for each camper and worker who attended. Each service, whether in the Seniors or Juniors, was marked with young people coming to an altar to pray and talk to God about their lives. Each night the altars were filled with young people and counselors weeping as they sought the Lord and He met them in His tender love. We appreciate the fine job that Bro. Mike Beckon and all the workers, counselors and teachers did again this year. I hope you will let these dedicated workers know that you appreciate their sacrifice and labor of love. Once again many of the churches and parents helped to pay the entire cost or paid for the workers, which helped out tremendously with the cost of the camp to the Youth Camp Fund. We plan another "Winter Retreat" later on in the year and will be sending you more information about it later. We would just like to encourage the churches, pastors, parents, teachers and youth workers to send your children to Youth Camp. Many times this week is better than most of the Revivals I have attended. We must win and keep and nurture the youth in our churches if we expect our churches and the ministry to continue. One of the best things that you can do is to send your kids to camp. Thank you for all your support. Pray for the Camp Board that God will give us wisdom and direction. Pray for our Churches and Pastors, etc., that they will support the Youth Camp ministry. Pray for our children and young people. I Peter 5:8 "Be sober and vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion seeketh whom he may devour." We as pastors, leaders, parents are the guardian of our youth. Let's labor together for His glory!

Respectively Submitted

Youth Camp Board

James Osborn, Chairman; Mike Beckon, David Miller, Wayne Parker

ATTACHMENT 1

STATELINE ASSOCIATION FWB, June 28, 1997

Since the Board has a vacancy at this time we would like to offer Bro. Joey Beckon to replace Bro. Raymond Rivers. His term expires in 1999.

Respectively Submitted,

James Osborn, Chairman, Youth Camp Board

Annual Session:

Youth Camp Board Report

It is our joy and privilege to report to you this year that once again we had a tremendous Camp session. We had a record number of campers and workers, 126, and especially teen boys and girls. There were a number of first time decisions for salvation, many rededications and those who felt the 'call of God' upon their lives. Two young men, who had attended camp, later answered the call to the ministry; Jason Sullivan and Jeffery Pettis. The lives of young boys and girls were touched by the Word of God and were receptive as the Holy Spirit dealt with their hearts. We have a tremendous group of dedicated workers and counselors for which we are so thankful. Bro. Mike Beckon served as our Camp Director this year and will serve again this next year. Our board's desire is to serve the churches of this association faithfully and with the highest standards to bring our youth into a closer walk with God and learn the true joy in living for and serving Christ. We seek your prayers and support. Begin now to encourage your Pastor, Youth Director and leaders to encourage your young people to seriously consider attending Youth Camp next year and even the Winter Retreat in January.

Let me mention a few of our goals and plans for the coming months:

1. The Winter Retreat, Friday and Saturday, January 2 and 3 at the Vineyard. This is for those ages that normally come to Youth Camp. Bro. Danny Smith will be the Teen Evangelist for this retreat. This retreat was first held last year with good results. Bro. Beckon will be contacting each church with more information later on. We believe this is a great "filler" between the Youth Camp sessions and provides further fellowship and encouragement to our youth.

2. Within the next couple of months we will be mailing out the first issue of "ECHOES From Camp," a newsletter for and about young people. It will include information about Youth Camp and Retreat dates, a word from the Director, devotional items, humor and cartoons, testimonials and reflections from the campers themselves. announcements from area churches that would be of interest to our young people.

We will need your help to coordinate all the information and also to make sure that all your young people get a copy of "ECHOES From Camp."

3. By the first of the year (1998) we hope to have a Youth Camp Promotion Video to help more of our churches, pastors and leaders and especially our young people to see what "Youth Camp" is really all about. All we ask you is to let us come and talk to your people about "Youth Camp." We will contact you about this later on.

4. We are looking for a GOOD Sound System to use at our Youth Camp for recording the services and providing better sound in the services. If you have any information about such equipment, please inform one of the Youth Camp Board Members.

As a board we are always looking for ways to "improve" the program. We held an informal evaluation meeting after this year's Youth Camp and from those suggestions and ideas we will make necessary changes and improvements. We are still looking forward to having two camp sessions; Teens and Juniors. Also we want to always look for ways to keep the cost down for you as parents and churches.

We ask that you continue to pray for our board. Also start now to raise the funds to help your young people attend Youth Camp. Support the Youth Camp Board through your giving to the association and designated gifts.

We want to acknowledge a special gift this year from the Eastside FWB Church of \$500. This along with some of the churches sending their young people raising their own money and also by paying a total fee of \$99 per camper and also paying for the counselors and workers coming from their church.

As far as we know the cost will remain \$99 charged to us and it will cost our young people \$75 for camp.

We appreciate the recent members added to our board and believe they have been and will continue to be a tremendous help to us.

It is very difficult for us to set up a budget because over 75% of our income comes from the camp fees we charge. We can only suggest to you that we need between \$3500 and \$4000 to pay for the rest of the fee (\$24) for counselors and our two evangelists. This year because of your support and help from some of our churches and special gifts the camp session cost the association only about \$650.

Thank you from all the board members for the privilege to serve.

