

MINUTES  
of the  
Alabama State Association  
of  
Free Will Baptists

Held With  
MALONE CHURCH  
Alabama City, Ala.  
November 11, 12 and 13th, 1943

OFFICERS :

Rev. J. J. Stabb ..... Moderator  
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Rev. K. V. Shutes ..... Vice Moderator  
Cordova, Alabama

Rev. William H. Ryland ..... Secty. and Treas.  
Margaret, Alabama

Rev. H. L. Mitchell ..... Asst. Secty. and Treas.  
1720 8th Ave., N., Birmingham, Ala.

Rev. J. B. Bloss ..... Chm. Executive Com.  
311 15th Street, Columbia, Tenn.

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Cordova Church, Cordova, Ala., on Thursday night  
before the second Sunday in November, 1944

All Associations in Alabama are urged to represent  
in this meeting by delegates and letter.



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**THURSDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 11th**

The Alabama State Association was called to order by assistant moderator, Rev. K. V. Shutes, of Cordova, Alabama, who appointed Bro. G. N. Benefield, who led the congregation in several good songs. The moderator then called on Rev. T. L. Walker, who led the evening devotion, Deut. 1:1-7; using the sixth verse as his theme in bringing a very impressive message. After the message special music was rendered by a quartet arranged by the moderator. After the quartet, Bro. Troy Carrol of Cardova, led the congregation in singing "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There". The sermon was then brought by Rev. M. E. Carpenter of Vernon, Alabama, using as Scripture lesson Eph. 6:11-18; using as his text 1 Cor. 9:24, "A Race We'll Run". After the wonderful message that was delivered, the congregation sang "Onward, Christian Soldiers," after which Fellowship was observed by those present, everyone responding.

The moderator then called for the delegates and ministers from the various associations to stand. Nineteen ministers and seventeen delegates responding. The assistant moderator then appointed a Credential Committee: Rev. A. J. Lamkert, Chairman; Rev. J. L. Lavender, Rev. Ira D. Garrison, Rev. L. J. Finch, Rev. J. S. Fredrick, Rev. A. M. Mitchell, Rev. O. K. Morgan, Rev. T. M. Mullinax. The moderator then explained the duties of this committee.

The moderator called for the letters from the various associations; the following were enrolled:

Liberty Association — Delegates: Rev. T. J. Finch. \$5.00 fee enclosed.

Flint River Association — Delegates: G. E. Guthery, H. G. Edmonds, Lena Nails, Ed Henry, and J. D. Robertson. \$5.00 fee enclosed.

Mt. Moriah — Delegates: J. M. Stokes, J. S. Loftis, J. O. Perrigan. \$5.00 fee enclosed.

Vernon — Delegates: V. C. May, J. I. Johnson, D. G. Jordan. \$5.00 fee enclosed.

Bear Creek Association—Delegates: Rev. P. J. Box. \$5.00 fee enclosed.

Cahaba River — Delegates: H. A. McSpadden and Dewey Isabell. \$5.00 fee enclosed.

Liberty No. 1 — Delegates: Rev. W. S. Thomley. \$5.00 fee enclosed

Birmingham District — Delegates: A. M. Mitchell, Mrs. Lee Hanks, C. S. Jenkins. \$5.00 fee enclosed.

Morning Star — Delegates: Rev. T. M. Mullenax, Rev. W. M. Bevan. \$5.00 fee enclosed.

Progressive — Delegates: Rev. A. J. Lambert, Rev. J. B. Bloss, Rev. A. J. Burgess, Bro. Carroll. \$5.00 fee enclosed.

Jasper — Delegates: Rev. H. A. Pitts, Rev. John Smith, Rev. S. O. Parker. \$5.00 fee enclosed.

South Eastern — Delegate: Rev. D. F. Pelt. \$5.00 fee enclosed.

The pastor assigned delegates to the homes, after which we were dismissed with prayer by the Rev. G. W. Franks.



