

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**Alabama and Mississippi State**  
**Association**  
**OF THE**  
**Original Free Will Baptist**  
**HELD WITH**  
**Bethel Church**  
**OCTOBER 25 TO 27, 1937**

**OFFICERS**

Rev. M. L. HOLLIS, Moderator ..... Tupelo, Miss.  
Rev. J. S. FREDRICK, Vice Moderator ..... Covin, Ala.  
Bro. L. E. PARKER, Sec.-Treas. .... Millport, Ala.  
Sister NELLIE DUPREE, Field Sec. .... Guin, Ala.

The next Session of this Association will be held with  
Springfield Church two miles West of Vernon, Ala., Lamar  
County, beginning on Monday night after the 4th  
Sunday in October, 1938, at 7 o'clock P. M.

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Minutes of the Alabama and Mississippi State Association of the original Free Will Baptist held with Bethel church, Shelby County, October the 25th to 27th. 1937.

7:00 O'clock Monday night, song service, opened song, God Lfited Me, No. 73, led by Rev. M. E. Carpenter. Devotional service by Rev. J. T. Quick reading the 15 Psalm. Prayer by Bro. Williams, after which sang by Rev. M. E. Carpenter No. 74, There is power in the Blood.

7:30 O'clock Sermon by Rev. J. M. Haas reading the 1st chapter of St. John, 37 to the 47 verse. Text come and see, which was spiritually discussed to a very large attentive congregation.

8:00 O'clock Assignment of homes for delegates. Closing song. Benediction by Rev. J. L. Conner.

### TUESDAY MORNING

9:00 O'clock Song service by Rev. M. E. Carpenter. Devotional service by Rev. W. H. Lawrence, St. John the 14th chapter, commending on the mansion in the Heavens. Prayer by Rev. M. E. Carpeter.

9:30 to 10:30 Moved in order, received letters as read and delegates seated as (per list of delegates).

Moderator appointed a devotional committee to fill in vacant on program, to-wit Bro. L. E. Duncan, Bro. J. M. Dupree, Bro. Hollis with Deacons of Bethel church, they were asked to retire and make report.

Rev. J. E. Haggans welcomed this Association in this Bethel church and community.

10:45 Rev. J. L. Conner gave the respond address.

Moved in order to finish the business of this Association Tuesday and Wednesday carried.

Devotion committee made a partial report on Devotion to be written as report.

Moved in order to seat Rev. J. T. Quick as delegate from his Association carried.

Moved in order for moderator to appoint a committee to amend the Constitution and have it printed in minute.

Moved to adjourn the business until one o'clock, carried.

11:00 O'clock Preaching at 11:00 o'clock. Song by L. E. Parker. Sermon by Rev. Sam Wheat. Text Matthews 5-8. Noon Lunch.

1:00 Song by M. E. Carpenter. Devotional by Sister Nellie Dupree, reading 2nd chapter, 49th verse of Luke, after which Rev. Joe S. Fredrick led in prayer. Subject of devotion: Let us be about our Father's business.

1:30 Business session. Moved in order to appoint a committee to investigate why Rev. J. T. Adair is not in good standing with his Association to-wit: Rev. J. M. Haas, Rev. J. L. Conner and Rev. J. S. Fredrick.

Called for ministerial report, reported as follows: Rev. J. S. Fredrick, Rev. J. L. Conner, Rev. J. T. Quick, Rev. M. E. Carpenter and Rev. Sam Wheat. Moved to receive report carried.

2:00 Moved in order that the home mission board of the State Association recommend that the different Associations send



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one half of their home mission money to the State Association to be used in the State Association. Adjourned 15 minutes.

2:30 The body called together by song led by Rev. M. E. Carpenter. Sermon by Rev. Carpenter reading the 4th chapter from the 17 to 26th verses of Paul letter to the Ephesians. Subject the Christian walk. Adjourned until 7:00 O'clock.

