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PROCEEDINGS

Of The
30TH SESSION

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Held With

The Church at Winfield, Alabama

The beloved Association assembled promptly at 10 o'clock to enjoy a devotional by the local church led by Rev. Wilburn Beasley. Many testified with gladness of heart.

Rev. R. P. Rich, our moderator, gave his address. Many fine remarks and suggestions were made. A plea for unity of faith and purpose was made. Rev. A. L. Warren, assisted Moderator, presented the program for the association.

The congregation enjoyed a fine song service. Rev. T. L. Walker of Columbus led the prayer.

In keeping with the Evangelistic theme for the first day's session Rev. Charles Mayers of Carbon Hill delivered the morning message. His subject was, "The Minister in God's Plan of Salvation." He based his fine message on Rom. 10:13-16.

A great feast was enjoyed in the basement of the church.

At one o'clock Rev. H. A. Pitts conducted the singing, Rev. K. V. Shutes led the prayer, Rev. Louie Bates conducted the devotional. Rev. M. L. Hollis of Amory, Miss., kindly consented to substitute for Rev. J. J. Stabb to bring another message on the subject, "The Evangelistic Church." His was a splendid message, defining the church as the greatest hope to Free Will Baptist and Christianity.

Rev. A. J. Lambert gave a brief message on the subject, "The Evangelistic Message."

Rev. H. A. Pitts presented very ably the message on subject, "The Evangelistic Field." He pointed out the great possibilities and privileges of Free Will Baptist.

The remainder of the day was given to the Ladies Auxiliary, meeting with Sister H. A. Pitts, presiding.

THURSDAY EVENING

Rev. A. J. Lambert led a lively song service with some special songs by the Miller Trio and others. A great praise service was enjoyed by a large number.

Supt. Ryland and children of the Children's Home took charge of the service. The Hon. Reuben Newton of Jasper gave an interesting

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address. Supt. Ryland then gave his report. An offering of \$74.16 was given.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: Credential; A. J. Lambert, J. L. Lavender, J. T. Quick, T. L. Walker and W. H. Ryland; Auditing: Grady Hudson Wilburn Beasley, Leonard Mayfield, I. K. Boyette and N. A. Patterson; Business: Charles Mayers, Louie Bates, Dempsey Langley, Virgil Collier and J. D. O'Donnell.

Assigned to homes. Adjourned.

FRIDAY A. M.

Rev. A. J. Lambert led the singing. Rev. H. L. Mitchell the prayer, Rev. I. K. Boyette the devotional.

The Secretary called the body to order and seated the ordained ministers.

A motion carried to seat all ordained deacons be seated as standing delegates.

Rev. H. A. Pitts gave the report of the Youth's Bible Camp.

Motion carried to empower the Moderator to appoint a Finance committee to finance the project.

Motion carried that the Youth's Camp committee be designated as trustees of Youth Camp. Rev. Zigler of Southern Union Association and Rev. Narred of Muscle Shoals Association were recognized as visitors.

Sister A. M. Wallis, Treasurer of Superannuation Board asked to make her report.

The Credential committee made the following report:

1. We your Credential committee have examined all the letters to this Association and have found them in good standing and hereby recommend the letters be received and delegates seated.

2. We have examined the petitionary letters from East Florence church; Rock Hale church from Southern Union Association, and also from the Bear Creek Association and we recommend their acceptance into this body. A. J. Lambert, chairman.

The following associations with their delegates were seated:

Liberty No. 1: Bro. L. S. Nalls.

Jasper: Bros. Richmond Pollard, Clanton Manasco and Allie Pike.

Cahaba River: Bros. Earl Carroll, Roy Hodges, Roy Sullivan and Sister Earl Carroll.

Liberty No. 2: Rev. Leonard Mayfield.

Vernon: Bro. Harrison Gosa, Dempsey Langley and R. H. Yerby.

Birmingham District: Rev. A. R. Barker, Bros. R. M. McNees and Charlie Franklin.

Mt. Mariah: Bros. J. O. Perrigian, P. A. Crawford, Mason Giles and Sister Mason Giles.

Progressive: Mrs. Lois Barnett, Mrs. Doc Thompson, Mrs. A. S.

Parker, Mrs. Charles Mayers and Mrs. Essie Thompkins.

Bear Creek: Rev. P. J. Box and Ira Garrison.

East Florence Church: Bro. Henry Redding, Marcus Brewer and Carroll Hughes.

Rock Hole Church:

After a short recess Rev. Henry Melvin led the prayer.

Rev. J. D. O'Donnell brought the morning message. He used for his text Acts 9-25.

