

MINUTES
Of The
ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION
Of
FREE WILL BAPTIST
Held With
UNION GROVE CHURCH
CASTLEBERRY, ALA.

November 13th and 14th, 1947

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THURSDAY MORNING

After the song service conducted by Rev. A. J. Lambert of Sylacauga and prayer by Rev. R. P. Rich, Pell City, a very inspiring devotional service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. S. Thomley, Robertsdale, Ala.

Rev. L. V. Pinson, Moderator for the day being absent, Rev. R. P. Rich of Pell City was elected to replace him.

The first address of the day on the subject, "The Need of Unity Among Free Will Baptists in Alabama," was brought by the Moderator, Rev. R. P. Rich.

At eleven o'clock Rev. A. J. Lambert delivered the morning message, choosing for his subject, "Unity in Faith". This was an able message and delivered in his usual convincing manner.

The noon hour was an enjoyable feast.

The evening session was opened with song service and prayer by Rev. J. L. Lavender, Coker, Ala. Rev. Joe S. Frederick conducted a fine devotional.

Rev. J. B. Bloss of Columbia, Tenn., brought the first message of the afternoon. His subject was, "Unity in Observing Church Ordinances". An appreciative congregation enjoyed the message.

Then Rev. R. B. Crawford of Nashville brought a most important message on the subject, "The One Bible Plan of Church Finance".

Rev. Chester O'Donnell presented "The Ministers Bible Conference" as a means to promote a closer unity among ministers.

"A Full Time Ministry" was the title of an inspiring message delivered by Rev. W. H. Ryland.

In the business session a motion was carried to empower the Moderator to appoint a committee to arrange a Constitution and By-Laws for the ministers' meeting. The committee appointed: Revs. A. J. Lambert, K. V. Shutes, and R. P. Rich.

Motion carried to retain the present officers for another year.

Motion passed to allow the Program Committee of the Association to arrange the program for the Ministers' Meeting.

With this the Ministers' Meeting adjourned.

THURSDAY EVENING

The Associational Moderator, Rev. H. A. Pitts, appointed the following as the Credential Committee: Revs. A. J. Lambert J. L. Lavender, A. L. Warren, W. S. Thomley, and R. P. Rich.

The Buinesss Committee appointed was composed of W. H. Ryland, T. L. Walker, J. T. Quick, J. S. Frederick, and J. B. Lovering.

A fine congregation having assembled, a fine song service was enjoyed by all. Rev. W. H. Ryland led the prayer and Rev. J. B. Lovering of Pensacola, Fla., conducted the evening devotion.

Rev. T. L. Walker of Gordo had been selected to bring the evening message. He selected for his text, Prov. 29:18, "Where There Is No Vision, the People Perish". He pictured the needs of the world today and the church with the power and opportunity to supply these needs, offered a great challenge to the church today.

FRIDAY MORNING

Rev. J. M. Black conducted the morning devotion.

The Clerk called the assembly to order.

The Moderator called for the letters from the various Associations. The following Associations responded:

Birmingham District: Delegates, Bros. F. S. Higdon and C. K. Evans.

Jasper Association: Sister A. P. Leonard and Bros. Foster Holcomb, Jesse Strickland and A. P. Leonard.

Progressive: Delegates, Sisters Florence Sides, Dan Sargent, J. C. Millican, and Bros. P. H. Pike, Seaborn Kuykendall, G. C. Bloss and Sister Clovis Howard.

Cahaba River: Delegates, Bros. Arthur Johnston, Thurman Kimbrough, Felix Smith, T. J. Oakes, Sisters J. L. Parker and Minnie Pickett.

Liberty No. 1. Delegate, W. G. Palmer.

Liberty No. 2. Robert Burnham.

Vernon: Delegate, J. T. Quick.

Flint River: Delegates, O. K. Morgan, L. L. Lindsey, J. D. Robertson, Ed Henry.

Mt. Moriah: Delegate, H. M. Montgomery.

The letters were received and the delegates seated.

Upon the recommendation of the Credential Committee, Union Hill Church of Slocomb, Ala., was received as an independent church. Sister F. W. Bolin, delegate.

