

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTY-FIRST SESSION
OF THE
ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

Held With
EAST FLORENCE CHURCH

November 9th, 10th and 11th, 1950

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Birmingham, Alabama	
REV. J. T. QUICK	Assistant Moderator
Sylacauga, Alabama	
REV. E. W. GRAVES	Secretary-Treasurer
Vernon, Alabama	
REV. H. L. MITCHELL	Assistant Secretary
Birmingham, Alabama	
REV. A. J. LAMBERT	Chmn. Executive Board
Brilliant, Alabama	
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PROCEEDINGS

Of The

31ST SESSION

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ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Held At

East Florence Church, Florence, Alabama

Rev. A. J. Lambert opened the session with song. Rev. A. L. Warren offered prayer.

Rev. Leander McAdams conducted a fine devotional.

The Moderator, Rev. Warren, made many fine suggestions in his address to the body.

Thursday's session was given to the Minister's meeting for the discussions and the theme of the day which was "Home Missions."

Rev. J. T. Quick defined the subject in an able manner in his message on "What is Home Missions?"

Rev. J. B. Bloss brought the 11 o'clock message. In this arousing message he pointed out to the church a definite task and duty to "Go tell this people" which he chose for his text.

At the noon hour a goodly congregation was bountifully fed in the basement of the church.

THURSDAY P. M.

Rev. Lynwood Fields of Columbus, Miss., led the song service and Rev. T. L. Walker of Gordo led the prayer.

Rev. A. J. Lambert was appointed assistant Moderator.

Rev. E. W. Graves substituted for Rev. J. J. Staab in presenting the subject, "How Home Missions are best Accomplished."

Rev. Grady Hudson had for his subject "Who's Responsibility?" Rev. Mrs. Farress substituted for Sister H. A. Pitts with the subject, "Does God Require It?" Rev. W. H. Ryland had for his subject, "Who is Qualified to Work?" Rev. T. L. Walker, one of our elderly ministers from Gordo said many good things to encourage the ministers in their labors for the cause of God.

At this hour the Moderator appointed the following committees to serve during the session of the Association:

On Business: Revs. Ralph Staten, Leander McAdams and T. L. Walker; To Auditing: Rev. O. L. Fields, R. E. Tilley and Bro. Arthur Wilson; To Credential: Revs. A. J. Lambert, W. H. Ryland and J. L. Lavender. This brought the Ministers meeting to a close. Many enjoyed these services.

THURSDAY NIGHT

A fine song service and a most wonderful praise service was a blessing to all.

Supt. W. H. Ryland presented a picture of the activities of the

Children's Home. He then gave a report of the work done there. An offering of near \$600 was given in cash and pledges to purchase more land for the home.

Rev. Ralph Staten delivered a fine message for the evening. He chose for his text, Eph. 5:14.

FRIDAY A. M.

The Association assembled promptly at 8 o'clock. Rev. N. A. Patterson conducted a fine devotional.

The honorable mayor of Florence gave a royal welcome to their fair city which was greatly appreciated by whole body. E. W. Graves gave the response.

The clerk seated the standing delegates and declared the session open and ready for business.

The Youth's Camp committee gave its report.

The Credential committee reported at this time, after examining all letters from the various district Associations. The following Associations represented with delegates and letters:

Birmingham District: Revs. L. V. Pinon, A. R. Barker and C. M. Barker.

Cahaba River: Rev. Harry L. Mitchell, Sisters Lessie Holt, Clara Key Rendall and Annie Farris.

Mt. Morriah: Bros. H. M. Montgomery, Mason Giles and Sister Mason Giles.

Liberty No. 1: Bro. and Sister Wm. G. Palmer.

Vernon: Bros. Arthur Wilson, W. H. Clearman and Sister E. M. Fields.

Jasper: Sisters H. A. Pitts, A. J. Lambert and Bro. J. B. Nelson.

Progressive: Sisters Charlene Hudson, Mary Ellen Aldridge, J. B. Bloss, A. L. Parker and Bro. G. C. Bloss.

Bear Creek: Rev. P. J. Box.

Liberty No. 2: Bro. D. J. O'Donnell.

East Florence Church: Bro. Clarence Belew, Sisters Lelsie Staggs and Sister Kilburn.

All letters were read and delegates seated.

Motion carried to defer the election of Youth's Camp committee until time of election of all officers.

Rev. A. J. Lambert gave a fine report from the National Association. An offering of \$13.61 was given to reimburse part of his expenses.

Sister J. B. Bloss gave a fine lecture on Christian Education. Rev. R. K. Franklin conducted the devotion. Rev. L. C. Johnson from the Bible College delivered a wonderful message at the 11 o'clock hour. Text 5:18.

Again a feast was enjoyed at noon.

At 1 o'clock Rev. O. L. Fields conducted the song service.

Sister Lorene Ryland, treasurer of Home Mission Board, gave her report. Bro. Charles Dean was appointed to the Business Committee.

Sister J. D. O'Donnell resigned as secretary of the Unified program. Her report was given by another.

