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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: New Hope Free Will Baptist Church Date: January 12, 2002 Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church Speaker: Rev. Chris Mitchell

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: New Harmony Free Will Baptist Church Date: April 13, 2002 Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church Speaker: Rev. Donald Gainey

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Pine Hills Free Will Baptist Church Date: June 29, 2002 Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church Speaker: Rev. Barry Long

ANNUAL SESSION:

Location: Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church Date: October 12, 2002 Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church Speaker: Rev. Matt Pinson Alternate – Rev. Larry Powell

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GENERAL BOARD MEETING

First Free Will Baptist Church – Dothan, AL December 5, 2000

The State Line Association General Board met on December 5, 2000, at First FWB Church of Dothan. The meeting was called to order by the new Moderator, Rev. Glenn Poston. He thanked everyone for coming and called upon the Rev. Donald Gainey, pastor of First FWB Church of Samson, to lead in prayer.

Rev. Poston read Psalms 32 for his devotion. His thoughts were based on verse 1, "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." Rev. Poston said, "You really don't know much about forgiveness until you know something about sin. We live under God's mercy." He led in prayer.

Minutes of last General Board Meeting on November 4, 1999, were read and approved. The Moderator announced we have a new Alabama Children's Home Director, Rev. Randy Key. He suggested we might want to use him as speaker at one of our Quarterly Meetings.

We completed the year 2001 CALENDAR OF EVENTS as follows

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: New Hope FWB Church Date: January 13, 2001 Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church Speaker: Rev. Randy Key

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Harvest FWB Church Date: April 7, 2001 Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church Speaker: Rev. Greg Ramsey

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Springfield FWB Church Date: June 23, 2001 Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church Speaker: Rev. John Taylor

ANNUAL SESSION:

Location: Magnolia FWB Church Date: October 13, 2001 Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church Speaker: Rev. James Forlines, Alternate – Rev. David Crowe

<u>NOTE:</u> As per conversation, Rev. Poston/Sis. Culpepper on 1/9/01, Rev. Forlines had to decline. Rev. Poston is going to contact Rev. Crowe.

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The Board voted to accept this completed Calendar of Events. Rev. Poston will contact all the speakers.

The Executive Board was elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. Glenn Poston; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Lonnie Skiles; Clerk, Sis. Loretta Culpepper; Treasurer, Sis Ann Kennedy. Five members were elected from the General Board to serve on the Executive Board as follows: Bro. David Miller, Rev. Frank Fagan, Rev. Fred Hersey, Bro. Earl Culpepper, and Rev. Donald Gainey. MSC to accept this as the Executive Board of the State Line Association.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Our Constitution and By Laws requires two (2) signatures on checks written from the Association Treasury. (Reference State Line Association Constitution adopted April 7, 1962, Article VIII-Finance, Section III (Disbursements). "All disbursements shall be made by the Moderator and the Treasurer." Rev. Poston said Sis Ann Kennedy had contacted the bank to delete Rev. Bobby Peters as co-signer and add Rev. Glenn Poston, new moderator. The Bank, SouthTrust, does not require but one signature and will not honor the second signature. They don't care if we use both signatures. After discussing, the General Board agreed and voted to leave as it stands in the Constitution.

The 2001 Missions Conference and Banquet will be held February 3 and 4, 2001. The banquet will be February 3 at the Rehab Center. Missionaries will be in the various churches February 4, some in the morning services, some in the evening services. Rev. Larry Reynolds is taking care of details. Emphasis will be on the Acts 1:8 program.

Rev. Poston suggested next year's list of speakers be sent out to the churches as soon as possible after receiving them so churches can select ones wanted. Eleven speakers will be coming this year. Tommy Taylor, member of the Mission Board, said the Mission Board needs to know number attending from each church as soon as possible. Call Bro. Bobby Kennedy with number. Call Bro. Kennedy for list of missionaries coming and who speaker is for the banquet.

Rev. James Osborn has been worse but is better now.

MSC to adjourn. Rev. Fagan led in closing prayer.

REV. GLENN POSTON, Moderator SIS. LORETTA CULPEPPER, Clerk MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE WERE: Rev. Lonnie Skiles, Goodwater; Bro. Junior Ward, Eastside; Rev. Frank Fagan, New Hope; Bro. Earl Culpepper, Corinth; Rev. Donald Gainey, First FWB Samson; Bro. David Miller, Harvest; Loretta Culpepper, Clerk; Rev. Glenn Poston, Moderator; Bro. Lewis Mallory, First FWB Dothan (representing Rev. Fred Hersey); Bro. Tommy Taylor, Pine Hills.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION 2001 January 13, 2001 – New Hope FWB Church

The Session opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Van Clements and Sis. Sara Poston at the piano. Songs were "The Glory Land Way," "By and By," "I Feel Like Traveling On," "Won't It Be Wonderful There," and "Just Over In the Glory Land." Invocation and welcome was given by Rev. Frank Fagan, host church pastor. Response was by Rev. John Taylor, Pine Hills pastor.

Session was officially opened by Association Clerk, Sis. Loretta Culpepper. Initial remarks were by Rev. Lonnie Skiles, Assistant Moderator. The Moderator, Rev. Glenn Poston, was suffering with a hoarse throat and he and Rev. Skiles presided over the meeting. Rev. Skiles read Titus 2:11-14. He said, "the grace of God brings us salvation. There are those who add to the salvation experience, but God's grace is sufficient. God gives rewards for faithful service. We get to Heaven by God's grace. Peter says we have a form of religion denying the power thereof. Time is sometimes a god. We need to be Godly. We need to know God. We get to know Him through His Word. His Word is God revealing Himself to us. How much do we really worship God?" He closed his remarks with prayer.

Rev. Skiles thanked Rev. Bobby Peters, former Moderator, for a job well done.

The Ordaining Council was dismissed to meet for the purpose of examining Bro. Stephen Windham and Rev. Doug Carr.

Rev. Glenn Poston then presided and appointed the Credentials Committee -Rev. Wayne Parker, Rev. Ricky Carroll, and Rev. Greg Ramsey. He appointed the following Finance Committee – Sis. Ann Kennedy, Bro. Bobby Kennedy, Bro. Tommy Taylor and Sis. Starla Parker. There were no petitionary letters or correspondence from sister associations. Credentials and finance committees were dismissed to perform their duties.

The Moderator announced a Senior Citizens Group meeting at First FWB Church, Dothan. Meeting will be January 16 at 10:00 AM. All who consider themselves in this age group are invited to join them. This Golden Agers Group meets each third Tuesday and all the churches are invited to participate. Rev. Fred Hersey is the seniors pastor at First Church, Dothan. He may be contacted for further information at 334-678-9560. Handouts were distributed to interested persons.

Eighteen ministers, 16 deacons, and 26 visitors were recognized. Several young people were in attendance. Bro. J.C. Burgess from Buckatuma, MS was present. The Children's Home Director, Rev. Randy Key, was present.

Scripture reading and prayer were given by Bro. Billy Ammons from the host church. He read Matthew 19:13-15. This is the scripture where Jesus blesses the little children. Bro. Ammons said, "Our youth of today are our church of tomorrow. We appreciate our youth."

The Credentials Committee reported 20 churches reporting with letters, 19 with delegates, 1 without delegates. Pleasant Ridge reported they had joined the Salem Association. MSC to accept report. Roll was called and MSC to seat delegates.

The Clerk read minutes of the State Line Association General Board Meeting which was held on December 5, 2000, at First Church Dothan. MSC to approve.

REPORTS OF STANDING BOARDS AND TRUSTEE

MISSIONS report was given by Rev. Larry Reynolds. A list of the mission services was handed out. (See Mission Board Report for details on Missions Conference to be February 3-4).

YOUTH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION report was given by Bro. David Miller. MSC to accept. The board was commended for a job well done.

MINISTER'S RETIREMENT report was given by Bro. Junior Ward. A change to "Guidelines for the State Line Minister's Retirement" was proposed. (See Minister's Retirement Board report for January for these changed). MSC to accept the report and approve the changes as recommended. These guidelines are found on page 49 of the 2000 minutes of the Association.

ORDAINING COUNCIL report was given by Rev. Lonnie Skiles. MSC to accept the report and vote on the 2 items of business item by item. ITEM ONE was to grant Stephen Windham first year license to preach the gospel. MSC. ITEM TWO was to receive Rev. Doug Carr, pastor of New Harmony FWB Church, into fellowship of the Association pending a letter from the Salem Association in Florida. MSC.

CHILDREN'S HOME TRUSTEE report was given by Rev. Thomas Coxwell. MSC to accept report. The new director, Rev. Randy Key, was introduced. Rev. Coxwell said Rev. Key meets all state requirements and he is from that area.

FINANCE COMMITTEE report was given by Sis. Ann Kennedy. A total of \$5,652.10 was received today. MSC to accept report. TREASURER'S report given by Sis. Kennedy. Balance in treasury of all accounts as of December 1 is \$41,707.58.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE report was given by Eastside FWB Church. A move was made to accept the report and give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. A second received and so carried.

WNAC District report was given by Sis. Rhetta Butter, District Coordinator. MSC to accept report as information.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

MSC to give Children's Home today's offering. Moderator urged congregation to be generous.

There being no further business, Rev. Bobby Peters prayed the dismissal prayer.

Morning worship hour began with singing led by Bro. Van, with Sis. Poston at the organ and Sis. Saundra Skiles at the piano. Opening song was "In The Shadow Of The Cross." Bro. Bobby Kennedy led in prayer. Other congregational songs were "There Is Power In The Blood," "He Set Me Free," "Yield Not To Temptation," and "Jesus Is Lord Of All."

Moderator appointed Rev. Terry Drinkwater and Bro. Junior Ward as ushers. Rev. Drinkwater asked the blessing on the offering. All the congregation sang the special "Heaven's Jubilee."

Rev. Randy Key brought the morning message. Before he began his message, a brief review of the Children's Home. He quoted Jesus when he said, "If ye have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto me." He said the children are "the least of these." He said the home does not have legal custody of the children there. They have a parent(s) or legal guardian. They come from all kinds of situations. They come with no meaning to their lives, no purpose, no hope. There are 23 kids at present. They plan to build where the old building is to be torn down. The new building will accommodate handicapped children. There is a committed staff of 10 people. Love and discipline is administered by the staff. When kids leave, they have hope, purpose and meaning to their lives and Jesus Christ as Savior.

His sermon was based on Acts 9:6a. When he was saved, Paul asked the Lord, "What wilt thou have me to do?" Sermon topic was "How To Be Used Of God." Paul had 4 great desires – he was dedicated, determined, devoted, and disciplined in the Lord. Rev. Key said he was not so concerned with the direction the country is going, but the direction the church is going.

The Moderator asked for a verse of an invitation song, "Have You Any Room For Jesus?"

Rev. Paul Mallory, pastor of Magnolia FWB Church, prayed the dismissal prayer and asked the blessing on the food. Meeting adjourned.