EVENING

7:00 Song service by M. E. Carpenter, Devotions by Rev. L. L. Davis reading 5th chapter of 1st John, prayer by J. E. Harkins. Commenting on having the Spirit of God in our life.

7:30 Sermon by Rev. M. L. Hollis reading 6th verse of the 4th chapter of Amos. Subject: Prepare to meet thy God, which was delivered to a large audience, after which a large number ask for prayer which was led by Rev. M. E. Carpenter.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

9:00 Song service by L. E. Parker. Devotion led by Bro. L. E. Duncan reading the 23rd Psalm, after prayer by Rev. M. L. Hollis. Bro. Duncan commented on the Lord is my Shepherd.

9:30 Business session. Committee on Querries reported (see report). Moved to accept report as read and come to discharged.

Committee on Sunday School and League, report read. Moved in order to accept as read and discharged committee. (See report).

Finance report, moved to adopt as read and discharged committee. (See report).

Report on Temperance was read. Moved to adopt report as read and discharged committee. (See report).

Report of Field Secretary which was read. Moved to adopt as read carried. (See report).

Resolution committee read report, moved to adopt as read except have song printed on back of minutes instead of fly leaf, carried and committee discharged. (See report).

Committee of investigation of Rev. T. J. Adair's standing, reported on report number one and number two, the reports was read and moved and carried by the body to adopt as read. (See reports).

Moved to accept Rev. J. M. Haas, report carried. (See report).

Moved in order to differ the Querries from last year carried.

Called for a place for the next session of the State Association Springfield Church two miles west of Vernon, Alabama, Lamar County, ask for it and unanously received the 1938 session of the State Association.

Moved in order to go into election of officers for the year 1938. Moved to elect by nomination-carried. Rec. M. L. Hollis, Moderator; Rev. J. S. Fredrick, Vice Moderator; L. E. Parker elected clerk; Sister Nellie Dupree elected Field Secretary.

Moderator appointed a program committee for 1938 to-wit: J. S. Fredrick, L. E. Duncan, Nellie Dupree, committee.

Moved in order for Moderator to appoint delegates to the Eastern general conference carried to-wit: L. E. Parker, J. L. Conner and J. M. Haas, Tuesday night following the first Sunday in June.

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Moved carried for Moderator to appoint one delegate to the Georgia State Association which convenes the 7th of November, 1937 at Glenville, Ga., Rev. Sam Wheat was appointed and a written admittance granted and given him.

Moved in order for Moderator to appoint a committee to visit the different Associations of this State and adjoining States for the purpose of bringing about unity as to the same Articles of Faith as adopted in the general treatise. (See list).

Moved to adjourn this Association to meet with Springfield church two miles west of Vernon, Lamar County, Alabama.

Song by congregation led by L. E. Parker, the closing sermon by Rev. Joe S. Fredrick reading 6th chapter Luke, beginning at the 31st verse. Text 46th verse, why call ye me Lord and do not things I say. Which was enjoyed by a large congregation after which the parting hand was taken. Adjourned to meet with Springfield church 2 miles west of Vernon on Monday night after the 4th Sunday in October, 1938.

Rev. M. L. Hollis, Moderator.

L. E. Parker, Secretary.

MINISTER'S YEARLY REPORT

Greetings: To Alabama-Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Bethel Church on the 25th day of October, 1937. It is with true Thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my years work, ending on the 25th day of October, 1937 I have preached 432 sermons; Prayed prayers; Visited sick people; Baptised 178 Converts; Received 321 people into churches; Helped to Ordain Ministers and 4 Deacons; Lisened 1 Minister; Preached 3 Commencement Sermons and 4 Memorial Sermons; Pastored 9 Churches; Conducted 14 Revivals; Married 11 Couples; Conducted 72 Funerals; Received from churches pastored \$1,364.00; Received \$481 for revival work; Total Received for years work \$1,845.00; Traveled 18,000 miles.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. L. Hollis, Tupelo, Miss.