**FRIDAY MORNING — 9:00 a.m.**

Song Service—led by Rev. A. J. Lambert, after which the moderator, being present, the Rev. J. J. Stabbs, called the delegated body to order and appointed Bro. T. J. Finch to lead the Devotional — Scripture Reading: Matt. 16:6-8, who made a wonderful talk on the Church, after which the moderator appointed Mrs. K. V. Shutes and Mrs. J. B. Bloss as the Reading Committee. The letters of the various associations, being read, they were adopted and all delegates seated.

Next—Partial Report of Credential Committee.

I. We, your committee on Credentials report the following: To-wit—We have met with Eld. D. F. Pelt, of the South Eastern Association of the Freewill Baptists of Alabama and by promise of a letter from said Association, we recommend the above mentioned Association be received into this body and the delegate be seated.

II. Also the Jasper Association, having missed two sessions, according to our Constitution, are dropped from this body; and by the presentation of proper credentials, we recommend they be continued as part of this body.

A. J. LAMBERT, Chairman

By motion and second, the partial report of the Credential Committee was accepted.

The moderator then read the rules and by-laws of the association. It was very instructive to all the delegates. The moderator appointed Rev. T. J. Walker and Bro. A. J. McSpadden on the business Committee. The talk by the moderator was enjoyed by all, after which the report of the Christian Workers Institute by Rev. K. V. Shutes, Rev. A. J. Lambert and Rev. Robert Crawford, of Nashville, Tenn.

**ALL COMMITTEES****Executive Committee—**

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Chairman; Rev. T. L. Walker, Leslie Pinson, Douglas Harris, W. H. Clearman.

**Christian Workers Institute—**

Rev. K. V. Shutes, Chairman; W. H. Rylond, V. C. May.

**General Business Committee—**

Harry L. Mitchell, Chairman; A. J. Lambert, T. L. Walker, A. J. McSpadden.

**Statistician—**

Rev. K. V. Shutes.

**Orphanage Treasurer —**

V. C. May—Vernon, Ala.

**Unified Program Treasurer—**

Mrs. K. V. Shutes—Cordova, Ala.—Box 204.

**11:00 A. M.**

Song and Devotional by the Rev. W. S. Thomley which was enjoyed by all. Message then brought by Rev. H. A. Pitts—Scripture Reading, Isa. 6th Chapt. Text, Prov. 29:18. At the close of the message the conference was adjourned until 1:30.

**1:30 P. M.**

Song Service led by Mrs. K. V. Shutes. Devotional by Rev. H. M. Black—Scripture Reading—John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you", which was enjoyed by all. After the message a discussion on the Women's work by Mrs. K. V. Shutes, followed by Mrs. J. B. Bloss, subject, Witness for Christ. Each receiving a cordial reception from the delegated body.

Rev. J. B. Box made a wonderful talk on the Orphanage after which a collection was taken, receiving \$504.75 in cash and pledges of \$1700.00 were made, to be paid by July 1, 1944.

**3:00 P. M.**

"Some of Our Greatest Needs", Rev. J. H. Fredrick; a message enjoyed by the entire body, after which the body was dismissed by prayer by Rev. T. L. Walker and adjourned until 7:00 P. M.

**7:00 P. M.**

Song Service led by Rev. Troy Carroll. Prayer by the pastor of Malone Church, Bro. Rogers.

Duet by the Rev. and Mrs. K. V. Shutes, "The Pearly White City."

Devotional by the Rev. J. B. Bloss which turned out to be a Fellowship meeting enjoyed by all, after which the message was delivered by the Rev. Robert Crawford of Nashville, Tenn., "Our National Program" and "The Son of Man Came to Seek and Save That Which Was Lost." An inspired message enjoyed and received by the entire delegated body and visitors. Afterwards an offering was taken for Bro. Crawford's expense of \$18.00.

Benediction by Rev. D. F. Pelt.

**SATURDAY MORNING—9:00 A. M.**

Moderator called the session to order.