REV. GLENN POSTON, Moderator / SIS. LORETTA CULPEPPER, Clerk The weather was sunny and warm (after all the cold weather we have had).

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND QUARTERLY SESION 2001 APRIL 7, 2001 – HARVEST FWB CHURCH, OZARK, AL

The session opened with prayer by Bro. Larry Carpenter. Congregational singing was led by Bro. Van Clements and Sis. Sara Poston at the piano. The songs were "At Calvary", "I Serve A Risen Savior," and "Praise Him, Praise Him."

The welcome was given by Rev. Bobby Ned Peters from the host church. Response by Bro. Bobby Burkett from Eastside Church.

The Moderator, Rev. Glenn Poston, read scripture from Luke 22:47-62 mentioning the crucifixion, Palm Sunday and the fact that the scripture does not glamorize heroes. A few examples are: 1) Noah backslide and got drunk; 2) When Abraham and Sara were told they would have a child, Sara laughed; 3) Elijah pouted and wished to be dead; 4) Peter, great man of God who preached at Pentecost and 3,000 were saved. Peter belonged to the inner circle. Jesus and Peter were the only two who walked on water. Peter thought he would not deny the Lord but he did, three times....Then Peter parted company and followed afar off. The crowing of the rooster, Bro. Poston believes, was such a reminder to Peter that when he heard any rooster crow this would cut like a dagger in his heart. It did not end there – Peter became a great apostle.

Bro. Poston said he was thankful we have a Savior who pardons and forgives. He closed his remarks with prayer.

Session was officially opened by the Assistant Clerk, Sis. Gladys Hagler. Rev. Glenn Poston appointed the Credentials Committee: Rev. Fred Hersey, Dr. John Edwards, and Rev. Lonnie Skiles. The Finance Committee was appointed as follows: Sis. Ann Kennedy, Sis. Saundra Skiles, and Sis. Martha Clements. There were no petitionary letters or correspondence from sister associations. The Credential and Finance Committees were dismissed to perform their duties.

The Moderator recognized 13 ministers, 9 deacons and 1 visitor – Rev. Larry Carpenter, Interim Pastor of Springhill FWB Church.

Scripture reading and prayer by Bro. David Miller of the Harvest Church reading Ephesians 1:9 - 2:2. This scripture advised God quickened us, someone loved us and the Holy Spirit now worked in us.

The Credentials Committee reported 20 church with letters, 19 with delegates, 1 without delegates. Dr. John Edwards made motion to accept the report and seat the delegates. Rev. Thomas Coxwell seconded, motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING BOARDS AND TRUSTEES

Bro. Bobby Kennedy gave the Missions report. He reported on a very successful Mission Conference and Banquet. Two hundred fourteen (214) attended the banquet with offering of \$1,282.28, which was divided between the missionaries that were present. Bro. Kennedy made motion to accept, seconded by Bro. Bobby Burkett, motion carried.

YOUTH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION report was given by Bro. David Miller as follows: Men's retreat was a blessing to all who attended and the board plans to make it a regular program. A ladies retreat is planned for April 27-28, 2001 at The Vineyard. Mrs. Sally Cash and Mrs. Barbara Taylor will be the speakers. Please encourage all our ladies to attend. Junior camp is planned for June 18-22 at The Vineyard. Bro. Rick Cash will be the preacher. Please encourage our youth to attend this camp. Senior camp is planned for June 25-29 at The Vineyard. Each church will be receiving information as camp grows closer. Bro. Karl Sexton will be the teen preacher. Our winter retreat for both juniors and teens will be December 28-29, 2001, at The Vineyard. Preacher is yet to be selected. Please mark these dates and encourage your youth to attend. Motion was made to accept this report by Joe Beckon, Terry Sellers, Ricky Carroll, Wayne Parker and David Miller. Seconded by Rev. Ronnie Dobbs. Motion carried.

MINISTER'S RETIREMENT: (1) Magnolia Church recommends Rev. Paul Mallory be placed on retirement at 21 years of pastoring. Junior Ward made motion, Dr. John Edwards seconded, motion carried. Rev. Mallory will be 72 years old on June 10. (2) One certificate of deposit will be coming up to be renewed. Junior Ward made motion to give Sis. Ann Kennedy (Treasurer) and Junior Ward, Chairman of Minister's Retirement, authority to reinvest at the greatest rate possible. Rev. Ronnie Dobbs seconded, motion carried. Announcement was made by Bro. Junior Ward that Mrs. Madison Taylor has been placed in the Westside Terrace Nursing Facility.

It was also suggested to review the changes made in the Minister's Retirement at the 1st Quarterly Meeting. It was also stated that State Line

Association has the only Minister's Retirement Plan anywhere. Bro. Bobby Kennedy made motion to accept report, Beth Franks seconded, MC.

ORDAINING COUNCIL report – Received Rev. Doug Carr's Letter of Good Standing. Rev. Thomas Coxwell made motion to accept report as information. Bro. Junior Ward seconded, MC.

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT – Rev. Thomas Coxwell in making his report advised that the Children's Home is doing good under the new director, Rev. Randy Key. The Children's Home was thankful for all the food and other things that were sent. He stated they had a load. He advised the goods were helpful but that money helps most. Motion made to accept the report. Junior Ward seconded, motion carried. Bro. Coxwell advised it was 270 miles from his home to the Children's Home. They have meetings quarterly and he has accepted their mileage fee. Question – if he should accept the mileage from the Children's Home or from the State Line Association? The Home seems to be in good financial situation at this time. They will, however, be in a building program shortly. By no motion there would not be a change at this time. The mileage would continue to be paid by the Children's Home.

FINANCE COMMITTEE AND TREASURER'S report was given by Sis. Ann Kennedy who made motion to accept, seconded by Sis. Rhetta Butler. First Church Samson advised part of their money should go to Minister's Retirement. The report was approved. Sis. Ann Kennedy advised that the Thanksgiving offering of \$360.07 to missions was posted twice as a receipt. Therefore, the account was overstated by \$360.07. The error was found and corrected. Sis. Ann Kennedy made motion for the offering today to go to the mission account, seconded by Rev. Ronnie Dobbs.

REGISTRATION REPORT was given by Eastside FWB Church. Beth Franks made motion to accept the report and give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Junior Ward seconded. Rising vote was given.

Sis. Rhetta Butler announced the State WNAC would meet at Eastside Church on May 5, 2001. Sis. Rhetta Butler made motion to accept as information, Sis. Martha Clements seconded.

Rev. Lonnie Skiles reported on the ALABAMA STATE HOME MISSIONS BOARDS. Rev. Dave Franks, Jr. would be moving to Madison FWB Church to start a school. Bro. Dave, Jr. will be superintendent. Alabama is doing a pilot program. Bro. Skiles requested prayer for Bro. Dave's Spanish speaking ministry to win the Spanish speaking people to Christ.

There was no miscellaneous business presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

Shiloh Church will be in revival on April 21-25 with Bro. Rick Cash.

First FWB Church, Dothan, will have Rev. Key from Children's Home speaking on Sunday night, April 29.

Sunrise Services will be held at Eastside Church at 6:00 AM - First Church, Dothan, at 7:00 AM – New Harmony at 6:00 AM – Springhill at 6:00 AM. Breakfast will be served at each Sunrise Service.

Adjourned for recess.

Congregational singing was led by Bro. Van Clements and Sis. Sara Poston at piano including "Old Rugged Cross", "He Set Me Free," "I Am Going That Way," "Sing Of My Redeemer," "Honey In The Rock," "Jesus Hold My Hand," and "I Shall' Not Be Moved." Ushers were appointed by the Moderator – Bro. Bobby Kennedy, Rev. Lonnie Skiles, Rev. Ronnie Dobbs and Bro. David Miller asked the blessing on the offering.

The special music was by Bro. David Miller - "Since Jesus Passed By."

Moderator introduced the pastor of First FWB Church of Enterprise, Rev. Greg Ramsey. His sermon was entitled "When The Word of God Prevails" from Acts 19:1-8 and thru verse 20. When the Word of God prevails it will have free course over our reading, teaching or listening. The Word of God will prevail over our wills, believers will be empowered. We will have power when the Word of God gets a hold on us. Evil spirits (diseases) will go out of us, the Word of God will change our lives. When the Word of God prevails, people who are only pretending are exposed. God's Word did prevail, people came and confessed their sins. In other words, when the Word of God prevails it will bring radical repentance. Climaxing with verse 17 - when the Word of God prevails, the name of the Lord Jesus is magnified. Bro. Van Clements led the closing song, "Would You Live For Jesus and Have His Way With Thee." Testimonies were shared.

Lunch instructions were given. Prayer of blessing on the food and benediction was prayed by Rev. Ricky Carroll.

REV. GLENN POSTON, Moderator / SIS. LORETTA CULPEPPER, Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION 2001 JUNE 23, 2001 – SPRINGFIELD FWB CHURCH

The Session opened with prayer by Rev. Larry Reynolds. Congregational singing was led by Rev. Lonnie Skiles with Sis. Saundra Skiles at the piano. Songs were "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," and "In The Glory Land Way." Welcome was given by Bro. David Rabon from the host church. Response was given by Rev. Glenn Poston from First Church, Dothan.

The Session was officially opened by the Association Clerk, Sis. Loretta Culpepper. Initial remarks were made by Moderator. He read Luke 10:25-37, "The Good Samaritan." He led in prayer. He said, "Christians ought to be people persons. The world is starving to death to see a loving and compassionate Christian. We need to be real careful about how we treat people. Be nice to everybody because everybody is having a hard time. Are we showing true religion?"

The Moderator appointed the Credentials Committee as follows: Rev. Wayne Parker, Bro. Earl Culpepper, Bro. Lewis Mallory. He appointed the Finance Committee as follows: Sis. Ann Kennedy, Sis. Saundra Skiles and Sis Terry Martin. There were no petitionary letters. There were no delegates from sister associations.

The Moderator recognized 13 ministers, 12 deacons, and there were no official visitors.

Rev. Jeff Lunsford, missionary to Mongolia, was introduced and given an opportunity to bring us up to date on their mission. Rev. Jeff and Sis. Melissa were dressed in the native Mongolia attire. Rev. Lunsford expressed appreciation to the State Line Association and the ACTS 1:8 program for helping to make it possible for them to go. He thanks us for praying. There was one church with about 25 members in their area. They are working with the English Language Institute (ELI) and work closely with the foreign missions. They are not allowed to go into this country as missionaries but can go as a teacher of the English language. Pray for a pastor for their little church in Mongolia. There is a Korean pastor who wants to come there. Please pray him through the red tape. Sis. Melissa gave her greetings. She said to please correspond in generic terms.

Scripture reading and prayer was by Bro. Ed Reynolds. He read John 4:34-39, "Look on the fields for they are white unto harvest." He led in prayer.