P.S. Dates for: Winter Retreat - January 2 and 3 - Friday and Saturday
Youth Camp - June 22 - 26

CHILDREN'S HOME TRUSTEE

First Quarterly Session:

It was announced that Bro. Click was real sick and in the hospital. No further report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bro. Braxton Click, Children's Home Trustee

Second Quarterly Session:

Rev. Richard Irwin gave this report for Bro. Click. He reviewed financial statement for FY 96. Total cash receipts were \$442,241.51, disbursements of 446,146.04 with an ending balance of \$25,634. The home has 33 kids at this time. Some are attending Free Will Baptist College. While traveling in Arlington, TX, the U-Haul was broken in and \$10,000 in supplies and personal belongings were taken. They were broken into again in Fort Worth, TX. Seffner FWB Church in Tampa, FL, gave the home a new 15 passenger van.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bro. Braxton Click, Children's Home Trustee

Third Quarterly Session:

The Home has 29 children. The Lord has blessed in such a great way. We started the first building. We had \$69,000. When we got it built, we still had \$22,000. Now we have started two more, built three new buildings and paid for at cost of \$400,000.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bro. Braxton Click, Children's Home Trustee

Annual Session:

The Home is building another multi-purpose building. We are going to need your prayers and support. We have around 31 children.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bro. Braxton Click, Children's Home Trustee

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

First Quarterly Session:

We, your Registration Committee, make the following report:

Ministers	19
Deacons	11
Delegates	46
Visitors	<u>15</u>
TOTAL	91

Respectfully Submitted,
Goodwater Church

Second Quarterly Session:

We, your Registration Committee, make the following report:

Ministers	15
Deacons	12
Delegates	40
Visitors	<u>6</u>
TOTAL	73

Respectfully Submitted,
Goodwater Church

Third Quarterly Session:

We, your Registration Committee, make the following report:

Ministers	9
Deacons	12
Delegates	39
Visitors	<u>18</u>
TOTAL	78

Respectfully Submitted,
Goodwater Church

Annual Session:

We, your Registration Committee, make the following report:

Ministers	13
Deacons	17
Delegates	43
Visitors	<u>19</u>
TOTAL	92

We move this report be accepted and this church be given a rising vote of thanks.

Respectfully Submitted,
Goodwater Church

FINANCE COMMITTEE:**First Quarterly Session:**

We, your Finance Committee, make the following report:

Association	\$2,840.43
Other	<u>\$4,160.02</u>
TOTAL	\$7,000.45

Respectfully Submitted,

Sis. Ann Kennedy, Sis. Susan Rivers, Sis. Annette Tomlinson

Second Quarterly Session:

We, your Finance Committee, make the following report:

Association	\$2,825.61
Other	<u>\$1,999.74</u>
TOTAL	\$4,825.35

Respectfully Submitted,

Sis. Ann Kennedy, Sis. Irene Ward, Sis. Saundra Skiles

Third Quarterly Session:

We, your Finance Committee, make the following report:

Association	\$2,258.75
Other	<u>\$1,475.89</u>
TOTAL	\$3,734.64

Respectfully Submitted,

Sis. Ann Kennedy, Sis. Niria Ammons, Sis. Jennifer Mitchell

Annual Session:

We, your Finance Committee, make the following report:

Association	\$3,338.57
Other	<u>\$2,951.02</u>
TOTAL	\$6,289.59

Respectfully Submitted,

Sis. Ann Kennedy, Sis. Saundra Skiles, Sis. Niria Ammons

YEARLY TREASURER'S REPORT

September 1, 1996 to August 31, 1997

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>ASSOC</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	
Balance Brought Forward			\$29,246.05
Antioch	250.00		
Corinth	576.88		
Cowarts Creek	400.00		
Children's Home		295.25	
Home Missions		295.25	
Foreign Missions		295.25	
Southeastern Bible College		295.25	
Eastside	2,070.36		
Minister Retirement		1,772.42	
Youth Camp		525.00	
First, Dothan	1,625.57		
Minister Retirement		1,200.00	
First, Enterprise	80.00		
First, Samson	954.40		
Minister Retirement		954.39	
Goodwater	400.00		
Harvest	400.00		
Howard Grove	400.00		
Magnolia	1,812.38		
Dave Franks, Jr.		213.93	
Minister Retirement		124.00	
Victory FWB Church		100.00	
New Hope	775.00		
Minister Retirement		400.00	
Fred Jones		350.00	
Youth Camp		75.00	
Panther Creek	100.00		
Pine Hills	125.00		
Shiloh	300.00		
Children's Home		175.96	
FWB Bible College		175.96	
Foreign Missions		175.96	
Home Missions		175.96	
Minister Retirement		175.96	
Dave Franks, Sr.		10.00	
Dave Franks, Jr.		45.00	
Springfield	443.90		
Southeastern Bible College		221.70	
Dave Franks, Jr.		443.40	
Fred Jones		221.70	
Youth Camp		443.40	
Minister Retirement		221.70	
Children's Home		221.70	
Springhill	100.00		
Union Hill	750.00		
Minister Retirement		450.00	
Union Springs	200.00		