The Moderator appointed the following names as Youth Camp Finance committee: J. D. O'Donnell, A. L. Warren, Grady Hudson, J. J. Stabb, E. P. Rowden, Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Mrs. H. A. Pitts, Rev. Arthur Barker, Rev. V. Collier, Rev. P. J. Box and Rev. Leander McAdams.

Again the noon hour was enjoyed.

At one o'clock the body was again assembled and the Moderator appointed Rev. H. L. Mitchell, R. H. Yerby, Lesley Pinson to the Resolution committee.

The Business committee gave a partial report.

The Home mission report was given by Mrs. Lorene Ryland.

Sister K. V. Shutes gave the unified program report.

Rev. A. J. Lambert gave the Sunday School report.

Rev. W. H. Ryland gave a report on the State Sunday School Convention.

Rev. A. L. Warren gave a verbal report of the fine session of Bible Conference.

Rev. H. L. Mitchell gave his report of the Resolution committee.

Rev. Grady Hudson gave the report of the Auditing committee.

At this point eight churches pledged \$20 each to buy a cow for the Children's Home. \$24 in cash was given for the same purpose.

FRIDAY EVENING

After a most wonderful song service Rev. R. K. Franklin, a representative of the National Mission Board for Alabama made an appeal for the support of the Mission Program. Rev. K. V. Shutes then took the stand to bring the message on this Mission Night Service. His text was Jno. 4:34-35. He poured out his heart in a plea for laborers to go into the field. The altar was filled to overflowing with those offering their service wherever God would send. The offering was \$130.40. Rev. Henry Melvin gave the benediction.

SATURDAY A. M.

Bro. Grady Hudson led the song service. Bro. Chester O'Donnell the prayer and Bro. Staab led the devotion.

The final report of the Business committee was given and accepted.

A motion carried to empower the Moderator to appoint a publicity man to handle any matter that needs to be publicized for the Free Will Baptist cause in Alabama. Bro. Edward Ledlow, 505 Booker St., Talladega, Ala., was appointed.

Bro. K. V. Shutes gave the Orphanage Trustee report.

Rev. J. T. Quick resigned from the board of trustees and Rev. A. L. Warren was elected in his place.

Rev. K. V. Shutes resigned and Rev. Grady Hudson was elected to fill his place.

Motion carried to appoint Bro. Ford L. Louis as field worker for the Children's Home in the Southern Union Association.

Supt. Ryland gave the Finance report.

The Home Mission report was received.

W. H. Ryland was appointed as corresponding delegate to the Georgia State Association.

The Secretary was instructed to have one thousand minutes printed.

Rev. H. A. Pitts was appointed State delegate to the National Association.

The following names were appointed to a finance committee to raise funds to pay the expenses of our delegate to the National Association: Revs. J. T. Quick, Charles Mayers, A. J. Lambert, A. L. Warren, N. A. Patterson, E. P. Rowden, I. K. Boyette and P. J. Box.

Mrs. J. D. O'Donnell of Steele, Ala., was appointed treasurer of the Unified Program, succeeding Sister K. V. Shutes.

A Bible conference committee composed of Revs. J. T. Quick, R. K. Franklin, and Chester O'Donnell was appointed to make arrangements for the conference in 1950.

All business having been attended to a motion carried to adjourn to meet with the East Florence Church, Florence, Ala., on Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in November, 1950.

At this time Rev. Luther Gibson of East Tupelo, Miss., brought the closing message of the Association. He chose for his subject, "God's Marching Orders to His Church." Using for his text, Mt. 28:16-20. This message was very timely and delivered in a most forceful manner to an appreciative congregation.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTERS' MEETING OF

ALABAMA PREAMBLE

In order to promote fellowship, better understanding, greater cooperation and greater vision among the ministers of Alabama, we do ordain and establish this Constitution:

- I. NAME: This shall be known as the Alabama ministers' meeting.
- II. We adopt the Treatise of Faith and practice of the National

Association of Free Will Baptist as our standard to look to and pray for the day when we may be more nearly one.

III. The officers of the ministers' meeting shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Secretary, and any other officer we may need.

IV. These officers shall be elected by nomination and acclamation at the regular session on even years. The officers of the State Association may serve as officers of the ministers' meeting if so elected.

V. This meeting shall be composed of all ordained ministers in good standing in Alabama and adjoining states who wish to represent.

