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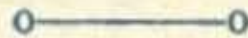
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PROCEEDINGS



The Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists met with Cordova Church at Cordova, Alabama, on November 9, 1944, with the Moderator, Rev. J. J. Staab, in charge.

Services began at 7:00 p. m. After some good singing and prayer, a very impressive talk was given by the Moderator.

The message was delivered by the Rev. H. L. Mitchell of Birmingham, Alabama., Scripture being selected from Acts 9: 10. After a soul-stirring message, the Moderator appointed the Credential Committee as follows:

Rev. A. J. Lambert, Rev. D. C. Dodd, Rev. J. E. Drummons, Rev. H. A. Pitts, Rev. O. K. Morgan, Rev. J. L. Lauander, and Rev. J. N. Harbin.

Closing song and Benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING

Service opened by singing "Praise Him." After prayer, a welcome address was delivered by Rev. V. F. Boner, Cordova, Ala. Response by Mrs. J. B. Bloss of Columbia, Tenn.

Next, call for letters of Associations as follows:

Liberty No. 1, fee \$10.00; Liberty No. 2, fee \$5.00; Cahaba River, fee \$5.00; Birmingham District, fee \$5.00; Jasper, fee \$10.00; Progress, fee \$5.00; Bear Creek, fee \$5.00; Morning Star, fee \$5.00; Flint River, fee \$5.00; Mount Moriah, fee \$10.00; Alabama-Mississippi State Line, fee \$5.00; Vernon, fee \$5.00.

Delegates represented each of the above Associations with letters and were properly seated.

Bro. K. V. Shutes was called on to give report of Christian Workers' Institute. A good report was given of increasing interest.

Bro. Geo. Kelly, Iron City, Tenn., led the Devotional Services, talking from personal experiences, followed by special song arranged by Rev. K. V. Shutes. The Convention Sermon was delivered by Rev. D. C. Dodd of Nashville, Tenn., subject being taken from Philippians 4. After Benediction, lunch was served in the City Hall.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After some good singing and prayer, the Devotional was led by Rev J. K. Boyett, Hamilton, Ala.

The Ladies Auxiliaries were called on, Mrs. J. B. Bloss, presiding. After a brief talk, Mrs. Bloss introduced the Rev. Sister Lizzie McAdams of Hunts-

ville, Texas, who brought a very inspiring message on the National Woman's Work.

A special song was very impressive—"When All Free Wills Learn To Tithe."

Rev. R. B. Crawford, Nashville, Tenn., National Executive, brought an inspiring message—"The Gospel, Our Greatest Need, and The Preached Work." The Rev. Johnson, Tupelo, Miss., gave a brief talk on our College in Nashville, Tenn.

The great, long awaited moment about our State Orphanage had arrived. Revs. P. J. Box and H. M. Black were called on for the Orphanage Finance Gathering—two men who faithfully labored during the entire year for our orphanage, along with others, were weather-beaten, worn and weary, but wore the expression of a complete victory—climaxing the State Orphanage by clearing all the indebtedness. After all sufficient funds had been gathered, the Rev. Box exclaimed; "Thanks be unto GOD for Victory, Joy unspeakable; Yes, full of Glory. The Committee went to Jasper and redeemed all notes and mortgages clear of all indebtedness. The secretary has also received from Walker County Board of Revenue, a receipt for State Free Will Baptists paid in full.

Next, the Unified Program Report was given by Mrs. K. V. Shutes. (See Report)

Next, Superannuation Report given by Mrs. J. B. Bloss. (See Report)

Brother V. C. May gave a verbal report on the orphanage in general, repairs, conditions and finances.

Benediction.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Service opened with a good song, after which Brother R. B. Crawford lifted us with an inspirational prayer. Brother Winford Davis brought a good message on Our World's Missions. Some pictures were shown on the screen and then an offering was taken for missions, amounting to \$112.00.

Article III of Section 1 was changed to read that each Association send \$10.00 for State Association Fee with the additional \$5.00 for National Association Fee.

Benediction.

SATURDAY MORNING

After song and prayer, the Devotional was led by Rev. J. E. Drummons of Leeds, Ala.

The General Business Board again read Article I, Section 3. Also Article III, Section 2, be changed to read that the Secretary and Moderator be paid \$25.00 per year for their services. This was read three times during

the Session. The General Business Board gave their final report. (See Report)

After appointment of Mission Board and Sunday School Board, the Body went into election for officers for the year. The following were elected:

Rev. J. J. Staab, Moderator.