Friendship Church of Addison, Ala., was received under the watchcare of the Association for one year.

Sister J. B. Bloss gave the report of the Superannuation Board. (See report).

Sister Florence Sides gave a fine report of the Youth's

Vacation Bible Camp.

Rev. A. L. Warren delivered the Ministers' Bible Conference report.

Rev. W. H. Ryland gave the Secretary-Treasurer's report.

Report of the Credential Committee received and adopted.

(See report.)

Rev. Henry Melvin, business manager of the Bible School at Nashville, gave a fine report of the school and its needs. An offering of \$23.75 was made for the school.

The Superintendent of the Children's Home, Rev. W. H. Ryland, brought an interesting message concerning the Home. An offering of \$20.00 was given.

Rev. Rufus Hyman of Slocomb brought a fine short message. His subject, "The Prophet Who Lost His Ax".

The noon hour was enjoyed by all.

FRIDAY P. M.

The evening session began with prayer by Rev. Melvin and devotion by R. V. L. V. Collier.

Report of Home Mission Board was next received.

An oral report of the Sunday School Board was given by Rev. A. J. Lambert.

Sister K. V. Shutes gave the report of the Unified Program. (See report.)

We were honored in having the Executive Secretary of the National Association, Rev. R. B. Crawford, with us, and he brought a very interesting report on our National work.

The Ladies' Auxiliary held their session in an adjoining church. Sister W. H. Ryland reported to the body the proceedings of their meeting.

The Secretary was instructed to include the proceeds of the Ladies Meeting in preparing the Minutes of the Association.

FRIDAY EVENING

After an enjoyable song service and prayer by Bro. J. T. Quick, Rev. K. V. Shutes presented the Orphanage report.

Motion carried to elect the same Orphanage Board except those who had resigned. These changes were made: A. J. Lambert from Cahaba River, J. T. Quick from Vernon, V. R. Lay from the Morning Star.

V. C. May, Orphanage Treasurer, gave the financial report of the Home.

There was a pause in the business session while Rev. Shutes, who was selected to be in charge of Mission Night, delivered a most appropriate message. He selected for his text, Mt. 28:20, and read from Rom. 10. A wonderful service indeed was this. Thirteen fine souls found the Lord. Three were united with

the church. One surrendered to the call of the ministry. The offering to Missions amounted to \$116.01.

Bro. Grady Collins was appointed to Superannuation Board. Final report of Business Board was received and adopted.

The Secretary was authorized to prepare a form letter to be furnished the Associations in reporting to the State Association.

Revs. H. M. Black, W. S. Thomley, and J. L. Lavender were appointed to an Auditing Committee.

Rev. K. V. Shutes was appointed to meet with the National Committee to revise the National Treatise. Motion carried that the Association be responsible for his expenses while at work with this committee.

Rev. H. A. Pitts was appointed Corresponding Delegate to the Mississippi State Association.

Motion carried that we send greetings to the Georgia Association by Rev. R. B. Crawford.

Motion passed appointing the Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Secretary to be responsible for making all arrangements for a Minister's Conference and Youth's Bible Camp.

The following were appointed Delegates to the National Association: A. C. Wiggins, Pensacola, Fla.; Wyman Holcomb, Winfield, Ala., Rt. 3; V. C. May, Eldridge, Ala.; W. F. Bray, Pensacola, Fla., Rt. 5; H. M. Montgomery, Box 289, Northport, Ala.; Florence Sides, Cordova, Ala.; Jesse Strickland, Brilliant, Ala.; Harvey Clearman, Vernon, Ala.; J. D. O'Donnell, Ashville, Ala.; Robert Burnham, Pell City, Ala.; C. N. Deason, Sylacauga, Ala.; L. C. Wright, Hamilton, Ala.; Fletcher Bolin, Slocumb, Ala.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with Liberty Church, eight miles east of Vernon, Ala., Lamar County.

