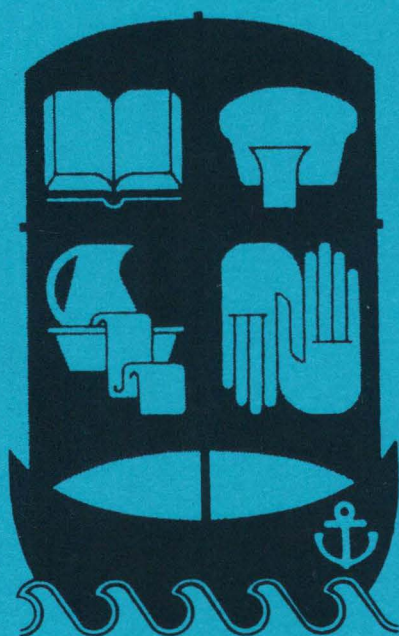


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2004

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Goodwater Free Will Baptist Church

Date: January 10, 2004

Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church

Speaker: Rev. Stephen Windham

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Corinth Creek Free Will Baptist Church

Date: April 10, 2004

Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church

Speaker: Rev. Jason Miller

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Panther Creek Free Will Baptist Church

Date: June 26, 2004

Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church

Speaker: Rev. Michael Carr

ANNUAL SESSION:

Location: Eastside Free Will Baptist Church

Date: October 9, 2004

Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church

Speaker: Rev. James Forlines or Rev. Doug Little

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<i>Rev. Fred Hersey (2004), Bro. Earl Culpepper (2005)</i>	

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<i>Rev. John Taylor (2004), Bro. David Rabon (2005)</i>	

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GENERAL BOARD MEETING
First Free Will Baptist Church – Dothan, AL
November 18, 2002

The State Line Association General Board met on November 18, 2002 at First Free Will Baptist Church of Dothan. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Fred Hersey. He thanked everyone for coming. He asked that we each introduce ourselves for the benefit of any newcomers to the Board.

Rev. Fred Hersey gave the devotion. He read and commented on Gal. 3:26 and 4:4-7. Bro. David Miller led in prayer.

The **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** for 2003 was completed as follows

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church
Date: January 11, 2003
Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church
Speaker: Rev. Mark Kelly

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Cowarts Creek Free Will Baptist Church
Date: April 12, 2003
Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church
Speaker: Rev. Duane Peyatt

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: First Free Will Baptist Church, Enterprise
Date: June 28, 2003
Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church
Speaker: Rev. Terry Drinkwater

ANNUAL SESSION:

Location: First Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan
Date: October 11, 2003
Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church
Speaker: Rev. Fred Jones or Rev. Wayne Wilson

MSC to accept each of these speakers and to approve the Calendar of Events.

The **Executive Board** was elected as follows: **Moderator**, Rev. Fred Hersey; **Assistant Moderator**, Rev. Greg Ramsey; **Clerk**, Sis. Loretta Culpepper; **Treasurer**, Sis. Becky Dixon; **General Board Members**, Bro. David Miller, Bro. Bobby Kennedy, Bro. Tommy Taylor, Rev. Lonnie Skiles, Bro., Earl Culpepper. MSC to accept this Executive Board.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Sister Sara Poston is to print minutes for the year of 2002.

The Minister's Retirement Board met with the General Board. Bro. David Rabon acted as spokesman. He reported the retirement fund would be broke when Christmas gifts are sent. In 2002, the account received \$7,600 and disbursed \$11,000. He said only five churches send in designated money to the retirement fund. The Board needs approximately \$1,200 before the end of December. Rev. Lonnie Skiles made a move for the Moderator to send out letters to the churches asking for a donation to be sent to the retirement fund before the end of December as a temporary fix. A second was made by Bro. David Rabon. Move was carried. The Retirement Board does not feel it is wise at this time to withdraw funds from the \$30,000 invested with CELF.

The Missions Conference will be held February 1 and 2, 2003. The Missions Banquet will be on February 1 at the Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center and Missions Sunday will be observed on February 2.

The Moderator will contact missionary to Mongolia, Rev. Jeff Lunsford, about using the \$211.07 they gave to start a fund for some kids to go to Mongolia next summer. No one has responded to the invitation to go there.

Bro. David Miller announced a *Walk-a-Thon for Missions and the Acts 1:8 Plan* at the Dale County Lake, Ozark, AL, on November 30, 2002 at 9:00 AM.

The Winter Retreat was announced by Bro. David Miller. (See details in annual report).

Rev. Lonnie Skiles shared that the Lunsford's can send a student to their seminar for a year for \$40.00.

MSC to adjourn. Rev. Lonnie Skiles led the dismissal prayer.

REV. FRED HERSEY, Moderator/SIS. LORETTA CULPEPPER, Clerk

The following officers were in attendance: Rev. Fred Hersey, Moderator; Sis. Loretta Culpepper, Clerk; Sis. Becky Dixon, Treasurer. Churches represented were: Corinth, Earl Culpepper; First Church Samson, Janatious Paul; Goodwater, Rev. Lonnie Skiles; Harvest, David Miller; Magnolia, Levy Parramore; New Hope, Harvey Windham; Pine Hills, Tommy Taylor; Springfield, David Rabon, Springhill, Roy Dixon; Union Springs, Jerry Dixon; Mrs. Virgle Hagler sat in for Virgle Hagler from Eastside; Bobby Kennedy attended for First Church Dothan (a letter is supposed to be forthcoming appointing him to replace Fred Hersey); Rev. John Taylor attended as a member of the Minister's Retirement Board.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

January 11, 2003 - Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church

The First Quarterly Session of the State Line Association met on January 11, 2003 at Shiloh FWB Church. The meeting opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Van Clements and Sis. Sara Poston at the piano. Songs were: "Heaven Came Down", "The Family of God," "I'd Rather Have Jesus," and "A Hill Called Mount Calvary."

Invocation was given by Rev. Bill Johnson, representing FWB Family Ministries. Welcome was given by Bro. John Lanton; response by Rev. Glenn Poston. The session was officially opened by the clerk, Sis. Loretta Culpepper.

Rev. Fred Hersey, Moderator, made his opening remarks. He said he was thinking of the New Year and reflecting on his ministry in Japan. "New Year's Day is celebrated in Japan in a big way. Most people go to their shrines, churches or chapels. Christians gather at their churches for a worship service and time of reflection and fellowship," he said. He read Philippians 3:13-14. He said to reflect on what you would like to do in the New Year. He listed a number of the Bible patriarchs who purposed to "forget those things which are behind, and reaching forth to those things which are before. To press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Jesus Christ." "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." Philippians 4:13. He closed his remarks with prayer.

The Moderator appointed the Credentials Committee as follows: Rev. Bobby Peters, Rev. Larry Reynolds, Rev. Frank Fagan. He appointed the Finance Committee as follows: Sis. Becky Dixon, Chairperson, Sis. Niria Ammons, and Sis. Rhetta Butler.

There were no petitionary letters or correspondence from sister associations.

Eighteen ministers, twelve deacons and one visitor, Rev. Bill Johnson, representative of FWB Family Ministries, were recognized.

Scripture reading and prayer were given by Rev. Gary Coxwell. He read Psalm 1:1-3 and gave his testimony. He said, "Let's give God first priority."

The Moderator introduced Rev. Bill Johnson who gave a brief overview of the FWB Family Ministries. The priorities of this ministry are:

1. To look after the children in Tennessee FWB Children's Home
2. Crisis pregnancy center
3. Family Counseling
4. A "Refuge Center" for discouraged preacher.

He reported on the home missionary couple in Kentucky that the mother let one of her twin ten-month old child suffocate in the car. She had forgotten to remove the child after she had brought in the other children. She is undergoing counseling. A few weeks ago the judge ruled in her favor. The judge gave her a one day sentence. He said our families in America are in trouble. He also gave the pastors a "How to Give Yourself a physical."

Rev. Bobby Peters gave the Credentials Committee report. Twenty churches reported with letters – 19 with delegates, one without delegates. MSC to accept report and seat the delegates. The roll was called.

REPORTS OF STANDING BOARDS AND TRUSTEE

The minutes of the **GENERAL BOARD MEETING** on November 18, 2002 were read by the clerk. MSC to accept.

Rev. Larry Reynolds made a move that copies of the General Board Minutes be made available to all the church. MSC to accept.

Rev. Glenn Poston made a move that the Minister's Retirement Board bring a report to the April Quarterly Session about why the \$30,000 CD (CELF) could not be used, as needed, when retirement fund had a short fall on money coming in quarterly. MSC to accept.

The **MISSIONS BOARD REPORT** was given by Bro. Tommy Taylor. MSC to accept.

Several comments were made from pastors and delegates in favor of continuing the Missions Banquet rather than change to a rally as recommended by the Missions Report. (See Missions Report for the First Quarter in Reports Section of Minutes). Rev. Larry Reynolds said giving it up is a step backward in our Missions Conference. A move was made by Rev. Paul Mallory to have a Missions Rally in lieu of a banquet. Second received. There were 43 votes against and 17 in favor. The "NO" votes carried. Rev. Lonnie Skiles made a move to get tickets for the churches to sell and have the banquet at the Rehab Center as in the past at a price of \$10.00 per person. MSC. The Missions Board was asked to get the tickets and get to the churches. Bro. Taylor said they had anticipated this reaction and prepared tickets. He distributed these at the meeting. (See copy of ticket as Attachment 1 to First Quarterly Missions Report in these minutes.) Registration fee of \$10.00 and form should be submitted to Bro. Taylor by January 25, letting him know how many to prepare for.

YOUTH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT was given by Bro. David Miller. MSC to accept.

Bro. Keith Kenemer gave a report of an "Understanding Teaching Workshop" to be at First Church Dothan, March 27-29, 2003. The workshop will be taught by Dr. Greg Carlson, Professor of Christian Education, Grace University International, Omaha, Nebraska. Cost will be \$20.00 per person.

MSC to elect Rev. Gary Coxwell to fill the term of Chris Mitchell on the Youth and Christian Education Board.