MINISTER'S YEARLY REPORT

Greetings: To Alabama-Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with Bethel Church on the 25th day of October, 1937. It is with true Thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my years work, ending on the 28th day of October, 1937; I have preached 154 Sermons; Prayed 1100 Prayers; Visited 50 sick people; Baptised 28 Converts; Received 54 people into churches; Helped to Ordain 0 Ministers and 4 Deacons; Lisened 0 Minister; Preached 0 Commencement Sermon and 0 Memorial Sermons; Pastored 3 Churches; Conducted 6 Revivals; Married 1 Couple; Conducted 6 Funerals; Received from churches pastored \$344.00; Received \$223.50 for revival work; Total Received for years work \$567.50; Traveled 3,000 miles.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. E. Carpenter, Fernbank, Ala., R. 1.

To the Free Will Baptist Association I give this report:



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Churches pastored 1; Sermons preached 208; number Baptized 24; Revivals assisted in 5; Miles Traveled 5,122; Amount received \$126.93; Expenses \$40.20; Remarks: In my travels and in the Revivals we have been wonderfully blessed and many souls have been saved. I find that keeping in touch with the Holy Spirit that we can accomplish much. Pray for me. God bless you is my prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sam Wheat, 26th St, Sy'acauga, Ala.

MINISTER'S YEARLY REPORT

Greetings: To Alabama-Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Bethel church on the 25th day of October, 1937, It is with true Thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my years work, ending on the 24th day of October, 1937, I have Preached 57 Sermons; Prayed prayers; Visited sick people; Baptised Converts; Received people into churches; Helped to Ordain 0 Ministers and 0 Deacons; Lisened 0 Ministers; Prached 0 Commencement Sermon and 0 Memorial Sermons; Pastored 2 Churches; Conducted 4 Revivals; Married Couples; Conducted Funerals; Received from churches pastored \$91.30; Received for revival work; Total Received for years work \$91.30; Traveled 2019 miles.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. L. Davis, Chelsea, Ala., Rt. 1.

MINISTER'S YEARLY REPORT

Greetings: To Alabama-Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Bethel Church on the 25th day of October, 1937; It is with true Thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my years work, ending on the 30th day of October, 1937, I have preached 100 Sermons; Prayed prayers; Visited sick people; Baptised 12 Converts; Received 28 people into churches; Helped to Ordain 0 Ministers and 0 Deacons; Lisened 1 Minister; Preached 0 Commencement Sermon and 0 Memorial Sermons; Pastored 3 Churches; Conducted 3 Revivals; Married 1 Couple; Conducted 1 Funeral; Received from churches pastored \$66.65; Received \$12.00 for revival work; Total Received for years work \$84. 65; Traveled 2,708 miles.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. J. T. Quick, Cullman, Ala., Rt. 1.

MINISTER'S YEARLY REPORT

Greetings: To Alabama-Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Bethel Church on the 25th day of October, 1937; It is with true Thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my years work, ending on the 16th day of October, 1937; I have Preached 450 Sermons; Prayed 600 prayers; Visited 50 sick people; Baptised 120 Converts; Received 150 people into churches; Helped to Ordain 2 Ministers and 8 Deacons; Lisened 1 Minister; Preached 4 Commencement Sermons and 8 Memorial Sermons; Pastored 7 Churches; Conducted 10 Revivals; Married 6 Couples; Conducted 8 Funerals; Received from churches pastored \$332.50; Received \$1.50 for revival work; Total

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Received for years work \$482.50; Traveled 3,000 miles.  
Respectfully Submitted,

Joe S. Fredrick, Fayette, Ala.