REPORTS

YEARLY REPORT OF F. W. B. ALA. HOME MISSIONS
NOVEMBER, 1946—OCTOBER, 1947

	Received	Pd. Out	Total
Balance on hand			\$843.06
November	\$15.35	\$272.25 (Cost of Tent)	586.16
December	16.94		603.10
January	17.19	285.42 (Cost of Tent)	334.87
February	37.36		372.23
March	12.14		384.37
April	13.80		398.17
May	21.39	40.00 (Moving Tent)	379.56
June	27.54	260.46 (Cost of Seats)	146.64
July	25.00	152.55 (Moving Tent) (Cost of Seats)	40.98
August	17.62		83.60
September	25.00		95.50
October	11.90		137.45
	41.95		

Total amount received Nov., 1946-Oct., 1947, with
Balance left on hand \$1,148.13
Total Expenses, Nov., 1946-Oct., 1947 1,010.68

Total Amount in Treas. \$ 137.45
LUCILLE MAY, Secretary-Treasurer,
Eldridge, Alabama.

ORPHANAGE TREASURER'S REPORT
SEPT. 2, 1946, TO SEPT. 1, 1947

Total received	\$6,680.49
Total paid out	\$5,502.91
Balance	\$1,177.58

V. C. MAY, Treasurer.

REPORT OF UNIFIED PROGRAM TREASURER FOR 1946-1947

Balance brought forward from last year \$ 1.03

RECEIPTS

Cordova Church, Cordova, Ala.	\$330.33
Leeds Church, Leeds, Ala.	239.92
Loyal Chapel Church, Columbia, Tenn.	220.44
Brilliant Church, Brilliant, Ala.	102.46
Alabama City Church, Alabama City, Ala.	34.47
Cedar Creek Church	11.00
Holly Springs Church	9.50
Union Ridge Church	9.00
Mt. Moriah Church	7.00
Springfield Church	8.73
Free Waters Church	5.00
Community Church	4.35
Mississippi and Alabama State Line Association	4.00
Pleasant Site	1.25
Rev. Chester O'Donnell	1.00

Total Receipts \$989.25

DISBURSEMENTS

5 per cent for expenses of office	\$ 48.91
To Mr. V. C. May for Children's Home	226.64
To Miss Lucille May for Home Missions	255.07
To Mrs. J. B. Bloss for Superannuation	204.04
To Rev. R. B. Crawford for National Unified Program	255.07

Total Disbursements \$989.73

MRS. K. V. SHUTES, Treasurer.

REPORT OF ALABAMA STATE SUPERANNUATION BOARD FOR 1946-1947

Dec. 2, 1946, Received from Unified Program	\$ 12.28
Dec. 31, 1946, Received from Unified Program	13.55
Jan. 31, 1947, Received from Unified Program	13.75
March 1, 1947, Received from Unified Program	29.89
April 1, 1947, Received from Unified Program	9.71
May 1, 1947, Received from Unified Program	11.04
June 2, 1947, Received from Unified Program	17.10
June 30, 1947, Received from Unified Program	22.03
August 4, 1947, Received from Unified Program	17.51
Sept. 9, 1947, Received from Unified Program	14.10
Oct. 2, 1947, Received from Unified Program	9.52
Nov. 1, 1947, Received from Unified Program	33.55
Dec. 29, 1946, Special Offering from Rev. C. O. Goodwin	5.00

Dec. 29, 1946, Special Offering from Bro. Bill McSpadden	1.00
April 8, 1947, Special Offering from Belk Church	13.00
Sept. 23, 1947, Special Offering from Cordova Women's Auxiliary	5.00

Total received for the year	\$228.04
Bal. brought forward from last year	315.69

Total	\$543.73
Total paid out for the year	236.41

Balance now in Treasury \$307.32

I. Whereas, the National Superannuation Board has asked each State Board to collect from each member in its State, One Dollar, we accept this suggestion. We are asking that you send this amount to your State Treasurer.

MRS. J. B. BLOSS, Treasurer
Alabama State Superannuation Board.

REPORT FROM THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The session was opened by the President, Mrs. J. B. Bloss.

After singing "Send the Light," Mrs. H. A. Pitts conducted the devotion, reading the Scripture, Acts 17:22-31. Prayer was offered by Mrs. W. H. Ryland.