Song Service led by the Rev. M. E. Carpenter—"I'll Fly Away".

Prayer—Rev. A. M. Mitchell.

Devotional Service—Rev. J. L. Lavender—Scripture, Prov. 3:1-10 and Matt. 6:33, which was enjoyed by the assembly.

**FINAL REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

We, your Business Committee, beg to submit the following report:

I. That all deacons of "associations" with this body be seated as delegates, same as all "ministers" with same vote.

II. We recommend that a State Unified Program be set up; that a treasurer be appointed by the moderator for this program. We recommend that our money be sent to this treasurer: 30 percent of this money will be sent to V. C. May, Vernon, Alabama, who is Orphanage Treasurer; 25 percent of this will be retained in Treasury for State Missions; 25 percent will be sent to Rev. F. S. VanHoose, Paintsville, Kentucky, for the National Unified Program; 20 percent will be used for superannuation. 75 percent of the 20 percent will be retained in the state to be used by State Superannuation



Board to care for ministers who have already worn themselves out in the work. The other 25 percent of the 20 percent will be sent to the Treasurer of National Superannuation Board. The National Board will then pay 50 percent of the insurance on the preachers who are insurable, and the minister insured will pay the other 50 percent.

It will be your privilege to send donations and ask that they be placed on either one of the parts of the program; Orphanage, Unified Program Home Missions or Superannuation.

III. We recommend that this body appoint a committee of 5 members to serve as Supperannuation Committee: 1st member serve 1 year, 2nd, 2 years, 3rd 3 years, 4th 4 years, 5th 5 years; the 5 year member being chairman of board, then a member selected each year.

IV. We recommend this body appoint a Home Mission Board of 3 members, 1st member 1 year, 2nd member 2 years, 3rd member 3 years, 3 year member as chairman.

V. That all deacons be standing delegates as the ministers, paying same dues of \$1.00 per year.

VI. We recommend that this body meets with Cardova Church at Cardova, Alabama at next session.

VII. That Article II, Section 2 be amended to read "This association shall be composed of all active ordained ministers and deacons, who are members of an association which is a member of this body, and duly elected or appointed delegates of District Associations, one (1) delegate for each church of each association which is a member of this body". Article Three (III) be amended to read "each minister and deacon."

Signed: REV. HARRY L. MITCHELL, Chairman.  
REV. T. L. WALKER,  
BRO. A. J. McSPADDEN,  
REV. A. J. LAMBERT.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE

The Ladies Auxiliary failed to get their reports in for the Minutes, which we are sorry.

After the Business Committee's Report was adopted, the moderator appointed Rev. M. E. Carpenter, Chairman, Rev. S. W. Franks and Rev. A. M. Mitchell as a Nominating Committee for Committees recommended by Business Board. They, in turn, recommended the following:

#### FOR STATE UNIFIED TREASURER—

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Box 204, Cardova, Ala.

#### FOR SUPERANNUATION BOARD—

Sister J. B. Bloss, Chairman, 311 W. 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.

Sister Lee Hanks, Adamsville, Ala.

Bro. D. G. Jordan, Route 1, Vernon, Ala.

Elder K. V. Shutes, Box 204, Cardova, Ala.

Bro. Troy Carroll, Box 9, Cardova, Ala.

#### FOR HOME MISSIONS—

Bro. C. S. Jenkins, Chairman, Box 129-A, Route 1, Jasper, Ala.

Miss Lucille May, Vernon, Ala.

Rev. Harry L. Mitchell, 1720 No. 8th Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

Signed: M. E. CARPENTER, Chairman.

Report accepted, adopted and elected.

#### 11:00 A. M.

Song Service—Bro. Troy Carroll.

Devotional Service—Rev. G. W. Franks. Subject—"Thy Neighbor".

Sermon—Rev. D. F. Pelt of Bascon, Fla. Scripture Reading—Phil. 2:1-11.