Credentials Committee report was given by Rev. Wayne Parker with 20 churches reporting. MSC to accept their report and seat the delegates. The roll was called by the clerk and the delegates were seated.

The following committees were appointed to report to the Annual Session in October:

Auxiliaries.... Clerk Obituary Magnolia Placement ... Eastside Registration .. Harvest

Suggestions.... First Church, Dothan Temperance ... Goodwateer Nominating..... Rev. Terry Drinkwater, CHM Bro. Virgil Hagler, Member Bro. Byron Mallory, Member

REPORTS OF STANDING BOARDS AND TRUSTEE

MISSIONS report was given by Rev. Larry Reynolds. MSC to accept report.

YOUTH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION report was given by Bro. David Miller. Rev. Joe Beckon, board member, is leaving the association to pastor a church in Vernon, AL. MSC for Jason Miller to continue Rev. Beckon's term. Elected by acclamation. MSC to accept report.

MINISTER'S RETIREMENT report was given. MSC to accept.

ORDAINING COUNCIL - There was no action and no report. MSC to accept report.

CHILDREN'S HOME - No report given.

FINANCE COMMITTEE AND TREASURER'S report was given by Sis. Ann Kennedy. She said the \$30,000 CD was invested with the Church Extension Loan Fund Home Mission Department at 6% interest rate. Missions and churches can borrow and pay back. MSC to accept report.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE report was given by Rev. Chris Mitchell, Eastside FWB Church. He also made a move to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. MSC.

WNAC District report was given by Sis. Rhetta Butler. MSC to accept report as information.

There was no miscellaneous business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS were made as follows: Rev. Skiles announced that FWB Bible College Ensemble will be at Goodwater June 23 at 7:00 PM. FWB Bible College produced a "Homecoming" tape by several of the "Old Time" singers/preachers. Tape is \$29.95

Cowarts Creek Church announced a car wash to benefit a family with no medical insurance. The car wash is today from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. The

family is the granddaughter of Rev. Ralph and Mrs. Maudean Bell. Her son Andrew Fisher is the great grandson of Rev. & Mrs. Bell. He was injured in a vehicle accident. We were urged to pray for him. Rev. John Edwards made a move to give today's offering to this family's trust fund at Southtrust Bank.

Rev. Skiles announced a terrible tragedy to a Kentucky Home Missionary, Rev. David and Wanda Carlson. They had four children, two little boys and a set of twins, a boy and a girl. They were 11 months old. The mother had been grocery shopping with all four of the children. She came home and took the little sleeping twin boy into the house and commenced to unload her groceries and see after the little boys. She left her little baby girl in the car with the windows up too long and she was dead when she found her. The mother has been arrested and charged with manslaughter. Please pray for this terrible situation and terrible loss.

Adjourned with prayer and the blessing was asked on the recess food.

Worship hour began with congregational singing and prayer. Songs were "Dwelling In Beulah Land" and "My Saviour's Love." Prayer was led by Rev. Greg Ramsey.

The Moderator said we had a good number of young people present today. We asked them to stand and a hand of appreciation for their faithfulness.

Ushers were appointed as follows: Rev. Greg Ramsey, Bro. Lewis Mallory, Bro. Earl Culpepper and Rev. John Edwards. Offering was designated earlier in the service to go to the Andrew Fisher Trust Fund.

Special music was by Michele Parker who sand "There Was A Lamb" and Rev. Terry Drinkwater who sang "What A Day." Rev. Poston led in prayer.

The morning message was brought by Rev. John Taylor, grandson of one of our former minister's, Rev. Madison Taylor. His scripture text was Acts 23:1, "I have live4d in all good conscious before God until this day." Other scriptures were Acts 25:20, Proverbs 22 and Colossians 3:12. The topic of his message was, "If God Wrote A Book About Your Life, What Would He Say?" He said to lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven. Some of the chapters in the book might be: "Righteousness/unrighteousness;" "Obedience is better than sacrifice;" "Faithfulness;" and "Unselfish/Selfish." He said, "May the chapters in our book glorify God." He closed his message with prayer.

A hymn of invitation, "Just As I Am," was led by Rev. Skiles.

Rev. Poston announced that Rev. Fred and Mrs. June Hersey were leaving for Japan with several young people on a mission trip. He asked that we pray for them. He thanked the speaker for the message and thanked the host church for their wonderful hospitality and all they had done to make us feel welcome.

Lunch instructions were given by the host church. Bro. Dixon asked the blessing on the food and dismissal prayer.

REV. GLENN POSTON, Moderator / SIS. LORETTA CULPEPPER, Clerk (The day was overcast and warm but cleared up later in the morning).

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION 2001 OCTOBER 13, 2001 – MAGNOLIA FWB CHURCH

The 116th annual session opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Van Clements with Sis. Sara Poston at the piano. Songs were "Jesus Hold My Hand," "A New Name In Glory," "I'll Live In Glory," "He Set Me Free," "Just Over In The Glory Land." Singing was very good and the congregation applauded Bro. Van and Sis. Poston for a fine job. Welcome was given by Rev. James Deese, pastor of the host church. Response was given by Moderator, Rev. Glenn Poston.

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

Initial remarks were made by the Moderator. He read Psalm 91:1-16 and led in prayer. He commented on the devastating events of the past few weeks (with the planes crashing into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the plane crash in Pennsylvania and the subsequent bombing of Afghanistan). But we don't have to fear because we have a "secret dwelling place under the shadow of the Almighty." We are in God's hands and we don't have to be held hostage by fear.

The Moderator appointed the Credentials Committee as follows: Rev. John Edwards, Rev. Bobby Peters and Rev. Doug Carr. Sis. Linda Deese and Sis. Wendy Shumake were appointed to assist Treasurer, Sis. Ann Kennedy, to serve as Finance Committee.

There were no petitionary letters or delegates from sister associations.

The Moderator recognized 20 ministers, 13 deacons, 50 delegates, and 22 visitors for a total of 105 attendees. Rev. David Crowe was our visiting speaker from the Home Mission Office in Nashville and our official visitor.

Scripture reading and prayer was by Bro. Ron Beckon from the host church. He read II Chronicles 7:12-15. He said, "It's good to be in God's house this morning and to have God as our Savior. We need to get back to the basics. People are going back to their old ways since the initial flow into our churches after the National tragedy." He closed his remarks with prayer.

Credentials Committee report was given by Rev. Doug Carr. MSC to accept report. Roll was called while we waited for return of Credentials Committee. Delegates were seated after report was given.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION

AUXILIARIES – Report given by the clerk. MSC.

OBITUARY – Report given by Magnolia, Rev. Stephen Windham reporting. MSC.

PLACEMENT – Report given by Eastside, Rev. Larry Reynolds reporting. MSC.

REGISTRATION – Harvest FWB Church will serve as Registration Committee for 2002.

SUGGESTIONS – Report given by First FWB Church, Dothan, Rev. Glenn Poston reporting. MSC

TEMPERANCE – Report given by Goodwater FWB Church, Sis. Shirley Sullivan reporting. MSC.

NOMINATING – Report was given by the Chairman of this committee, Rev. Terry Drinkwater. Bro. Byron Mallory and Bro. Virgil Hagler..

The Moderator then proceeded with the election by opening floor for nominations of each position. Nominated from the floor were Sis. Becky Dixon for Treasurer, and Rev. John Taylor for Minister's Retirement Board member. These nominations were made from the floor because the committee had been unable to find a nominee for Treasurer and Bro. Junior Ward withdrew his name from the Minister's Retirement Board at this session. Bro. Tim Jordan made a move to receive the Nominating Committee's list of officers and the two nominated from the floor, including the General Board Members submitted by each church. Move was seconded and the list of officers/board members were elected. (See nominating committee report for list of officers and board members. Page _____ of minutes).

The Moderator thanks Sis. Ann Kennedy, Treasurer, for 20 years of service. Bro. Bobby Kennedy, member of the Missions Board for over 32 years of service; Bro. Junior Ward, member of the Minister's Retirement Board for 16 years of service; and Rev. Ricky Carroll, member of the Youth and Christian Education Board, for his years of service. The body gave them a round of applause.

REPORTS OF STANDING BOARDS AND TRUSTEE

MISSIONS report was given by Rev. Larry Reynolds. MSC. Rev. Reynolds asked about the Thanksgiving Fellowship meeting on November 20. He asked if any church would like to host the meeting to please contact him and if not Eastside would be happy to.

YOUTH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION report was given by Bro. David Miller. He expressed his appreciation for Rev. Ricky Carroll's service on this board. MSC.

MINISTER'S RETIREMENT report was given by Bro. Junior Ward. He announced this would be his last report, that he was resigning from the Board due to his living most of the time in Evergreen now. He talked of how the program has grown due to cooperation of the churches. He asked the churches to continue supporting by giving to the Minister's Retirements. He pledged his continued support. He gave out copies of the new guidelines. He reported Rev. Lonnie Skiles would go on the retirement program November 1, 2001. The question was addressed whether the amount a minister could draw would go up if he began drawing at age 65 but continued to preach and would have additional years of service to his credit (see scale of year of service/amount earned). Bro. Ward does not recommend to go up once a minister begins to receive an annuity even though he continues to pastor. MSC.

ORDAINING COUNCIL report was given by Rev. Terry Drinkwater. He announced Rev. Barry Long is new pastor of Springhill FWB Church and has been accepted into fellowship of the State Line Association. MSC.

CHILDREN'S HOME TRUSTEE report was given by Rev. Thomas Coxwell. Storm shelters will be prepared for all the cottages rather than a basement storm shelter. Offerings have been down. He challenged the churches to give a donation of \$100.00 each to the Home. He said the new director is doing a good job. MSC to accept as information.

FINANCE COMMITTEE AND TREASURER'S report given by Sis. Ann Kennedy. MSC. Ann thanked everyone for "putting up with her for all these 20 years." (Clerk's note: And thank you, Ann, for serving our Lord and the Association for faithfully and efficiently all these years. Thanks for a job well-done).

REGISTRATION report was given by Eastside FWB Church. MSC to accept report and give host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

WNAC DISTRICT report was given by Sis. Rhetta Butler. She encouraged the other churches who do not have a WNAC to join. She offered the assistance of district officers in organizing. MSC to accept as information.

Delegates to Alabama State Association, November 7-9, 2001 at Madison FWB Church, Madison, AL were appointed. They are: Ann Kennedy, Jessica Long, June Hersey, Hayward Butler, Rhetta Butler, Sara Fagan, Annette Tomlinson, Martha Clements, Sara Poston, Glenda Johnson, Tommmie Johnson, Betty Coxwell, Saundra Skiles.