VI. FINANCE: Each minister shall pay one dollar registration fee to help pay for the record being printed in minutes.

VII. The Secretary shall be paid five dollars preserving the record of each meeting.

VIII. DISCIPLINE: The ministers' meeting is not a court to try, nor air out the faults of preachers. If they are in good standing with the State Association they are with the ministers' meeting. This is to be a meeting of fellowship and inspiration and brotherly love.

X. All elected officers shall serve two years. All appointed officers and committees one year.

XII. The ministers' meeting shall meet on Thursday morning before the 2nd Sunday in November of each year at the meeting place of the State Association.

XIII. This Constitution may be altered at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of ministers' present.

BY-LAWS OF ALABAMA MINISTERS' MEETING

1. The Clerk or Assistant Clerk or the Senior Minister in years may call the meeting to order and shall have charge until Moderator assumes his place.

2. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to enroll all the ministers present who are in good standing. If there are questionable characters they shall be referred to an appointed Credential committee for advice, but not for trial. They may be seated if found worthy, if not they are referred to their church and Association.

3. Each meeting shall be opened with scripture reading and prayer.

4. By a two-thirds vote any decision of the Moderator may be over-ruled.

5. This meeting shall sit with open doors unless it goes into a committee as a whole.

6. Any person, not a member of the body shall be allowed to take part in discussions, with Moderator's permission, but shall

have no vote.

7. All members of the body are expected to be present throughout the session unless excused by Moderator.

8. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one officer or committeeman if his nomination is elected.

9. The Moderator must not allow any discussion to be carried on in an unchristian spirit.

10. The person who desires to speak must first arise and address the Moderator, and when recognized, shall proceed.

11. The votes on any question must be counted upon request of one-fifth of members present.

12. No member shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes, nor twice on same subject unless given permission by the Moderator.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION TREASURER

Money received from Alabama Unified Program:

Dec. and Jan. 4	\$ 25.68
Feb. 2nd	13.16
March 5th	15.35
April 2nd	18.29
May 5th	10.96
July 2nd	22.71
September 6th	30.00
October 4th	18.14
November 1st	18.46
May 14th from Jessie Stricklin, 1948 fund	340.82
Total	\$513.57

Paid Out:	
To cash checks	\$.42
Postage27
To J. J. Staab for moving tent	25.00
To J. B. Bloss for supplies	15.30
Total	\$ 40.99
Balance on hand	\$472.58

MRS. LORENE RYLAND, Treasurer.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We your Auditing Committee report that we have examined all the books and found all in good condition.

Rev. Grady Hudson, Chairman.

YOUTH'S CAMP COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Youth Camp Committee beg leave to report as follow:

Since we were empowered by the State body to look for a site to construct a Youth's Camp, we have succeeded in securing a tract of land donated by Bro. Earl Smith of Brilliant, Ala. We now have in our possession the title to the land.

The Committee.

REPORT OF UNIFIED PROGRAM

Report of Unified Program Treasurer for Associational year 1948-49: Receipts:

Cordova Church	\$351.55
Brilliant-Boston Church	228.82
Sylacauga First Church	42.63
Leeds Church	35.00
Goodwater Church	28.84
Eldridge Church	12.73
Loyal Chapel Church	10.00
Stephens Chapel Church, Ala., City, Ala.,	9.40
Mississippi and Alabama State Line Association	4.15
Brought forward from last year by mistake	4.31

Total \$727.43

Disbursements:

30% to Orphanage	\$207.37
25% to Missions	172.75
25% to National Program Fund	172.76
20% to Supperannuation	138.17
5% for Expenses of Office	36.38

Total Disbursements \$727.43

Receipts by the Month:

November 1948	\$ 46.65
December 1948	61.52
January 1949	55.40
February 1949	64.63
March 1949	77.01
April 1949	46.16
May 1949	22.87
June 1949	72.74
July 1949	24.87
August 1949	101.46

September 1949	76.38
October 1949	77.74

Total Receipts \$727.43

Mrs. K. V. Shutes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

We beg to report that we have 66 Sunday School with a membership of 3,381.

A. J. LAMBERT, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the appointed delegates from the various leagues and Sunday Schools of the State met with the Sunday School Board and after discussing the need of a State Convention with the Ladies Auxiliary we hereby request that the Association permit us to organize a separate 3-day session beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in June. This session is to be divided as follows, Thursday is Ladies' Auxiliary Day; Friday, League Day, and Saturday, Sunday School Day.

We recommend that the first session meet with Cordova Free Will Baptist church.

The officers of this convention shall be Rev. J. D. O'Donnell, President; Rev. Grady Hudson, Vice President, and Rev. A. J. Lambert, Secretary and Treasurer.