A message appreciated and enjoyed by the entire assembly.

A special offering was taken for Rev. A. G. Robershaw of Alabama City, who was very ill. The sum of \$25.00 was raised and given to said brother.

Adjournment for lunch.

#### 1:30 P. M.

Song and Devotional Services—Rev. A. J. Lambert.

Prayer by the Rev. Harry L. Mitchell.

The moderator then called for final reports of the committees.

#### FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We, your Credential Committee, have served through this session of our State meeting and because no grievances or complaints have properly been handed in; we do hereby recommend our State Body in Fellowship.

Signed: A. J. LAMBERT, Chairman.

#### ORPHANAGE TREASURER'S REPORT

Total Collected .....	\$3253.01
Paid Out .....	1352.89
Balance in Treasury .....	\$1900.12

#### CLERK'S REPORT

##### Amount Received Past Year—

1. General funds and regular fees from associations and preachers .....	\$ 110.51
2. \$5.00 each from (7) associations for National Ass'n funds. ....	35.00
3. In offerings for Missions .....	17.40
4. In offerings for Educational Fund .....	37.00
Total Received .....	\$199.91

##### Amount Paid Out—

1. Printing of Minutes .....	\$ 75.00
2. Printing of Letterheads .....	3.50
3. Postage for mailing out Minutes .....	3.79
4. Printing of Bible Institute Circulars .....	3.00
5. Paid Clerk for Service .....	10.00
6. Fee to National Association (including 7 ass'ns.) .....	45.00
7. Writing material and postage for all general purposes (including State Association mailing charges) .....	5.22
8. Paid to Sister McAdams for Missions .....	17.40
9. To Bro. J. R. Davidson for Educational .....	37.00
Total Paid Out .....	\$ 199.91

#### ORPHANAGE BOARD'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

The Orphanage Board met at the Orphanage on October 21, 1943. There were several things done in the interest of the home.

There were present—Rev. P. J. Box, Rev. Ira D. Garrison, Rev. Lee Hanks, Rev. T. L. Walker, Rev. O. K. Morgan, Mrs. V. C. May, Rev. K. V. Shutes.



A motion was passed that we recommend to the State Association that the moderator appoint a field worker for each association that is not represented on the board. We recommend the following be appointed for their associations:

1. Bear Creek — Rev. P. J. Box, Addison, Ala.
2. Mt. Moriah — Rev. T. L. Walker, Gordo, Ala.
3. Birmingham District — Rev. Lee Hanks, Adamsville, Ala.
4. Vernon — Rev. Joe S. Fredrick, Hackleburg, Ala.
5. Progressive — Rev. K. V. Shutes, Cardova, Ala.
6. Flint River — Rev. O. K. Morgan, Route 1, Cullman, Ala.
7. Morning Star — Rev. N. Wright, Oakman, Ala.
8. Cahaba River — Rev. H. M. Black, Adamsville, Ala.
9. Liberty No. 1 — Rev. W. S. Thomley, Robertsedale, Ala.
10. Liberty — Rev. G. N. Bennefield, 2409½ Cansler Ave., Gadsden, Ala.
11. Southeastern — Rev. John Golden, Eufaula, Ala.
12. Jasper — Rev. H. A. Pitts, Brilliant, Ala.

We further recommend that the moderator and clerk sign a Credential or writing for each of these field workers so he may be able to present it to ration boards and get gasoline.

(Adopted and appointment made).

Signed: REV. P. J. BOX, Chairman.  
REV. K. V. SHUTES, Sec.

A verbal report of the National Association was made by the Rev. K. V. Shutes and Rev. J. B. Bloss.

The Rev. J. B. Bloss was appointed as delegate to the National Association to represent the State Association.

Motion made and carried for moderator of State Association to make contact with moderators of associations of this body to appoint one delegate of their association to the National Association. The moderator of the Cahaba River Association, being present, appointed Bro. A. J. McSpadden as delegate to National Association.