No delegates appointed to sister association meetings.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: The following letter was presented and read by the clerk: "The Salem Association of North Florida wants to sponsor some radio spots produced by the Free Will Baptist Media Commission to be aired over radio station WRJM, "The Rose", in Ozark, AL. The radio spots would give a good positive message to visit one of the Free Will Baptist churches in Southeast Alabama or North Florida. Pastor David Williford of Chipley says we can get <u>twenty-two spots for one hundred dollars</u>. They are wanting to know if our association would like to co-sponsor some of the ads. The money we would commit to, the more spots we could have. They are suggesting one hundred dollars monthly."

The Moderator said this letter was read for information. The floor was opened to a move. Rev. Paul Mallory made a move we support it. Discussion followed about how long. One month was recommended. Recommended the General Board meet and come back with a recommendation. Rev. John Taylor made a move to amend the original motion to sponsor for one month, 22 spots for \$100.00. Treasurer Sis. Ann Kennedy asked the question, "Where is the money coming from?" She said there isn't extra money in the treasury to cover it." A comment was made about who listens to WRJM radio station and recommended a straw poll be taken to see how many people present listened to that station. The response was the spots were to air to non-church going people. The amendment MSC. Original motion was seconded and carried. The association will try for one month and the General Board will discuss and report to First Quarterly meeting in January 2002.

Adjourned for recess. Rev. Bobby Peters dismissed in prayer.

Worship hour began with congregational singing. Songs were "O, I want To See Him," "The Eastern Gate," and "Honey In The Rock." Rev. Bobby Peters, who serves on the State Home Missions Board, gave a report on Rev. Dennis Haygood. He asked for prayer for Bro. Dennis and Sis. Judy. They are missionaries in the South Huntsville FWB Church. Bro. Dennis has had serious facial surgery. He will be unable to pastor for about six months. Rev. Dave Franks, Jr. may be going to fill in for Bro. Dennis. Rev. Franks is involved in the new Hispanic Ministry. He is heading up that program. Student recruiting is needed to make the program go. Rev. Fred Jones is still in Prattville. A new missionary, Rev. Wayne Wilson, is coming in to take over the Prattville Church and Rev. Jones will work with the State Hispanic Ministry. He asked us to pray for the state work.

Bro. Van Clements asked for prayer for Martha's brother, Riley Enfinger, who has had a heart transplant. He is doing good as he can but needs our prayers. He also requested prayer for Mrs. Deese from Goodwater who is diabetic and will have a leg amputated at the knee. Be much in prayer for her.

The Moderator appointed Rev. Terry Drinkwater and Bro. Tim Jordan to take up the offering. Offering was designated to go to the National Home Missions. Sis. Poston played a beautiful offertory song. Special music was furnished by Bro. Doug Martin who sang "When I Walk Up That Hill To Calvary."

Rev. Poston introduced our speaker, Rev. David Crowe, Director of Missionary Assistance for the National Home Missions Department. He brought greetings from the Home Missions Department. He read Exodus 17:8-13. He prayed. Notes on his sermon: "Joshua was introduced in this passage as the leader of Israel's army during their journey to the Promised Land. In this passage we find three sets of hands. (1) Warrior hands to engage the enemy in combat; (2) Worshipful hands held up in surrender to God. Moses positioned himself on the high place to see beyond the battle of today for victories of tomorrow. Aaron and Hur didn't criticize Moses when his hands became weary; (3) Aaron and Hur became willing hands. They did what they could, with what they had, where they were; (4) Invisible wonderful hands of God. When warrior hands, worshipful hands, and willing hands to do what they are supposed to do, God's wonderful hands take over." He stressed we should be encouragers. Rev. Crowe asked all pastors, preachers, and their wives to come and stand in front of the church. He said they are not appreciated enough. These are the heroes of the faith. Everyone else was asked to come up and stand near their pastor and his wife while he prayed.

Rev. Poston said Rev. Crowe would be around tomorrow if anyone might want him to preach at their church. We said the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. Flag. Lunch instructions were given and prayer of blessing on the food and benediction was prayed by Bro. David Miller.

REV. GLENN POSTON, Moderator / SIS. LORETTA CULPEPER, Clerk (The day was cloudy, windy and mild).

THE FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF STATE LINE WOMEN NATIONALLY ACTIVE FOR CHRIST SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH March 3, 2001

The 44th Annual Convention of the State Line Women Nationally Active for Christ met Saturday, March 3, 2001, at Shiloh FWB Church, Columbia, AL.

2001 Theme is <u>Sharing Hope and Healing – Colossians 1:27</u> – "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

The Convention began the morning session by singing "He Keeps Me Singing" and "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus" led by Amber Beckon with Sara Poston as the pianist.

Scripture reading and Invocation was by Rhetta Butler, District President. The scripture text was Isaiah 55:8-13. She then led in the opening prayer.

The 44th Distirct Convention was called to order the President Rhetta Butler.

"Welcome" was given by Ruby Houston from the host church.

"Reponse" was by Jackie Peters from Harvest Church in Ozark, AL.

The following committees were appointed:

Credentials: Terry Martin, Chairman; Louise Outlaw, Carolyn Hulon Finance: Annette Tomlinson, Chairman; Renee Nance, June Hersey Nominations: Martha Clements, Chairman; Barbara Taylor, Niria Ammons Resolutions: Ann Kennedy, Chairman; Annette Mallory, Patsy Andrews Registration: Host Church

Special music was by Michelle Parker. She sang "Shepherd Boy."

Marjorie Workman, National WNAC Executive Secretary, shared with the group WNAC updates - A record was set for the provision closet in 2000 in items and cash - Updating the manual - Co-Laborer will have a new look.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Rhetta Butler has a new prayer chain, using the senior citizens as prayer warriors.

<u>COMMITTEE AND CHAIRMEN REPORTS:</u> Credentials: We the Credentials Committee, find the following churches reporting with dues and membership: Corinth, Dothan Lydia Day and Lydia Night Group, Eastside, Goodwater, Harvest (Soul Seekers), New Hope, Shiloh, and Union Hill. Total membership of 119.

We received two letters of petition - "Faithful Co-Laborers for Christ" and "Pine Hills FWB Church". This report was approved and delegates were seated by Emma Jean Mallory, District Recording Secretary.

Terrie Martin, Chairman, Louise Outlaw Carolyn Hulon

Sherry Reynolds from Eastside Church gave a report on the plans for the Alabama State WNAC Convention to be held Mary 5, 2001 at Eastside. This report was approved.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. We would like to renew our commitment to the \$100.00 per year request for the National Association in 2006 to meet in Birmingham, AL.
- 2. We encourage as many as possible to attend the State Convention to be held at Eastside Church. Since this is our district, we would like a good number to attend to show the State that South Alabama is alive and well.
- 3. That we pray for our President and his administration in hope that his commitment to Christian values will cause our nation to turn back to God.
- Give the host church a rising vote of thanks for hosting our meeting today. Also thanks to our special speaker Marjorie Workman. Ann Kennedy, Chairman, Annette Mallory, Patsy Andrews MSC

FIELDWORKERS:

Our WNAC has two new groups added within the year to our State Line District. Last summer Rhetta Butler and Martha Clements met in the home of Robin Creel for an organization meeting. About 25 ladies were present from Cowarts Creek, Howards Grove, Union Springs and New Harmony. The group organized and name their group "Faithful Co-Laborers." They are having very good meetings with Robin Creel as Coordinator.

Rhetta and Martha met in November and organized a WNAC for the ladies in the Pine Hills Church. Janie McKee is their Coordinator. They're having very good attendance.

Jennifer Miller, Martha Clements MSC

REGISTRATION:	
Members	50
Visitors	7
TOTAL	57
MSC	

STUDY CHAIRMAN:

Missionary Studies	2	Average Attendance 10
Christian Living Studies	20	
Prayer Studies	3	
Manual Studies	2	
TOTAL Studies	27	

Number of Women Subscribing to Co-Laborer	
Contact	16
Heartbeat	65
Mission Grams	43
FWBBC Bulletin	44

Betty Coxwell MSC

SERVICE CHAIRMAN:

Eleven churches reporting, 8 churches support Acts 1:8; Seven district officers, one church reports gift to Lunsford Family of \$120.00; Two projects for Children's Home; One church cleans houses in case of sickness or death; Provision closet shower in October totaled \$744.00.

Extra: Sunshine baskets, spaghetti suppers, meals on wheels, pastor appreciation day, cookbook in honor of Mary Edna Cook. This report was given by Shirley Sullivan in the absence of Cynthia Knowles, Service Chairman. MSC

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Prayer Fellowship	15	
Family Devotions	23	
Pre-Easter Week of Prayer	92	
Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer	167	
State Home Missions Week of Prayer	0	
National Assoc. Day of Prayer & Fastin	ng 0	
World Day of Prayer	28	
PRAYER STUDIES: Number	19	
Average Attendance	49	
PRAYER REMINDERS: Prepared	234	
PLANNED RETREATS: Number	1	
Attendance	8	
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MISSIONS CHAIRMAN: _Weeks of Praye	r	
Pre-Easter Week of Prayer for Foreign Missi	ons	
Average Attendance 114		
Total Laura Belle Barnard Missions Of	ferings \$303.00	

Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer for	National Ho	ome Missions	
Average Attendance		14	
Total Lizzie McAdams Offering			
Week of Prayer for State Home Missi		501.00	
Average Attendance	0113.	16	
Total Alice Lupton Offering	\$	100.00	
Total Ande Eupton Onering	Ψ	100.00	
MISSION STUDIES:			
Number of Studies	4		
Average Attendance	32		
Books Studied	3		
Missionary Speakers	7		
Missions Programs	5		
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FINANCE:			
RECEIPTS			
Balance from Treasury		\$ 42.00	
Dues (119 members @ \$11.50 g	per member)	\$1,368.50	
Faith Project Money		\$ 720.00	
Food – State		\$ 80.00	
Love Offering		\$ 245.00	
Minutes – National		\$ 8.00	
National – Birmingham		\$ 450.00	
Postage		\$ 8.00	
Scrapbook		\$ 30.00	
Shirley Kennedy Memorial Offe	ring	\$ 339.47	
TOTAL RECEIPTS TO ACCO	UNT FOR	\$3,290.97	
RECOMMENDED DISBURSEMEN	TS		
National – Birmingham		\$ 450.00	
Food – State		\$ 80.00	
Gift to speaker		\$ 720.00	
Love Offering		\$ 245.00	
Minutes – National		\$ 8.00	
Minutes - State Line Assoc.		\$ 30.00	
Postage		\$ 8.00	
Scrapbook		\$ 30.00	
Shirley Kennedy Memorial Offe	ering	\$ 339.47	
State & National Dues (119 mer			
@ \$11.00 per member)		\$ 1,309.00	
Treasury		\$ 71.50	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 3,290.97	
Annette Tomlinson,	Chairman.	June Hersey, Renee	Nance
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HISTORIAN: No report

DELEGATES TO STATE MEETING: Martha Clements, Emma Jean Mallory, Sherry Reynolds, Debbie Jones, Jackie Peters, Saundra Skiles, Betty Coxwell, Niria Ammons, Terrie Martin, Carmen Osborn, Barbara Taylor, Starla Parker, Louise Outlaw, Zelmadean Mallory, Loretta Culpepper, Charmin Brown, Amber Beckon, Glenda Johnson, June Hersey, Rita Sullivan, Sara Poston, Wendy Shumake, Ann Kennedy.