The report was adopted.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We your Business Committee recommend Section III of our Constitution be changed to read as follows:

1. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers and ordained deacons in good standing with their district church or association and duly elected or appointed delegates of district associations or churches.

2. That Association have charts printed and distributed throughout the State explaining our Unified Program.

3. That each church hold a Vocation Bible School securing literature from our own publishing house at Ayden, N. C.

4. That the State Association appoint an active publicity man to report Free Will Baptist activities in the State to our denominational and secular papers.

5. That our churches turn in a nearer evaluation of church property since many have turned in a low evaluation.

6. That our next session be held with the East Florence Church, Florence, Ala.

CHARLES MAYERS, Chairman.

All sections were duly adopted.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We your committee on Resolution offer this report:

1. Be it resolved that all letters be read and adopted as property of State Association before said letters are given to any committee.
2. We recommend that this body put in effect as our rule the Constitution adopted by this August body especially section under worded Seal, which reads as follows:
3. We recommend that this body appoint a Constitutional committee to study said treatise and make necessary correction needed or in compliance with the National Treatise and that all Associations making up this body adopt said Treatise as their rule. This committee to report at the 1950 session.
4. Be it resolved that we express our thanks to this church, pastor and community for their fine hospitality.
5. Be it resolved that this body offer our thanks to its officers and speakers for their conduct and messages to this body.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. Mitchell,
R. H. Yerby,
L. V. Pinson.

Sections 1, 2, 3 were rejected while 4 and 5 were adopted.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF CHILDREN'S HOME

We are happy to report 47 fine children in the home at this time and a staff of six workers.

We are also glad to report that the Lord has blessed beyond our expectations.

There was a Board of Trustees appointed at the State Association held at Pell City, also a Finance Board. The first meeting was in the church in north Birmingham on Dec. 12, 1942. Bro. P. J. Box told us that the Baptist Academy at Eldridge was for sale at a price of \$7,000 for buildings, land and furniture.

On March 5th, 1943 we met at the Academy and purchased the property. We were to pay \$1,000 down and \$1,000 each Jan. 1st until paid in full. We paid the \$7,000 and over \$9,000 for repair and opened the home in Sept. 1947 which was the year we were to make the final payment.

We have operated the home for 2 years and now have 47 fine children in our care. So the Lord has blessed far beyond our expectations.

There are 10 acres of land for sale in front of the home. We wish our people would make it possible for us to buy it. Also the boy's dormitory need repairing.

Rev. J. T. Quick has resigned from the Board from the Vernon

Association and recommends Rev. A. L. Warren to take his place. I am resigning as a member from the Progressive Association and I wish to recommend Rev. Grady Hudson for this place.

I have served as chairman of this board since 1943 and it has been a pleasure to work with these men. We have never had a fuss. On our feet, knees and our cars we have made it a success.

May the blessings of the Lord be upon the Home.

July 4th and Thanksgiving day has been set aside as Rally days at the home. Rev. E. P. Rowden of Florence to bring the 11 o'clock message and Rev. Luther Gibson to bring the evening message on this Thanksgiving.

We recommend Bro. Ford S. Louis of Andalusia, Ala., be appointed field worker in the Southern Union Association for 1949-50 Associational year.

K. V. SHUTES, Chairman.

1. We the Home Mission Board wish to recommend that Bro. Pitts go to Fayette with the home mission tent and that we advance him \$100 with the promise of a man to follow in organizing a church.

2. We also pledge \$100 for the new church at Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., with the promise also that the work will be carried on.

3. The State Home Mission tent has been used 7 times this year for revivals. This tent has been used since 1946 and this year we paid out the first expense for supplies.

Items No. 1 and 3 were accepted, article No. 2 was rejected.

MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED FOR ASSOCIATION

Rev. E. W. Graves	Vernon, Ala.
Rev. Wilburn Beasley	Winfield, Ala.
Rev. J. D. O'Donnell	Steele, Ala.
Rev. H. A. Pitts	Brilliant, Ala.
Rev. J. J. Staab	2313 33rd Ave. N. Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. H. L. Mitchell	Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. R. K. Franklin	Rt. 1, Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. Arthur Barker	824 N. West, Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. J. B. Bloss	Rt. 5, Columbia, Tenn.
Rev. Charles Mayers	Carbon Hill, Ala.
Rev. E. E. Minor	Leeds, Ala.
Rev. W. H. Ryland	Eldridge, Ala.
Rev. H. M. Black	Adamsville, Ala.
Rev. A. L. Warren	Vernon, Ala.
Rev. A. J. Lambert	Rt. 3, Box 260, Sylacauga, Ala.
Rev. Louie Bates	Alden, Ala.
Rev. Leonard Mayfield	Talladega, Ala.
Rev. I. Q. Boyette	Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. C. K. Evans	1059 10th St. W. Birmingham, Ala.