The theme for the day was "Seeking Christ First" and was introduced by Mrs. J. B. Bloss.

Reports were called for and received and the delegates seated.

The following Associations were represented: Jasper, Cahaba River and the Progressive.

In the absence of the First Vice-President, Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Miss Florence Sides brought the first message, "Seeking Christ Through Enlightenment and Literature." She also substituted for the Second Vice-President on the subject, "Youth Seeking Christ First".

Third Vice-President, Mrs. W. H. Ryland had for her subject, "Seeking Christ in Study".

Mrs. H. A. Pitts, the Fourth Vice-President, spoke on "Seeking Christ Through Benevolence".

Rev. Robert Crawford brought an inspiring message on "Women's Auxiliary Work".

The following committees were appointed by the President: Appreciation, Mrs. A. P. Leonard and Mrs. H. A. Pitts.

Finance, Mrs. Lucille Howard and Miss Florine Sides.

Registration, Miss Mamie Lou Palmer and Mrs. Grady Palmer.

Resolution, Mrs. W. H. Ryland and Mrs. W. F. Bray.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from:

Cahaba River Assocoation	\$10.20
Progressive Association	8.80
Jasper Association	11.07
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	\$30.07

Disbursements:

To Mrs. Fannie Palston for National Dues	\$15.00
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Balance	15.07
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MRS. NETTIE WHITEHEAD, Treasurer.

CONVENTION DUES

Jasper Association	\$11.40
Cahaba River	2.82
Progressive	8.67
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	\$22.89

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We wish to express the appreciation of the Convention to the Church and Pastor for the kindness and hospitality shown us while in their midst. We express also to the Program Committee and to each one who had a part on the program, and to Bro. Crawford for his fine message. Most of all we express our gratitude to God for His blessings to us during this Convention.

MRS. A. P. LEONARD, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We find, after examination, that the Treasurer's report is correct.

MRS. LUCILLE HOWARD, Chairman.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

No. of Officers	3
No. of Delegates	4
No of Visitors	5
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Total	12

MISS MAMIE LOU HOWARD, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We submit the following report:

1. We recommend this Convention accept as one of its projects the furnishing of one room of the Girls' Dormitory in

the Cuban School of Missions, the money to be raised by the Fifth Vice-President of each Auxiliary. (Total cost, \$50.00); and that she send all money to the Fifth Vice-President of the State Convention.

II. That each Auxiliary take a check book prepared for the monthly support of the Children's Home in Eldridge.

III. That each Fifth Vice-President collect from all members coupons of redeemable value to be sent to the State Fifth Vice-President to be donated to the Children's Home.

IV. We urge each Auxiliary to use Miss Barnard's book, "His Name Among All Nations," for Mission Study Courses. We also urge each Auxiliary to have at least one study course on Stewardship and one on New Manual.

V. We urge that each Auxiliary get their report to their District Officers before their Association so that the District Officers can prepare a report to the State Convention.

VI. We recommend that we pay \$10.00 to the minute fund.

MRS. W. H. RYLAND, Chairman.

STATISTICAL REPORT

No. of District Conventions	3
No. of Societies	12
No. of Members	134
New Members	17
Members reinstated	2
Total New Members	19
Inactive Members	22
Deceased	0
No. of Stewardship Programs	21
Tithers	36
Mission Study Classes Conducted	18
Auxiliaries Observing Prayer Week	3
Method Study Classes	2
Members subscribing Church Paper	12
No. Having Personal Service Committee	3
Amount money raised for Fifty Thousand Bond	\$ 185.86
Amount for Missions	76.37
Amount Packages to Missionaries	10.00
Amount to Orphanage	79.50
Convention Dues	31.22
Literature	16.75
Charity	301.75
Parsonages	1,457.00
Other purposes	199.33
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Total	3,257.73