Morning offering was received by Sally Martin and Michelle Parker. June Hersey prayed the offertory prayer.

Debbie Jones dismissed for recess.

Morning worship began with the group singing "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms," Bring Them In" and "Tell It To Jesus." Charmin Brown led in prayer.

Annette Tomlinson presented Becky Franks with a "thank you" basket and also a check for \$365.00. She also presented a gift to our guest speaker, Marjorie Workman, and a gift of \$720.00 for WNAC. Following the presentations, the group sang "His Name Is Wonderful." Marjorie Workman, National WNAC Secretary & Treasurer, brought the morning message. Her scripture text was Romans 8:19-20. She spoke on "Sharing Hope and Healing." She gave us two principles: (1) Set the world in order (natural law); (2) Human freedom (we choose).

Saundra Skiles dismissed the 2001 Convention.

Rhetta Butler, President Emma Jean Mallory, Secretary

(The weather was rain and more rain)

Committee	make the follo	wing repo	rt:	
# of	Membership	Member	ship Hi	story*
Churches	(Current)	2000	1999	1998
20	2631	2677	2544	2551
20	895	915	959	813
vice 7	206	208	187	193
9	135	170	87	92
2	31	28	8	6
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AUXILIARIES COMMITTEE REPORT:

Loretta Culpepper, Clerk, Auxiliaries Committee *Membership History shown for comparison.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Slate of Officers October 13, 2001 We, the Nominating Committee, make the following report:

we, the wommaning	Committee, make the form	owing report.
OFFICER	NAME PRESENTLY	NOMINATION
Moderator	Rev. Glenn Poston	Rev. Glenn Poston
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Lonnie Skiles	Rev. Lonnie Skiles
Clerk	Sis. Loretta Culpepper	Sis. Loretta Culpepper
Assistant Clerk	Sis. Gladys Hagler	Sis. Gladys Hagler
Treasurer	Sis. Ann Kennedy	(See note below) *
Song Leader	Bro. Van Clements	Bro. Van Clements
Pianist	Sis. Sara Poston	Sis. Sara Poston
BOARDS	NAME PRESENTLY	NOMINATION ENDS
Missions Board	Bro. Bobby Kennedy	Rev. Fred Hersey 2004
Ordaining Council	Rev. Ronnie Dobbs	Rev. Ronnie Dobbs 2005
Minister's Retiremen	t Bro. Junior Ward	Bro. Junior Ward 2004 **

Youth & EducationRev. Ricky CarrollBio. Junior Wald2004 waldYouth & EducationRev. Ricky CarrollRev. Chris Mitchell2006Children's HomeRev. Thomas CoxwellRev. Thomas Coxwell

<u>GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS</u> – These are turned in on the church letters and listed on a separate piece of paper. List is attached.

NOTE:

* MSC to receive the nominating committee report and nominate treasurer from the floor since the nominating committee could not find a nominee. Sis. Becky Dixon was nominated from the floor. She had said she would accept the position.

** Bro. Junior Ward declined the nomination and Rev. John Taylor volunteered for this position. Bro. Eugene Jones resigned and nominating committee recommended Bro. David Rabon finish Bro. Jones' term.

(See minutes of Annual Session for record of the proceedings of election. Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Terry Drinkwater, Chairman, Bro. Virgil Hagler, Bro. Byron Mallory

GENERAL	BOARD MEMBERS – ANNUAL SESSION			
OCTOBER 13, 2001				
CHURCH	GENERAL BOARD MEMBER			
Antioch	Bro. Malcom Register			
Corinth	Bro. Earl Culpepper			
Cowarts Creek	Bro. Rodney Fowler			
Eastside	Bro. G. W. (Junior) Ward			
First, Dothan	Rev. Fred Hersey			
First, Enterprise	Rev. Greg Ramsey			
First, Samson	Rev. Donald Gainey			
Goodwater	Rev. Lonnie Skiles			
Harvest	Bro. David Miller			
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CHURCH

Howard Grove Magnolia New Harmony New Hope Panther Creek Pine Hills Shiloh Springfield Springhill Union Hill Union Springs

GENERAL BOARD MEMBER

Rev. James Osborn Bro. Levy Parramore Bro. Eddie Johnson Rev. Frank Fagan Rev. Ronnie Dobbs Bro. Tommy Taylor Rev. Thomas Coxwell Bro. David Rabon Bro. Roy Dixon Bro. Sam Morris Rev. Chris Mitchell

OBITUARY

We, the Obituary Committee, make the following report: There were 28 deceased members for the period September 1, 2000 to August 31, 2001.

Antioch	-0-
Corinth	Rosa Bell Bright Tharpe
Cowarts Creek	Lynett Tice
Eastside	Mrs. Mary Fennell, Mrs. Brindle "Bee" Williams,
	Mrs. Lucille Adkinson Widener
First, Dothan	Betty Smith, Cliff Waters, Emma Jean Weathers,
	Willie Mae Barfield
First, Enterprise	Mrs. Alma Mayo
First, Samson	-0-
Goodwater	Grover Knowles, Kate Leyken
Harvest	Mary Smith, John Kloss
Howard Grove	Ada Ruth Phillips, Web Exum, Emmitt Moore,
	Clyde Monday
Magnolia	Toy Andrews
New Harmony	-0-
New Hope	Mrs. Myrtle Pettis
Panther Creek	-0-
Pine Hills	-0-
Shiloh	Bro. Gordon Odom
Springfield	Benzile Clayton, Ora Scott, Lucille King
Springhill	Mrs. Thelma Hughes
Union Hill	-0-
Union Springs	Thurman Drinkwater, Murry Anglin,
	Esther Knight
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Report read by Bro. Stephen Windham. Rev. Larry Reynolds offered prayer after a moment of silence was observed in remembrance of the deceased. Respectfully submitted, Magnolia FWB Church Obituary Committee.

PLACEMENT

We, the Placement Committee, make the following report:

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION: Location: New Hope FWB Church Date: January 12, 2002 Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church Speaker: Rev. Chris Mitchell

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: New Harmony FWB Church Date: April 13, 2002 Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church Speaker: Rev. Donald Gainey

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Pine Hills FWB Church Date: June 29, 2002 Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church Speaker: Rev. Barry Long

ANNUAL SESSION:

Location: Union Hill FWB Church Date: October 12, 2002 Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church Speaker: Rev. Matt Pinson; Alternate – Rev. Larry Powell

Report submitted by Rev. Larry Reynolds, Eastside Church Respectfully submitted, Eastside FWB Church Placement Committee

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We, the Temperance Committee, make the following report:

Webster's definition of temperance is, "Habitual moderation in the indulgence of the appetites and passions; moderation." In view of what is happening both in the pulpits and pews of our land, it is imperative that we heed the challenge in I Peter 1:5-8 to "add to your faith virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance (or self-control)."

We must not ignore the casualties we are experiencing in our ranks, and a lot of them are a direct result of lack of temperance or self-control. First of all there must be self-control of the thought process or mind. If the devil can invade the mind, then it is not long until he will <u>control</u> the mind, and ultimately the actions of the person involved. There are many sources that can lead the mind into impure thoughts, and these must be guarded against with all diligence. Let us heed the words of Paul in Philippians 4:8 where he says, "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Furthermore, it would be wise for us to listen to the warning of Paul in I Corinthians 9:26, 27, where he says, "I, therefore, so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air; but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection, lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

It takes knowledge of the Word of God to avoid the pitfalls of intemperance, but it also takes discernment of how to apply that knowledge in every phase of our lives. May God grant that we may have both knowledge and discernment, especially in these spiritually perilous times in which we live.

Respectfully submitted, Goodwater FWB Church

SUGGESTIONS COMMITTEE

Whereas our country has been jolted by the events of September 11 with the terrorists acts in New York City, Washington, D.C., and the hijacked plane over Pennsylvania; and whereas these enemies of America continue to wreak havoc on the lives of Americans everywhere by threatening biological or germ warfare like the Anthrax scare and other acts of insanity; and whereas we know that God is able to deliver us from all evil and to protect us, we suggest that our pastors and leaders of our churches in the State Line Association provide strong leadership to our churches and that they remind our people that we need to pray for our President, our men and women in uniform, and all of our leaders who are in a position of authority and responsibility. We further would like to admonish each other to stand fast in the Lord, to stand united as citizens, and to remember that our Free Will Baptist Church Covenant says, "we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and observance of the ordinances of the gospel." Let us all seek to do everything in our churches to remind this world that our only true hope will be found in the Lord Jesus Christ!

Respectfully submitted, First FWB Church, Dothan Report was read by Rev. Glenn Poston, Pastor

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MISSIONS REPORT

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

The State Line Association Mission Board makes the following report:

The Missions Conference will be held on February 3-4, 2001. The Banquet will be Saturday, February 3 at 6:00 PM with speaker Rev. Rick Bowling. The Conference will be February 4 and the schedule of participating

churches is listed below. We are so thankful for the 16 churches hosting a mission service. The Association will take care of the missionaries' breakfast/motel. Each host church is responsible for the noon/evening meals. Please make sure your missionary has transportation and directions to your church. We pray God's blessings upon all the services on Sunday, February 4, and our Missions Banquet on Saturday, February 3. The banquet will be at the Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center, 805 Ross Clark Circle at 6:00 PM. A delicious meal will be provided by the Association. Eastside Church will provide the desserts. An offering will be received for missions.

CHURCH	SERVICE	MISSIONARY	PASTOR
Corinth Midland City	AM PM	Rick Bowling	Ed Peters (Int.)
Cowarts Creek Asford	AM PM	Jimmy Aldridge	Ricky Carroll
Eastside Dothan	AM PM	Rick Cash Sam McVay	Larry Reynolds
First Dothan	AM PM	Richard Atwood Rick Bowling	Glenn Poston
First Enterprise	AM PM	 Rick Cash	Greg Ramsey
Goodwater Newton	AM PM	Andrew Chirine Richard Atwood	Lonnie Skiles
Harvest Ozark	AM PM	Dave Franks, Sr. Andrew Chirine	Bobby Peters
Howard Grove Cottonwood	AM PM	Sam McVay	James Osborn
Magnolia Midland City	AM PM	Fred Hersey	Paul Mallory
New Hope Midland City	AM PM	Jimmy Aldridge	Frank Fagan
Pine Hills Dothan	AM PM	Donny McDonald	John Taylor
Shiloh Columbia	AM PM	Donny McDonald	Thomas Coxwell
Springfield Ashford	AM PM	Fred Jones	Wayne Parker
Union Hill Slocomb	AM PM	Dave Franks, Jr.	Rodney Brazil
Union Springs Pansey	AM PM	Fred Jones	James Deese
*New Zion Headland, SE Association	AM PM	Dave Franks, Sr.	Thomas Kirkland

Respectfully submitted, Missions Board

Bro. Bobby Kennedy, Bro. Tommy Taylor, Rev. Larry Reynolds

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION:

The Missions Board makes the following report: We had another very good banquet at the Rehab Center. We had 214 in attendance and an offering of \$1,282.28. This was divided between the missionaries that were present.