MINISTER'S RETIREMENT BOARD REPORT was given by Bro. Tommy Taylor for the Retirement Board. None of the members could be present. MSC to accept.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT was given by Rev. Lonnie Skiles. MSC to accept.

Rev. Lonnie Skiles is moving to Wabash, Indiana to serve a church there. MSC to elect Rev. Doug Carr to finish Rev. Skiles' term on the Ordaining Council.

MSC to ordain Bro. Stephen Windham to preach the gospel.

CHILDREN'S HOME TRUSTEE REPORT was given by Rev. Doug Carr. He apologized for not being able to attend the Home's last board meeting. MSC to accept.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT was given by Sis. Becky Dixon. MSC to accept.

TREASURER'S REPORT was given by Sis. Becky Dixon. MSC to accept.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT was given by Goodwater FWB Church. She moved to give the Host Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. MSC to accept.

DISTRICT WNAC REPORT for information was given by Sis. Rhett Butler. MSC to accept.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Rev. Glenn Poston introduced Carol Stone from his church who has been selected to be on the FWB Missions Department "Go and Be Team." She will be going to Spain. She must raise \$3,400 for the trip. Carol gave her testimony.

Meeting adjourned for recess.

The meeting reconvened with congregational singing led by Bro. Van Clements and Sis. Sara Poston at the piano. Songs were: "I Want To Know More About My Lord," "Come Unto Me," and "Jesus, Hold My Hand."

The Moderator appointed Rev. Lonnie Skiles and Rev. Terry Drinkwater as ushers. Rev. Greg Ramsey made a move to equally divide the offering between Carol Stone and the Alabama Children's Home. Rev. Drinkwater asked the blessing on the offering.

Rev. Mark Kelly, new pastor at Howard Grove FWB Church, brought the morning message. Rev. Mark read Lamentations 1:1-10 and led in prayer. Jeremiah was crying out to God because of the destruction of Jerusalem. He has a heavy heart over our nation. Sin is destroying our nation. We as churches and Christians need to get back to the basics. As Christians, we should be sorrowful over these sad conditions. The Church is under attack. We serve a Savior that can turn all of this around. Are we doing our part to turn this nation back to God? (Deut. 6:4-7)

Rev. Hersey announced that the 2002 minutes were up front for all the churches represented to get some and take back to their churches.

Rev. Coxwell, host pastor, gave instructions for lunch and prayed the blessing on the food and dismissal prayer.

REV. FRED HERSEY, Moderator/SIS. LORETTA CULPEPPER, Clerk

The day was beautiful but very cold. There were 96 in attendance.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION
April 12, 2003 - Cowarts Creek Free Will Baptist Church

The Second Quarterly Session of the State Line Association met on April 12, 2003 at Cowarts Creek FWB Church. The meeting opened with the congregational singing led by Bro. Van Clements and Sis. Wendy Shuemaker at the piano. Songs were: "Joy Unspeakable," "I Feel Like Traveling On," "Oh, I Want to See Him," and "What A Day That Will Be."

Invocation was given by Rev. Frank Fagan. Welcome was extended by Bro. Kenneth Odom from the host church. Bro. Tommy Taylor gave the response. The clerk officially opened the session.

Rev. Fred Hersey gave his opening remarks. He read Romans 13:1-7. We grieve over the loss of our loved ones and our service people. He asked Rev. Glenn Poston to lead us in prayer for our service men and women and those who have lost loved ones in the Iraq war.

The Moderator appointed the Credentials Committee as follows: Rev. Ricky Carroll, Rev. Gary Coxwell, and Bro. David Rabon. He appointed the following Finance Committee: Sis. Becky Dixon, Chairperson, Sis. Rhett Butler, and Sis. Annette Tomlinson.

There were no petitionary letters or correspondence from sister associations.

Fourteen ministers, fifteen deacons and sixteen visitors were recognized. There were no official visitors. Rev. Wayne, Sister Starla and Michelle Parker were welcomed back to the State Line Association. Rev. Parker is pastoring Union Hill FWB Church. He welcomed Rev. Dale McCoy, new pastor at Goodwater FWB Church.

Scripture reading and prayer were given by Bro. Andrew Fisher from the host church. He read John 3:16. He said, "Do we really understand and appreciate what God has done for us? Never get so complacent that we forget what Christ has done for us." He closed with prayer.

Rev. Ricky Carroll gave the Credentials Committee Report with twenty churches reporting with letters: nineteen with delegates and one without delegates. Delegates were seated and roll was called.

REPORTS OF STANDING BOARDS AND TRUSTEE

MISSIONS REPORT was given by Bro. Tommy Taylor. MSC to accept.

YOUTH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORT was given by Rev. Jason Miller. MSC to accept.

MINISTER'S RETIREMENT BOARD has no report.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT was given by Rev. Terry Drinkwater. MSC to accept.

CHILDREN'S HOME TRUSTEE REPORT was given by Rev. Doug Carr. MSC to accept. He suggested the church of this association give a special offering to the Children's Home.

FINANCE COMMITTEE AND TREASURER'S REPORTS were given by Sis. Beck Dixon. MSC to accept.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT was given by Sis. Cynthia Knowles of Goodwater FWB Church. MSC to accept.

MSC to give host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

DISTRICT WAC REPORT was given by Sis. Rhetta Butler. MSC to accept.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Roll Call Sunday will be Easter Sunday, April 20. The Moderator asked each church to call attendance numbers in to the Moderator or Clerk. He said the Clerk would call them if they didn't call. The numbers would be compiled and sent in to Rev. Cash's office to then be forwarded on to the National Association.

Rev. Hersey announced he had moved. They have bought a home in Dothan.

Rev. Glenn Poston made a move to pay the Children's Home Trustee's expense to attend the Children's Home Board meetings to include meals, mileage @.36 per mile, and motel. MSC to accept. Rev. Carr noted it cost \$182.00 for the last trip.

A challenge was made to the churches of the State Line Association to give some undesignated money to the Association each quarter to cover associational expenses.

A move was made to give today's offering to the Children's Home. MSC to accept.

Tommy Taylor reported for the Minister's Retirement Board that the CD was currently earning 5.5% interest. Partial withdrawals can be made in three days time.

Jackie Peters said the Alabama State WAC needs a secretary/treasurer if anyone would like to serve in that position to please let her know.

Glenda Johnson dismissed for recess.

Services resumed for the worship hour with congregational singing. Songs were: "I Shall Not Be Moved," "Jesus Is Lord of All." A special time of prayer was called for Rev. John Edwards, Sis. Renae Carroll, our service personnel, Rev. Bob Shockey, Eric Tew and others. Prayer was by Rev. Terry Drinkwater and Rev. Bobby Peters. The song service continued with singing, "He's Been So Good To Me," "Friendship With Jesus," "I'll Fly Away," choruses "To Be Like Jesus," and "All My Desire."

Sis. Robin Creel furnished the special music. She sang, "If You'll Just Praise His Name."

Ushers were Rev. Glenn Poston and Bro. Hayward Butler.

Rev. Fred Hersey preached the morning message. "He That Doeth the Will of God Abideth Forever" was his theme. When you are in the will of God, nothing is strange. Proverbs 14:25, "A true witness delivereth souls." He also read Psalm 126:5-6. He asked the question, "Who am I burdened for?" "Pray and don't give up," he said.

A hymn of invitation was sung, "Wherever He Leads I'll Go."

Meeting adjourned with prayer of benediction and the blessing on the meal.

REV. FRED HERSEY, Moderator/SIS. LORETTA CULPEPPER, Clerk

NOTE: Bro. Jason Miller received his Certificate of License today. Yearbooks were given out. The day was a beautiful spring day.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

June 28, 2003 – First Free Will Baptist Church, Enterprise

The Third Quarterly Session of the State Line Association met on June 28, 2003 at the First FWB Church in Enterprise. The meeting opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Van Clements and Sis. Wendy Shuemake at the piano. Songs were: "We're Marching to Zion," "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder," "Kneel At the Cross," and "The Old Account Was Settled."

The invocation was given by Rev. Dale McCoy. Welcome was given by Rev. Greg Ramsey, pastor of the host church. Response was given by Rev. Wayne Parker. The Clerk officially opened the session.

Rev. Fred Hersey, Moderator, gave his opening remarks. He recognized the improvements of the beautiful church we were in. His thoughts were on "Compassion – How can I show my compassion?" He read Psalm 145:8. He told a story about compassion that occurred at Walter Reed Hospital since the Iraq war began. He said someone was visiting there and he saw this soldier that was missing a hand and had several bad injuries about his face and head and wondered what to say and how to act. He saw this man come up to the soldier. He took the stub of his arm in both his hands and said, "Thank you for what you have done, we love you." He then kissed him on the forehead. That man was President George W. Bush. The person who was telling the story said the media would not report this but let's spread the word about the deed of our compassionate President. He closed with prayer.

The Moderator appointed the Credentials Committee as follows: Rev. James Deese, Rev. Frank Fagan, and Rev. Stephen Windham. He appointed the Finance Committee as follows: Sis. Becky Dixon, Chairperson, Sis. Glenda Johnson, and Sis. Barbara Taylor.

There were no petitionary letters nor correspondence from sister associations.

There were sixteen ministers, eight deacons, and one visitor, Rev. Randy Key, Director of the Alabama FWB Children's Home present.

Scripture reading was by Bro. Franz Hamilton. He Read John 3:1-16. Rev. Greg Ramsey prayed.

Rev. Stephen Windham gave the Credentials Committee report with twenty churches reporting with letters: nineteen with delegates and one without delegates. Delegates were seated and roll was called.

The Moderator appointed the following committees to report at the Annual Meeting:

Auxiliaries	Clerk
Obituary	New Harmony
Placement	Goodwater
Registration	First FWB Church, Dothan
Suggestions	Union Hill
Temperance	Howard Grove
Nominating Committee	Bro. Bobby Kennedy, Chairman
	Rev. Thomas Coxwell, Member
	Bro. Tommy Taylor, Member

REPORT OF STANDING BOARDS AND TRUSTEE

MISSIONS BOARD REPORT was given by Bro. Tommy Taylor. He gave out a schedule of districts and churches in each district to work together during the Missions Conference to host a missionary for services in one or two of the churches of each of the districts. Rev. Dale McCoy made a move that Bro. Taylor appoint a preacher out of each district to be the leader of that district. MSC to accept report and approve the appointment of district leaders for each district. This was done by standing vote. (See mission report for June 28 meeting for schedule).