Motion made and seconded that Rev. Robert Crawford represent the State Association and extend our greetings to sister associations of Georgia and Mississippi State.

#### LIST OF MINISTERS REGISTERED

1. Rev. K. V. Shutes, Cardova, Ala., Box 204.
2. Rev. T. L. Walker, Gordo, Ala.
3. Rev. J. L. Lavender, Routs 1, Coker, Ala.
4. Rev. G. W. Franks, Box 232, Cardova, Ala.
5. Rev. Joe S. Fredrick, Route 2, Hackleburg, Ala.
6. Rev. Ira D. Garrison, Delmar, Ala.
7. Rev. John Smith, Route 1, Bankston, Ala.
8. Rev. M. E. Carpenter, Vernon, Ala.
9. Rev. P. J. Box, Route 1, Addison, Ala.
10. Rev. O. K. Morgan, Route 1, Cullman, Ala.
11. Rev. T. M. Mullenax, Route 1, Corona, Ala.
12. Rev. A. J. Lambert, Parrish, Ala.

13. Rev. J. J. Staab, Birmingham, Ala.
14. Rev. Harry L. Mitchell, Birmingham, Ala.
15. Rev. A. M. Mitchell, 1245 41st St., Wylam, Ala.
16. Rev. H. M. Black, Route 1, Adamsville, Ala.
17. Rev. Lee Hanks, Route 1, Adamsville, Ala.
18. Rev. Gordon Bennefield, 2409½ Cansler Ave., Gadsden, Ala.
19. Rev. W. G. Rogers, No. 10 Little St., Alabama City, Ala.
20. Rev. H. A. Pitts, Brilliant, Ala.
21. Rev. J. B. Bloss, 311 W. 15th, Columbia, Tenn.
22. Rev. Herman O'Donnell, Route 1, Ashville, Ala.
23. Rev. T. J. Finch, Route 1, Pell City, Ala.
24. Rev. D. F. Felt, Bascon, Fla.

NOTE—This is not a complete list of all ministers present, others attended that did not register.

#### SPECIAL NOTE

The following associations have not paid the National Association fee of \$5.00, please send in so your association can be represented. Also each association send name of delegate elected to go to National Association: Bear Creek, Liberty No. 1, Liberty No. 2, Progressive, Morning Star, Jasper Association, Flint River, Southeastern.

The following have paid: Cahaba, Vernon, Mt. Moriah and Birmingham district.

#### CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by Faith in Christ, and adopting the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves one to 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 appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity of the world; from all sanction of 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 knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for Church conference, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the purpose of the Church of its poor and benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reprove with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the spirit" in the bond 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 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 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 education and denominational enterprises, the evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus.



**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
THE ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL  
BAPTISTS OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA**

1. The Alabama Association is designed to comprise all the Annual Associations in the Free Will Baptist denomination, and to complete the organization of the connection in one body; to consolidate the body by harmonizing its different parts, keeping a common interest in view, and producing unity of sentiment and discipline; to concentrate its strength in the common cause of the Redeemer; and, by a fraternal interchange of views among its members, to promote growth in grace and knowledge of Gospel Truth.

2. The Alabama State Association sustains the same relations to the district associations, as the district associations do to the Quarterly meetings or the quarterly meeting do to the churches which compose them.

3. This body adopted the following Constitution and By-Laws, by which it is to be governed:

**Sec. II Constitution and By-Laws of  
ALABAMA STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**PREAMBLE:** We, the members of the ORIGINAL Free Will Baptist denomination, of Alabama, being regularly baptized upon profession of our faith in JESUS CHRIST, assembled in order to advance, promote and increase the cause of CHRIST, do establish and ordain this constitution and by-laws.

**CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**—This body shall be known as the "THE ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS."

**SECTION I**

This Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists adopts the Treatise of the National Association, and this body be composed only by Free Will Baptist Associations, on their adoption and compliance of said Treatise in Name, Faith and Practices of said treatise.