Victory	25.00	
Dave Franks, Jr		35.00
Minister Retirement		15.00
Children Home		5.00
Fifth Sunday Offering (Franks, Jr.)		179.00
Dr. Floyd Barber		70.00
Revival Offering (Bd of Christian Ed)		107.25
Assoc Offering (Fred Jones)		111.45
Interest (Minister Retirement)		277.88
Retreat Fees (Youth Camp)		1,220.00
Assoc Offering (Children's Home)		105.60
State Line WNAC (General Fd)		30.00
Assoc Offering (Dave Franks, Jr.)		143.25
Interest on CD (Minister Retirement)		1,346.24
Assoc Offering (Victory FWB Church)		189.40
Youth Camp Fees		5,434.00
Totals	11,788.49	19,323.21
Total To Account For:		\$60,357.75

DISBURSEMENTS

General Fund

Postage	12.80
Bank Fees	8.24
Flowers (Rev. Ralph Bell Funeral)	54.00
Flowers (Mrs. Grace Edwards Funeral)	54.00
Rhetta Butler (Stamps, Phone Calls)	21.80
Rhetta Butler (Salary)	75.00
Dr. John Edwards (Salary)	50.00
Ann Kennedy (Salary)	50.00
Fred Jones (Annual Speaker)	700.00
State Assoc. (Dues)	1,000.00
Fairfield Inn (Fred Jones)	42.51
Rhetta Butler (Typewriter Repair)	95.32
Postmaster (Postage)	19.20
Jackson Trophies (Plaques)	80.03
Hopkins Printing (Minutes)	1,674.00
State Assoc (Children Home)	105.60
Bank Fees	8.26
Dave Franks, Jr. (Offering)	143.25
Flowers (Rev. Madison Taylor Funeral)	54.00
Accounting Supplies	4.85
Loretta Culpepper (Postage, Supplies)	64.13
Bank Fees	7.26
Bank Fees	9.59
Hopkins (Letterhead)	64.80
Loretta Culpepper (Postage)	32.00
Postmaster (Postage)	12.80
Victory FWB Church	289.40
Total	4,732.84

Christian Education

Eastside (Revival Expense)	300.00
Joe Beckon (Scholarship)	100.00
Amber Beckon (Scholarship)	100.00
Total	500.00

Home Missions Board

Dave Franks, Jr.	1,414.61
Total	<u>1,414.61</u>

Minister Retirement

Rev. Madison Taylor	500.00
Mrs. Maudeen Bell	800.00
Mrs. Juanita Taylor	400.00
Mrs. Della Brannon	1,400.00
Dr. Floyd Barber	500.00
Mrs. Ruby Nobles	800.00
Dr. John Edwards	1,400.00
Mrs. Eunice Stevens	1,100.00
Rev. Thomas Coxwell	800.00
Mrs. Louise Herndon	800.00
Total	<u>8,500.00</u>

Youth Camp

Coffee Baptist Vineyard (Deposit)	250.00
Retreat	1,165.00
Rev. Randy Wright (Retreat Speaker)	150.00
Vineyard (Youth Camp)	6,138.00
Rev. Nate Ange	200.00
Bro. Chris Mitchell	150.00
Banquet Supplies	70.00
Total	<u>8,123.00</u>

State Coop

General Fund	471.52
Fred Jones	117.80
Children's Home	117.89
Christian Education	117.89
ALCAP	235.77
Total	<u>1,060.96</u>

Designated

Dave Franks, Jr.	916.33
Children Home	697.91
FWB Bible College	175.96
Southeastern Bible College	516.95
Fred Jones	1,042.91
Foreign Missions	471.21
Dave Franks, Sr.	10.00
Total	<u>3,831.27</u>
Total Disbursed	

\$28,162.68**BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS**

General Fund	1,523.28
Christian Education	2,827.99
Home Missions Board	243.81
Minister Retirement	3,086.40
Bonds	21,000.00
Youth Camp	3,513.59
Total	<u>32,195.07</u>

BALANCE SEPTEMBER 1, 1997**\$32,195.07**

PLAN OF SUPPORT:

General Fund	26%
Minister's Retirement.....	29%
Youth Camp Board.....	16%
Home Missions Board.....	12%
Board of Christian Education	8%
*Alabama State Association.....	9%
TOTAL.....	100%
*General Fund	4%
Home Missions	1%
Children's Home	1%
Board of Christian Education	1%
ALCAP	2%
TOTAL	9%

WNAC DISTRICT REPORT

Annual Session

The 40th annual convention was May 1, 1997, at First Free Will Baptist Church. We had 39 delegates, 2 ministers and 4 visitors. Bro. Dave Franks, Jr. and Mrs. Becky Franks were our speakers.

At the present time we have 106 members. We invite the twenty-one churches to promote/organize a WNAC group. WNAC encourages, prays, writes letters and cards, supports our missionaries and informs/teaches our churches about missions.

Summer 1997, First FWB Church, Dothan's WNAC group invited the District WNAC to Debbie Griffin (missionary to Japan) Day. A covered dish meal was served.