YOUTH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT was given by Bro. David Miller. Bro. David said the devil did all he could to disrupt camp. Camp turned out great and he said this left him more dedicated and committed to youth camp than ever. He said for us to pray for our young people who attended camp. Jeremy Overstreet, who answered the call to

preach at youth camp a few years back, will preach his first youth camp as the evangelist next week. Bro. David also said skating will be back in August. "Back-to-School Bash" is August 2 at Harvest and a "Walk-a-thon" for Acts 1:8. MSC to accept.

Rev. Wayne Parker expressed his appreciation to Bro. David Miller and Rev. Joey Pettis for their work in camp. He said many have answered the call to service for the Lord as pastors and missionaries at youth camp. He encouraged our preachers to remind their young people and keep it before them about camp. Encourage them to attend.

MINISTERS RETIREMENT BOARD REPORT – No report.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT was given by Rev. Thomas Coxwell. Council recommended that Rev. Bobby Ned Peters complete the unexpired term of Rev. John Edwards who went to be with the Lord. Motion was made and carried to elect Bro. Peters.

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT was given by Rev. Randy Key. He reported they now have 30 children at the home. The children are in school in the Winfield School System. All the kids are right where they should be academically (a first in a long time). He said he is proud of the kids for their educational accomplishments. The school system is working hard with the children to help them. One of the kids has excelled at basketball and is representing North Alabama in the State All-Star game. Other kids are excelling in sports. They had a serious drug dealing problem right behind the Home's fence. It was brought to the attention of the authorities and was cleaned up. The property became available for sale and the Home was able to buy the two-storied house and five acres of land for \$10,000. He reported the financial situation is stable at this time. A little 13 year old girl, who was thrown out of her home at the age of three and had been raised by her grandmother, came to the Home to live. She is a slow learner. She had no learning at all in hygiene, or how to live with others, or no concept of right and wrong. She is coming out of this and is beginning to learn, live with others, and practice good hygiene habits. Bro. Key expressed his appreciation for the support of the Home. Jason Miller prayed for the Home and children. MSC to accept report for information.

FINANCE AND TREASURER'S REPORTS were given by Sis. Becky Dixon. She also reported the interest rate had dropped to 4% on the Minister's Retirement CD. MSC to accept.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT was given by Sis. Rita Sullivan. MSC to accept report and give host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

DISTRICT WAC REPORT was given by Sis. Sherry Reynolds. She said she noted that the State Line District has the most members of any district. MSC to accept report as information.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Sis. Annette Tomlinson announced the WNAC District Missions Cookout to be held on August 23rd at Goodwater FWB Church. She said the goal for the Missions Offering is **\$3,000** this year with attendance of **150**. All pastors and assistant pastors are invited. Pastors are responsible for getting people there and reaching the goal of \$3,000! Last year we had 125 people attending with an offering of \$2,331.12.

Rev. Frank Fagan said New Hope will take home the attendance award and challenged other churches to try to beat his church.

The Jeff Lunsford Family is back in the states and should be back in this area in August.

The church announced they still have cookbooks available in the dining area.

Moderator dismissed for recess to be back in sanctuary by 10:55 AM. Bro. Heyward Butler dismissed and asked blessing on the refreshments.

The Association reconvened for the morning worship hour. Bro. Bobby Kennedy prayed the opening prayer. Congregational singing was led by Bro. Van Clements with Sis. Wendy Shuemaker at the piano. Songs were: "Blessed Assurance," "A Shelter In the Time of Storm," and "Where He Leads, I'll Follow." The Drinkwater Family and Sis. Phyllis Folks sang the opening special, "Take A Moment and Live." Rev. Greg Ramsey and his mother sang a special, "What A Day That Will Be."

MSC to give the offering to the Alabama Children's Home. Ushers were Rev. Frank Fagan, Bro. Tommie Johnson, Rev. John Taylor, and Bro. Jerry Dixon. Rev. Fagan prayed the offertory prayer.

Rev. Terry Drinkwater brought the morning message. He read II Timothy 4:1-8. "The Christian life is not going to be an easy thing. We are to take up our cross daily and follow Him. A fighter and runner have to put in long hours of training. Lack of commitment and real fervency are lacking in many Christian's lives." Points of discussion were:

1. How you finish is more important than how you begin.
2. What you receive from God is more important than what you receive from man.
3. It is more important to tell the truth.
4. What you do is a lot more important than what you say.

5. Where you are going is lots more important than where you have been.
6. What is in your heart is more important than what is in your head.
7. Faith is more important than our work.

II Timothy 4:7

Closing song was "Holy Spirit Breath on Me." Rev. Bobby Peters led in the closing prayer and blessing on the food.

Meeting adjourned.

REV FRED HERSEY, Moderator/SIS. LORETTA CULPEPPER, Clerk
(Day was cloudy and warm)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 118TH ANNUAL SESSION 2003 **Of the State Line Association**

October 11, 2003 – First Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan

The 118th Annual Session of the State Line Association met on October 11, 2003 at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan. The meeting opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Van Clements. Sis. Sara Poston played the piano. Songs were, "Wonderful Words of Life," "We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes," "What A Day That Will Be," and "When We All Get To Heaven."

Rev. Fred Hersey, Moderator, gave the invocation. Welcome was given by Sis. Glenda Johnson from First Church; response was given by Rev. Dale McCoy, Goodwater FWB Church.

The session was officially opened by the Clerk.

In lieu of the Moderator's opening remarks, Rev. Jeff Lunsford, missionary to Mongolia, reported on that mission. He was dressed in authentic Mongolian attire. He reported the Mongolian Church is gradually assuming responsibility for themselves as the missionaries pull away. There were twelve graduates of the Mongolian Bible School. He accredited the milder winter to the prayers of the people "back home." A charismatic group is at work in Mongolia. Some of these groups are saying you are not saved unless you speak in tongues. Thanks to our prayers they did not contract the SARS virus. There were some cases of it in their area. He was mugged once but not injured. He got two broken toes while getting out of the shower. The church is growing and has a mission's vision. The church has a family going to Russia. Another couple went to China. The Mongolian church has two churches in the U.S. – Denver, CO and Washington D.C.

The Credentials Committee was appointed. They were Rev. Bobby Peters, Rev. Mark Kelly, and Rev. Greg Ramsey. The Finance Committee was appointed including Sis. Becky Dixon, Sis. Priscilla Clark, and Sis. Glenda Johnson.

There were no petitionary letters or correspondence from sister associations.

There were seventeen ministers, eight deacons, and two visitors, Rev. & Mrs. Fred Jones. These were recognized by the Moderator.

Scripture reading and prayer were by the host church pastor, Rev. Glenn Poston. He read Romans 12:3, 9-16 & 18.

Moderator announced they were going to the Children's Home on Saturday. If any one has anything to go to the Home, get it to First Church by Thursday and they will be glad to take it.

Rev. Fred Jones gave an update on his ministry. He has some Spanish tracts and lesson plans available if anyone needs any. He would like for them to be taken and distributed among the Hispanic population. He ministers in Cullman, AL to the Hispanics. He goes from city to city and does a survey. He has a church in Cullman. He teaches Spanish/English and English/Spanish. Two Hispanic women have been saved. Pray for them as they are having all kinds of problems.

The Credentials Committee report was given by Rev. Bobby Peters. There were twenty churches reporting: nineteen with delegates, one without delegates.

Roll was called with 40 delegates answering present. Ministers, deacons, and appointed delegates were asked to stand and be recognized as the voting body.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES FOR ANNUAL SESSION

AUXILIARIES report was given by the clerk. MSC.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE report was given by New Harmony Pastor, Rev. Doug Carr. MSC.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE report was given by Goodwater Church Pastor, Rev. Dale McCoy. MSC.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE for 2004 is First Church, Dothan. MSC.

SUGGESTIONS COMMITTEE, Union Hill Church, had no report.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE report was given by Howard Grove Pastor, Rev. Mark Kelley, MSC.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE report was given by Bro. Bobby Kennedy, Chairman. Serving with him were Rev. Thomas Coxwell and Bro. Tommy Taylor. MSC.

REPORTS OF STANDING BOARDS AND TRUSTEE

MISSIONS BOARD report was given by Bro. Tommy Taylor. MSC.

YOUTH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION report was given by Bro. David Miller. MSC.

MINISTER'S RETIREMENT – Board had no report.

ORDAINING COUNCIL report was given by Rev. Terry Drinkwater. MSC.

CHILDREN'S HOME TRUSTEE report was given by Rev. Doug Carr. MSC.

FINANCE COMMITTEE report was given by Sis. Becky Dixon. MSC.

TREASURER'S report was given by Sis. Becky Dixon. MSC.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE report was given by Sis. Cynthia Knowles. MSC.

DISTRICT WNAC report was given by Sis. Sherry Reynolds. MSC.

Delegates to Alabama State Annual Meeting were taken by volunteers: Sam & Wendy Shuemake, Mrs. Dale McCoy, Loretta Culpepper, June Hersey, Tommy Taylor, Jeremy Overstreet, Terri & Gary Coxwell. List was left open in case someone else will be able to attend.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Moderator asked how many missionaries we would need for our missions conference. It was decided on eight. Bro. Tommy Taylor asked churches to let him know about their schedule for a missionary.

Rev. Jeff Lunsford gave the report for State Promotional Director, Rev. Rick Cash. Rev. Lunsford said he was available for services.

Bro. and Sis. Frank Tomlinson's son, Randal, is not doing well.

Rev. Bobby Peters, State Home Missions Board, said Prattville Church has been paid off. South Huntsville FWB Mission Church is refinancing which will lower the payments.