Sister J. B. Bloss gave a report from mLadies' Auxiliary convention. Motion carried to print the minutes of the Sunday School con-

vention. Twenty-two dollars was given for this purpose.

Rev. W. H. Ryland gave the financial report of the Children's Home.

Sister A. M. Wallace gave the report of the Superannuation Board. Motion carried to reject her resignation.

Sister Lorene Ryland gave the report of the Home Mission Board.

Rev. H. A. Pitts gave a report of the trustees of Children's Home.

Rev. Harry Mitchell was elected temporarily to the Board of Trustees.

The Auditing committee gave it report.

The Secretary-Treasurer gave his report.

A recess until 6 o'clock was taken.

At six o'clock a fine service was enjoyed, especially was the singing of Young Quartet of East Florence Church.

Rev. H. A. Pitts, who is mission director of the National Foreign Missions in Alabama took the stand to present the needs of the Board and to conduct the devotion.

Rev. J. J. Staab delivered the evening message which was in harmony with the Missionary service of the evening. An offering of \$56.54 was given to Missions.

SATURDAY A. M.

Rev. Lambert led the song service. Sister E. M. Fields led the prayer. The Business Committee, not being ready to report. A motion carried to empower the Moderator to remove certain members of Boards who had been unfaithful to duty.

The following appointments were made: To Mission Board: Rev. J. L. Lavender, Bro. C. R. Dean and Mr. H. C. Killen.

To Secretary of Unified Program: Sister E. M. Fields.

To Committee of Publications and Literature: Rev. Ralph Staten, J. H. Rena, J. J. Staab, Charles R. Dean and W. H. Ryland.

Delegates to National Association from District Associations: Liberty No. 2, O. D. O'Donnell; Vernon: Arthur Wilson; Mt. Morriah: Mason Giles; Cahaba River: Mrs. H. Mitchell; Progressive: Bro. G. C. Bloss; Jasper: Sister H. A. Pitts; Florence Church: Mrs. D. M. Bremely.

Delegate at Large: Sisters J. B. Bloss, E. M. Fields, Lessie Holt, Adell Parker and Bro. Doyle Hawkins.

To Superannuation Board: Rev. N. A. Patterson to replace Grady Collins.

Motion carried to retain the two committees on the Youth's Camp and that their names be printed.

Election of officers resulted in the election of Rev. J. J. Staab as Moderator, Rev. J. T. Quick, Assistant Moderator, Rev. E. W. Graves, Secretary, Rev. H. M. Mitchell, Assistant Secretary.

Executive Board: Revs. A. J. Lambert, Wilburn Beasley, R. K. Franklin, Chester O'Donnell and Leander McAdams.

Publicity Secretary: Rev. Ralph Staten.

Trustee of Children's Home from Cahaba River: Rev. Harry Mitchell.

Mt. Zion Church of Pell City was chosen as the next meeting place of the Sunday School convention, said meeting to convene on

Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in June to continue 3 days.

The Business Committee made its final report.

Motion carried to adjourn. After adjournment of business Rev. H. M. Mitchell conducted the devotional. Rev. J. L. Lavender delivered the final message of the session. He chose the appropriate text "Always Abounding in the Work of the Lord."

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 BOARD

We the Home Mission Board direct that the following named churches at Hamilton and Jasper be given \$100.00 each for the expansion work.

We recommend that each church give a written report to the Secretary-Treasurer that she can send the report to the National Board.

The new church at Hamilton was organized by Revs. Ryland and Hudson.

Rev. Lambert organized the new one at Jasper.

We are in need of new members, and recommend that Rev. J. L. Lavender, Bro. Roland Dean and Sister H. C. Killen be added to the Board. We also recommend that in printing the personnel of the Board the year of retiring be printed.

H. C. Mitchell, Chairman

Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Secretary.

REPORT OF AUDITING BOARD

We your Committee wishes to report that we have examined all records and accounts of the various Boards and find them in order and correct.

Your Committee,

O. L. Fields, Chairman.

UNIFIED PROGRAM REPORT

Received for 1949-1950:

Jan. Unified Program	\$ 17.60
Feb. Unified Program	11.19
March Unified Program	9.68
April Unified Program	14.01
May Unified Program	13.77

May North Birmingham Church	7.97
June Unified Program	13.88
July Unified Program	8.16
August Unified Program	11.55
Sept. Unified Program	8.66
Sept. North Birmingham Church	4.15
Oct. Unified Program	8.25
Oct. Cordova Woman's Auxiliary	10.00
Oct. Liberty Ass'n. S. S. Convention	2.01
Oct. North Birmingham Church	4.14
Oct. Unified Program	6.32
Oct. North Birmingham Church	2.98
Nov. Unified Program	21.35

Total	\$175.67
Balance brought forward	\$ 87.89

Total Paid out	\$263.56
	\$214.00

Balance	\$ 49.56
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THE JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE BUSINESS AND RESOLUTION COMMITTEES

We do hereby make the following recommendations:

1. Be it Resolved That we remind the recording Clerk of the inadvertent error of failing to carry the adopted change of Section III in the constitution as reported by the Business Committee of the 1949 session.