Fall 1997 State Prayer Retreat at Shocco Springs - 27 women from our district attended.

Dates to remember:

November 4 Provisional Closet Shower, Goodwater FWB Church, 7 P.M. (covered dish supper)

Items needed:

- Queen size sheet sets
- Twin size sheet sets (especially extra long fitted sheets)
- Queen and twin size bedspreads
- Pillows
- Electric blankets
- Electric skillets
- Kitchen knives
- Thank you cards
- Tupperware (especially large storage containers and pitchers)

Whenever possible leave prices on items to help the office keep inventory.

November 16-23 Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer

1998

March 7 District WNAC Convention-Goodwater FWB Church (covered dish luncheon)

May 2 Alabama WNAC Convention-Tabernacle, Northport, AL.

Lord, let me live so people will praise you.

Psalm 143:11

Respectfully submitted,
Sis. Jackie Peters
District Coordinator

CHURCHES	Members Added	Number of Baptisms	Members Lost	Deceased	Total Member- ship	Sunday School Enrollment	C.T.S. Enrollment	Women's Auxiliary Enrollment	Master's Men	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Ministers	Ordained Deacons
Antioch	0	0	0	0	12	12	—	—	—	0	1	2
Corinth	2	0	5	0	133	45	25	8	—	0	2	4
Cowarts Creek	0	0	0	0	57	26	—	—	—	0	0	0
Eastside	7	2	13	4	343	130	80	—	—	1	2	7
First, Dothan	6	3	2	3	429	(yes)	—	(yes)	—	0	1	
First, Enterprise	1	0	2	0	60	12	—	—	—	0	2	2
First, Samson	1	0	0	1	42	24	12	—	—	0	1	1
Goodwater	18	19	6	1	146	140	—	25	—	0	1	
Harvest	6	9	3	1	138	105	—	25	—	0	1	2
Howard Grove	5	7	4	5	317	83	—	—	—	0	1	6
Magnolia	6	2	8	2	75	33	—	12	—	0	1	4
New Hope	3	3	5	1	82	44	34	10	10	0	1	3
Panther Creek	0	0	1	0	103	(yes)	—	—	—	0	1	0
Pine Hills	4	0			30	22	—	—	—	0	1	1
Pleasant Ridge*												
Shiloh	0	0	0	0	55	17	—	8	—	0	1	3
Springfield	0	0	2	2	145	27	12	—	—	0	1	3
Spring Hill	0	0	4	2		8	—	—	—	0	1	2
Union Hill	5	5	2	0	129	45	36	(yes)	—	0	1	4
Union Springs	19	11	3	2	151	46	35	—	—	0	2	1
VICTORY	1	1	0		7	10	—	—	—	—	1	

BLANK - Means no report for that item

- - Means "no"

* - Pleasant Ridge returned a letter but no statistics filled in. Church is held once a month in Sis. Louise Granger's home.

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 of the use 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 the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior 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, or 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 of one another's happiness and reputation, and 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 of 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.

STATE LINE ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

ADOPTED APRIL 7, 1962

Article I - Name

This organization shall be known as the State Line Association of Free Will Baptists.

Article II - Composition

This Association shall be composed of such regularly organized and well-disciplined Free Will Baptist Churches, conveniently located as may embody themselves under this Constitution.

Article III - Representation

SECTION I: (Standing Delegates) All elected officers, Board members, licensed ministers, ordained ministers, and ordained deacons who are members of a member church shall be standing delegates.

SECTION II: (Elected Delegates) Each church shall be entitled one (1) delegate for every twenty-five (25) members and one (1) delegate for the fractional part of twenty-five (25) members, it shall be entitled to two (2) delegates.

SECTION III: (Certification) No one will be seated as an elected delegate unless they are certified as such on their church letter.

Article IV - Admission

SECTION I: (Churches) Newly constituted or other churches maintaining gospel order, and preaching, agreeing with the denomination in doctrine and practices, as are contained in the NATIONAL TREATISE OF FAITH AND PRACTICE OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST, in favor of benevolent enterprises such as Sunday School, C. T. S., missions, and education, desiring admission into this union shall petition with delegates and letter at any session, and if, upon examination, are found to be orthodox and orderly, after not less than three (3) months under the watch-care of the Association, shall be received into the Association, and such reception shall be manifested by the right hand of Christian fellowship given by the chair.

SECTION II: (Ministers) Admission of ministers shall be subject to a recommendation of the Ordaining Council and approval of the Association.

Article V - Discipline

SECTION I: (Duties) Any church who shall fail to attend three successive sessions and whosoever shall be generally remiss, and whosoever shall fail to conform to the practices and adopt the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Denomination, and whosoever shall fail to comply with the rules, regulations, and decisions of this Association shall be subject to discipline and exclusion.

SECTION II: (Duties of Moderator) The Moderator shall preside over all sessions and shall serve as chairman of the General Board and Executive Committee.

SECTION III: (Power) This Association shall have no authority and/or power in the internal affairs of any church in this Association, nor shall they have any power over the property of any church.