Union Hill FWB Church will be having homecoming and revival starting Nov. 9. Revival will be Nov. 9-12. Rev. Mike Beckon will be evangelist.

New Harmony's homecoming will be October 19, 2003.

Rev. Wayne Wilson, home missionary to Prattville, has colon cancer.

Several prayer requests were given; praying for our military in Iraq was one of them.

Rev. Wayne Parker and Rev. Terry Drinkwater were asked to lead us in praying for all the prayer requests.

Adjourned for recess.

The meeting reconvened for worship service. Bro. Van Clements led the singing and Sis. Sara Poston played the piano. Songs were: "Heaven's Jubilee," "O Say But I'm Glad," "I Want to Know More About my Lord."

Rev. Bobby Peters led in prayer.

An announcement was made that Bro. Shumake has Ten Commandment posters for putting in your yard for \$2.00 each. See Bro. Shumake for purchasing.

Ushers were appointed. Offertory prayer offered. MSC to give offering to our speaker, Rev. Fred Jones.

Special music was by host pastor, Rev. Glenn Poston. He sang, "It Will Be Worth It All When We See Jesus."

The guest speaker was Rev. Fred Jones. Scripture was Matthew 8:12-14. Title of the message was, "How Think Ye?" It was about the 99 sheep safe in the fold and the one lost sheep. How do we feel about those members of our church who drift out? We've got to stop and think that every soul is precious. Jesus encourages us and we ought to encourage one another.

Rev. Heyward Butler prayed the closing prayer and asked the blessing on the food.

Meeting adjourned.

REV. FRED HERSEY, Moderator/SIS. LORETTA CULPEPPER, Clerk
Weather was overcast and rainy, a little bit cooler.

**THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF
STATE LINE WOMEN NATIONALLY ACTIVE FOR CHRIST
Corinth FWB Church, Midland City, AL
March 1, 2003**

Our 46th Annual Convention was presided over by President Sherry Reynolds. The theme this year is "Lifting Up Our Eyes" from Psalm 121:1, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

The Convention began by singing "Praise the Lord" and "God Is So Good" led by Cynthia Knowles with pianist Rita Sullivan. Sis. Sherry led in prayer then read Psalm 121 and commented on our theme.

Our President called our 46th Annual Convention to order. The Welcome was given by Amy Outlaw and Annette Mallory from the Corinth Church and the Response was given by Janice McKee, Pine Hills Coordinator.

The following committees were appointed:

Credentials: Rhett Butler, Chairperson; Jackie Peters, Wendy Shoemaker
Finance: Annette Tomlinson, Chairperson; Loretta Culpepper, Ann Kennedy
Resolutions: Gerald Boyd, Chairperson; Judy Thomley, Debbie Jones
Registration: Corinth Church

The devotion was given by Brenda Griggs on our theme verse Psalm 121:1. She said that the first part of the verse focuses on God and our praise to Him; the second part explains that God helps those who seek Him. Ashley Brazil sang, "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" as an ending to the devotion.

COMMITTEE AND CHAIRPERSON REPORTS

CREDENTIALS: We the Credentials Committee find the following State Line WNAC groups reporting with dues and membership: Corinth-8; Eastside-21; First Dothan-Lydia Day-10 and Lydia Night-18; Goodwater-10; Harvest Soul Seekers-8; New Hope-10; Pine Hills-9; Shiloh-7; Union Hill-8 for a total membership of 109. We further find that the "Faithful" Group, Robin Creel, Coordinator, have disbanded according to a telephone conversation between Robin Creel and District Vice President, Rhett Butler on February 24, 2003.

I make a move to accept the report and to seat the delegates: Rhett Butler, Chairperson; Wendy Shuemaker and Jackie Peters. MSC

NOMINATIONS: The Nominating Committee recommends Janice McKee from Pine Hills to fill the office of secretary due to the resignation of Emma Jean Mallory and Betty Morris from Union Hill for historian to fill the vacancy of Terrie Martin. As information, since Emma Jean had served our district as secretary for 42 years, we have had a plaque made up for her and will present it to her home.

I make a move this report be accepted: Martha Clements, Chairperson; Barbara Taylor and Niria Ammons. MSC

RESOLUTIONS: We the Resolutions Committee submit the following:

1. We take \$60.00 out of the scrapbook money to pay for the plaque.

2. We encourage each group to send in \$10.00 each year to help with extra expenses – annual cookout, plaques, etc.
3. We encourage each group to be faithful to support our District work and missions.
4. We encourage each group to send in reports on time.
5. We go back to covered dish luncheons for the Annual Conventions.

I make a move this report be accepted: Geraldine Boyd, Chairperson; Debbie Jones and Judy Thomley. MSC

MISSIONS/SERVICE CHAIRPERSON:

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>TOTAL GIVEN</u>
1. Missions Cookout at Goodwater	\$ 2,231.12
2. Provision Closet Shower	\$ 439.00
3. Dec. 2002-Winter Clothes for Mongolian Missionaries	\$ 1,300.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 3,970.12

NOTE: The Mongolian Missionaries sent three "Thank You" gift bags to be given to the top three groups contributing to this project. Each bag contained a small Mongolian flag, handmade wooden trinket box, and a handmade thank-you note with a picture of the group. The groups winning the gift bags were: 1st place – Goodwater; 2nd place – Union Hill; and 3rd place – New Hope.

Cynthia Knowles, Chairperson

REGISTRATION: We the Registration Committee make the following report:

Members	44
Visitors	4
TOTAL	48

Annette Mallory, Corinth Church

DELEGATES TO STATE WAC MEETING: Pell City, AL on May 3, 2003 Jackie Peters, Annette Tomlinson, Ann Kennedy, June Hersey, Renee Nance, Ashley Brazil, Cynthia Knowles, Niria Ammons, Sarah Fagan, Martha Clements, Betty Morris, Rita Sullivan, Penny Jones, Wendy Shumake, Rhetta Butler

The offering was taken.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There will be a couples retreat March 22 at The Vineyard.

The Pine Hills group announced they had room in their van for one more wanting to go to the WNAC Retreat in Branson, MO on March 27-29.

Zelmodene Mallory gave a report on Eric Tew, her son-in-law, who has terminal cancer.

President Sherry Reynolds appointed the new Nominating Committee for 2004: Barbara Taylor, Martha Clements and Jackie Peters.

Recess

The Morning Worship Hour began with singing "Sunlight" and "Down at the Cross." Prayer requests were made for the following people: Roger Gullledge, Rev. John Edwards, Rev. Roy Thomas, and Mary Edna Cook followed by prayer for all of these, our missionaries and our guest speaker, Mrs. Sally Cash.

The FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT was given as follows:

State Line District WNAC Convention
Finance Committee Report
March 1, 2003

RECEIPTS

Balance from treasury	\$ 112.30
Dues (109 members @ \$11.50 per member)	\$ 1,253.50
FAITH Project Money	\$ 620.00
Food (State)	\$ 115.00
Love Offering	\$ 185.00
Minutes – National	\$ 10.00
Nationals – Birmingham 2006	\$ 300.00
Postage	\$ 10.00
Scrapbook	\$ 75.00
Shirley Kennedy Memorial Offering	\$ 225.00
Balance w/bank	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$ 2,935.80

RECOMMENDED DISBURSEMENTS

Food (State)	\$ 115.00
FAITH (Acts 1:8)	\$ 620.00
Love Offering	\$ 185.00
Minutes – National	\$ 10.00
Minutes (State Line Association)	\$ 30.00
Nationals – Birmingham 2006	\$ 300.00
Postage	\$ 10.00
Scrapbook	\$ 75.00
Shirley Kennedy Memorial Offering	\$ 225.00
Dues (109 members @ \$11.00 per member) (State & National Dues)	\$ 1,199.00
Treasury	<u>\$ 166.80</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 2,935.80

Respectfully submitted by the Finance Committee:

Annette Tomlinson, Chairlady; Ann Kennedy Loretta Culpepper
MSC

Received, Recorded, and Disbursed in 2002

	Cash	Corinth	Eastside	First Enterprise	Faithful CoLaborers	First Dothan- Day	First Dothan- Night	Goodwater	Harvest	New Hope	Pine Hills	Shiloh	Union Hill	Totals
Churches														
Acts 1:8		\$170.00				\$240.00	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$285.00			\$225.00	\$520.00	\$1,920.00
AL FWB Children's Home	\$141.00	\$5.00	\$152.94			\$5.00	\$50.00	\$110.00				\$5.00	\$106.72	\$575.66
Dave Franks, Jr			\$1,357.00											\$1,357.00
Dues		\$103.50	\$184.00		\$149.50	\$116.00	\$241.50	\$138.00	\$115.00	\$115.00	\$80.50	\$80.50	\$92.00	\$1,414.50
Emphasis Month							\$50.00						\$39.11	\$89.11
FAITH-Dist		\$50.00	\$100.00		\$100.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$15.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$790.00
Foreign Missions		\$25.00				\$25.00							\$35.38	\$85.38
Gainer						\$37.50								\$37.50
Gift Cards-MK			\$80.00											\$80.00
Home Missions		\$25.00				\$75.00							\$50.58	\$150.58
Jeff Lunsford												\$25.00		\$25.00
Lunsford-Boots & Coats								\$639.36	\$40.00	\$85.00		\$40.00	\$120.00	\$924.36
Jeff Tumbough						\$12.50								\$12.50
LAMP & State Project			\$100.00			\$50.00	\$20.00	\$100.00	\$100.00			\$50.00	\$100.00	\$520.00
Minutes		\$1.00	\$1.00		\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$11.00
Missionary Furnishings						\$75.00	\$300.00							\$375.00
Missions Cook Out	\$530.10	\$187.02	\$100.00	\$50.00			\$205.00	\$340.00	\$328.00	\$291.00	\$100.00		\$100.00	\$2,231.12
MK Provisional Closet	\$4.01					\$50.00			\$40.00					\$94.01
Natl Bham '06		\$25.00	\$100.00		\$120.00	\$50.00			\$100.00			\$50.00		\$445.00
Pre-Easter		\$60.00			\$131.00	\$10.00	\$107.00	\$241.00	\$10.00					\$559.00
Pre-Thanksgiving						\$5.00	\$51.00	\$100.00					\$247.00	\$403.00
Scrapbook		\$10.00	\$10.00			\$5.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$85.00
Stamps		\$1.00	\$1.00		\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$11.00
State-Food		\$10.00	\$10.00		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$110.00
WNAC-General Fund		\$50.00				\$60.00	\$546.45		\$50.00				\$130.00	\$836.45
Totals	\$876.11	\$722.52	\$2,195.94	\$50.00	\$512.50	\$902.00	\$1,932.96	\$2,030.36	\$1,190.00	\$513.00	\$217.60	\$547.60	\$1,662.78	\$13,152.17

Following her reports, the Treasurer Annette Tomlinson presented Sally Cash with a beautiful gift basket full of useful items which was prepared by the Eastside group. She also gave Sally a love offering of \$185.00 and presented to Bro. Rick Cash a check for \$620.00 for the Acts 1:8 program.