MINISTER'S YEARLY REPORT

Greetings: To Alabama-Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Bethel Church on the day of October, 1937; It is with true Thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my years work, ending on the day of October, 1937; I have Preached 250 Sermons; Prayed unknown Prayers; Visited 75 sick people; Baptised 0 Converts; Received 35 people into the churches; Helped to Ordain 0 Ministers and 5 Deacons; Lisened 0 Ministers; Preached 0 Commencement Sermons and 0 Memorial Sermons; Pastored 2 Churches; Conducted 8 Revivals; Married 3 Couples; Conducted 10 Funerals; Received from churches pastored \$140; Received \$165 for revival work; Total Received for years work \$305; Traveled 3,000 miles.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. L. Conner, Winfield, Ala.

MINISTER'S YEARLY REPORT

Greetings: To Alabama-Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Bethel Church on the 25th day of October, 1937; It is with true Thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my years work, ending on the 24th day of October, 1937; I have Preached 75 Sermons; Prayed 395 Prayers; Visited 25 sick people; Baptised 0 Converts; Received 0 people into churches; Helped to Ordain 0 Ministers and 0 Deacons; Lisened 0 Ministers; Preached 1 Commencement Sermon and 0 Memorial Sermons; Pastored 0 Churches; Helped in 2 Revivals; Married 0 Couple; Conducted 0 Funerals; Received from churches pastored 0 ; Received \$5.00 for revival work; Total Received for years work \$5.00; Traveled 250 miles.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. H. Lawrence, Hanceville, Ala.

MINISTER'S YEARLY REPORT

Greetings: To Alabama-Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Bethel Church on the 25th day of October, 1937; It is with true Thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my years work, ending on the 24th day of October, 1937; I have Preached 133 Sermons; Prayed prayers; Visited 0 sick people; Baptised 36 Converts; Received 36 people into churches; Helped to Ordain 1 Minister and 1 Deacon; Lisened 0 Ministers; Preached 0 Commencement Sermon and 0 Memorial Sermons; Pastored 4 Churches; Conducted 6 Revivals; Married 9 Couples; Conducted 11 Funerals; Received from churches pastored \$248.71; Received \$64.54 for revival work; Total Received for years work \$313.25; Traveled miles.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. M. Haas, Tupelo, Miss.

List of Delegates:



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Jasper—Rev. J. L. Conner, J. M. Dupree and Daughter, Nellie Dupree, J. T. Tidwell.

Vernon—Rev. M. E. Carpenter, L. E. Parker, and Rev. J. S. Fredrick.

Cohoba River—G. W. Hollis, J. E. Haggens, Sam Wheat, J. F. Williams, L. L. Davis, T. J. Adair and H. W. Smith.

Flint River—W. H. Larence, J. T. Quick.

Little Brown Creek—Rev. D. W. Jones (by funds).

N. E. Mississippi—Rev. J. M. Haas, Rev. M. L. Hollis and Bro L. E. Duncan.

Visiting Ministers—Rev. Bennie Hubbard, Centerville, Ala., Rt. 1; Rev. G. H. Harrell, Marvil, Ala. From the Baptist Church.

List of Committe appointed:

On Temperance—Bro. G. W. Hollis, Rev. L. L. Davis, Bro. H. W. Smith.

On Querries—Rev. M. E. Carpenter, Rev. W. H. Larence, Rev. J. F. Williams, Rev. J. E. Haggens.

On Resolutions—Rev. J. T. Quick, J. T. Tidwell, J. T. (Adair...

On Sunday School League and Ladies Aid—Bro. L. E. Duncan, Sister Nellie Dupree, Sister Fannie Harper.

On Finance—Rev. J. M. Haas, Rev. J. S. Fredrick, Bro. M. J. Dupree.

On Home Miision—Bro. L. E. Duncan, Tupelo, Miss.; Rev. G. W. Hollis, Pell City, Postoffice Box 11; J. E. Tidwell, Guin, Ala.; Harvie Yerby, Belk, Ala.; L. E. Guthrey, Cullman, Ala. Rt. 1.

On Investigation—Rev. J. M. Haas, Rev. J. L. Conner, Rev. J. S. Fredrick.