Article VI - General Officers

SECTION I: (Officers) The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually, and who shall be a member of a member church.

SECTION II: (Duties of Moderator) The Moderator shall preside over all sessions and shall serve as chairman of the General Board and Executive Committee.

SECTION III: (Duties of the Assistant Moderator) The Assistant Moderator shall assist the Moderator and act as Moderator in the Moderator's absence.

SECTION IV: (Duties of the Clerk) The clerk shall record and preserve the proceedings of the body when in session and shall record and preserve the proceedings of the General Board. He shall compile and have published the minutes of the Association. All records shall be delivered to his successor in office.

SECTION V: (Duties of the Treasurer) The treasurer shall receive all funds and shall be responsible to give a correct account of all funds received and disbursed by him.

Article VII - Boards

SECTION I: (Standing Boards) Standing Boards of the Association shall include the General Board, Executive Committee, Home Mission Board, Board of Minister's Retirement, Ordaining Council, Board of Christian Education and the Youth Camp Board.

SECTION II: (Personnel) Standing Boards, exclusive of the General Board and Executive Board, shall be elected as follows: the first named for a term of one year, the second for a term of two years, and the third for a term of three years, and so forth. Succession to the office thereafter shall be as order requires.

SECTION III: (General Board) The General Board shall be composed of the Moderator, the Assistant Moderator, the Clerk, and the Treasurer, and one representative from each church. The names of the representatives shall be submitted by each church at the annual session and shall be elected by the body.

SECTION IV: (Duties of the General Board) The General Board shall have power to act in behalf of, and for the Association from one regular session to another, to carry out the plans and undertakings of the Association, to fill any irregular vacancies that may occur in any department between sessions of the Association, to plan a program of work for the Association, and to handle all matters coming within the scope of the work of the Association. It shall be the duty of this Board to make written reports of all its work to each of the Associational sessions for final approval.

SECTION V: (Executive Committee) The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and five (5) members of the General Board. The General Board will elect these five members. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to transact emergency business when the Association is not in session. The Executive Committee shall give a written report of business transacted at each session of the Association.

SECTION VI: (Duties of Boards) It shall be the duty of the various standing Boards to plan a program and supervise its operation in their respective fields. They shall organize themselves and regulate their work as may become necessary and create such by-laws as may be deemed essential for thier government, consistent with the constitution. It shall be the duty of such Board to make a written report at each session of the Association for final approval.

Article VIII - Finance

SECTION I: (Policy) The financial policy of the Association shall be the giving of tithes and offerings. It is suggested that each church pay 10 per cent of its income to the association.

SECTION II: (Offerings) A free will offering shall be received at each session.

SECTION III: (Disbursements) All disbursements shall be made by check and all checks shall be signed by the moderator and the treasurer.

SECTION IV: (Budget) Each standing Board shall prepare a budget of its proposed financial expenditures at the beginning of each Associational year and present same for approval of the Association before any expenditures are made for the year.

SECTION V: (Unified Treasury) funds of all departments shall be handled by the treasurer of the Association. Designated and Co-Operative funds cannot be transferred from one account to another.

Article IX - Meeting

SECTION I: The Association shall convene quarterly. The first and second quarterly sessions shall convene on Saturday before the second Sunday in January and April. The third quarterly session shall convene on the last Saturday in June. The fourth meeting shall be the annual session and shall convene for one day, which shall be on Saturday before the second Sunday in October.

Article X - Alteration

This constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session by a two-thirds vote of members present provided proposed amendment or alteration has been presented in writing at the previous session.

BY-LAWS OF THE STATE LINE ASSOCIATION ADOPTED APRIL 7, 1962

1. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer and shall be closed with prayer.
2. Questions of fellowship, expulsion, and all other items of business of the Association shall be settled according to the NATIONAL TREATISE OF FAITH AND PRACTICES OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS.
3. All business of the Association shall be brought before the body by move and second and shall be disposed of according to Robert's Rules of Order.
4. The associational year shall begin September 1 and end August 31.
5. Churches and their pastors shall serve as committees and shall be named by the chair at least three months before the annual session.
6. Each church shall send a letter to each session certifying the election of their delegates and containing general, financial, and statistical information about their church and any other information that the Association may request.

7. No church shall be recognized in this body who does not commune and wash feet at least once a year.

8. By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of the Moderator can be over-ruled.

9. It shall be the duty of the moderation to seat all delegates in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

10. No member shall absent himself while the Association is in session without first obtaining permission from the moderator.

11. No person shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without special permission from the moderator.

12. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member provided the person nominated is elected.

13. Ministers pastoring in the State Line Association of Free Will Baptists must be in good standing with a local Association of Free Will Baptists which is affiliated with a State Association of Free Will Baptists which is affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists. A minister pastoring in the State Line Association and his wife if married must not have two living wives or husbands. Any church in the State Line Association that calls a pastor not meeting the above qualifications will automatically be out of fellowship with the State Line Association. (Anyone who has been divorced and remarried is considered as having two living wives or husbands.)

14. These by-laws may be amended or altered at any regular session by two-thirds vote of members present, provided proposed amendment or alteration is presented in writing.