STATISTICAL TABLE

ASSOCIATIONS	No. Churches	No. New Churches	No. Members	No. Added This Year	No. Dismissed	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Ministers	No. Sunday Schools	Membership	No. Leagues	Total Members	Ladies Auxiliaries	Membership	Value Church Property	Paid Pastors	Paid Evangelists	Paid Orphanage	Missions	Superannuation	Unified Program	Paid To College	Paid to Improvements	Other Expenses
Liberty No. 1	8	1	484	35			8	8	253	1	29			\$ 25,000	\$ 857.57		\$ 44.50	\$247.59				\$ 2,000.00	
Jasper	29	1	2,140	158	35		46	23	1,150	6	300	8	200	60,000	6,719.95	\$1,816.65	1,500.00	40.43		\$233.48	\$ 52.00	2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Cahaba River	13		735	71	30	1	20	12	611	3	106	4	50	41,000	6,560.83	829.71	997.10	149.19		42.64		950.00	
Liberty No. 2	10		581	119	35	4	21	10	463					28,224	2,575.73	691.60							
Vernon	12		1,795	65	53	2	9	12	522	4	170	1	12	51,500	2,676.95	1,135.75	429.61	155.19	\$165.50		32.00	3,354.49	
Birmingham District	10		565			3	23										461.22						
Mt. Moriah	16	1	1,879	24	24	2	17	7	300	1		1		36,000	3,980.96	951.14	332.95						
Progressive	13	2	935	193	25	5	13	13	893	7	285	4	56	63,560	7,942.64	1,391.66	449.94	247.87	10.00	264.20	115.00		8,323.60
Bear Creek	9		719											15,000									
Florence Church	1		283	110	1	2	5	1	388	1	125	1	142	18,000	2,600.00	72.00	159.00						2,866.99
Rock Hale Church	1		23				1	1	45	1	50			3,000	72.00							1,000.00	
State Line	18		1,530	102	30			12	523	3	122			19,200	1,968.40	576.06	134.65	19.50		4.15		1,800.00	
TOTAL	140	5	11,659	877	233	19	163	99	5,145	27	1,187	19	460	\$358,474	\$33,954.93	\$7,464.59	\$4,508.97	\$859.77	\$175.50	\$544.47	\$199.00	\$11,144.49	\$14,189.59

Rev. Grady Hudson	Cordova, Ala.
Rev. E. P. Rowden	Florence, Ala.
Rev. L. V. Pinson	Sylacacga, Ala.
Rev. J. H. Reno	Hackleburg, Ala.
Rev. Luther Gibson	East Tupelo, Miss.
Rev. Henry Melvin	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. R. P. Ritch	Pell City, Ala.
Rev. N. A. Patterson	Guin, Ala.
Rev. B. M. Atkins	Townley, Ala.
Rev. L. V. Collier	Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. J. M. Spencer	616 11th St., Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Rev. J. T. Quick	Eden, Ala.
Rev. J. L. Lavender	R. F. D. 2, Columbus, Miss.
Rev. P. J. Box	Addison, Ala.
Rev. C. O. O'Donnell	Ashville, Ala.

DEACONS WHO REGISTERED

R. M. McNiles	Empire, Ala.
Dempsey Langley	Vernon, Ala.
J. W. Garrison	Winfield, Ala.
A. J. McDonald	Guin, Ala.
John H. Moore	Monteagle, Tenn.
P. A. Crawford	Northport, Ala.
P. N. Yerby	Vernon, Ala.
Elbert Franks	Winfield, Ala.
Garlon Holliman	Winfield, Ala.
J. D. Carter	Cordova, Ala.
W. H. May	Hamilton, Ala.
James D. Crowe	Winfield, Ala.
Wyman Holcomb	Winfield, Ala.

MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED FOR THE MINISTERS MEETING

Rev. H. A. Pitts	Brilliant, Ala.
Rev. E. W. Graves	Vernon, Ala.
Rev. R. P. Ritch	Pell City, Ala.
Rev. A. J. Lambert	Sylacauga, Ala.
Rev. I. K. Boyett	Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. E. P. Rowden	Florence, Ala.
Rev. L. C. Mayfield	Talladega, Ala.
Rev. L. V. Collier	Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. W. H. Ryland	Eldridge, Ala.
Rev. C. H. Mayers	Carbon Hill, Ala.
Rev. N. A. Patterson	Guin, Ala.
Rev. Louie Bates	Alden, Ala.
Rev. J. M. Spencer	Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Rev. Arthur Barker	Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. Wilburn Beasley	Winfield, Ala.
Rev. J. L. Lavender	Columbus, Miss.
Rev. R. R. Zigler	Andalusia, Ala.
Rev. Therodore Narred	Florence, Ala.
Rev. T. L. Walker	Columbus, Miss.
Rev. J. B. Bloss	Columbia, Tenn.
Rev. Grady Hudson	Cardova, Ala.
Rev. K. V. Shutes	Camilla, Georgia
Rev. A. L. Warren	Vernon, Ala.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE SUPERANNUATION BOARD FOR
YEAR 1948-49

Dec. 1, 1948, Received from Unified Program Fund	\$ 8.87
Jan. 6, 1949, Received from Unified Program Fund	11.69
Jan. 16, 1949, Received from Vernon Church	12.00
Feb. 3, 1949, Received from Unified Program Fund	10.52
March 3, 1949, Received from Unified Program Fund	12.28
April 2, 1949, Received from Unified Program Fund	14.63
May 4, 1949, Received from Unified Program Fund	8.77
Sept. 5, 1949, Received from Unified Program Fund	24.00
Sept. 11, 1949, Received from Belk Church	10.50
Oct. 4, 1949, Received from Unified Program Fund	14.51
Oct. 13, 1949, Received from Ala. Staet Line Ass.	27.00
Oct. 17, 1949, Received from Vernon Ass.	57.20
Nov. 2, 1949, Received from Unified Program Fund	14.77
July and Aug. Received from Unified Program Fund	18.16
TOTAL	\$ 244.90
Balance Brought Forward	\$170.09
Total	\$414.99
Total Paid Out	\$327.10
Balance in Treasury	\$ 87.89

Mrs. A. M. Wallace, Secretary and Treasurer.

ORPHANAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Grady Hudson	Cardova, Ala.
Rev. P. J. Box	Addison, Ala.
Rev. W. C. Patterson	Pell City, Ala.
Rev. A. J. Lamber	Sylacauga, Ala.
Rev. T. L. Walker	Columbus, Miss.
Rev. O. K. Morgan	Hanceville, Ala.
Rev. I. K. Boyett	Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. A. L. Warren	Vernon, Aal.

Rev. H. A. Pitts	Brilliant, Ala.
Rev. V. R. Lay	Berry, Ala.
Rev. G. W. Nobles	Cottonwood, Ala.
Rev. E. P. Rowden	Florence, Ala.
Arthur Barker	Birmingham, Ala.

PERSONNEL OF BOARDS**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Rev. H. A. Pitts	Brilliant, Ala.
Bro. C. S. Collins	Vernon, Ala.
Rev. Rufus Hyman	Slocumb, Ala.
Rev. J. J. Staab	2913 33rd Ave. N., Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. L. V. Collier	Hamilton, Ala.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Rev. Louie Bates	Alden, Ala.
Rev. Grady Hudson	Cardova, Ala.
Mrs. A. M. Wallace, Treasurer	Fayette, Ala.
Bro. Grady Collins	Sylacauga, Ala.
Rev. J. H. Reno	Hackleburg, Ala.

HOME MISSION BOARD

Jessie Strickland	Brilliant, Ala.
Mrs. H. A. Pitts	Brilliant, Ala.
Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Secretary	Cardova, Ala.
Rev. H. L. Mitchell	Birmingham, Ala.
J. B. Ledlow
Joe D. Hudson	Hanceville, Ala.
Paul Davis	Pell City, Ala.

REPORT FROM THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION OF ALA.

Mrs. H. A. Pitts, the president, opened the session by introducing the theme for the day, which was "Prepared Hearts," Ezra 7:10.

After the congregation singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," Mrs. J. B. Bloss conducted the devotional, reading the scripture Ezra 7:10.

The greetings was by Mrs. Wilburn Beasley and the response by Mrs. Winsett.

The reports were received and the delegates seated.

The president's message "Prepared Hearts to Move Forward" was by Mrs. Pitts.

The following committees were appointed by the president:

Nomination—Lorene Ryland, Mrs. Earl Robertson and Mrs. Wilburn Beasley.

Resolution—Mrs. Lonnie Parker, Mrs. Bloss and Mrs. Shutes.

Appreciation—Mrs. Vivian Rotchford, Mrs. Earl Carroll and Mrs. Eva Scruggs.