The special music was given by Tiffany Reynolds Griggs. This was followed by a slide presentation from Sally of the trip to Russia which she and her husband, Rev. Rick Cash, Alabama Promotional Director, Rev. Jimmy and Janie Aldridge, and Rev. Richard and Carolyn Hendrix all made in September 2002. It was very interesting seeing the parts of Russia they visited. It also gave us an idea of the progress of the FWB work there and of the future plans. Even in the slides we could tell how thankful the Russian Christians are to have Free Will Baptists in their country. These people showed a sincere desire to serve the Lord. Usually about 1,000 attend the morning services.

The closing prayer was prayed thanking God for His many blessings and asking Him to bless the luncheon to follow.

SHERRY REYNOLDS, President/ RHETTA BUTLER, Acting Secretary
(The weather was rainy and cold with the temperature in the 50's).

ANNUAL STATE LINE ASSOCIATION **October 11, 2003 – First FWB Church, Dothan, Al**

AUXILIARIES COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Auxiliaries Committee, make the following report:

<u>Classification</u>	<u># of Churches</u>	<u>Membership (Current)</u>	<u>Membership History*</u>				
			2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Churches Reporting	20	2205	2661	2631	2677	2544	2551
Sunday Schools	20	830	696	895	915	959	813
Church Training	7	244	185	206	208	187	193
WNAC's	10	121	133	135	170	87	92
Master's Men	1	25	35	31	28	8	6

Respectfully submitted, Loretta Culpepper, Clerk

*Membership History shown for comparison.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE **Slate of Officers – October 11, 2003**

<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>NAME PRESENTLY</u>	<u>NOMINATION</u>	
Moderator	Rev. Fred Hersey	Rev. Fred Hersey	
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Greg Ramsey	Rev. Greg Ramsey	
Clerk	Sis. Loretta Culpepper	Sis. Loretta Culpepper	
Assistant Clerk	Sis. Gladys Hagler	Sis. Gladys Hagler	
Treasurer	Sis. Becky Dixon	Sis. Becky Dixon	
Song Leader	Bro. Van Clements	Bro. Van Clements	
Pianist	Sis. Sara Poston	Sis. Sara Poston	
<u>BOARDS</u>	<u>NAME PRESENTLY</u>	<u>NOMINATION</u>	<u>TERM</u> <u>ENDS</u>
Missions Board	Bro. Tommy Taylor	Bro. Tommy Taylor	2006
Ordaining Council	Rev. Terry Drinkwater	Rev. Terry Drinkwater	2008
Minister's Retirement	Bro. Levy Parramore	Bro. Levy Parramore	2006
Youth & Education	Bro. Terry Sellers	Bro. Terry Sellers	2008
Children's Home	Rev. Doug Carr	Rev. Doug Carr	Elected Annually

GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS: These are turned in on the church letters and listed on a separate piece of paper.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Bobby Kennedy, Chairman, Rev. Thomas Coxwell, Bro. Tommy Taylor

GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS – ANNUAL SESSION

October 11, 2003

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>GENERAL BOARD MEMBER</u>
Antioch	None
Corinth	Earl Culpepper
Cowarts Creek	Rodney Fowler
Eastside	Virgle E. Hagler
First, Dothan	Ricky Cox
First, Enterprise	Rev. Greg Ramsey
First, Samson	Janatious Paul
Goodwater	Rev. Dale McCoy
Harvest	David Miller
Howard Grove	Rev. Mark Kelly
Magnolia	Levy Parramore
New Harmony	Eddie Johnson
New Hope	Harvey Windham
Panther Creek	Rev. Ronnie Dobbs
Pine Hills	Tommy Taylor
Shiloh	Rev. Thomas Coxwell
Springfield	David Rabon
Spring Hill	Roy Dixon
Union Hill	Sam Morris
Union Springs	Rev. Terry Drinkwater

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee, make the following report:

There were 25 deceased members for the period September 1, 2002 to August 31, 2003.

Antioch	-0-
Corinth	Mrs. Lucille Parker, Mrs. Minnie Brookins
Cowarts Creek	Mrs. Gladys Tice, Eceal Ham
Eastside	Dr. John A. Edwards, A.Z. White, Jr, David Allen Rabe, Inez McLain Reeder
First, Dothan	Myrl Spence
First, Enterprise	-0-
First, Samson	Dewey Hughes, Mrs. Ann Rodgers
Goodwater	-0-
Harvest	-0-
Howard Grove	Earl Monday, Mrs. Calloway, Charles Sellers
Magnolia	Otho Dykes, Ladell Yates
New Harmony	Daniel Cory Ammons
New Hope	Mrs. Daisy Windham
Panther Creek	Jack Gilley, Bessie Gilley
Pine Hills	-0-
Shiloh	-0-
Springfield	-0-
Springhill	Bro. Orea Danford
Union Hill	-0-
Union Springs	Georgia McNeil, Pearl Kirkland

Congregation stood for a moment of silence with prayer by Rev. Terry Drinkwater.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Doug Carr, New Harmony FWB Church

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We, the Placement Committee, make the following report:

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Goodwater FWB Church
Date: January 10, 2004
Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church
Speaker: Rev. Stephen Windham

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Corinth FWB Church
Date: April 10, 2004
Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church
Speaker: Rev. Jason Miller

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Panther Creek FWB Church
Date: June 26, 2004
Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church
Speaker: Rev. Michael Carr

ANNUAL SESSION:

Location: Eastside FWB Church
Date: October 9, 2004
Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church
Speaker: Rev. James Forlines or Rev. Doug Little

Report given by Rev. Dale McCoy

Respectfully submitted: Goodwater FWB Church, Placement Committee
(Speakers were not submitted on report but were added after General Board Meeting).

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee, as firm believers in self-control, believe that in order to have self-control over all areas of our lives we must be led of the Holy Spirit as mentioned in Galatians 5:17, 18, *"For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: these are contrary, the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law."*

We have a rising problem today in the youth of America. Young people too many times are left to decide for themselves what is right and what is wrong. Every day in America, 4,219 teenagers contract sexually transmitted diseases, 2,329 teenagers unintentionally become pregnant, 908 teenagers, who didn't intend on becoming pregnant, obtain an abortion, 500 adolescents begin using drugs. The Bible tells us in Psalm 78: 4, 6, 7, 8, *"We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done. That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments: And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation: a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God."*

We must *"teach them the ways while they are young and when they are old, they will not depart from it."* Proverbs 22:6

Respectfully submitted, Howard Grove FWB Church.

SUGGESTIONS REPORT

No suggestions to report.

Rev. Wayne Parker, Union Hill FWB Church

MISSIONS REPORT

First Quarterly: We, the Missions Board of the State Line Association, recommend that this year we have a Missions Rally at First Church Dothan at 6:30 PM on February 1, 2003. If you would like to eat with missionaries, you could meet them at Ryan's Steak House at 4:30 PM before the rally. (Amended Changes voted on-Page. 10) (See Attachment 1 to January report)

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Tommy Taylor, Bro. Earl Culpepper and Rev. Fred Hersey

Second Quarterly Session: We, the Missions Board would like to make the following report: The Missions Banquet was a great success. We would like to thank all the churches for making the Missions Banquet a success. Included in these churches were Evergreen Free Will Baptist and New Zion Free Will Baptist. There were 112 people that attended the banquet representing fifteen churches. On Sunday we had a total of 20 services with 17 churches participating. (See Attachment 1 to 2nd Quarter Report)

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Tommy Taylor, Bro. Earl Culpepper and Rev. Fred Hersey

Third Quarterly Session: We, the Missions Board recommend that the Pastors and churches in each area work together to host the missionaries for the Thursday and Friday night services prior to our Missions Banquet on the first Saturday night in February 2004. And that the churches that did not host a missionary on Thursday or Friday night host a missionary on Sunday morning or Sunday night. (See Attachment 1 to 3rd Quarter for list of churches and pastors in the four areas. Asterisks indicate "Area Captains").

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Tommy Taylor, Bro. Earl Culpepper and Rev. Fred Hersey

Annual Session: On September 4, 2003 at the Pastor's supper at Goodwater, it was proposed that our association take on a Russian pastor to support at \$350.00 a month. We sent out 22 letters to churches asking for a commitment by October 5th. Only two churches reported back to us at that time with a commitment of \$30.00 per month. The following week one other church committed to \$20.00 per month and one other church sent a one-time gift of \$200.00. Based on these figures, we the Mission Board cannot recommend we take on the obligation of supporting one of these Russian pastors.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Tommy Taylor, Bro. Earl Culpepper and Rev. Fred Hersey

ATTACHMENT 1 TO
FIRST QUARTERLY MISSIONS REPORT

Registration for Mission Banquet

The State Line Mission Board Banquet is scheduled for February 1, 2003 at the Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center at 6:00 p.m. The registration slip below should be filled out and your \$10.00 registration fee should be sent in **BEFORE** January 25, 2003.

Name of Member: _____

Name of Church: _____

Please circle one item from each list: Lemon Pepper Chicken **OR** Salisbury Steak

Peach Cobbler **OR** Chocolate Brownie Delight

The entrée and dessert you choose will be served with Green Bean Casserole and Scalloped Potatoes.