STATE LINE ASSOCIATION By-Laws of the Presbytery

MINISTERS

1. Admission and Standing

(A) Candidates for licensing and Ordination

1. An individual shall first unite with a church that is a member of the Association.

2. This church shall petition the Association through the Ordaining Council of the Association for licensing and ordination of its candidate.

(B) Ordained and licensed ministers coming from other Associations.

1. He must unite with a church in the State Line Association.

2. His church must petition for his membership in the Associa-

tion through the Ordaining Council of the Association. This must be done by the next Associational meeting after calling the pastor.

3. Any church who calls a pastor who does not wish to unite with the Association must be examined by the Ordaining Council. This must be done by the next Associational meeting after calling the pastor.

(C) Ministers coming from other denominations.

1. He must first unite with a church in the State Line Association.

2. This church must petition for his membership in the Association through the Ordaining Council of the Association.

II. Qualifications.

(A) Licensed

1. The individual must satisfactorily answer questions prepared by the Ordaining Council.

2. Candidates that are married must not have more than one living wife or candidates wife must not have more than one living husband.

3. He must be of sound character.

4. He must abstain from the use of any alcohol beverages and, or the use of tobacco.

(B) Ordination

1. The individual must satisfactorily answer questions prepared by the Ordaining Council.

2. Candidates that are married must not have more than one living wife or candidates wife must not have more than one living husband.

3. He must be of sound character.

4. He must abstain from the use of any alcohol beverages and, or the use of tobacco.

5. He must hold license for not less than one year before applying for ordination.

6. He must be called to a Christian work or presently enrolled in Free Will Baptist Bible College and completed at least one year before applying for ordination.

(C) Ministers Making Application From Other Association:

1. Must present license or ordination certificate to Ordaining Council for ratification by Council.

2. He must present a letter of recommendation from Association from which he comes or from his licensing body which is affiliated with a State Association of Free Will Baptists which is affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptist, provided he was licensed or ordained by this licensing body.

(D) Ministers Making Applications From Other Denominations:

(a) Licensed

1. Must surrender license from denomination of which he was previously a member.
2. Must hold FWB license for one year before ordination.
3. He must answer questions prepared by Ordaining Council.

(b) Ordained

1. Must have ordination papers ratified by Ordaining Council.
2. Must answer questions prepared by Ordaining Council for ordination.
3. He will not be re-ordained, but upon approval of the Ordaining, he will be granted a FWB Ordination Certificate.

DEACONS

MSC that the local church be allowed to examine and ordain its deacons if it so chooses or send them to the Association if they desire.

I. Deacons Sent to Association for Ordination:

1. He must be a member of a church in the State Line Association.
2. He must have been elected by his church to the office of deacon.
3. The church shall petition the Association through the Ordaining Council of the Association for ordination of its candidate.

II. Qualifications

1. He must be of sound character.
2. He must be the husband of one wife and candidates wife must be the wife of one husband.
3. He must believe and practice FWB doctrine.

GUIDELINES FOR THE STATE LINE MINISTER'S RETIREMENT

I. NAME: State Line Association Minister's Retirement

II. WHO QUALIFIES FOR BENEFITS?

- A. Any minister who has attained sixty-five (65) years of age and has pastored or is pastoring a church in the State Line Association for a minimum of five (5) years.
- B. The minister who has promoted the retirement plan for at least five (5) years and has enrolled in the program prior to April 13, 1996. Any minister who enrolls after April 13, 1996 must pastor five (5) years from the date of enrollment in a church that supports the retirement program in order to qualify.
- C. The church has contributed to the Board of Minister's Retirement regularly; either through the Association's Co-Operative Plan or directly to the Board of Retirement for at least five (5) years.
- D. The minister does not have to cease pastoring in order to be eligible for benefits.
- E. When a minister has pastored five (5) years or more in the State Line Association and has met all the qualifications for retirement, at his death, his widow would be eligible to begin drawing his retirement providing she does not remarry and her membership remains in good standing in a church which is affiliated with the Free Will Baptist Denomination.
- F. Any minister who has not reached the age of retirement and becomes physically disabled to perform his pastoral duties may apply for retirement benefits if he has fulfilled all other requirements.

III. THE MINISTER'S MEMBERSHIP

- A. The minister who has reached the age of retirement must maintain membership in a local Free Will Baptist Church which is affiliated with the local, state, and National Association of Free Will Baptists.
- B. If the minister's membership is in a Free Will Baptist Church outside the State Line Association, that church of FWB Association in which he is affiliated must submit a letter of good standing to the State Line Association each year stating that fact.

IV. RETIREMENT BENEFITS:

- A: The retiring or disabled minister must have his church submit an application to the State Line Association for approval **before** he receives any benefits.
- B. Benefits shall be paid according to the following scale:

5-10 years pastoring	\$25.00 per month
10-15 years pastoring	\$50.00 per month
15-20 years pastoring	\$75.00 per month
Over 20 years pastoring	\$100.00 per month
- C. If funds are not available, all retirees benefits shall be prorated.
- D. Birthday and Christmas bonuses will be determined by the Board of Retirement as funds are available.
- E. Pastoring outside the State Line Association will not be used in calculating benefits.
- F. Pastoring a church in the State Line Association after **April 13, 1996** that does **not** support the Minister's Retirement Plan will not be used in calculating benefits.
- G. The retired ministers shall be governed by the State Line Association Presbytery's rules.
- H. The retirees are urged to attend all Associational Meetings.
- I. These guidelines will not effect those who are already receiving retirement benefits.