2. Be it Resolved That this body elect a State Promotional Secretary to promote and direct a publicity campaign in the interest of all phases of our work over the state.

The State Executive Board shall be requested to define his duties and recommend what method shall be employed to raise funds to carry on his work.

3. Be it Resolved That our State Association go on record endorsing and sponsoring a state publication to promote the phases of our work and the cause in general.

4. Be it Resolved That we elect a board of five members to constitute a State Board of Publication and Literature to promote and direct a publication that shall be known as the Alabama Free Will Baptist.

5. Be it Resolved That we accept nominations from the floor of the assembly and determine by the vote of the body where the next annual session shall convene.

6. Be it Resolved That this body authorize the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, and Clerk to constitute the Program Committee for the next annual session.

7. Be it Resolved That we combine the Business and Resolution Committees in one to be known as the Committee on the Arrangement of Business.

8. Be it Resolved That the different district associational clerks

forward, send, or bring their letters to the State Clerk so as not to be in his hands later than Thursday afternoon of the Minister's and Deacons' Conference.

9. Be it Resolved that the matter of the Parrish church be investigated by the State Executive Board in a joint meeting with the Executive Boards of the Jasper and Birmingham District Association.

10. Be it Resolved That the Home Mission Board make arrangements for the holding of a State Christian Worker's Institute.

11. Be it Resolved That we extend to the East Florence Church, the Pastor, and the community our heartfelt thanks for their fine hospitality and Christian spirit in the entertaining of this the 31st annual session of the state association. We bid you God's speed in all of your labors for the Master.

Rev. Ralph Staten, Chairman.

Article No. 1 was withdrawn and No. 5 was declared out of order. With these exceptions the report was adopted.

YEAR REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME ELDRIDGE, ALA., NOV. 1, 1949 TO NOV. 1, 1950

	Received	Paid out
Amount on Hand Nov. 1, 1949	\$ 301.39	
Nov. 1949	\$ 1,421.18	\$ 1,189.80
Dec. 1949	1,408.83	960.77
Jan. 1950	1,058.43	950.29
Feb. 1950	769.27	1,218.66
March 1950	605.12	1,117.45
April 1950	1,205.55	982.45
May 1950	955.03	1,216.58
June 1950	963.93	1,020.29
July 1950	1,086.46	913.92
August 1950	754.11	833.10
Sept. 1950	1,469.50	1,228.46
Oct. 1950	1,078.44	1,305.48
Total	\$13,077.29	\$12,937.25
Balance on hand	\$ 140.04	

W. H. Ryland, Supt. Treas.

(Value of Christmas Gifts, Clothing, Food and Supplies Commodities \$3,072.72.)

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$ 5,416.50
Feed and Groceries	4,074.22
Hospital Insurance	366.00
Shoes and Clothing	300.65
Alabama Power Company	222.07
Postage and Office Supplies	334.98
Wood	6.00
Coal	221.75
Butane Gas	162.84
Vacuum Cleaner	33.79

Lawn Mower	82.00
Stove	72.84
Typewriter	47.50
Drugs	81.50
Doctor Bill	44.00
Dental Work	94.00
Plumbing Supplies	208.00
Hardware	91.41
School Books and Supplies	98.89
Bad Checks Paid Off	10.00
Electric Supplies	18.25
Lumber	69.62
Insurance on Treasurer-Bond	25.00
Insurance on All Buildings	83.13
Telephone	111.51
Milk Cow and Calf	165.00
Fire Extinguishers	36.50
Fruit	24.86
Play Ground Equipment	47.87
Adding Machine	157.03
Repair on Refrigerator	22.50
Janitors Supplies	133.04
State Institute Fee and Expenses	26.00
Mattresses	48.00
Total	\$12,937.25

MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED

Rev. W. H. Ryland	Eldridge, Ala.
Rev. E. W. Graves	Vernon, Ala.
Rev. A. L. Warren	Vernon, Ala.
Rev. Grady Hudson	Cordova, Ala.
Rev. J. B. Bloss	Columbia, Tenn.
Rev. H. C. Killen	Florence, Ala.
Rev. V. B. Abney	Pell City, Ala.
Rev. O. L. Fields	1321 Main St. Columbus, Miss.
Rev. Leander McAdams	2266 22nd St. Northport, Ala.
Rev. D. H. Gean	Rt. 2, Waterloo, Ala.,
Rev. Mrs. D. Farris	Rt. 1, Adamville, Ala.
Rev. J. T. Quick	37 Seventh St. Sylacauga, Ala.
Rev. Chester O'Donnell	Ashville, Ala.
Rev. Ralph Staten	Red Bay, Ala.
Rev. T. L. Walker	Gordo, Ala.
Rev. J. L. Lavender	Rt. 2, Columbus, Miss.
Rev. E. P. Rowden	Florence, Ala.
Rev. H. L. Mitchell	1429 N. 20th St. Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. N. A. Patterson	Guin, Ala.
Rev. Wilburn Beasley	Winfield, Ala.
Rev. R. K. Franklin	2213 31t Ave. N. Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. A. J. Lambert	Brilliant, Ala.
Rev. C. E. Harbin	Box 2173, Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. Houston Reno	Hackleburg, Ala.