Visiting committees of different Associations:

Joe S. Fredrick, Vernon; M. E. Carpenter, Mt. Mariah; J. L. Conner, Jasper, State Line, Bear Creek, Flint River, Mourning Star.

L. L. Davis, Chattahooche, Liberty, State Line, South Eastern; Sam Wheat, Cahaba; J. E. Hodgins, Progressive.

J. M. Haas, N. E. Miss.. L. E. Duncan, Little Brown Creek; George C. Lee, find out others.

TEMPERANCE—We your committee on temperance, submit the following: Temperance covers a broad field, and should be an individual subject and appeal to all true followers of Christ. It is one of the fundamental principles in forming and shaping a true Christian character. It is the key to a successful life, both in church and State. It is right in the sight of God to be temperate in all things. Intemperance or the use of strong drink is wrecking the lives and homes of millions of innocent women and children, and we as professed Christians should never lose an opportunity of stressing the necessity of living temperate lives, and by precept and example set a high Christian standard, that will command the respect of the intemperate, or no-believer. (Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Proverbs 20:1.) We as professed Christians should demonstrate to the world the worth and merit of the church of the living God in lifting hu-

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manity upon a higher plane of living, and all times condemn the legalizing by law the sale of intoxicating liquors.

L. L. Davis, H. W. Smith, G. W. Hollis, Chairman.

Report on Querries:

I. Please discuss I Cor. 15:28-29.

II. Please discuss Dan. 12:7.

III. Pllease discuss woman in 17 chapter of Rev.

IV. What did Adam fall from?

M. E. Carpenter, J. E. Hodgins, J. W. Williams, W. H. Larence, Chairman.

We your committee on Resolutions wish to submit the following report: 1st. We recommend that each association have a Field Secrietary and that each Feld Secretary make their yearly report to the Field Secretary of the StateAssociation.

2nd. We wish to extend to the people of Bethel church and vicinity our heartfelt thanks for thier kindness and hospitality shown us during our stay with them, also we extend to the oflcers our appreciation for the efficent manner in which they have rendered their services and also recommend that the Moderator and Clerk have \$5.00 each for their servicesand that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and that he have 500 printed. We also recom-mend that the song when the Free Will's Learn to Tithe, be printed on the back leaf of the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. Quick, Chairman.

Committee on S. S. F. W. B. Leagues and Ladies Aid:

Sunday Schools reported last year 19. This year 52. Leagues last year 8. This year 12. Ladies Aid last year 5. This year 7.

We respectfully solicit the full cooperation of our Ministers and Layman in this work and hope that at the next State Con-ference every church will report all three of thest organizations.

We realize that the boys and grls today will be the men and women of tomorrow and must take charge of the church work, and should carry on this work, have training in same.

We urge that each Sunday School send delegates to State Con-vention which meets 5th Sunday in May, 1938, at Springfield church and that each League attend the rally at Columbus the 5th Sunday in January, 1938. Ladies Aid Convention meets during General Conference at Pearce's Chapel Tuesday following 1st Sunday in June, 1938.

Respectfully submitted,  
Committee.

We the committee on Finance report as follows:

We find paid in from lthe Associations:

Jasper	\$ 3.25
Cahaba	5.00
Vernon	5.00
N. E. Mississippi	5.00
Little Brown Creek	.50
Flint River	1.00
East Tupel,Class Chapel	1.00



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Last deficit \$2.76 ..... \$21.75

Which we recommend be paid to clerk ..... 2.76

Grand total ..... \$18.99

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Haas, Chr., J. S. Fredrick, Marion Dupree.