Please note: Changes have been made to Section II B, & E; Section III A, & B; Section IV A, F, G, H, & I.

STATISTICS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The State Line Association was organized at Howard Grove Church on November 10, 1886.

Year	Moderator	Clerk	Treasurer	Churches	Mem.
1886	D. L. Chandler,	Calvin Dykes,	Howard Grove		449
1887	D. L. Chandler,	Calvin Dykes,	Beulah		557
1888	R. M. Gray,	Calvin Dykes,	Macedonia		403
1889	R. M. Gray,	Calvin Dykes,	Friendship		516
1890	R. M. Gray,	Calvin Dykes,	Lovewood		448
1891	R. M. Gray,	Calvin Dykes,	Prospect		339
1892	R. M. Gray,	Calvin Dykes,	Silver Run		444
1893	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love,	Hickory Grove	456
1894	R. M. Gray,	J. D. Stephens,	Springhill		422
1895	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	Pittman Creek		503
1896	Calvin Dykes,	J. D. Stephens,	Howard Grove		568
1897	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love,	New Hope	653
1898	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love,	Rocky Grove	633
1899	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love,	Prospect	671
1900	G. W. Cherry,	J. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love,	Free Will Rest	803
1901	Calvin Dykes,	J. W. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love,	Antioch	916
1902	Calvin Dykes,	J. W. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love,	Union Springs	947
1903	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love,	Hickory Grove	786
1904	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love,	Howard Grove	786
1905	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love,	New Pilgrim	745
1906	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love,	Springfield	958
1907	R. L. Hunter,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. L. Hunter,	Rocky Grove	1099
1908	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. L. Hunter,	Pleasant Home	1199
1909	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. L. Hunter,	Free Will Rest	1315
1910	D. L. Chandler,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. L. Hunter,	Silver Run	1365
1911	D. L. Chandler,	J. W. Stephens,	R. L. Hunter,	New Life	1442
1912	D. L. Chandler,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. L. Hunter,	Pittman Creek	1447
1913	J. M. Murdock,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. L. Hunter,	Spring Hill	1462
1914	G. W. Cherry,	J. W. D. Stephens,	H. G. Green,	Union Springs	1553
1915	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	H. G. Green,	Hickory Grove	1721
1916	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	H. G. Green,	Rocky Grove	1611
1917	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Long Branch		1715
1918	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	W. H. Hayes,	Magnolia	1456
1919	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson,	New Hope	1656
1920	G. W. Cherry,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson,	Prospect	1804
1921	G. W. Cherry,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson,	Howard Grove	2004
1922	G. W. Cherry,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson,	Pleasant Home	2043
1923	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson,	N. Harmony	2039
1924	J. C. Howell,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson,	Corinth	2094
1925	J. C. Ingram,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson,	Magnolia	2042
1926	G. W. Cherry,	C. B. Green,	R. B. Robinson,	Springfield	2392
1927	J. J. Burdeshaw,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson,	Hickory Gr.	2344
1928	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson,	Prospect	2229