Registration—Mattie Baccus, Mildred Holliman and Betty Faye

Baccus.

Finance—Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Mrs. Harry Mitchell and Mrs. C. H. Mayers.

Mrs. K. V. Shutes sang a special song which was "Speak To My Heart."

Mrs. Lorene Ryland, the first vice president, spoke on Prepared Hearts to Enlist F. W. B. Women of Alabama in Woman's Auxiliary.

The second vice president, Mrs. Grady Hudson, had for her subject "Prepared Hearts to Reach and Teach our Youth."

The next talk which was "Prepared Hearts for Study" was by Mrs. Mayers, third vice president.

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, fourth vice president spoke on "Prepared Hearts for Better Programs."

A report from the Woman's National Auxiliary convention was given by Mrs. Lambert.

"Prepared Hearts to Exemplify Christ in Personal Service" was was the subject Mrs. Richmond Pollard used.

A duet was sang "The Hearts that was Broken for Me" by Mrs. Shutes and Mrs. Brasher.

The last talk which was "Prepared Hearts to Give Cheerfully" was by Faye Kilgore.

TREASURERS REPORT

Received from Progressive Association	\$11.20
Received from Jasper Association	11.50
Received from Cahaba River Association	5.74
Received from Vernon Association	3.00
Balance from Treasury last year	36.52
Total	\$68.06

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid to Rev. E. W. Graves	\$10.00
Paid to National Treasurer	10.90

Total Disbursements

Balance left in Treasury now

Faye Kilgore, Treasurer.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

President	Mrs. H. A. Pitts
1st Vice President	Mrs. Lorene Ryland
2nd Vice President	Mrs. Harry Mitchell
3rd Vice President	Mrs. Charles Mayers
4th Vice President	Mrs. J. B. Bloss
5th Vice President	Mrs. W. H. Ryland
Secretary and Treasurer	Miss Faye Kilgore
	Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Chairman.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

(1) Be it resolved that the Woman's Auxiliary conventoin sponsor a Christian Education Loan Fund and that the 2nd vice president of the Woman's State Auxiliary convention be chairman.

(2) Be it resolved that the Woman's Auxiliary convention begin now to raise funds to supply a gym outfit for the Children's Home at Eldridge and that the 5th vice president be chairman.

(3) Be it resolved that the Woman's Auxiliary convention \$50.00 toward Mrs. Barnard's trip home before the first of the year and the 3rd vice president as chairamn.

(4) Be it resolved that we continue our contribution to the lobby furniture fund.

(5) Be it resolved that we pay \$10.00 on the printing of the minutes.

(6) Be it resolved that our next he held on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in June at Cardova, Ala.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We of the appreciation committee extend our heart felt thanks to the Woman's Auxiliary, its fine pastor and the community for their fine hospitality and fellowship.

Mrs. Vivian Rotchford, Chairman.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Number of Officers	7
Number of Delegates	10
Number of Ministers	8
Number of Visitors	25
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Total	50

Mattie Baccus, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Finance Committee have checked the Treasurer's report and letters and found them to be correct.

Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Chairman.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Number of District Auxiliaries	4
Number of Societies	12
Number of Members	109
Number of New Members	7
Number of Members Reinstated	1
Total Number of Members Received	8

FREE WILL BAPTIST

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Number Inactive Members	4
Number of Members Suspended	0
Number Members Died	0
Amount money raised for Fifty Thousand Co-Laborer Fund	\$51.00
Special Offerings	\$572.14
Convention Dues	31.54
Total	\$654.68

Amount Paid Out:	\$ 51.00
Fifty Thousand Co.Laborer Fund	31.54
Convention Dues	720.17
Other Purposes	802.71
Total Disbursements	

MISCELLANEOUS REPORT

I. No. Study Class:	9
1. Manual Study Classes	4
2. Stewardship Study Classes	7
3. Mission Study Classes	
II. Seasons of Prayer Observed:	4
1. Week Preceding Easter	1
2. Missionary Prayer Band	
III. Young People's Auxiliaries Sponsored:	2
1. Go Tell (8-16 in age)	
IV. Literature:	27
1. Subscribers to Year Book	61
2. Subscribers to Manual	48
3. Subscribers to Church Paper	24
V. No. of Tithers	10
VI. No. of Members Engaged in Direct Personal Service	
VII. Standard Auxiliaries:	0
1. No. of A-1 Auxiliaries	12
2. No. of B Auxiliaries	0
3. No. of C Auxiliaries	

The delegates to the National Association are: Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Mrs. J. B. Bloss and Mrs. Harry Mitchell.

**TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S
HOME NOVEMBER 1948 THROUGH OCTOBER 1949**

	Received	Paid Out
Nov. 1948	\$1,342.38	\$2,956.80
Dec. 1948	1,356.49	878.10
Jan. 1949	847.95	776.28
Feb. 1949	536.57	775.53
March 1949	989.62	1,1187.97
April 1949	687.17	758.54
May 1949	1,073.85	775.77

ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION

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June 1949	903.25	1,023.61
July 1949	696.03	919.82
Aug. 1949	720.26	844.12
Sept. 1949	1,738.95	981.57
Oct. 1949	1,114.28	1,252.40
Total	\$12,006.80	\$13,130.51
Receipts for the Year		\$12,006.80
On Hand from Last Year		1,425.10
Total		\$13,431.90
Paid Out		13,130.51
Balance on Hand Nov. 1, 1949		\$ 301.39
Operating Expenses:		
Salaries		\$ 4,620.12
New Furnace Installed		1,628.16
Groceries and Feeds		3,114.62
Alabama Power Company		231.51
Telephone Bill		81.65
Blue Cross Hospital Insurance		284.75
Postage and Office Supplies		238.15
Insurance on Buildings for 1 Year		112.38
Dry Goods and Shoes		166.69
Hardware		237.67
Electrical Supplies		59.62
1 Quick Freeze 15 Ft. Refrigerator		405.00
1 Automatic Electric Water Pump		68.65
2 Cows		370.00
Plumbing Supplies		21.20
Coal		136.80
Lumber		55.85
Furniture		57.51
Hay		108.75
Dr. Bills		53.50
Drugs		98.91
Pd. on Washing Machine		107.80
Payments on Stove		218.52
Payments on Lawn Mowing Machines		57.00
Payments on Vacuum Cleaning Machine		44.00
Gas Fuel for Stove		81.78
Music Bills		31.00
Repairing and Covering Davenport		21.00
Printing of Posters		41.00
Rebuilding the old Refrigerator		42.35
Expenses and Repairing the Bus		99.46
Freight Charges		33.28
Repairing of old Shoes		14.50
School Fees and Books		53.97

FREE WILL BAPTIST

Refund on Bad Checks sent to the Home	75.00
Fire Fighting Equipment	16.28
Dry Cleaning Woolen Clothes	3.25
Crushing of Corn	4.65
Fruit	22.18
Repairing on Stove	2.00

Total \$13,130.51

Value of things donated in the line of 1 New Refrigerator, Pigs, Food, Clothing, Shoes, Corn, Hay, Furniture, Fruit, Vegetables, Produce, Coupons, Hardware, Coal and Supplies \$3,189.46.

W. H. Ryland, Supt. and Treas.

Amount of Money on hand for the lobby furniture \$105.12.

Number of Children under care	47
Number of Children hospitalized during the year	6
Number of Children in School	39
Some of our needs: Can Food, Corn, Coal, 1 Cow, Small Truck, Money.	

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 session may be dismissed from the association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

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

5. By a two-third vote of all members present a ruling of the moderator can be overruled.

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

7. This assocaiton 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 assoication 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 and deacons who are members of an Association or church, which is a member of this body and duly elected or appointed delegates of district association or church.

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

SEC. IV.—No independent church may be a members 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 \$20.00.

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.

ASSOCIATIONS

MODERATORS

CLERKS

State Line	I. K. Boyette, Hamilton, Ala.	L. C. Wright, Hamilton, Ala.
Jasper	N. A. Patterson, Guin, Ala.	Brandon Estes, Guin, Ala.
Liberty No. 1	E. E. Brooks, Uriah, Ala.	William G. Palmer, Castleberry, Ala.
Cahaba River	E. M. Fields, 1329 23th, St., Birmingham, Ala.	H. A. McSpadden, Sayreton, Ala.
Liberty No. 2	W. C. Patterson, Pell City, Ala.	Charles L. Carlisle, Pell City, Ala.
Vernon	A. L. Warren, Vernon, Ala.	E. W. Graves, Vernon, Ala.
Bear Creek	C. C. Kimbrough, Phil Campbell, Ala.	C. C. Claborn, Houston, Ala.
Progressive	J. B. Bloss, R. 5, Columbia, Tenn.	Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tenn.
Mt. Moriah	M. Montgomery, Brownville, Ala.	Leander McAdams, Ethelsville, Ala.
Birmingham District	Leslie V. Pinson, Sylacauga, Ala.	Mrs. C. R. Williams, Rt. 8, B. 640, Birmingham, Ala.