Rev. H. A. Pitts	Winfield, Ala.
Rev. J. J. Staab	2313 33rd Ave. N. Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. R. E. Tilley	Rt. 2, Columbus, Miss.

DEACONS WHO REGISTERED

Charles R. Dean	1623 11th Ct. Birmingham, Ala.
D. G. O'Donnell	Ashville, Ala.
William G. Palmer	Castleberry, Ala.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1949

Received:	
Associational Fees	\$199.00
Registration Fees	69.00
Ladies Auxiliary	10.00
Missionary Offering	130.50
Children's Home Offering	74.16
Cash for Cow Purchase	24.00
Balance on hand	50.40
Total	\$557.06
Paid Out:	
Moderator and Clerk	\$ 35.00
Missions	130.50
Orphanage	74.16
To Ryland for Cow	24.00
Minutes	92.50
National Fee	70.00
Expenses	9.50
Total	\$435.66
Balance	\$121.40

E. W. Graves, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF ALABAMA F. W. B. HOME MISSIONS

Amount Received:	
Jan. Ala. Unified Program Fund	\$ 22.00
Feb. Ala. Unified Progm Fund	13.99
March Ala. Unified Program Fund	12.10
April Ala. Unified Program Fund	17.51
May Ala. Unified Program Fund	17.20
June Ala. Unified Program Fund	17.35
July Ala. Unified Program Fund	11.81
August Ala. Unified Program Fund	10.82
Sept. Ala. Unified Program Fund	10.31
Sept. Liberty S. S. Convention	2.53
Oct. Ala. Unified Program Fund	7.89
Nov. Ala. Unified Program Fund	26.06
Total Received for Year	\$169.57

Brought Forward	\$472.58
Total	\$642.15
Total Paid out	\$151.39

Balance on hand	\$490.76
Amount Paid Out:	
For Supplies	\$ 1.39
H. A. Pitts (Expenses)	100.00
A. J. Lambert (Moving Tent)	25.00
Grady Hudson (Moving Tent)	25.00

Total Paid out	\$151.39
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Mrs. Lorene Ryland Sec.-Treas. Ala. Home Mission
235 Branch Street, Cordova, Alabama

PERSONNEL OF VARIOUS BOARDS

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. A. J. Lambert	Brilliant, Ala.
Rev. Wilburn Beasley	Winfield, Ala.
Rev. R. K. Franklin	2213 31st Ave. N. Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. Chester O'Donnell	Ashville, Ala.
Rev. Leander McAdams	2266 22nd St. Northport, Ala.

YOUTH'S CAMP TRUSTEES

Rev. J. B. Bloss	Columbia, Tenn.
Rev. H. A. Pitts	Winfield, Ala.
Bro. Richman Pollard	

YOUTH'S CAMP FINANCE COMMITTEE

Rev. J. D. O'Donnell	Ashville, Ala.
Rev. A. L. Warren	Vernon, Ala.
Rev. Grady Hudson	Cordova, Ala.
Rev. J. J. Staab	2313 33rd Ave. Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. E. P. Rowden	Florence, Ala.
Rev. Arthur Barker	Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. P. J. Box	Addison, Ala.
Rev. Leander McAdams	2266 22nd St. Northport, Ala.
Mrs. J. B. Bloss	Columbia, Tenn.
Mrs. H. A. Pitts	Winfield, Ala.

UNIFIED PROGRAM

Sister E. M. Fields	Vernon, Ala.
Bro. W. L. McAdams	Millport, Ala.
Sister H. A. Pitts	Winfield, Ala.

ORPHANAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Grady Hudson	Cordova, Ala.
Rev. P. J. Box	Addison, Ala.
Rev. A. J. Lambert	Brilliant, Ala.
Rev. T. L. Walker	Gordo, Ala.
Rev. H. L. Mitchell	Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. O. K. Morgan	Hanceville, Ala.

Rev. I. K. Boyette	Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. A. L. Warren	Vernon, Ala.
Rev. H. A. Pitts	Winfield, Ala.
Rev. G. W. Nobles	Cottonwood, Ala.
Rev. E. P. Rowden	Florence, Ala.
Rev. Arthur Barker	Birmingham, Ala.