Rev. K. V. Shutes, Vice-Moderator.

Rev. W. H. Ryland, Secretary and Treasurer.

Rev. A. J. Lambert, Assistant Secretary.

Rev. J. B. Bloss, State Evangelist.

The 11:00 a. m. message was delivered by the Rev. Sister Lizzie McAdams of Huntsville, Texas.

12:00 noon Lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After appointment of committee, a vote was taken on the place for next year's Session. It was voted upon to go to Brilliant Boston Church, Brilliant, Alabama.

A message was brought by Dr. G. V. Tingley, Birmingham, Ala., on Evangelism.

The Orphanage Committee arrived from Jasper with the notes and papers on the Orphanage paid in full. A receipt was presented from the Board of Revenue of Walker County to read:

"This is to certify that the Eldridge Property for Orphanage purchased by the Free Will Baptist of Alabama is paid up in full."

The receipt bore the Seal and Signature of the Board of Revenue. This brought much rejoicing.

Benediction.

Rev. J. J. Staab, Moderator.

Rev. W. H. Ryland, Secretary-Treasurer.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Chairman ----- 311 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.
 Rev. H. M. Black ----- Adamsville, Ala.
 Rev. A. J. Lambert ----- Parrish, Ala.
 Rev. P. J. Box ----- Addison, Ala.
 Rev. T. L. Walker ----- Gordo, Ala.

ORPHANAGE FIELD WORKERS

Rev. J. N. Harbin ----- Morning Star Association
 Rev. E. W. Graves ----- Vernon Association
 Rev. R. B. Aldridge ----- Mississippi State Line Association
 Rev. H. A. Pitts ----- Jasper Association
 Rev. O. K. Morgan ----- Flint River Association
 Rev. A. J. Lambert ----- Progressive Association
 Rev. H. M. Black ----- Cahaba River Association
 Rev. T. J. Buck ----- Liberty No. 1 Association
 Rev. Claude Deason ----- Liberty No. 2 Association
 Rev. T. L. Walker ----- Mt. Moriah Association
 Rev. John Golden ----- South Eastern Association
 Rev. P. J. Box ----- Bear Creek Association
 Rev. Lee Hanks ----- Birmingham District Association

COMMITTEE TO DRAW CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR ORPHANAGE

K. V. Shutes, Chairman, D. C. Dodd, J. J. Staab, T. K. Boyett

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

J. L. Davis E. W. Henry A. J. Lambert J. L. Lavander

MISSION BOARD

Claude Deason, Chairman ----- Pell City, Ala.
 Lucile May, Secretary-Treasurer ----- % Y. W. C. A., Birmingham, Ala.
 Joe D. Hudson Mrs. H. A. Pitts D. G. Jordan
 Mrs. S. W. Kendricks H. L. Mitchell

FINANCE COMMITTEE

J. L. Davis, Chairman, Route One, Mt. Olive, Alabama
 V. F. Boner J. E. Drummons Earl Richardson, Mrs. J. B. Bloss

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

V. C. May ----- Alabama State
 Troy Carroll ----- Progressive
 David Davis ----- Cahaba River
 Donald Stone ----- Alabama-Mississippi State Line
 D. J. O'Donnell ----- Liberty No. 2
 Wm. Shipp ----- Liberty No. 1
 M. F. Whitman ----- Jasper
 John D. Ernest ----- Morning Star
 Ed. W. Henry ----- Flint River
 Olan Rice ----- Birmingham District
 W. L. McAdams ----- Mount Moriah
 Columbus Claborn ----- Bear Creek
 Lucile May ----- Vernon

REPORT OF GENERAL BUSINESS BOARD

The General Business Board submitted the following report:

1. Each church in Alabama pay 10c per member per month and each minister and deacon pay \$5.00 per year for support of the Orphanage.
2. Each church pay 10c per member per month, Ministers and Deacons \$5.00 annually. And said funds be sent to Lucile May, Secretary and Treasurer of Mission Board. Also, State Evangelist be paid out of said funds.
3. Article III, Section 2 be amended to read: That the Moderator and Secretary be paid \$25.00 annually for their services.
4. Each Association send \$10.00 annually for State Fee instead of \$5.00.
5. The Home Mission Board be composed of five or seven members and have their own secretary and treasurer.
6. Each Association represented cast one vote in election of officers.
7. A Sunday School Board be appointed.
8. All ministers and deacons abide by Article III of the Constitution.
9. A committee be appointed to draw up Constitution and By-Laws for the Orphanage.
10. That we comply with National Program and have at least four offerings annually in each church for Unified Program.