Finance report: Money received:

Jasper paid ..... \$ 3.25

Vernon paid ..... 5.00

North East Mississippi paid ..... 5.00

Cahaba River paid ..... 5.00

Flint River by Masedonia church delegates,

Rev. J. T. Quick, W. H. Larence paid ..... 1.00

Little Brown Creek, Rev. D. W. Jones ..... .50

\$19.75

East Tupelo church ..... 1.00

\$20.75

Claras Chapel church ..... 1.00

\$21.75

Money paid out:

Paid to Moderator for service ..... \$ 5.00

Deficit for printing progams ..... 1.65

Paid to clerk, L. E. Parker for service ..... 5.00

Deficit on last year minutes ..... 1.11

Total ..... \$12.76

Received ..... 21.75

Less ..... 12.76

Balance in Treasure ..... \$ 8.99

Investigation report October 28, 1937:

We, your committee, make the following report that this question be referred back to the Cahaba River Association.

We advise that it be taken up at his home church, Ryan's, and that it be disposed of as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Elder J. M. Haas, Eld. J. L. Conner, Eld. J. S. Fredrick, Chr.

A suppliment to the committees report concerning the rumors against Rev. T. J. Adair, this committee further recommend the State Association hold him in full fellowship pending in investigation.

J. L. Conner, J. M. Haas, J. S. Fredrick, Chr.

I. Venon Association Churches: 1936 1937

No. of Churches ..... 11 14

No. of Ministers ..... 8 11

No. of Members ..... 1272 2000

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No. of Deceased ..... 9

No. of Sunday Schools ..... 5 10

No. of Ladies' Aid ..... 1 2

No. of F. W. B. Leagues ..... 6

Value Church Property ..... \$8,000 \$15,000

II. Jasper 1936 1937

No. of Churches ..... 22 23

No. of Ministers ..... 25 25

No. of Members ..... 1873 2283

No. of Deceased ..... 17 5

No. of Sunday Schools ..... 7 11

No. of Ladies Aid ..... 3 0

No. of F. W. B. Leagues ..... 1 0

Value Church Property ..... \$16,500 \$10,850

III. North East Mississippi 1936 1937

No. of Churches ..... 15 15

No. of Ministers ..... 9 13

No. of Members ..... 763 1500

No. of Deceased ..... 5 8

No. of Sunday Schools ..... 7 9

No. of Ladies Aid ..... 1 2

No. of F. W. B. Leagues ..... 3 4

Value of Church Property ..... \$20,000 \$30,000

IV. Cahaba River 1936 1937

No. of Churches ..... 22 22

No. of Ministers ..... 25 20

No. of Members ..... 1126 1117

No. of Deceased ..... 9 11

No. of Sunday Schools ..... 18

No. of Ladies Aid ..... 2

No. of F. W. B. Leagues ..... 2

Value of Church Property ..... \$11,900

V. Bear Creek 1936 1937

No. of Churches ..... 8 8

No. of Ministers ..... 12

No. of Members ..... 327 417

No. of Deceased ..... 2 3

No. of Sunday Schools ..... 6

No. of Ladies Aid ..... 1

No. of F. W. B. Leagues ..... 1

Value of Church Property ..... \$4,050



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WHEN FREE WILL'S ALL LEARN HOW TO TITHE  
("Since Jesus Came into my Heart")

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What a wonderful change in the world will be wrought  
When Free Wills all learn how to tithe;  
We will then reach the goal for which long we have sought,  
When Free Wills all learn how to tithe!

CHORUS

When Free Wills all learn how to tithe,  
When Free Wills all learn how to tithe;  
Oh,, the dollars will roll,  
Bringing joy to each soul,  
When Free Wills all learn how to tithe!

2

By our schools and our Press then we will stand  
When Free Wills all learn how to tithe;  
We will build them and make them the best in the land  
When Free Wills all learn how to tithe!

3

Not a child will be homeless or wanting a friend  
When Free Wills all learn how to tithe;  
And the Old Preacher's sorrows will then have an end  
When Free Wills all learn how to tithe!

4

Not a soul will be left to its darkness and woe  
When Free Wills all learn how to tithe;  
But of God and His love ev'ry creature shall know  
When Free Wills all learn how to tithe!