HOME MISSIONS BOARD

Bro. Jessie Strickling 1951	Brilliant, Ala.
Mrs. H. A. Pitts 1952	Winfield, Ala.
Rev. H. L. Mitchell 1953	1429 20th St., Birmingham, Ala.
Mrs. Lorene Ryland 1954	Cordova, Ala.
Rev. J. L. Lavender 1955	Rt. 2, Columbus, Miss.
Bro. Roland Dean	Birmingham, Ala.
Mrs. H. C. Killen 1957	

BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

Rev. Ralph Staten	Red Bay, Ala.
Rev. J. H. Reno	Hackleburg, Ala.
Rev. J. J. Staab	2313 33rd Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. Charles R. Dean	1623 11 Court, Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. W. H. Ryland	Eldridge, Ala.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Rev. Louie Bates	Alden, Ala.
Rev. Grady Hudson	Cordova, Ala.
Mrs. A. M. Wallace	Fayette, Ala.
Rev. N. A. Patterson	Guin, Ala.
Rev. J. H. Reno	Hackleburg, 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 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-third 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 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 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

STATISTICAL TABLE

ASSOCIATIONS	No. Churches	No. New Churches	No. of Members	No. Added This Year	No. Dismissed	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Ministers	No. Sunday Schools	No. Members	No. Leagues	Membership	Ladies Auxiliaries	Value Church Property	Paid Pastors	Paid Evangelists	Paid Children's Home	Paid to Missions	Paid to Superannuation	Paid to Unified Program	Paid to College	Paid to Improvement	Other Expenses
Liberty No. 2	10		622	110	33	7	17	10	438			1	\$ 28,196	\$ 3,145.69	\$ 684.59	\$ 599.76	\$ 78.08				\$ 2,286.85	\$ 1,221.37
Bear Creek	9		632	33	10	1	10	8	339				19,500	981.61	383.80	361.21					3,000.00	583.27
Progressive	14		1,019	194	1	7	16	14	893	6	357	5	64,550	8,282.27	871.60	1,633.53	283.00	\$105.35	\$521.76	\$323.95		7,534.14
Vernon	14	2	1,876	76	29	1	11	14	616	4	220	1	56,000	3,016.39	852.88	465.52	125.80				2,263.35	
Jasper	32	2	2,268	128	4	4	47	22	1,165	8	350	8	70,000	8,554.71	1,747.00	2,000.00	39.10			61.66	3,000.00	
Liberty No. 1	7		638	26	6	1	6	7	233	1	25		26,000	1,076.95			146.69				170.34	
Mt. Morriah	17	1	1,848	121	7	3	16	11	550	2	75	2	45,000	4,852.29	1,094.64	742.66	200.00			125.00	500.00	350.00
Birmingham District	10		668	154	45	10	32	10	406	1		3		3,283.01	909.45	1,412.35	78.50				4,656.27	78.50
Cahaba River	12		746	48	12	1	24	11	700	3	96	4	33,760	6,233.82	909.12	1,577.06	218.76		35.15		750.00	
E. Florence Church	1		328	57		3	5	1	360	2	51	1	21,800	2,250.50	67.00	463.75					580.00	1,055.41
TOTAL	126	5	10,646	947	147	38	194	108	5,700	27	1,174	25	\$334,806	\$41,677.24	\$7,520.08	\$9,255.84	\$1,069.93	\$105.35	\$556.91	\$510.61	\$15,206.81	\$20,862.69

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 expense 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 direction 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 decision 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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Rev. M. Montgomery, Brownsville, Ala.
Rev. E. E. Brook, Uriah, Ala.
Rev. A. L. Warren, Vernon
Rev. Grady Hudson, Cordova, Ala.
Rev. W. H. Pearce, Russellville, Ala.
Rev. J. T. Windsor, Pell City, Ala.

ASSOCIATIONS

Jasper
Cahaba River
Birmingham District
Mt. Morriah
Liberty No. 1
Vernon
Progressive
Bear Creek
Liberty No. 2

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Sec. and Treas. Rev. A. J. Lambert

PROCEEDINGS

The first annual session of the Alabama State League Convention met with Cordova Church at Cordova, Alabama on June 2, 1950.

The service began with congregational songs, "Tell it to Jesus alone" and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," directed by Rev. A. J. Lambert.

We then sang our League Theme song, Onward Christian Leaguers.

The opening Prayer was given by the Rev. Luther Gibson of Tupelo, Miss.

The welcome address of the League Convention was given by Mrs. Lorene Ryland of Cordova Church. The Response to the welcome was given by Mrs. Merrel Dyers of Samantha, Ala.

The reading of letters was called for by the President, Rev. J. D. O'Donnell.

The letters were read by the clerk as follows:

Winfield Church, Delegates—Wyman May, Mattie Baccus, Annie Lou Shellnut.

Northport Church, Delegates—Sara Mae McGee.

Brilliant-Boston Church, Delegates—Kathryn Smith.

Parrish Church, Delegate—Howard Romine.

Sylacauga Church, Delegates—Sue Lambert, Mae Kendricks.

The Progressive District League Convention, Delegates—Mrs. Lorene Isbell, Mary Ellen Aldridge, Louise Ford, Theo Kuykendall, Reba Akers.

The letters were accepted and the Delegates seated.