**SECTION II**

No association that adds to or takes from the National Association Treatise in Name, Faith and Practice, will be permitted sanction of this Body, the only body of Associations to be accepted are associations composed of Free Will Baptist Churches only.

**ARTICLE II**

**Section 1.** The officers of this State Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Secretary and Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and Executive Board, the above officers being elective officers, other officers being appointed as moderator may need or desire.

**Section 2.** This association shall be composed of all active ordained ministers and deacons who are members of an association which is a member of this body, and duly elected or appointed delegates of district association—one (1) delegate for each church of each association—which is a member of this body.

**Section 3.** No independent church may be a member of this body, but must be a member of an association that belongs to this body to be recognized.

**ARTICLE III**

**Finance**—Each district association representing in this body shall send the sum of \$5.00 with its report and each Minister and deacon that presents his credentials pays the sum of \$1.00 annually to the body to help with the expenses of the association.

**Section 2.** The secretary shall be paid the sum of \$10.00 annually for service rendered. All other expenditures not specified shall be made at the direction of the body.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Discipline**—The State Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine or practice that may properly come before it from any of the bodies composing the State Association of Free Will Baptist Churches or act upon any appeal that may be made by any body belonging to this State Association. Said appeal having been properly signed by the constituent body or bodies, and its decision shall be final.

**Section 2.** All appeals coming before the State Association may be settled in either of the following ways: (1) By the State Association sitting in a committee as a whole. (2) By a special committee appointed by the Executive Board whose report shall be voted on without discussion.

**ARTICLE V**

The Moderator of the State Association of Free Will Baptists shall be regarded as an ex-officio member of all boards or committees elected or appointed.

**ARTICLE VI**

Each elected officer shall serve for a period of two (2) years, elections coming on the even years, the appointed officers or committeemen serving at the direction of the Moderator, or until dismissed by Moderator.

**ARTICLE VII**

**Meetings**—The State Association of Free Will Baptists shall hold its regular meetings annually, place of meeting to be decided by a vote of body. The time of meeting to be on Thursday night before the second Sunday in November of each year, and to remain in session until its work is completed.

**ARTICLE VIII**

This constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the State Association by a two-thirds vote of members present provided proposed amendment be presented in writing to the body, and shall lie on the table at least from morning session until evening session or from evening session to morning session prior to adoption and shall during that time be read at least twice in open session.

**BY-LAWS**

The adoption of By-Laws of National Association.

1. The clerk or the assistant clerk, or in their absence the senior minister in years shall call the association into conference if a quorum is present. The Moderator or in his absence the Assistant Moderator shall take charge; and if neither of them is present the senior minister in years shall act as moderator.

2. It shall be the duty of the clerk to enroll the delegates to the association who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their right to seats therein, and those enrolled by the clerk shall compose the association. In case of questionable representation however the case under question shall be referred to the credential committee.



3. It shall be the duty of every body belonging to this association to send a letter to every annual session of this association, reporting in the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work, and its statistics. Any body belonging to this association which shall fail to report itself for two successive sessions may be dismissed from the association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

4. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer and shall be closed with prayer.

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

6. This association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

7. This association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.

8. Any person not a member of this association may be allowed to take part in discussion by obtaining permission from the moderator.

9. It shall be the duty of all members of the association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting and any one wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator.

10. No member shall absent himself from the association during its meetings without first obtaining permission from the moderator.

11. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee provided the person nominated be elected.

12. The moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

13. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation "brother moderator", but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.

14. The "yeas" and "nays" may be counted on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.

15. No member of this association shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission from the moderator.

16. It shall be the duty of the moderator to seat delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

17. These by-laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. THE BIBLE — The scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. GOD — There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver and Righteous Governor of the Universe and in the scriptures as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, yet one God infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are to supremely love, adore and obey.

3. CHRIST — Christ is God manifest in flesh; in His divine nature truly Good, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man; once crucified, He is risen and glorified and is an ever present Savior and Lord.