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President, Mrs. K. V. Shutes	Leeds, Ala.
1st Vice President, Mrs. A. P. Leonard	Brilliant, Ala.
2nd Vice President, Miss Florine Sides	Eldridge, Ala.
3rd Vice President, Mrs. H. A. Pitts	Brilliant, Ala.
4th Vice President, Mrs. J. B. Bloss	Columbia, Tenn.
5th Vice President, Mrs. W. H. Ryland	Eldridge, Ala.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. M. C. Isbell	Leeds, Ala.
Treasurer, Mrs. Lucille Howard	Leeds, Ala.
Delegates to the National Convention, Mrs. W. H. Ryland, Mrs. H. A. Pitts, Mrs. A. P. Leonard.	
Special offering for Foreign Missions	\$7.00

REPORT OF BUSINESS BOARD

1. We recommend that the Minister's Conference be held at the Children's Home in Eldridge, to begin on Monday after the 2nd Sunday in March, provided suitable arrangements can be made, otherwise it may be held in any church desiring to sponsor it.

2. That the Youth's Vacation Bible Camp be held for one week, beginning on Monday after 3rd Sunday in July, under the same provisions of the Minister's Conference.

3. That a committee be appointed to draw a letter form for the State Association.

4. That a committee be appointed to audit all State Association books.

5. That the State Association meet with Liberty Church, eight miles east of Vernon, Ala.

6. That our Ministers use their influence in their field of labor for the financial support of the Children's Home.

7. That we give Bro. Thomley and this good Church a vote of thanks for the fine hospitality shown us during our visit with them.

W. H. RYLAND, Chairman.

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

1. In regards to the difference between the Cahaba River Association and the Leeds Church, we recommend that the Quarterly Meeting of said Association reconsider in its next session the decision of its Executive Committee, and that the Association grant a letter of dismissal to Leeds Church.

2. We recommend that Southern Union Association be enrolled as a members of this body upon the receipt of their letter and entrance fee.

A. J. LAMBERT, Chairman.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount received:	
Ministers' and Deacons' Registration Fees	\$ 56.00
Fees from Associations	185.00
Total	\$241.00
Paid Out:	\$ 25.00
To Moderator and Clerk	13.00
Typing Manuscript	100.00
Cost of Minutes	8.95
Mailing expenses	10.00
State Fee to National Association	55.00
Fees for Eleven Associations to National	6.83
Writing Material and Supplies	5.00
Printing Programs	13.77
Paid back overdrawn from last year	
Total paid out	\$237.60
Balance in Treasury	\$ 3.40

W. H. RYLAND, Treasurer.

ORPHANAGE BOARD REPORT

We recommend that a new Board of Trustees be elected. That the first eight elected to serve six years; the second eight serve four years, and the third eight serve two years. This shall be added to the By-Laws of the Home.

REV. K. V. SHUTES, Chairman.

PERSONNEL OF BOARDS

ORPHANAGE TRUSTEES

K. V. Shutes, Chairman	Leeds, Ala.
P. J. Box	Addison, Ala.
W. C. Patterson	Pell City, Ala.
A. J. Lambert	Sylacauga, Ala.
T. L. Walker	Gordo, Ala.
O. K. Morgan	Hanceville, Ala.
I. K. Boyette	Hamilton, Ala.
W. S. Thomley	Robertsdale, Ala.
J. T. Quick	Beaverton, Ala.
A. L. Warren	Vernon, Ala.
V. R. Lay	Berry, Ala.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

W. H. Ryland, Chairman	Eldridge, Ala.
T. L. Walker	Gordo, Ala.
J. T. Quick	Beaverton, Ala.
J. S. Frederick	Hackleburg, Ala.
J. B. Lovering	Pensacola, Fla.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

A. J. Lambert	Sylacauga, Ala.
W. L. Lindsey	Lacan, Ala.
J. L. Lavender	Coker, Ala.
J. T. Buck	Summerdale, Ala.

HOME MISSION BOARD

Jesse Strickland	Brilliant, Ala.
Lucille May	Eldridge, Ala.
H. L. Mitchell	1720 8th Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
Joe D. Hudson	Hanceville, Ala.
J. B. Leadlow	Pell City, Ala.
Grady Collins	Sylacauga, Ala.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Chairman	Columbia, Tenn
Mrs. Wallis	Belk, Ala.
K. V. Shutes	Leeds, Ala.
Grady Hudson	Hamilton, Ala.
C. C. Winsett	Cordova, Ala.