The President appointed the committees for the session as follows:

Resolutions Committee—Bro. W. H. Ryland, Chairman, Sister Merrel Dyer, Bro. Wilburn Beasley, Miss Sara McGee, Bro. Luther Gibson.

Appreciation Committee—Miss Annie Lou Shellnut, Chairman, Miss Kathryn Smith, Bro. Chester O'Donnell.

Registration Committee—Miss Maxine Sides, Miss Mary Ellen Aldridge.

Credential Committee—Bro. Wyman May, Chairman, Bro. A. J. Lambert, Miss Mae Kendrick, Bro. Lavender, Sis. Mattie Baccus.

The convention seated Bro. and Sis. Luther Gibson as advisory Delegates.

A call was given by the President for any other business. There was none.

After the committees were appointed, the congregation joined their voices together in song, singing, Tell it to Jesus alone and Tell it Everywhere you go, directed by the Rev. A. J. Lambert.

After these songs, we had an inspiring message given to us by Sister Luther Gibson. The topic of her message was Stewardship of My League.

The congregation then sang, Where He Leads I'll Follow, followed by a prayer given by Rev. W. H. Ryland.

The congregation then enjoyed the songs that were given by Rev. Grady Hudson, Rev. Luther Gibson, Rev. A. J. Lambert and Rev. W. H. Ryland, with Miss Mary Ellen Aldridge at the piano. The songs they sang were, A Beautiful Life and Since Jesus Came Into My

Heart.

The Eleven O'clock Message, which was very soul stirring was given by Rev. H. A. Pitts, of Brilliant-Boston, Ala.

The service was turned over to Rev. Grady Hudson, who took up an offering for the college, which amounted to \$12.59.

The benediction was given by Rev. J. T. Quick.

LUNCH HOUR

The afternoon services were opened by a song, Throw Out the Life Line, and a prayer given by Miss Annie Lou Shellnut.

The devotional was given by Miss Louise Lambert.

The time was then given to the afternoon message.

Rev. Chester O'Donnell gave a grand message on "Stewardship and our Money."

We then had a round table discussion on organization prospects led by Rev. Luther Gibson of Tupelo, Miss.

After the Discussion, Bro. Luther Gibson rendered us a wonderful message in song. The title of the song was "Why Should He Love Me So."

The next message given was entitled, "Free Will Baptist League Value to the Church." Which was so strikingly given by Rev. W. H. Ryland of Eldridge Ala.

The next thing on program was the wonderful message brought to us by Miss Annie Lou Shellnut of Winfield. She spoke to us about our prospects in our young people.

Bro. J. T. Juick gave us our next message which was on Stewardship and the League.

The President then opened the business session by asking for the reports of the committees.

The Resolutions committee asked for more time in order to draw up the by laws and constitution of this convention. This time was granted.

The report of the appreciation committee was read and accepted.

The Credential committee asked for their report to be held over until the next day. This was granted.

Motion was made that the Secretary of the convention send a letter of thanks to the Ayden Press for the great accomplishment they have made in reworking our League Quarterlies. The motion was seconded and carried.

It was also moved and seconded that the State League Convention send a delegate to the National League Convention, which met in Norfolk, Virginia. This motion was received, and Charles Hollingshead of Cordova Church was elected as the delegate to be sent to represent the Alabama State Convention.

A motion was made and seconded to hold over the election of officers until the next day and elect the officers for the Sunday School and League together. This was granted.

The President called for any new business. There was a call for any other business.

A motion was made that, we the League with the Sunday School Convention pay the expenses of the car from Nashville. This motion was seconded and carried by the body.

The money turned in to the League Conference was:

From Churches for Dues	\$21.50
For College Offering	12.59
For Mission Offering	18.40

We paid out \$15.00 to the car from Nashville.

This left the balance of \$6.50 in the Treasury.

The motion was made that we adjourn until next session at said time and place.

It met with a second and every one stood to their feet.

The benediction was given by Rev. Beasley of Winfield.

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PROCEEDINGS

The first annual session of the Alabama State Sunday School Convention met with Cordova Chrch at Cordova, Alabama, on June 3, 1950.

The services were opened by a song "I Love to tell the Story," directed by Rev. A. J. Lambert.

The opening prayer was given by Bro. McAdams.

After the prayer we had a short devotional given to us by Rev. Wilburn Beasley of Winfield.

The welcome address to the Sunday School Convention was given by Sister Lavelle Short of Cordova Church. The response to the welcome was given by Sister Annie Lou Shellnut of Winfield, Ala.

The first message of the morning which was entitled "A Forward Look with our Sunday School," was given by the Rev. A. J. Lambert of Sylacauga, Ala.

The President then called for the reading of the Sunday School Letters, which were read by the clerk as follows:

Sylacauga Church:

Progressive Association, Delegates—Mrs. Merrel Dyer, Charles Keith, Reba Akers, Mrs. Clinton Short, Bro. Tittle, Wilma Aldridge, Lee Estill.

Winfield Church, Delegates—Wyman May, Mattie Baccus, Annie Lou Shellnut.