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT — The scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.

5. THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD — God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and things by maintaining the constitution and

laws of nature. He also performs special arts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man may require.

6. THE SINFULNESS OF MAN — Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to the years of accountability sin and become guilty before God.

7. THE WORK OF CHRIST — The Son of God by His incarnation, life, suffering, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground for salvation by faith.

8. THE TERMS OF SALVATION — The condition of salvation are: First repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. Second, faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul, renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, becomes a child of God. Third, continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. ELECTION — God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence, by faith in Christ, men become His elect.

10. FREEDOM OF THE WILL — The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the spirit and live, or to resist them and perish.

11. SALVATION FREE — God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take the water of life freely.

12. PERSEVERANCE — All believers in Christ, who through perseverance in holiness to the end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation.

13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES — Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, feet washing and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be perpetuated under the gospel of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH — The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employment and amusement, for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communication with God.

15. RESURRECTION, JUDGEMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION — The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life and they that have done ill unto the resurrection of judgment, then the wicked will go into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.—John 5:29, revised version, Matt. 25:46.

16. WAR — War destroys the lives of the innocent, and is contrary to the teachings of the New Testament, therefore, we are opposed to war.



We, the ..... Association in Alabama send greetings to the Alabama State Association when in session at ..... Church. We send as delegates ..... to sit with you in your deliberations and help transact any legal business that may come before your honorable body.

The statistics of our association are as follows:

1. Number of Churches .....
  2. Total membership .....
  3. Number of Ministers .....
  4. Number of Sunday Schools .....
  5. Number Enrolled in Sunday Schools .....
  6. Number of F. W. B. Leagues .....
  7. Number Enrolled in F. W. B. Leagues .....
  8. Number of Ladies' Auxiliaries .....
  9. Value of Church Property .....
  10. Value of Parsonage Property .....
  11. Total of members received the past year .....
  12. Deceased members .....
  13. Number of members dismissed or expelled .....
  14. Paid out for Building Repairs .....
  15. Paid to Pastor Salaries .....
  16. Paid to Evangelist .....
  17. Paid to Orphanage .....
  18. Paid to Home Missions .....
  19. Paid to Foreign Missions .....
  20. Paid to Christian Education .....
  21. New Churches Organized .....
  22. New Sunday Schools Organized .....
  23. New F. W. B. Leagues Organized .....
  24. New Church Buildings Erected .....
  25. Total Amount Paid Out for All Purposes .....
- (Please fill out all the above information.)
- (Location of Association in State).
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| 26. Moderator .....          | Address ..... |
| 27. Assistant Moderator..... | Address ..... |
| 28. Clerk .....              | Address ..... |
| 29. Treasurer .....          | Address ..... |

# STATISTICAL REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONS

haba River Asso.	16	628	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1574.89	100.00	350.00	7.00	—	—	—	\$2031.00
erty	4	216	68	—	—	1	—	—	—	836.75	365.19	264.51	55.28	—	—	—	1996.67
erty No. 1	13	698	41	—	—	6	2	—	—	1263.99	—	—	719.28	—	—	—	1983.27
esper	24	2587	81	44	—	14	4	—	—	2574.56	480.93	—	—	—	—	—	2955.49
nt River	5	349	16	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ogressive	8	593	15	8	20	3	1	—	—	2874.62	429.19	265.45	258.17	95.34	50.00	616.50	5350.18
rnnon	11	1925	65	—	—	10	10	—	—	1600.00	504.40	150.00	40.00	—	—	40.00	2894.40
rmingham District	6	264	37	—	—	1	6	—	—	348.00	47.00	—	—	—	—	—	395.00
ar Creek	8	490	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	410.00	—	—	—	140.00	—
ar Moriah	15	1813	—	—	—	15	3	—	—	1701.21	500.00	—	460.64	—	—	12.00	2663.85



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