1929—J.W.D. Stephens, C.B. Green, R.B. Robinson, Rocky Grove	2875
1930—J.W.D. Stephens, C.B. Green, R.B. Robinson, Union Springs	2450
1931—J.W.D. Stephens, C.B. Green, R.B. Robinson, Howard Grove	2323
1932—J.W.D. Stephens, C.B. Green, R.B. Robinson, Free Will Rest	2374
1933—A.H. Godfrey, C.B. Green, A.J. Granger, Springhill	2360
1934—A.H. Godfrey, C.B. Green, A.J. Granger, Shiloh	2539
1935—W.S. Cook, C.B. Green, A.J. Granger, Pleasant Home	2495
1936—A.H. Godfrey, C.B. Green, A.J. Granger, New Harmony	2479
1937—G.W. Nobles, C.B. Green, A.J. Granger, Corinth	2447
1938—G.W. Nobles, C.B. Green, J.W.D. Stephens, Prospect	2536
1939—G.W. Nobles, C.B. Green, J.W.D. Stephens, Pleasant Ridge	2661
1940—G.W. Nobles, C.B. Green, J.W.D. Stephens, Hickory Grove	2619
1941—G.W. Nobles, C.B. Green, J.W.D. Stephens, Rocky Grove	2853
1942—J.C. Howell, C.B. Green, J.W.D. Stephens, Pleasant Home	2672
1943—G.W. Nobles, C.B. Green, J.W.D. Stephens, Pittman Creek	2727
1944—G.W. Nobles, C.B. Green, J.W.D. Stephens, Howards Grove	2788
1945—G.H. Jordan, C.B. Green, J.W.D. Stephens, Union Springs	2717
1946—G.H. Jordan, C.B. Green, J.W.D. Stephens, Cedar Grove	2756
1947—G.G. Jordan, C.B. Green, J.W.D. Stephens, Springfield	2756
1948—G.H. Jordan, C.B. Green, J.W.D. Stephens, Springhill	2743
1949—G.H. Jordan, C.B. Green, J.W.D. Stephens, New Harmony	2760
1950—G.H. Jordan, C.B. Green, J.W.D. Stephens, Prospect and Pleasant Ridge	3083
1951—G.H. Jordan, Mary Edna Cook, D.W. Poole, Pleasant Home & Pittman Creek	2761
1952—G.H. Jordan, Mary Edna Cook, D.W. Poole, Howards Grove & Cowarts Creek	2747
1953—G.H. Jordan, Mary Edna Cook, A.C. Womack Springfield and Union Springs	2663
1954—G.H. Jordan, Mary Edna Cook, A.C. Womack, Corinth and Magnolia	2577
1955—G.H. Jordan, Mary Edna Cook, A.C. Womack Pleasant Ridge and Grangerburg	2527
1956—G.H. Jordan, Mary Edna Cook, A.C. Womack, New Harmony and Springfield	2476
1957—G.H. Jordan, Wayne Love, Junior Ward, Shiloh and New Hope	2402
1958—Ralph Bell, Wayne Love, Junior Ward, First Church, Dothan & Pleasant Home	2415
1959—Ralph Bell, Wayne Love, Junior Ward, Springhill and Union Springs	2493
1960—Ralph Bell, Wayne Love, Junior Ward, Howard Grove and Corinth	2540
1961—Ralph Bell, Wayne Love, David Rabon, Union Hill & Cowarts Creek	2919
1962—Ralph Bell, Gerald Baxley, David Rabon, Pittman Creek & Panther Creek	2872

1963—John Edwards, Gerald Baxley, Billy Ammons, First Church, Dothan & Howards Grove	2703
1964—John Edwards, Mrs. Ralph Bell, Billy Ammons, New Harmony & Sloccomb	2685
1965—John Edwards, Mrs. Ralph Bell, Mrs. Betty Bradshaw, Samson and Union Springs	2710
1966—John Edwards, Mrs. Ralph Bell, Mrs. Maude Fowler, Corinth, Howard Grove	2287
1967—John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Mrs. Billy Ammons, Springhill, Samson	1983
1968—John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Mrs. Billy Ammons, Cowarts Creek, Union Springs	2320
1969—John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Mrs. Billy Ammons, New Hope, Panther Creek	2281
1970—John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Mrs. Billy Ammons, Cowarts Creek, Springfield	2421
1971—John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Mrs. Billy Ammons, Howard Grove, First Church, Dothan	2410
1972—John Pettis, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Mrs. Billy Ammons, Corinth, Shiloh	2511
1973—John Pettis, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Mrs. Billy Ammons, New Hope, Union Springs	2609
1974—John Pettis, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Mrs. Billy Ammons, Howard Grove, Magnolia	2846
1975—Dean Dobbs, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Mrs. Billy Ammons, Springfield, Faith	3055
1976—Dean Dobbs, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Mrs. Billy Ammons, Union Hill, Union Springs	3036
1977—Dean Dobbs, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Mrs. Billy Ammons, Panther Creek, Springfield	3040
1978—Dean Dobbs, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Mrs. Billy Ammons, Spring Hill, First Dothan	3014
1979—Dean Dobbs, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Heyward Butler, Corinth, Union Springs	3014
1980—Jim Turnbough, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Heyward Butler, Howard Grove, New Hope	2961
1981—Jim Turnbough, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Heyward Butler, First, Headland, Union Springs	2782
1982—Jim Turnbough, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Miss Ann Jones, First, Dothan, Bethel	2524
1983—John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Miss Ann Jones Howard Grove, New Hope	2504
1984—John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Miss Ann Jones Union Hill, Springfield	2413
1985—John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Miss Ann Jones Antioch, Union Springs	2443
1986—John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Miss Ann Jones Union Hill, Howard Grove	2441
1987—John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Miss Ann Jones New Hope, Union Springs	2135

1988 - John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Miss Ann Jones, Union Hill, Gateway	2640
1989 - John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Miss Ann Jones, Harvest	2410
1990 - John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Miss Ann Jones, Union Hill	2324
1991 - John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Miss Ann Jones, Enterprise	2410
1992 - John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Miss Ann Jones, New Hope	2266
1993 - John Edwards, Mrs. Rhett Butler, Miss Ann Jones, Howard Grove	2531
1994 - John Edwards, Mrs. Rhett Butler, Miss Ann Kennedy, Magnolia	2579
1995 - John Edwards, Mrs. Rhett Butler, Miss Ann Kennedy, Goodwater	2598
1996 - John Edwards, Mrs. Rhett Butler, Miss Ann Kennedy, Howard Grove	2499
1997-Bobby Peters, Mrs. Loretta Culpepper, Mrs. Ann Kennedy, New Hope	2454

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