Macedonia Church, Delegates—Lewis McAdams, Earl Cork.

Northport Church, Delegates—Mrs. Essie Collins.

Leodocia Church, Delegates—Maudie Headrick, Ruby Millican, Rev. A. J. Millican.

Parrish Church, Delegates—H. F. Weaver, Victor Farley.

Liberty No. 2, Delegates—Mrs. Hulsey Drummond, Mr. Hulsey Drummond, Lennriell Robershaw, Mrs. Clifford Seales, Mr. Clifford Seales.

Shady Grove—

Easton—

Sulphur Springs Church—

The President then appointed the committee for the session:

Credential committee—Hulsey Drummond, Chairman, Bro. Henry Lunceford, Sister Blondie Collins, Bro. H. F. Weaver, Sister Headrick, Bro. A. J. Lambert.

Nominating committee—Bro. Wilburn Beasley, Chairman, Clifford Seales, Sister Essie Collins, Sister Lorene Ryland, Annie Lou Shellnut.

Appreciation committee—Deonia Drummond, Mary E. Dennis, Sister Geneva Lunceford.

Business committee—Lee Ander McAdams, Chairman, Sister Robershaw, Bro. J. T. Quick, Bro. Lewis McAdams.

Resolutions committee—Rev. W. H. Ryland, Chairman, Sister Merrel Dyer, Bro. Wilburn Beasley, Miss Sara McGee, Bro. Luther Gibson.

The discussion was had of whether we make by laws now or make them later on and let the Resolution committee do so.

It was moved and seconded that we let the Resolutions committee make the by laws and accept their work. In order to have rules for the next session. This was carried by the whole body.

It was moved and seconded that we allow the new officers of the convention to have the authority to make out the program for the next year. This was carried by the whole body.

It was also voted that the election of the executive committee be left up to the nominating committee.

We next had short talks by the Sunday School Superintendents of our Sunday Schools, who were present.

The next message of the day was "Stewardship and Loyalty to Sunday School," given by Mrs. Essie Collins.

The next thing on program was the taking of the offering for the Children's Home. Bro. Ryland explained the work of the Home and told of the immediate needs of it. After his message the offering for the home was taken, which amounted to \$53.10.

We then had the Eleven O'clock message which everyone so thoroughly enjoyed given to us by Rev. Dammon C. Dodd of Nashville, Tennessee.

We were dismissed for lunch by the Rev. J. T. Quick.

LUNCH

The evening services were opened by congregational singing. The songs sung were "Oh, How I Love Jesus", and "Take thy Name of Jesus With You," and also "Bringing in the Sheaves."

The devotional services of the afternoon were conducted by Mrs. Luther Gibson.

We then enjoyed the message that was given to us by Rev. Charles Thigpen of Nashville, Tennessee.

We next had a special song by the Cordova Church Trio. They sang "The Old Time Religion Song."

The next message given was on the subject of "Daily Vacation Bible School and our Sunday School," given by Mrs. Charles Thigpen.

We then had a message given to us by Rev. Luther Gibson, entitled "Free Will Baptist and Publicity."

The business session was then opened by the President who called for the reports of the committees.

The Credential committee gave their report, which was received.

The appreciation committee also made a report which was accepted.

The nominating committee made their report. A motion was had to receive the report as read. The motion was seconded and carried.

The new officers nominated were:

President Rev. J. D. O'Donnell
Vice President Rev. A. J. Lambert
Sec. and Treas. Louise Lambert

The executive committee which was also elected by the nominating committee was as follows:

Rev. Grady Hudson, Chairman, Rev. N. A. Patterson, Rev. Milton Dutton.

A move was made to accept report and elect or appoint Sister Annie Lou Shellnut as assistant clerk. This was seconded and carried.

A move was made to accept report and elect those recommended by the nominating committee as officers for the next year. The motion met with a second and was carried.

The next report was the report of the business committee.

The place for the association to be was left to the entire body.

A move was made that the executive committee find a place for the convention.

They next brought before the body, the election of the Delegates to the National Convention. A move was made that the Chairman be given the authority to appoint the delegates to the National Convention. This was seconded and carried.

It was also recommended that we pay the expense of the speakers from Nashville. A move was made that we do so. It was seconded and carried.

The move was made that we receive the report of the business committee and bring up each item of business one at a time.

Report of Registration committee was given as follows:

39 Delegates.

15 Ministers.

5 Deacons.

The President gave a call for any new business.

Discussion of having minute made of this convention.

A move was made that we have the minutes of this session printed. This was seconded and carried.

Move was made that we have the minutes of this session wrote up and ready, and when the states minutes are fixed that the minutes go in our state minutes. The move met with a second and was carried.

There was a move made that the expense of the Secretary for work done on minutes be taken out of the Treasury. This was seconded and carried.

Bro. Hulsey Drummond was appointed as delegate to the National Convention, which convenes in Tupelo, Miss., with the East Tupelo Church.

Motion was made that we adjourn. Everyone in favor stood to their feet and sang "Bless Be The Tie That Binds."