Please enclose this form and your check made payable to State Line Mission Board and return **before** January 25, 2003 to: Tommy Taylor at 352 Beaver Creek Road, Dothan, AL 36303. If you have any questions, you can contact Tommy at (334) 692-5258.

ATTACHMENT 1 TO
SECOND QUARTERLY MISSIONS REPORT

(This was given out for information to be considered at the next Association meeting).

We, the Mission Board, would like to put out for recommendation that we extend our mission services to Thursday and Friday night - dividing this into four different areas of our Association. The Missions Banquet would be on Saturday night and the missionaries at the different churches for Sunday services.

First Area

1. First FWB Dothan
2. Goodwater FWB
3. Union Hill FWB
4. Antioch FWB
5. Samson FWB
6. Panther Creek FWB
7. First FWB Enterprise

Second Area

1. Pine Hills FWB
2. New Harmony FWB
3. Cowarts Creek FWB
4. Howard Grove FWB
5. Spring Hill FWB

Third Area

1. Eastside FWB
2. Spring Field FWB
3. Union Springs FWB
4. Shiloh FWB
5. New Zion FWB

Fourth Area

1. Harvest FWB
2. Evergreen FWB
3. Corinth FWB
4. Magnolia FWB
5. New Hope FWB

Submitted by the Mission Board,
Bro. Tommy Taylor, Rev. Fred Hersey, Bro. Earl Culpepper

ATTACHMENT 1 TO **THIRD QUARTERLY MISSIONS REPORT**

We, the Mission Board, recommend that the Pastors and Churches in each area work together to host the Missionaries for the Thursday and Friday night services, prior to our Mission Banquet on the first Saturday night in February 2004. And that the churches that did not host a missionary on Thursday or Friday night host a missionary on Sunday morning or Sunday night.

First Area

1. First FWB Dothan
2. Goodwater FWB
3. Union Hill FWB
4. Antioch FWB
5. Samson FWB
6. Panther Creek FWB
7. First FWB Enterprise

PASTOR

Glenn Poston
* Dale McCoy
Wayne Parker
Steve Sanders
Donald Gainey
Ronnie Dobbs
Greg Ramsey

Second Area

1. Pine Hills FWB
2. New Harmony FWB
3. Cowarts Creek FWB
4. Howard Grove FWB
5. Spring Hill FWB

John Taylor
* Arthur D. Carr
Ricky Carroll
Mark Kelly
?

Third Area

1. Eastside FWB
2. Spring Field FWB
3. Union Springs FWB
4. Shiloh FWB
5. New Zion FWB

PASTOR

- * Larry Reynolds
- Gary Coxwell
- ?
- Thomas Coxwell
- Thomas Kirkland

Fourth Area

1. Harvest FWB
2. Evergreen FWB
3. Corinth FWB
4. Magnolia FWB
5. New Hope FWB

- * Bobby Ned Peters
- Joey Pettis
- Ed Peters
- James Deese
- Frank Fagan

* Indicates Leader of Group

Submitted by the Mission Board,

Bro. Tommy Taylor, Rev. Fred Hersey, Bro. Earl Culpepper

MSC – Standing Vote

MINISTERS RETIREMENT BOARD

First Quarterly Session: Greeting in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Retirement Board met with the General Board in December at their annual meeting. It was brought to our attention that our funds were low and that there was not enough money to cover the retirement checks for December and January and the annual Christmas bonus of \$100.00. We brought this before the Board to find out what recommendation they had to help come up with the money to give out to the retirees. We asked if this money could come from the general fund but because of our by-laws this was not possible. Our by-laws state that one board cannot borrow funds from another board. It was discussed that we did not have enough money coming in to currently support those who were drawing retirement at the current rate. The Board made the recommendation that a letter be sent to all the churches in the association from our Moderator asking for a donation of \$50.00. God's people were gracious by giving enough donations to cover their retirement and their Christmas bonus. We would like to thank all churches for their support.

This still does not fix our problem with more funds going out than we have coming in. Either one of two things will take place. Either churches will need to start giving designated gifts to retirement for their pastors or the amount of money given out to the retirees will be decreased. We ask for your financial support and prayers as we evaluate this problem.

In Christ,

Bro. John Taylor, Bro. Levy Paramore and Bro. David Rabon

Second Quarterly Session:

No Report.

Third Quarterly Session:

No Report.

Annual Session:

No Report.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

First Quarterly Session: Examining Board met January 11, 2003. Members present were Rev. Thomas Coxwell, Rev. Terry Drinkwater, Rev. Ronnie Dobbs and Rev. Lonnie Skiles. MSC to recommend Rev. Steve Windham be ordained to preach the gospel. Recommend Bro. Doug Carr replace Rev. Lonnie Skiles on Examining Board.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Thomas Coxwell

Second Quarterly Session:

1. We recommend that we grant a license to preach to Bro. Jason Miller for a period of one year.
2. We recommend that we accept Bro. Dale McCoy into this Association pending a letter of good standing from his former association in Kansas. Bro. McCoy comes from the East Kansas Quarterly Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Terry Drinkwater, Rev. Thomas Coxwell, Rev. Doug Carr

Third Quarterly Session:

We recommend that Bro. Bobby Peters replace Bro. John Edwards on the Ordaining Council.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Thomas Coxwell, Chairman

Annual Session:

1. We recommend that Bro. Wayne Parker be received into the fellowship of this Association pending receipt of letter of good standing from his former Association.
2. We recommend that Bro. Gary Coxwell's license be extended for another year.
3. We recommend that Bro. Michael Carr be received into the fellowship of this Association pending receipt of letter of good standing from his former Association.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Thomas Coxwell, Chairman

YOUTH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

First Quarterly Session: On November 30, 2002, we had our first *Walk-A-Thon* for Acts 1:8. While our participation was small we had a good time of fellowship. We are still trying to finalize our numbers for what was raised. We plan to continue to have this walk but at a different time of the year. Time to be announced later.

On December 27-28, 2002, we had our annual Winter Retreat. The total attendance was 61. Brother Chip did an outstanding job of preaching and many were in the altars during invitation time. Praise God, one young lady was saved. We know this was an important time in the lives of our youth. Thanks to all the churches for sending your youth.

On March 22nd we will be having a retreat at the Vineyard. More details will be sent to you soon.

This year's camps at the Vineyard: Junior week will be June 16-20; Teen week will be June 23-27. Bro. Joe Tolbert will be junior evangelist and Tim Rabon will be the teen's evangelist. Please be helping your youth prepare to attend.

Skating has been going well. Next time will be January 20th, 6:30 – 8:30 PM at Bob-A-Lu.

First Church Dothan's Bro. Keith Kenemer will be hosting classes on March 27-29. The course is "Understanding Teaching." Please encourage your teachers and workers to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Terry Sellers, Rev. Rodney Brazil, Bro. Jason Miller, Bro. David Miller

(Scholarships of \$50.00 each were presented to Shanon Nelson, Amy Porter, Jason Seen, and Blake Nance.)

See Attachments 1 and 2 for teacher training course.

Second Quarterly Session: Couples Retreat was March 22, 2003 at the Vineyard. There were 19 couples in attendance. Door prizes were from Red Lobster, Walmart, and LifeWay.

Junior Camp will begin June 16 with Rev. Joe Tolbert as speaker. Senior or Teen Camp will be June 23 with Rev. Tim Rabon. Cost is \$80.00

Association skating will be May 5. Cost is \$3.50. Average attendance is 72. Respectfully submitted,

Jason Miller for the Youth and Christian Education Board

Third Quarterly Session: We just completed our Youth Camps. Praise God for meeting with us in a very special way. Altar calls were filled following each service with young people doing business with God. We want to thank each church for sending your young people to camp. We know that much fruit for our Lord will come from these camps. During Junior camp, two were saved and three answered the call to preach. During Teen camp, two were saved and two answered the call to preach. Our scheduled evangelist somehow double booked for our week (we did not know this until camp time). Bro. Jason Miller filled in and we had a great week of Junior camp. Bro. Tim Rabon was our Teen evangelist and we had a great week.

We had 37 Junior campers with a staff of 15 for a total of 52. We had 33 Seniors and a staff of 12 for a total of 45. We want to thank Bro. Fred for coming up on Thursday and sharing a mission challenge. Please support and pray for these campers because the devil does not like their commitment and will put up a fight.

On August 2, 2003, we will host our **"Back to School Bash."** This will be held at Harvest in Ozark. Along with this will be our **"Walk-a-Thon" for Acts 1:8.**

Our **Winter Retreat** will be on Monday and Tuesday, December 29th and 30th at the Vineyard. Our **Couples Retreat** will be on Saturday, March 20, 2004 at the Vineyard.

Junior Camp for 2004 will be June 14-18 and **Teen Camp** will be June 21-25 at the Vineyard.

We make a motion to accept this report.

Jason Miller, Terry Sellers, Gary Coxwell, Rodney Brazil, David Miller

Annual Session:

Our **"Back to School Rally"** was well attended in August and we had a number of our young people respond during the altar call. Skating attendance has been up and we thank all those who make it possible for those to attend from your churches. Skating is open to all ages and our next night will be October 20, 2003 at Bob-a-Lou's.

The **Winter Retreat** will be Monday and Tuesday, December 29-30 at the Vineyard. Cost will be \$35.00. Bro. Mike Cox from Forestdale Free Will Baptist Church will be our evangelist. Please be encouraging your youth ages 8-19 years of age to make plans to attend. Applications and more information will be sent to all our churches so be on the look-out for it.

Couple's Retreat will be March 20, 2004 at the Vineyard. More information will follow later.

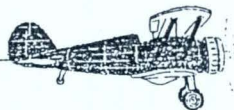
Junior Camp, ages 8-12, will be June 14-18, 2004 at the Vineyard with Bro. Mike Cash as evangelist. Teen Camp, ages 13-19, will be June 21-25, 2004 at the Vineyard with Bro. Christian Powell as evangelist. Please clear these dates for your youth. Pastor, you hold the key to their attendance.