Respectfully submitted, Missions Board

Bro. Bobby Kennedy, Bro. Tommy Taylor, Rev. Larry Reynolds

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION:

The Missions Board makes the following report: May God be praised for the way our fellowship of churches participated together in our missions effort. Thanks to each one. Please let the Missions Board know if your church desires to host our pre-Thanksgiving Fellowship service on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. News regarding our missionary conference and missions banquet for 2002 will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted, Missions Board

Bro. Bobby Kennedy, Bro. Tommy Taylor, Rev. Larry Reynolds

ANNUAL SESSION:

The Missions Board of the State Line Association of Free Will Baptists submit the following report to the Annual Session as information:

Because of a missions trip to Russia, plans for our Annual Alabama Missions Conference are not available or completed at this time. Information will be forwarded to you as soon as we receive it.

An invitation to host our 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Services for Missions is standing at this time. Eastside will host it is needed on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

Respectfully submitted, Missions Board

Bro. Bobby Kennedy, Bro. Tommy Taylor, Rev. Larry Reynolds

MINISTERS RETIREMENT BOARD

First Quarterly Session:

The Minister's Retirement Board makes the following report: We propose the following changes to the Guidelines for the State Line Ministers Retirement.

<u>Section IIB.</u> – Section IIB currently reads, "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."

The Proposed New Section IIB would read: "The minister's time will begin on the date he starts pastoring in a church in the State Line Association which supports the Association with regular offerings." <u>Section IIE</u> – Section IIE currently reads, "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."

The Proposed New Section IIE would read, "The minister who is drawing retirement, at his death, his widow would be eligible to draw his retirement providing she is at least sixty-five (65) years of age or disabled."

Benefits shall be paid according to the following scale:

5-10 years pastoring:	\$50.00 per month
10-15 years pastoring:	\$75.00 per month
15-20 years pastoring:	\$100.00 per month
Over 20 years pastoring:	\$125.00 per month

I make a move this report be accepted and the changes be implemented (Bro. Junior Ward). A second received and the move was carried.

Respectfully submitted, Ministers Retirement Board

Bro. Junior Ward, Bro. Levy Parramore, Bro. Eugene Jones (A comment was made that the Alabama State Association needs to have a retirement system).

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION:

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We recommend Paul Mallory be placed on retirement at 21 years pastoring.

Respectfully submitted, Ministers Retirement Board Bro. Junior Ward, Bro. Gene Jones, Bro. Levy Parramore

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION:

Rev. Lonnie Skiles is eligible for retirement pay but postpone action until Annual Session in October. He will not miss a check. His birthday is in November.

Respectfully submitted, Ministers Retirement Board Bro. Junior Ward, Bro. Gene Jones, Bro. Levy Parramore

ANNUAL SESSION:

We recommend Rev. Lonnie Skiles to be put on retirement as of November 1, 2001, with eight (8) years pastoring.

Respectful submitted, Ministers Retirement Board Bro. Junior Ward, Bro. Gene Jones, Bro. Levy Parramore

ORDAINING COUNCIL

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION:

The Ordaining Council makes the following report: All members are present.

- Move to recommend Stephen Windham for first year license to preach the gospel.
- Move to receive Rev. Doug Carr into fellowship of this association pending a letter of good standing from the Salem Association in Florida.

Respectfully submitted, The Ordaining Council

Rev. Thomas Coxwell, Rev. Terry Drinkwater, Rev. Lonnie Skiles, Rev. John Edwards, Rev. Ronnie Dobbs (The voting body approved these two moves).

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION: Received Bro. Carr's letter of good standing.

Respectfully submitted, The Ordaining Council

Rev. Thomas Coxwell, Rev. Ronnie Dobbs, Rev. John Edwards, Rev. Terry Drinkwater, Rev. Lonnie Skiles

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION:

No report.

ANNUAL SESSION:

The Ordaining Council met with Bro. Barry Long, pastor of Springhill FWB Church. After examination of him, with a letter of good standing from Liberty #2 Association, we recommend he be received into full fellowship in the Florida State Line Association.

Respectfully submitted, The Ordaining Council

Rev. Thomas Coxwell, Rev. Ronnie Dobbs, Rev. John Edwards, Rev. Terry Drinkwater, Rev. Lonnie Skiles

YOUTH AND EDUCATION BOARD

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION:

Our winter retreat was held on December 29-30, 2000, and was our best attended so far. We had a total of 103. The best news is that two were saved during this retreat. After each service many were at the altar doing business with God. Thanks to each church who sent campers and workers. Please keep our youth in your prayers.

For the last few years we have had a couples retreat. This year we are changing to a men's retreat and a women's retreat. The men's will be on Friday night and Saturday, March 9-10, 2001, at The Vineyard. Cost is \$35.00. For those who can only attend Saturday the cost is \$15.00. The

women's retreat will be Friday & Saturday, April 27-28, 2001, at The Vineyard. The speakers for the men will be Rev. Mike Beckon and Rev. Randy Wright. The speakers for the women have not been finalized as of now.

We are making a step of faith for this summer's youth camp. It has been a long-term vision of the board to be able to have a junior and a teen camp. We believe now is the time. Junior camp will be June 18-22, 2001, with Rev. Rick Cash as speaker. Teen camp will be June 25-29, 2001, with Rev. Karl Sexton as speaker.

Notes from Bro. David's heart – during the retreat on December 29-30, the retreaters heard the Word of God eleven times. During summer camp the Word will be heard 27 times. He read I Peter 1:23-25, "You have been born anew, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding Word of God; for All flesh is like the flower of grass, the grass withers, and the flower falls, but the Word of the Lord abides forever. That Word is the good news which was preached to you." (RSV)

Respectfully submitted, Youth and Christian Education Board Bro. David Miller, Rev. Ricky Carroll, Rev. Wayne Parker, Bro. Terry Sellers, Rev. Joe Beckon

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION:

Our men's retreat was a blessing to all who attended and the board plans to make it a regular program. Our ladies' retreat is planned for April 27-28, 2001, at The Vineyard. Mrs. Sally Cash and Mrs. Barbara Taylor will be the speakers. Please encourage all our ladies to attend.

Junior Camp is planned for June 18-22 at The Vineyard. Rev. Rick Cash will be our preacher. Please be encouraging our youth to attend camp. Senior Camp is planned for June 25-29 at The Vineyard. Each church will be receiving information as camp draws closer. Bro. Karl Sexton will be the teen speaker.

Our Winter Retreat for both juniors and teens will be December 28-29, 2001, at The Vineyard. Preacher is yet to be set. Please mark these dates and encourage your youth to attend.

We make a motion this report be accepted.

Respectfully submitted, Youth and Christian Education Board Bro. David Miller, Rev. Joe Beckon, Bro. Terry Sellers, Rev. Ricky Carroll, Rev. Wayne Parker

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION:

Junior week of camp was this past week. The total attendance was 82. We appreciate each church who sent campers. The altar was active after each service and we praise God for each decision made. Please be in prayer for these young people. We had 36 campers who attended from State Line along with 6 workers.

Next week will be our teen week. Please pray for God's power during these days. Bro. Karl Sexton will be our evangelist. It is not too late to send your teens. Please be in prayer for the staff and evangelist this week.

The winter retreat will be at The Vineyard December 28-29, 2001, with Rev. David Crowe as our evangelist.

We make a motion this report be accepted. Respectfully submitted, Youth and Christian Education Board Bro. David Miller, Rev. Joe Beckon, Rev. Wayne Parker,

Bro. Terry Seller, Rev. Ricky Carroll NOTE: Rev. Joe Beckon has been called to be pastor at Vernon, AL. We thank him for all his contributions to our board, the association, and our youth. He goes with our prayers. We recommend Jason Miller to fill his position on the Youth and Education Board. (See Third Quarterly Session minutes for action on this recommendation).

ANNUAL SESSION:

Praise God for another great week of youth camp! We had 74 for teen week. Our young people were at the altar after each service doing business with God. We believe much fruit will come from this camp. Three young men answered the call to preach and one recommitted his call to preach during camp. Please pray for them and all of our youth. We want to thank each church for your support and for sending your youth to camp.

On August 4, we had our first back to school youth rally. Ninety-three registered for the afternoon activities and a large number more joined us for the evening service. Many of those responded to the invitation and praise God, five were saved. We thank Harvest Church for hosting this rally and hope to make a rally each year.

Our annual Winter Retreat is set for December 28-29 at The Vineyard. Bro. David Crowe will be our speaker. Please be in prayer for the retreat. More information will be forthcoming soon. Encourage your youth to attend, ages 8-19.

Junior camp will be June 17-21 and Teen camp will be June 24-28 at The Vineyard.

We make a motion this report be accepted. Respectfully submitted, Youth and Christian Education Board Rev. Ricky Carroll, Rev. Wayne Parker, Bro. Terry Sellers, Bro. Jason Miller, Bro. David Miller

CHILDREN'S HOME TRUSTEE

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION:

We now have a director of the Children's Home, Rev. Randy Key. He is to preach here today. He has preached in Free Will Baptist churches over 20 years. He meets all the qualifications with the State of Alabama. We (the Children's Home Board) met in our new lunch room. The old building is being torn down. The privacy fence is up. It is a beautiful place (the Children's Home).