The money taken in for the Sunday School Convention was:

For Church Dues \$49.00
Offering for the Children's Home 53.10

We took out \$15.00 on expense of the car from Nashville.

This left a balance of \$34.00 in Treasury now.

REPORT FROM THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION OF ALABAMA

The convention was held at the Free Will Baptist Church at Cordova, Ala., June 1, 1950.

The convention was opened by the President, Mrs. H. A. Pitts. The congregation singing To the Work, To the Work. Prayer by Mr. Gibon. Devotional conducted by Miss Florence Sides. Welcome address by Mrs. Luther Barnette. Response by Mrs. Dyars.

The theme of the program was "That Christ May Be Known."

The reports were read and the delegates were seated.

Presidents message was given by Miss Ruby Miller.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

Nominating Committee—Miss Florence Sides, Mrs. Mills and

Mrs. Dyars.

Resolution Committee—Mrs. W. H. Ryland and Mrs. Lois Barnette.

Appreciation Committee—Mrs. Whitman and Mrs. Mitchell.

Registration Committee—Maxine Sides and Mary Ellen Aldridge.

Finance Committee—Miss Ruby Miller and Mrs. Upton.

Report and talk by 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Working together that Christ may be known through enlistment. Song by the Ryland twins.

A wonderful message was brought by Bro. Luther Gibson. His scripture was taken from Matt. 28th chapter. Song, "I Am Thine O, Lord." Dismissed for lunch with prayer by Bro. Hudson.

The first song after lunch was Leaning on the Everlasting Arms. Prayer by Mrs. Whitman. Devotion conducted by Mrs. Luther Gibson. Song by Bro. Gibson.

Report and talk by 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Mitchell, Working together that Christ may be won through our youth.

Report by third Vice-President.

Report by fourth Vice-President.

Report and talk by fifth Vice-President, Mrs. W. H. Ryland.

Report of National Woman's Auxiliary by Mrs. H. A. Pitts.

Song, "Let Him Have His Way With Thee." Prayer by Bro. Gibson.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Parrish Church	\$ 1.00
Winfield	2.40
Cahaba River	18.70
Northport	3.20
Offering for Children's Home	11.03
Balance from Treasury last fall	58.06
Total	\$93.39

Disbursements:

Paid to Children's Home	\$11.03
Paid to National Treasury	10.90
Paid out for printing Minutes	10.00

Total Disbursements	\$31.93
Balance left in Treasury now	\$62.46

Mrs. Lois Barnette, Treasurer.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President	Mrs. J. B. Bloss
1st Vice-President	Mrs. A. J. Lambert
2nd Vice-President	Mrs. Jones Woody
3rd Vice President	Miss Ruby Miller
4th Vice President	Mrs. W. H. Ryland
5th Vice President	Mrs. Jim Widerman

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Be it Resolved that the State Secretary have report blanks printed and mailed to the District Secretary and the District Secretary's mail sufficient blanks to local Auxiliaries for each officer that our reports may be more accurate. We also recommend Treasurer pay

for these blanks and postage for mailing.

2. Be it Resolved that every Auxiliary support every phase of the work as much so as possible.

3. Be it Resolved that the district officers urge the local Auxiliaries to have at least one study course in the manual missions—and stewardship and more if possible.

4. Be it Resolved to pay \$10.00 on printing of minutes.

5. Be it Resolved that our next session be on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in June at the same place where the League and Sunday School Convention meets.

6. Be it Resolved that we continue our contribution to the lobby furniture fund.

7. Be it Resolved that the Woman's Auxiliary Convention sponsor Christain Education loan fund and that the 2nd Vice-President of the Woman's State Auxiliary Convention be chairman.

8. Be it Resolved that the Woman's Auxiliary Convention continue to raise funds for a gym outfit for the Children's Home and that the 5th Vice-President be in charge.

Mrs. W. H. Ryland, Chairman.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Appreciation committee extend our heartfelt thanks to the Woman's Auxiliary and Pastor for their fine hospitality and fellowship.

Mrs. Jim Widerman, Chairman.

FINANCE REPORT

We the Finance committee have checked with the Treasurer and found it correct.

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
Number inactive members	4
Number of members suspended	0
Number of members died	0

MISCELLANEOUS REPORT

I No. Study Classes:	
1. Manual Study Classes	9
2. Stewardship Study Classes	4
3. Mission Study Classes	7
II Season of Prayer Observed:	
1. Week preceding Easter	4
2. Missionary Prayer band	1
III Young People's Auxiliary Sponosred:	
1. Go Tell (8-16 in age)	2
IV. Literature:	

1. Subscribers to Year Book	27
2. Subscribers to Church Paper	48
3. Subscribers to Manual	61
V. No. of Tithers	24
VI. No. of Members engaged in Personal Service	10
VII. Standard Auxiliaries:	
1. No. of A-1 Auxiliaries	0
2. No. of B Auxiliaries	12
3. No. of C Auxiliaries	0

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