We make a motion to accept this report.

Terry Sellers, Jason Miller, Gary Coxwell, Rodney Brazil, David Miller

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ATTACHMENT 1
Youth and Education Board Report
First Quarterly

ATTACHMENT 2
Youth and Education Board Report
First Quarterly

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Please contact us today for further information. Give us your information on the sign up sheet, call (334)792-3316, or e-mail Keith Kenemer, Director of Christian Education, at sundayschoolman@yahoo.com.

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

First Quarterly Session: For information – due to the rising cost of property tax and liability insurance, we would ask that the churches take a special offering and send to the Home to help defray some of this expense. This places an undue burden on the home at this time of the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Doug Carr

Second Quarterly Session: We have good news and bad news. First, the good news. We are almost at full capacity; the girls cottage is about full and we are expecting another girl soon.

The teen boys have room for a couple more – they have eight now. The little boys' cottage is full with calls coming in for us to take more. The little girls' cottage has plenty of room.

The Department of Human Resources has just approved our home for 40 children. We now have 28.

Now for the bad news. Our savings has been depleted since building the last cottage that allowed us to take more children. In the last two months, our operational cost has exceeded our income by an average of \$5,000 per month. This is a matter of serious prayers.

Three ways we can help is to pray that God will continue to change lives; to give, our gifts have fallen off for the past nine months. We have cut corners and stopped all but the essential spending, and we'll be selling some of our equipment to help. Tell all those who can help by giving what they can.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Doug Carr

Attachment 1 Second Quarter

Dear Moderator:

2-20-03

Due to increasing expenses and our monthly support going down, we have had to cut back in several areas in our budget. We are looking at areas to save money. One of our expenses is paying the expense of each board member from each association, which is \$3600-\$4000 each year. At your next association meeting, you might consider the association in helping to pay the expenses of your board member that represents your Association.

We would greatly appreciate your attention in this matter. Call me at 1-205-924-9751.

In His Service,

Randy Key

Third Quarterly Session: Some good news from the Home is that the giving is up some as of the last board meeting due to some churches who answered our plea for help. Things look a little better. As of the last meeting we have 30 children, 18 boys and 12 girls. This is expected to grow as we have been approved for up to 40 children by the State provided the funds are there to support them. This will be helped by the generous giving of someone to the Home. We have began drawing interest off hundred of thousands of dollars that was donated to the Home by an anonymous giver. There are a couple of fund raisers planned and also a Gospel Sing and Golf Tournament to be held which will bring in about \$3,000.00.

Please continue to pray for the Home, Bro. Randy and his staff. They are doing a fine job with our children there.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Doug Carr

Annual Session: At the present time, the Children's Home has 24 children and for the first time in over a year, has a full house of older girls (8). All our children are in the right grades and doing good in school with their grades. Some of our boys are playing football. Thanksgiving this year will be something special. All the former children of the Home will be coming home for the holidays.

The house next door to the one recently purchased is offered for sale to the Home. Pray for this to be possible so we don't have another drug situation.

Bro. Carlton Lambert celebrated his 50th anniversary at the Home. He served 28 years at the Home.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Doug Carr

Clerk's Note: Bro. Carr expressed his appreciation to the Association for letting him serve as Children's Home Trustee. Bro. Carr also read a letter from Panther Creek. Panther Creek gave the Children's Home \$500.00 cash and food that would amount to the total donation of \$1,200.00.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION:

We, your Registration Committee, make the following report:

Ministers	18
Deacons	12
Delegates	46
Visitors	<u>20</u>
TOTAL	96

Respectfully submitted, Goodwater FWB Church
Sis. Saundra Skilers, Sis. Coot Jones

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION:

We, your Registration Committee, make the following report:

Ministers	14
Deacons	15
Delegates	50
Visitors	<u>16</u>
TOTAL	95

Respectfully submitted, Goodwater FWB Church, Sis. Cynthia Knowles

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION:

We, your Registration Committee, make the following report:

Ministers	17
Deacons	9
Delegates	43
Visitors	<u>15</u>
TOTAL	84

Respectfully submitted, Goodwater FWB Church

ANNUAL SESSION:

We, your Registration Committee, make the following report:

Ministers	17
Deacons	8
Delegates	42
Visitors	<u>20</u>
TOTAL	87

We, the Registration Committee, move to give the Host Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Respectfully submitted, Goodwater FWB Church, Sis. Cynthia Knowles

FINANCE COMMITTEE

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION:

We, your Finance Committee make the following report:

Association	\$4,127.40
Other	<u>\$2,490.36</u>
TOTAL	\$6,617.76

Respectfully submitted, Finance Committee

Sis. Becky Dixon, Chairperson, Sis. Niria Ammons, Sis. Rhetta Butler

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION:

We, your Finance Committee make the following report:

Association	\$3,489.26
Other	<u>\$4,637.46</u>
TOTAL	\$8,126.72

Respectfully submitted, Finance Committee

Sis. Becky Dixon, Chairperson, Sis. Rhetta Butler, Sis. Annette Tomlinson

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION:

We, your Finance Committee make the following report:

Association	\$ 3,422.72
Other	<u>\$ 8,270.84</u>
TOTAL	\$11,693.56

Respectfully submitted, Finance Committee

Sis. Becky Dixon, Chairperson, Sis. Glenda Johnson, Sis. Barbara Taylor

ANNUAL SESSION:

We, your Finance Committee make the following report:

Association	\$4,024.81
Other	<u>\$2,483.77</u>
TOTAL	\$6,508.58

Respectfully submitted, Finance Committee

Sis. Becky Dixon, Chairperson, Sis. Glenda Johnson, Sis. Priscilla Clark

TREASURER'S REPORT

YEAR 2002 – 2003

Balance Brought Forward		\$37,404.46
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>ASSOC.</u>	<u>DESIGNATED</u>
Antioch	300.00	
Corinth	1,043.37	
Acts 1:8		450.00
Minister's Ret.		150.00
Cowarts Creek	400.00	
Southeastern College		211.25
Home Missions		211.25
Children's Home		211.25
Acts 1:8		211.25
Missions Board		344.68
Eastside	1,437.38	
Minister's Retirement		1,462.38
First, Dothan	3,981.26	
Rev. Greg Ramsey		460.00
First, Enterprise	80.00	
First, Samson	1,130.59	
Minister's Retirement		1,130.63
Goodwater	400.00	
Harvest	400.00	
Howard Grove	400.00	
Magnolia	723.92	
Acts 1:8		1,172.35
Children's Home		773.92
FWBBC		172.95
Minister's Retirement		866.48

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>ASSOC.</u>	<u>DESIGNATED</u>
New Harmony	400.00	
New Hope	700.00	
Minister's Retirement		200.00
Panther Creek	600.00	
Pine Hills	400.00	
Minister's Retirement		50.00
Shiloh	400.00	
Children's Home		251.24
FWBBC		251.24
Minister's Retirement		251.24
Acts 1:8		1,710.96
Springfield	300.00	
Youth & Education		248.70
Minister's Retirement		248.70
Springhill	200.00	
Union Hill	1,200.00	
Missions		100.00
Interest Minister's Retirement		28.20
Association Offerings		1,025.50
Receipts Youth Camp		200.00
Receipts Minister's Retirement		1,209.01
CELF Interest Min. Ret.		1,668.08
Receipts Youth Retreat		2,167.00
Receipts Mission Banquet		1,842.00
Receipts Walk-a-Thon		728.45
Receipts Couples Retreat		540.00
Stateline WNAC		30.00
Receipts Junior Camp		2,945.00
Receipts Senior Camp		2,818.25
TOTALS	\$ 14,881.52	\$ 26,341.96
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 78,627.94

DISBURSEMENTS

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Bank Services Charges	103.00
United States Postal Service	77.60
Loretta Culpepper	205.31
FWB Bible College Offering	233.91
Alabama State Assoc. (Dues)	1,700.00
Rev. Glenn Poston	50.00
Loretta Culpepper	100.00
Becky Dixon	100.00
Fairfield Inn	64.31
Rev. Glenn Poston	19.30

Office Depot	7.37
Sara Poston (Minutes-Type & Printing)	600.00
FWB Children's Home	652.55
Carol Stone	139.04
Rev. Greg Ramsey	460.00
Holiday Inn	66.99
Rev. Doug Carr	599.70
TOTAL	<u>\$5,179.08</u>

<u>MINISTER'S RETIREMENT</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Mrs. Juanita Taylor	1,100.00
Mrs. Maudeen Bell	1,100.00
Mrs. Della Brannon	1,700.00
Mrs. Rachel Barber	800.00
Rev. John Edwards	1,200.00
Rev. Thomas Coxwell	1,100.00
Mrs. Louise Herndon	1,100.00
Rev. Paul Mallory	1,700.00
Rev. Lonnie Skiles	800.00
Mrs. Thelma Edwards	500.00
TOTAL	<u>\$11,100.00</u>

<u>MISSIONS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Holiday Inn	490.24
Wiregrass Rehab Center	1,631.84
Rick Cash - Acts 1:8	500.00
Matthew Turnbough	150.00
Steven Beck	150.00
Billy Bevins, Jr.	150.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 3,072.08</u>

<u>YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Victor Long	211.07
Alex Sebulich	405.00
The Vineyard	10,104.35
Amy Porter	50.00
Shanora Nelson	50.00
Blake Nance	50.00
Jason Senn	50.00
Alabama State Association	728.45
Richard Hendricks	442.50
Rodney Brazil	90.00
Bob A Lou Skate Center	85.00
Jason Miller	275.00
Rev. Tim Rabon	495.50
David Miller	92.70
Rev. Johnny Sexton	50.00
TOTAL	<u>\$13,179.57</u>

<u>STATE CO-OPERATIVE PLAN</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
General Fund	595.24
Fred Jones	148.82
Children's Home	148.82
Christian Education	148.82
ALCAP	297.64
TOTAL	\$ 1,339.34
 <u>DESIGNATED</u>	 <u>TOTALS</u>
Children's Home	1,236.41
Free Will Baptist Bible College	424.19
Acts 1:8	3,544.56
Southeastern Bible College	211.25
Fred Jones	211.25
TOTAL	\$ 5,627.66
 Brought Forward 2002	 \$ 37,404.46
Receipts	\$ 41,223.48
TOTAL to account for	\$ 78,627.94
TOTAL Disbursements	<u>\$ 39,497.73</u>
BALANCE	\$ 39,130.21

PLAN OF SUPPORT

General Fund	26%
Ministers Retirement	29%
Youth & Education Board	24%
Missions Board	12%
* Alabama State Association	9%
 TOTAL	 100%

*	<u>Breakdown of the Alabama State Association</u>
	General Fund 4%
	Home Missions 1%
	Children's Home 1%
	Board of Christian Education 1%
	ALCAP 2%
 TOTAL	 9%

WNAC REPORT

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION: Oral report given by Sis. Rhetta Butler

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION: Oral report given by Sis. Rhetta Butler.