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Thomas Coxwell, Children's Home Trustee

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION:

The Children's Home is doing good under our new director, Bro. Key. I'm thankful for the food and all the things that were sent. We had a load. I'd like to also remind you that money helps most.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Thomas Coxwell, Children's Home Trustee

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION:

No Report

ANNUAL SESSION:

The new cottage is well on the way to being finished. Our offerings were down this last quarter. Please give special offerings to keep our home in good shape.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Thomas Coxwell, Children's Home Trustee

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION:

We, your Registration Committee, make the following report:

Ministers	18
Deacons	16
Delegates	44
Visitors	26
TOTAL	104

Respectfully submitted, Eastside FWB Church, Registration Committee

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION:

We, your Registration Committee, make the following report:

Ministers	13
Deacons	9
Delegates	38
Visitors	17
TOTAL	77

Respectfully submitted, Eastside FWB Church, Registration Committee

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION:

We, your Registration Committee, make the following report:

Ministers	13
Deacons	
Delegates	45
Visitors	21
TOTAL	91

Respectfully submitted, Eastside FWB Church, Registration Committee

ANNUAL SESSION:

We, your Registration Committee, make the following report:

Ministers	. 20
Deacons	11
Delegates	50
Visitors	19
TOTAL	100
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Respectfully submitted, Eastside FWB Church, Registration Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION:

We, your Finance Committee make the following	ng report:
Association	\$2,812.47
Other	\$2,839.63
TOTAL	\$5,652.10

Respectfully submitted, Finance Committee

Sis. Ann Kennedy, Bro. Bobby Kennedy, Sis. Starla Parker, Bro. Tommy Taylor

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION:

We, your Finance Committee make the following	ig report:
Association	\$2,894.24
Other	\$2,857.48
TOTAL :	\$5,751.72
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Respectfully submitted, Finance Committee Sis. Ann Kennedy, Sis. Martha Clements, Sis. Saundra Skiles

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION:

We, your Finance Committee make the following	ng report:
Association	\$2,162.64
Other	\$2,572.74
TOTAL	\$4,735.38
Respectfully submitted Finance Committee	

fully submitted, Finance Committee

Sis. Ann Kennedy, Sis. Terrie Martin, Sis. Saundra Skiles

ANNUAL SESSION:

We, your Finance Committee make the following	ng report:
Association	\$3,346.19
Other	\$3,244.22
TOTAL	\$6,590.41
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Respectfully submitted, Finance Committee

Sis. Ann Kennedy, Sis. Wendy Shumake, Sis. Lynda Deese

TREASURER'S REPORT YEAR 2000 – 2001

Balance Brought Forward	4	\$41,620.06
RECEIPTS	ASSOC.	OTHER
Antioch	250.00	OTTIER
Corinth	540.60	
Cowarts Creek	300.00	
Southeastern College	500.00	325.75
Home Missions		208.00
Children's Home		325.75
Acts 1:8		325.75
Foreign Missions		117.75
Eastside	1,343.69	117.75
Minister Retirement	1,545.09	1,788.69
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First, Dothan	1,861.46	
First, Enterprise	210.00	
First, Samson	1,013.81	1.0.40.00
Minister Retirement	100.00	1,042.03
Goodwater	400.00	
Harvest	300.00	
Magnolia	614.89	<i>c</i> + + c c
Children's Home		614.89
FWBBC		614.89
Acts 1:8		1,232.78
Minister Retirement		40.00
New Harmony	400.00	
New Hope	800.00	
Minister Retirement		400.00
Panther Creek	100.00	
Pine Hills	350.00	
Shiloh	400.00	
Children's Home		506.57
FWBBC		356.57
Minister Retirement		356.57
Acts 1:8		1,940.17
Springfield	400.00	
Minister Retirement		353.36
Youth Camp		353.36
Springhill	200.00	
Union Hill	1,200.00	
Union Springs	305.00	
Offering (Rick Cash)		157.30
Offering (Children's Hon	ne)	411.00
Offering (Mission Board)		276.81
Offering (Andrew Fisher		282.50
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TREASURER'S REPORT - CONTINUED

RECEIPTS	ASSOC.	OTHER	
Thanksgiving Offering			
(Mission Board)		360.07	
Missions Conference			
(Mission Board)		1,282.28	
Checking Account Inter	est		
(Minister Retirement)		223.50	
CD Dividend			
(Minister Retirement)		1,420.79	
CELF Investment			
(Minister Retirement)		1,273.98	
Winter Retreat			
(Y & Ed. Board)		1,884.50	
Women Retreat			
(Y & Ed. Board)		2,018.56	
Men's Retreat			
(Y & Ed. Board)		1,049.00	
Junior Camp			
(Y & Ed. Board)		2,550.00	
Teen Camp			
(Y & Ed. Board)		4,734.00	
Mrs. Rachel Barber			
(Minister Retirement)		100.00	
State Line WAC Minute	es	30.00	
TOTALS	\$11,389.45	\$28,957.18	
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT	Γ FOR:		\$81,966.69

DISBURSEMENTS

GENERAL FUND	
State Promotion Office	157.30
Rev. Bobby Peters (Honorarium)	50.00
Loretta Culpepper (Honorarium)	75.00
Ann Kennedy (Honorarium)	50.00
State Dues	1,785.00
Secretary Supplies	57.85
Bank Service Charge	40.91
FWB Children's Home	410.00
Minutes	1,113.00
Postage	72.54
Copies To Go	8.64
Andrew Fisher Family	282.50
TOTAL	\$4,102.74

MINISTERS RETIREMENT	
Mrs. Juanita Taylor	1,100.00
Mrs. Maudean Bell	1,100.00
Mrs. Della Brannon	1,700.00
Mrs. Rachel Barber	800.00
Dr. John Edwards	1,700.00
Rev. Thomas Coxwell	1,100.00
Mrs. Louise Herndon	1,100.00
Rev. Paul Mallory	725.00
Transfer to CELF	1,273.98
TOTAL	\$10,598.98
MISSIONS BOARD	
Holiday Inn	396.76
Wiregrass Rehab Center	1,568.60
Missions Conference	1,271.15
TOTAL	\$3,236.51
YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCA	ATION
Coffee Baptist Vineyard	14,344.75
Postage	33.00
Winter Retreat Evangelist	100.00
Bro. Chris Mitchell	8.00
Lowes	50.00
Outback Steakhouse	25.00
Jackson Trophies	15.66
Wal-Mart	130.96
Rev. Mike Beckon	250.00
Rev. Randy Wright	250.00
Red Lobster	25.00
Mrs. Barbara Taylor	250.00
Mrs. Sally Cash	250.00
Rev. Sexton Plane Ticket	300.00
Sound Equipment Repair	37.82
Rev. Rick Cash-Speaker	325.00
Junior Camp Supplies	91.05
Teen Camp Supplies	32.00
Rev. Sexton-Speaker	250.00
Rally Expense	150.00
Harvest Church	50.00
TOTAL	\$16,968.24
ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIAT	<u>rion</u>
General Fund	455.58
Fred Jones	113.89
Children's Home	113.89
Christian Education	113.89
ALCAP	227.79
TOTAL	\$ 1,025.04
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1,447.21
208.00
325.75
3,498.70
971.46
117.75
\$6,568.87

TOTAL DISBURSED

\$42,500.38

BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS

General Fund	2,183.76
Ministers Retirement	3,417.65
CELF Investment	30,000.00
Missions Board	787.57
Youth & Christian Education	3,077.33

BALANCE SEPTEMBER 2, 2001

\$39,466.31

PLAN OF SUPPORT

General Fund	26%
Ministers Retirement	29%
Youth & Education Board	24%
Missions Board	12%
* Alabama State Association	9%
TOTAL	100%
* General Fund	4%
Home Missions	1%
Children's Home	1%
Board of Christian Education	2%
TOTAL	9% -45-

WNAC REPORT

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION:

We have ten (10) local WNAC organizations now. From March thru December our ladies gave over \$4,000.00 to missions or mission related projects. Of this, over \$1,400 went to Acts 1:8 which goes through our district to the state. We will have a district executive meeting on January 27 at First Church, Dothan at 9:30 AM. All the district officers need to come and we invite local coordinators or their representatives to attend as we plan our year. Our district convention is listed on the program. It will be at Shiloh on March 3.

Respectfully submitted, Rhetta Butler, District WNAC Coordinator

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION:

Sis. Rhetta Butler announced the State WNAC would meet at Eastside Church on May 5, 2001. Sis. Rhetta Butler made motion to accept as information. Sis. Martha Clements seconded.

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION:

There will be a Foreign Missions Banquet for the Jeff Lunsford family on July 27 at 7:00 PM at Goodwater FWB Church. This is sponsored by the district WNAC and husbands are invited to attend with their wives. The Lunsford's are in need of a couple of big items to take back to the mission field with them so a monetary gift would be appreciated.

There will be a district WNAC workshop on August 18 at Pine Hills FWB Church beginning at 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon. Coffee and donuts will be served. Schedule of workshops will be furnished later. This workshop will be conducted by the district officers and will be for all the local officers.

Respectfully submitted, Rhetta Butler, District WNAC Coordinator

ANNUAL SESSION:

Our 44th Annual Convention, March 3, was held at Shiloh FWB Church. The theme, Sharing Hope and Healing, is based on Col. 1:27. Mrs. Marjorie Workman, WNAC Executive Secretary, our guest speaker, elaborated on our theme also using Romans 8:19,20. An offering of \$720 was presented to Mrs. Workman for the WNAC General Fund as well as a few personal gifts.

We also bestowed some surprise gifts on Sis. Becky Franks and her family in appreciation for their years of work in Uruguay. Sis. Annette Tomlinson, our treasurer, gave Sis. Becky a check for \$365 and a basket of goodies.

We now have ten (10) WNAC groups in our district with a membership of 144: Corinth, Eastside, Faithful Co-Laborers (Cowarts Creek, Howard Grove & Union Springs), First Church, Dothan (a day and night group), Goodwater, Harvest, New Hope, Pine Hills, Shiloh and Union Hill.

We invite other pastors to encourage your women to join our district in the ministry of WNAC, in fulfilling the Great Commission in our homes, churches, communities, and the world as commanded in Matt. 28:19, 20.

On August 18, we held a workshop for all local officers at Pine Hills Church. The District Officers presented their particular office in light of how the local office should function. We had 26 members present. The Pine Hills group provided refreshments during the morning.

DATES TO REMEMER

October 30	Provision Closer Shower, Union Hill Church				
	Items needed: 4 & 6 qt. Pressure cookers, twin sheet				
	sets, electric blankets and phone cards				
Nov. 14-18	Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer for Home Missions				
March 2, 2002	District WNAC Convention, Union Hill Church				
Sept. 19-21, 2002	WNAC Prayer Retreat, Ridgecrest, NC				

Phil. 2:13

Respectfully submitted, Rhetta Butler, President

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CHURCH	Number of Baptisms	Members Added	Members Lost	Deceased	Total Membership	Sunday School Enrollment	Church Training Service (CTS) Enrollment	Women Active For Christ *	Master's Men Enrollment	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Deacons	NOTE: There is one Women Active for Christ Group made up of members from Cowarts Creek, Howard Grove, Union Springs, and New Harmony called "Faithful Co- Laborers". Neither of the represented churches reported this group. This makes a total of 147 members and 10 groups for our State Line District. COUNTY
ANTIOCH				0	7	20				1	0	1	Geneva
CORINTH	2	5	3	1	80	35	25	9	No	1	0	5	Dale
COWARTS CREEK	2	5	1	1	58	Yes	No	No	No	1	0	1	Houston
EASTSIDE	8	15	13	3	331	101	49	25	No	3	1	7	Houston
FIRST CHURCH, DOTHAN	7	13	11	4	518	192		31	25	2	0	12	Houston
FIRST CHURCH ENTERPRISE	2	7	6	1	98	47	42	No	No	2	0	1	Coffee
FIRST CHURCH, SAMSON	0	0	1	0	43	28	12	No	No	1	0	1	Geneva
GOODWATER	1	3	4	2	140	75	No	15	No	1	0	0	Houston
HARVEST	3	3	6	2	139	75	No	20	No	1	0	3	Dale
HOWARD GROVE	1	0	5	4	317	83	No	No	No	1	0	6	Houston
MAGNOLIA	1	6	2	1	66	Yes	No	No	No	2	0	4	Dale
NEW HARMONY	6	7	0	0	42	Yes	No	·No	No	1	0	0	Houston
NEW HOPE	0	1	1	1	85	43	27	10	6	2	1	3	Dale
PANTHER CREEK	0	0	1	0	105	28	No	No	No	1	0	0	Geneva
PINE HILLS	0	0	0	0	42	25	No	10	No	1	0	1	Houston
SHILOH	4	6	0	1	78	15	No	7	No	1	0	2	Houston
SPRINGFIELD	0	0	4	3	140	26	No	No	No	0	0	4	Houston
SPRINGHILL	0	1	1	1	73	38	No	No	No	0	0	1	Houston
UNION HILL	2	2	0	0	126	39	26	8	No	1	0	4	Geneva
UNION SPRINGS	0	2	5	3	143	25	25	No	No	2	0	2	Houston
TOTALS	39	76	64	28	2631	895	206	135	31	25	2	58	
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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 (3) 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 decision 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.