UNIFIED PROGRAM

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Chairman	Leeds, Ala.
W. L. McAdams	Millport, Ala.
Mrs. H. A. Pitts	Brilliant, Ala.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

A. C. Wiggins	Box 5023, Pensacola, Fla.
Wyman Holcomb	Winfield, Ala.
V. C. May	Eldridge, Ala.
W. F. Bray	Rt. 5, Pensacola, Fla.
H. M. Montgomery	Box 289, Northport, Ala.
Florene Sides	Cordova, Ala.
Jesse Strickland	Brilliant, Ala.
W. H. Clearman	Vernon, Ala.
D. J. O'Donnell	Ashville, Ala.

J. O. Perrigen	Carrollton, Ala.
C. N. Deason	Sylacauga, Ala.
L. C. Wright	Hamilton, Ala.
Fletcher Bolin	Slocomb, Ala.
Robert Burnham	Pell City, Ala.

MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED

Rev. W. S. Thomley	Robertsdale, Ala.
Rev. E. M. Grubbs	313 E. 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.
Rev. J. S. Frederick	Hackleburg, Ala.
Rev. T. L. Walker	Gordo, Ala.
Rev. Rufus Hyman	Slocomb, Ala.
Rev. W. F. Frederick	Hackleburg, Ala.
Rev. J. B. Bloss	Columbia, Tenn.
Rev. W. H. Ryland	Eldridge, Ala.
Rev. E. W. Graves	Vernon, Ala.
Rev. R. P. Rich	Pell City, Ala.
Rev. A. L. Warren	Vernon, Ala.
Rev. A. J. Lambert	Sylacauga, Ala.
Rev. H. A. Pitts	Brilliant, Ala.
Rev. Chester O'Donnell	Ashville, Ala.
Rev. J. L. Lavender	Coker, Ala.
Rev. F. M. Wright	Opp, Ala.
Rev. E. E. Brooks	Uriah, Ala.
Rev. J. B. Lovering	Rt. 5, Box 953, Pensacola, Fla.
Rev. L. M. Thomley	Malino, Fla.
Rev. J. T. Quick	Beaverton, Ala.
Rev. L. V. Collier	Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. H. M. Black	Adamsville, Ala.
Rev. J. H. Reno	Hackleburg, Ala.
Rev. R. L. Collier	Hackleburg, Ala.
Rev. W. H. Bailey	Frisco City, Ala.
Rev. P. J. Box	Addison, Ala.
Rev. Ira Garrison	Delmar, Ala.
Rev. Harry Mitchell	1728 Ave. N., Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. R. K. Franklin	1629 36 Ave. N., Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. Henry Melvin	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. G. W. Noble	Cottonwood, Ala.
Rev. W. A. Norton	Pensacola, Fla.
Rev. R. T. Coleman	Perdido, Fla.

DEACONS WHO REGISTERED

W. C. Lacy	Hackleburg, Ala.
J. W. Hennant	Malino, Fla.
C. L. Howard	Leeds, Ala.
F. S. Higden	Birmingham, Ala.
C. K. Evans	Birmingham, Ala.

Wyman Holcomb	Winfield, Ala.
J. W. Bolin	Slocumb, Ala.
W. F. Bray	Pensacola, Fla.
J. D. Roberson	Lacon, Ala.
L. L. Lindsey	Falkville, Ala.
E. M. Fields	Birmingham, Ala.
Ed Henry	Hartselle, Ala.
Grady Collins	Sylacauga, Ala.

MODERATORS AND ADDRESSES

Rev. S. F. Lee	Guin, Ala.
Rev. D. H. Davenport	
Rev. W. C. Patterson	Pell City, Ala.
Rev. W. S. Thomley	Robertsdale, Ala.
Rev. Vester Burkett	
Rev. H. L. Mitchell	1720 N. 8th Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. J. F. Williams	
Rev. W. H. Ryland	Eldridge, Ala.
Rev. J. L. Lavender	Coker, Ala.

CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

R. H. Yerby	Belk, Ala.
H. M. Bell	Rt. 1, Lacon, Ala.
Chester O'Donneil	Ashville, Ala.
W. T. Shipp	Rt. 1, Evergreen, Ala.
Brandon Estes	Rt. 2, Guin, Ala.
W. F. Johnston	Rt. 3, Box 265 A, Sylacauga, Ala.
Sister C. R. Williams	
Sister J. B. Bloss	311 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.
Leander McAdams	Ethelville, Ala.

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 rights 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 everybody 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 session 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 overruled.

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 its 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 anyone wishing to retire shall first obtain leave from 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 arise 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.

CONSTITUTION

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

SEAL—This Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptist adopt the treatise of the National Association in faith and practice. Praying for the day when we shall be one in Christ.

SEC. II.—The officers of the 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.

SEC. III.—This association shall be composed of all active, ordained ministers who are members of an Association or church, which is a member of this body and duly elected or appointed delegates of district associations or church.

One delegate for each church of each Association which is a member of this body.

SEC. IV.—No independent church may be a member of this body unless Association to which it belongs refuse to represent in the State body. Then the church may report independently. The fee of said church be the sum of \$2.00.

ARTICLE II—FINANCE.—Each district Association send the sum of \$15.00 annual fee and \$5.00 National Association fee with the annual report. And each minister and deacon pay the sum of \$1.00 registration fee to help carry on the expenses of the Association.

SEC V.—The secretary shall be paid \$15.00 and the moderator \$10.00 annually for their services rendered. All other expenditures not specified shall be made at the directions of the body.

ARTICLE II—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 the State Association. Said appeal having been properly signed by the constituent body or bodies and its decisions shall be final.

SEC. VI.—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 II.—The Moderator of the State Association of Free Will Baptist shall be regarded as an ex official member of all Boards or committees elected or appointed.

ARTICLE III.—Each elected officer shall serve for a period of two (2) years. Elections coming on the even years. The appointed officers or committees serving at the direction of the Moderator or until dismissed by the Moderator.

ARTICLE IV—MEETINGS.—The State Association of Free Will Baptist shall hold its regular meetings annually. Place of meeting to be decided by a vote of the 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 V.—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 till evening session, or from evening session till morning session prior to adoption and shall during that time be read at least twice in open session.

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ASSOCIATIONS

ASSOCIATIONS		No. of Churches	No. of Members	No. of Ministers	No. Rec'd. Past Year	Deceased	Dismissed	No. Sunday Schools	No. F. W. B. Leagues	Women's Auxiliaries	Value Church Property	Paid Pastor Salaries	Paid Evangelists	Paid to Orphanage	Paid to Missions	Paid to Christian Ed.	Pd. to Unified Program	Superannuation
Progressive	1	10	678	11	68	6	4	10	4	4	\$ 29,055	\$ 6,603.13	\$1,439.22	\$ 465.12	\$ 299.64	\$196.77	\$724.39	\$ 611.00
Vernon	12	1,811	9	51	13	13	36	12	5	5	32,000	3,034.87	997.70	385.44	75.50	99.15		178.00
Flint River	5	380	13	7	3	3	2	2			5,000							
Liberty No. 1	10	957	17	73	3	3	10	10	2	3	\$3,000	2,112.16	455.11	262.91	1,198.20			
Birmingham Dist.	6	193	10				4				4,000							
Cahaba River	1	741	24	133	2	2	24	12	3	4	35,000	6,857.60	1,321.20	616.19	349.77	104.56		
Jasper	1	3,240	40	213				24	9	6		6,322.06	1,308.74	582.06		124.00	116.95	
Liberty No. 2	2	384	21	97	4	4	28	7			12,600	1,475.75	613.75	192.00		50.39		
Mt. Moriah	14	1,800									20,000	2,160.00						
TOTAL	51	10,074	145	642	31	102	81	23	17	17	\$170,655	\$28,565.57	\$6,135.72	\$2,503.72	\$1,921.11	\$524.48	\$891.73	\$239.00