H. L. Mitchell, Chairman.

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Total received	\$84.71
Paid to National Board	16.05
Balance in Treasury	\$68.66

Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Chairman and Treasurer,
311 15th Street, Columbia, Tennessee.

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN WORKERS' INSTITUTE FOR 1944

Total enrolled	23
Vacation Bible School	37
Total	60
Certificates awarded in Institute	17

Rev. and Mrs. D. C. Dodd, Instructors.

REPORT OF STATE UNIFIED PROGRAM

Total amount received	\$278.25
Disbursements for printing	5.00
National Program	74.49
Alabama State Orphanage	61.86
Superannuation	60.40
Total	\$202.75

In treasury for State Home Mission Board\$ 75.50

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Treasurer,
Cordova, Alabama.

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The Bible Institute will meet with Sylacauga Church on May 6th through 18th, 1945. Please send all applications to Rev. H. L. Mitchell, 1720 North 8th Ave., Birmingham, Alabama.

CONSTITUTION

Name—This body shall be known as the "Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists."

Section 1. 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 practice of said treatise.

Section 2. 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 an association must be 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. These officers are elective, other officers being appointed as Moderator may need or desire.

Section 2. This Association shall be composed of all active, ordained ministers who are members of an association which is a member of this body and duly elected or appointed delegates of District Association. One 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, Section 1. Finance—each district association representing in this Body shall send the sum of \$10.00 with its report and each minister that presents his credentials pay the sum of \$1.00 annually to the Body to help with the expenses of the Association.

Section 2. The Secretary and Moderator shall be paid \$25.00 annually for their services rendered. All other expenditures not specified shall be made at the directions of the Body.

Article IV, Section 1. 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 decisions shall be final.

Section 2. All appeals coming before the State Association may be set-

tled 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.

Name of Association	No. of Churches	No. of Members	No. of Ministers	No. Rec'd. Past Year	Deceased	Dismissed or Expelled	No. of Sunday Schools	No. of F. W. B. L.	No. Ladies Auxiliaries	New Churches Organized	Value Church Property	Paid Pastor Salaries	Paid Evangelist	Paid Orphanage	Paid Missions	Paid Christian-Education	Clerks Name and Address
Progressive.....	11	742	14	149	4	14	7	3	4	1	\$ 21,866.80	\$ 4,281.66	\$1,009.97	\$ 196.20	\$143.49	\$540.50	Mrs. J. B. Bloss, 311 E. 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.
Bear Creek.....	8	490	15	28	3	12	7	1	1	1	5,680.00	365.00	33.50	50.25	---	---	C. C. Claborn Houston Ala.
Mount Moriah.....	15	---	16	50	9	1	6	1	1	1	186.00	20.70	462.25	1,100.00	---	---	W. L. Buckholter R-1, Gordo, Ala.
Birmingham District.....	5	192	10	2	5	2	5	2	1	1	3,700.00	8,388.00	133.45	475.58	---	---	Mrs. Lee Hanks R-2, Box 18, Colera, Ala.
Flint River Ala. and Miss. State Line.....	5	355	11	13	2	---	3	---	---	---	---	---	50.00	---	---	---	H. M. Bell R-1, Lacon, Ala.
Jasper.....	24	2,587	39	---	---	---	10	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	112.00	---	Ben R. Arthur Hamilton, Ala.
Morning Star.....	---	535	12	20	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	W. S. Flippo R-2, Guin, Ala.
Vernon.....	12	1,575	11	53	12	15	10	7	2	1	2,950.00	1,789.36	402.71	375.50	53.25	29.12	D. B. Davis R-2, Cordova, Ala.
Liberty No. 1.....	14	737	26	46	7	---	8	---	1	1	31,000.00	1,447.43	---	---	106.26	---	D. J. Jordan Vernon Ala.
Liberty No. 2.....	5	297	22	30	4	---	5	---	1	1	8,800.00	1,680.25	522.06	---	---	---	Wilbur Shipp R-1, Castleberry, Ala.
Cahaba River.....	12	544	25	78	10	35	11	2	4	---	15,400.00	2,524.81	642.52	1,250.25	108.50	78.00	C. L. Carlisle R-1, Box 78, Pell City, Ala.
Total.....	123	8,652	218	469	46	83	77	14	11	4	\$376,632.80	\$20,297.21	\$3,256.46	\$3,669.84	\$555.99	\$754.97	W. F. Johnston 28 Seminole Ave., Sylacauga, Ala.