ACTIVLE 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, Youth and Education 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 session 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 their 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 session 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 twothirds 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 TREATIRE 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 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 twothirds 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 Association 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 Baptists, 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 Council, 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 MINSTER'S RETIREMENT

I. <u>NAME</u>: 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's time will begin on the date he starts pastoring in a church in the State Line Association which supports the Association with regular offerings.
- 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. The minister who is drawing retirement, at his death, his widow would be eligible to draw his retirement, providing she is at least sixty five (65) years of age or disabled.
- 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 <u>must maintain</u> <u>membership</u> in a local <u>Free Will Baptist Church</u> which is affiliated with the local, state, and National Association of Free Will Baptists.
- B. <u>If</u> the minister's membership is in a Free Will Baptist Church outside the State Line Association, <u>that church of FWB</u> <u>Association</u> in which he is affiliated <u>must submit</u> a letter of good standing to the State Line Association each year stating that fact.

IV. <u>RETIREMENT BENEFITS</u>:

- 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	\$50.00 per month
10-15 years pastoring	\$75.00 per month
15-20 years pastoring	\$100.00 per month
Over 20 years pastoring	\$125.00 per month
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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. These changes were made prior to 2000.

The following changes were made 2001: Section II B & E; Section IV B.

STATISTICS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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

YEAR	MODERATOR CLERK TR		TREASURER	PLACE HELD	# MEM.	
1886	D.L. Chandler	Calvin Dykes	Same	Howard Grove	449	
1887	D.L. Chandler	Calvin Dykes	Same	Beulah	557	
1888	R.M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Same	Macedonia	403	
1889	R.M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Same	Friendship	516	
1890	R.M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Same	Lovewood	448	
1891	R.M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Same	Prospect	339	
1892	R.M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Same	Silver Run	444	
1893	D.L. Chandler	J.D. Stephens	G.L. Love	Hickory Grove	456	
1894	R.M. Gray	J.D. Stephens	Same	Springhill	422	
1895	D.L. Chandler	J.D. Stephens	Same	Pittman Creek	503	
1896	Calvin Dykes	J.D. Stephens	Same	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.D. 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	Springhill	1462	
1914	G.W. Cherry	J.W.D. Stephens	H.G. Green	Union Springs	1553	
1915	J.D. Stephens	J.W.D. Stephens	J.W.D. Stephens	Hickory Grove	1721	
1916	W.S. Cook	J.W.D. Stephens	J.W.D. Stephens	Rocky Grove	1611	
1917	W.S. Cook	J.W.D. Stephens	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	

YEAR	MODERATOR	CLERK	TREASURER	PLACE HELD	# MEM.
1921	21 G.W. Cherry J.W.D. Stephe		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	New 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 Grove	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	Howard 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 & 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	Howard Grove & Cowarts Creek	2747
1953	G.H. Jordan	Mary Edna Cook	A.C. Womack	Springfield & Union Springs	2663
1954	G.H. Jordan	Mary Edna Cook	A.C. Womack	Corinth & Magnolia	2577

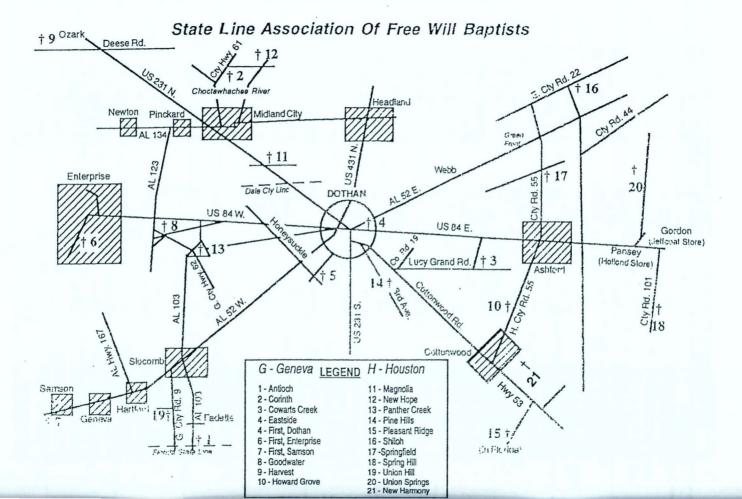
YEAR	MODERATOR	MODERATOR CLERK TREASURER			
1955 G.H. Jordan		Mary Edna Cook	A.C. Womack	Pleasant Ridge	
				& Grangerburg	2527
1956	G.H. Jordan	Mary Edna Cook	A.C. Womack	New Harmony	
				& Springfield	2476
1957	G.H. Jordan	Wayne Love	Junior Ward	Shiloh &	
				New Hope	2402
1958	Ralph Bell	Wayne Love	Junior Ward	First Ch-Dothan	
				& Pleasant Home	2415
1959	Ralph Bell	Wayne Love	Junior Ward	Springhill &	
				Union Springs	2493
1960	Ralph Bell	Wayne Love	Junior Ward	Howard Grove	
				& Corinth	2540
1961	Ralph Bell	Wayne Love	David Rabon	Union Hill &	
				Cowarts Creek	2919
1962	Ralph Bell	Gerlad Baxley	David Rabon	Pittman Creek	
				& Panther Creek	2872
1963	John Edwards	Gerald Baxley	Billy Ammons	First Ch-Dothan	
				& Howard Grove	2703
1964	John Edwards	Mrs. Ralph Bell	Billy Ammons	New Harmony	
				& Slocomb	2685
1965	John Edwards	Mrs. Ralph Bell	Betty Bradshaw	Samson &	
				Union Springs	2710
1966	John Edwards	Mrs. Ralph Bell	Mrs. Maude Fowler	Corinth &	
	d			Howard Grove	2287
1967	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby	Mrs. Billy Ammons	Springhill &	
		Kennedy		Samson &	1983
1968	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby	Mrs. Billy Ammons	Cowarts Creek	
		Kennedy		& Union Springs	2320
1969	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby	Mrs. Billy Ammons	New Hope &	
		Kennedy		Panther Creek	2281
1970	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby	Mrs. Billy Ammons	Cowarts Creek	
		Kennedy		& Springfield	2421
1971	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby	Mrs. Billy Ammons	Howard Grove	2410
		Kennedy		First Ch-Dothan	2410
1972	John Pettis	Mrs. Bobby	Mrs. Billy Ammons	Corinth &	0.011
10.00		Kennedy		Shiloh	2511
1973	John Pettis	Mrs. Bobby	Mrs. Billy Ammons	New Hope &	0.000
		Kennedy		Union Springs	2609
1974	John Pettis	Mrs. Bobby	Mrs. Billy Ammons	Howard Grove	2846
105-		Kennedy	D/ D'II -	& Magnolia	2846
1975	Dean Dobbs	Mrs. Bobby	Mrs. Billy Ammons	Springfield	2055
		Kennedy		& Faith	3055
1976	Dean Dobbs	Mrs. Bobby	Mrs. Billy Ammons	Union Hill &	2026
		Kennedy		Union Springs	3036

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1977 Dean Dobbs		Mrs. Bobby	Mrs. Billy Ammons	Panther Creek	
		Kennedy		& Springfield	3040
1978	Dean Dobbs	Mrs. Bobby	Mrs. Billy Ammons	Springhill &	
		Kennedy		First Ch-Dothan	3014
1979	Dean Dobbs	Mrs. Bobby	Heyward Butler	Corinth &	
		Kennedy		Union Springs	3014
1980	Jim Turnbough	Mrs. Bobby	Heyward Butler	Howard Grove	
		Kennedy		& New Hope	2961
1981	Jim Turnbough	Mrs. Bobby	Heyward Butler	First-Headland	
		Kennedy		& Union Springs	2782
1982	Jim Turnbough	Mrs. Bobby	Miss Ann Jones	First Ch-Dothan	
		Kennedy		& Bethel	2524
1983	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby	Miss Ann Jones	Howard Grove	
		Kennedy		& New Hope	2504
1984	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby	Miss Ann Jones	Union Hill &	
		Kennedy		Springfield	2413
1985	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby	Miss Ann Jones	Antioch &	
		Kennedy		Union Springs	2443
1986	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby	Miss Ann Jones	Union Hill &	
		Kennedy		Howard Grove	2441
1987	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby	Miss Ann Jones	New Hope &	
		Kennedy		Union Springs	2135
1988	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby	Miss Ann Jones	Union Hill &	
		Kennedy		Gateway	2640
1989	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby	Miss Ann Jones	Harvest	2410
		Kennedy			
1990	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby	Miss Ann Jones	Union Hill	2324
		Kennedy			
1991	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby	Miss Ann Jones	Enterprise	2410
		Kennedy			
1992	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby	Miss Ann Jones	New Hope	2266
		Kennedy			
1993	John Edwards	Mrs. Rhetta Butler	Miss Ann Jones	Howard Grove	2531
1994	John Edwards	Mrs. Rhetta Butler	Ann Kennedy	Magnolia	2579
1995	John Edwards	Mrs. Rhetta Butler	Ann Kennedy	Goodwater	2598
1996	John Edwards	Mrs. Rhetta Butler	Ann Kennedy	Howard Grove	2499
1997	Bobby Peters	Loretta Culpepper	Ann Kennedy	New Hope	2454
1998	Bobby Peters	Loretta Culpepper	Ann Kennedy	Union Springs	2551
1999	Bobby Peters	Loretta Culpepper	Ann Kennedy	Howard Grove	2544
2000	Bobby Peters	Loretta Culpepper	Ann Kennedy	Eastside	2677
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