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION: The State WAC met on Saturday, May 3, 2003 at Mt. Zion FWB Church in Pell City, AL. Reporting during the 2002-2003 year of WAC were 36 groups and 393 members. State Line reported nine groups and 109 members.

The State WAC voted that the 2004 LAMP offering be given to the ACTS 1:8 and WNAC General Fund. The State WAC Constitution will be voted on next year at the State meeting. The State banquet will be in Sylacauga at the J. Craig Smith Community Center at 5:00 PM on November 6.

The Alabama State Prayer Retreat will be held September 19-20, 2003 at Shocco Springs Conference Center.

The State Line District will be hosting the Missions Cookout on August 23 at Goodwater Church. Guest speaker will be Jimmy Aldridge and supper will be at 5:30 PM.

Submitted by, Sherry Reynolds, District Coordinator

ANNUAL SESSION: The State Line WAC met at our annual meeting with Sally Cash as our special speaker. Our focus was on Foreign Missions this year. Mrs. Cash gave her testimony about her trip to Russia. She blessed our hearts as she spoke of the Russian ministry. She challenged us to continue to pray for them as they continue to grow and work in Russia.

The reports showed a total of ten churches with 121 current members.

The missionary cook-out was a great success this year. We met at Goodwater FWB Church with the largest attendance of 150 and largest offering of \$3,290.00. Thanks to all of you, especially Annette Tomlinson and Cynthia Knowles.

The annual missionary provision closet shower will be at Eastside on October 28, 2003 at 7:00 PM. All ladies are invited to attend and bring a covered dish.

The Pastor's Appreciation Banquet was held at Goodwater this year. Honor was given to all pastors with special appreciation and honor to Bro. John Edwards for his work in our association during his years of service to the Lord. Our Pastor's Appreciation Banquet this next year will be at Eastside on April 3, 2004.

Next year's mission cook-out will be held on August 28, 2004 at Goodwater Church. Let's work hard to make it even larger and better than this year.

Thanks to all of you who give, work, and pray to help us all do our part in the Great Commission.

Respectfully submitted, Sherry Reynolds, District Coordinator

STATISTICAL REPORT
2003

CHURCH	Number of Baptisms	Members Added	Members Lost	Deceased	Total Membership	Sunday School Enrollment	Church Training Service (CTS) Enrollment	Women Active For Christ Enrollment	Master's Men Enrollment	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Deacons	COUNTY
ANTIOCH	1	1	1	0	15	19	No	No	No	1	1	2	Geneva
CORINTH	0	2	2	2	81	35	No	9	No	2	0	5	Dale
COWARTS CREEK	1	2	-	2	58	28	No	No	No	1	-	4	Houston
EASTSIDE	1	5	6	6	351	114	48	18	No	2	0	8	Houston
FIRST CHURCH, DOTHAN	9	13	15	1	534	203	80	28	25	2	-	12	Houston
FIRST CHURCH, ENTERPRISE	0	2	20	0	84	25	30	No	No	2	-	1	Coffee
FIRST CHURCH, SAMSON	0	0	2	2	38	25	13	No	No	1	-	1	Geneva
GOODWATER	2	1	3	0	135	70	-	10	No	1	-	-	Houston
HARVEST	3	3	0	0	138	60	No	20	No	1	1	1	Dale
HOWARD GROVE	-	-	-	3	-	68	No	No	No	1	0	5	Houston
MAGNOLIA	2	8	0	2	-	Yes	No	No	No	3	0	2	Dale
NEW HARMONY	-	2	1	1	32	Yes	No	No	No	1	-	-	Houston
NEW HOPE	0	0	1	1	81	41	33	10	No	2	-	2	Dale
PANTHER CREEK	6	11	2	2	113	29	No	No	No	1	0	0	Geneva
PINE HILLS	4	7	-	0	66	22	17	8	No	1	-	-	Houston
SHILOH	4	5	2	0	84	14	No	9	No	1	0	2	Houston
SPRINGFIELD	1	8	4	0	144	Yes	No	No	No	0	1	4	Houston
SPRINGHILL	0	0	1	1	-	15	No	No	No	-	-	-	Houston
UNION HILL	0	3	0	0	109	37	23	9	No	1	0	4	Geneva
UNION SPRINGS	0	6	5	2	142	25	No	No	No	1	-	1	Houston
TOTALS	33	78	64	25	2205	830	244	121	25	25	2	54	

(-) Indicates report left blank

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.

ARTICLE VII – BOARDS

SECTION I: (Standing Boards) Standing Boards of the Association shall include the General Board, Executive Committee, Missions Board, Board of Minister's Retirement, Ordaining Council, 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 two-thirds vote of members present provided proposed amendment or alteration has been presented in writing at the previous session.

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

1. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer and shall be closed with prayer.
2. Questions of fellowship, expulsion, and all other items of business of the Association shall be settled according to the NATIONAL TREATISE OF FAITH AND PRACTICES OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS.
3. All business of the Association shall be brought before the body by move and second and shall be disposed of according to Robert's Rules of Order.
4. The associational year shall begin September 1 and end August 31.
5. Churches and their pastors shall serve as committees and shall be named by the chair at least three months before the annual session.
6. Each church shall send a letter to each session certifying the election of their delegates and containing general, financial, and statistical information about their church and any other information that the Association may request.
7. No church shall be recognized in this body who does not commune and wash feet at least once a year.
8. By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of the Moderator can be over-ruled.
9. It shall be the duty of the moderation to seat all delegates in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.
10. No member shall absent himself while the Association is in session without first obtaining permission from the Moderator.
11. No person shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without special permission from the Moderator.
12. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member provided the person nominated is elected.
13. Ministers pastoring in the State Line Association of Free Will Baptists must be in good standing with a local Association of Free Will Baptists which is affiliated with a State Association of Free Will Baptists which is affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists. A minister pastoring in the State Line Association and his wife, if married, must not have two living wives or husbands. Any church in the State Line Association that calls a pastor not meeting the above qualifications will automatically be out of fellowship with the State Line Association. (Anyone who has been divorced and remarried is considered as having two living wives or husbands.)
14. These by-laws may be amended or altered at any regular session by two-thirds vote of members present, provided proposed amendment or alteration is presented in writing.

STATE LINE ASSOCIATION
By-Laws of the Presbytery

MINISTERS

- I. 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 alcoholic 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 Associations
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 own deacons if it so chooses or send them to the Association if they desire.

I. Deacons Sent to Association for Ordination

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

II. Qualifications

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

GUIDELINES FOR THE STATE LINE MINISTER'S RETIREMENT

I. **NAME:** State Line Association Minister's Retirement

II. **WHO QUALIFIES FOR BENEFITS?**

- A. Any minister who has attained sixty-five (65) years of age and has pastored or is pastoring a church in the State Line Association for a minimum of five (5) years.
- B. The Minister'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 must maintain membership in a local Free Will Baptist Church which is affiliated with the local, state, and National Association of Free Will Baptists.
- B. If the minister's membership is in a Free Will Baptist Church outside the State Line Association, that church of the FWB Association in which he is affiliated, must submit a letter of good standing to the State Line Association **each year** stating that fact.

IV. **RETIREMENT BENEFITS:**

- A. The retiring or disabled minister must have his church submit an application to the State Line Association for approval **before** he receives any benefits.
- B. Benefits shall be paid according to the following scale:
 - 5-10 years pastoring \$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
- 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	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	G.W. Cherry	J.W.D. Stephens	R.B. Robinson	Howard Grove	2004
1922	G.W. Cherry	J.W.D. Stephens	R.B. Robinson	Pleasant Home	2043
1923	J.D. Stephens	J.W.D. Stephens	R.B. Robinson	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	CLERK	TREASURER	PLACE HELD	# MEM
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 & Howard Grove	2287
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1968	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Mrs. Billy Ammons	Cowarts Creek & Union Springs	2320
1969	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Mrs. Billy Ammons	New Hope & Panther Creek	2281
1970	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Mrs. Billy Ammons	Cowarts Creek & Springfield	2421
1971	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Mrs. Billy Ammons	Howard Grove First Ch-Dothan	2410
1972	John Pettis	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Mrs. Billy Ammons	Corinth & Shiloh	2511
1973	John Pettis	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Mrs. Billy Ammons	New Hope & Union Springs	2609
1974	John Pettis	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Mrs. Billy Ammons	Howard Grove & Magnolia	2846
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1982	Jim Turnbough	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Miss Ann Jones	First Ch-Dothan & Bethel	2524
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1989	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Miss Ann Jones	Harvest	2410
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1991	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Miss Ann Jones	Enterprise	2410
1992	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Miss Ann Jones	New Hope	2266
1993	John Edwards	Mrs. Rhetta Butler	Miss Ann Jones	Howard Grove	2531
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1996	John Edwards	Mrs. Rhetta Butler	Ann Kennedy	Howard Grove	2499
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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
2001	Glenn Poston	Loretta Culpepper	Ann Kennedy	Magnolia	2631
2002	Glenn Poston	Loretta Culpepper	Becky Dixon	Union Hill	2661
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