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OF THE  
THIRTY-SECOND SESSION  
OF THE  
ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTIST  
HELD WITH  
MACEDONIA CHURCH

NOVEMBEER 8, 9, 10, 1951

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# **P R O C E E D I N G S**

**Of The**

**32ND SESSION**

**Of The**

**ALABAMA STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**Held With**

**Macedonia Church, Millport, Alabama**

**November 8, 9, 10, 1951**

Thursday, November 8 was given to the Minister's meeting which had for its program theme "What Free Will Baptist Believe."

The session was opened by songs led by Rev. A. J. Lambert, Rev. J. B. Ledlow offered prayer. Rev. J. T. Quick, the assistant Moderator, presided throughout the day.

Rev. T. L. Walker very ably presented the subject, "What We Believe About This Work of the Holy Spirit."

"What We Believe About the Freedom of the Will," was the subject assigned to Rev. I. K. Boyette for his fine message.

At this time Rev. C. A. Huckaby of Chipley, Fla., presented himself as a corresponding delegate from the Florida State Association.

Then from Mississippi came Rev. M. L. Hollis, Rev. Knight, Rev. Winners, Rev. M. H. Hollis and J. D. O'Donnell. We were glad to seat them in our body.

A bountiful feast was greatly enjoyed by all.

## **THURSDAY P. M.**

After the song service Rev. T. J. Adair led the prayer.

The congregation enjoyed Rev. A. J. Lambert on the subject "Perseverance of the Saints."

Rev. H. A. Pitts brought a fine message upon the subject of 'Water Baptism.'

Rev. M. L. Hollis consented to substitute for Rev. Jack Rollins on the subject, "Communion."

Rev. Ledlow substituted for Rev. J. B. Bloss on the subject of "Feetwashing."

All these subjects were ably discussed by these fine Ministers. This completed the program for the Minister's meeting. After assigning to homes we were adjourned.



## THURSDAY EVENING

Rev. O. L. Fields conducted a fine song service. Rev. A. J. Lambert led the prayer. Devotional service was conducted by Rev Dewey Isbell.

At this time the Moderator appointed the following committees:

Credential: Revs. Chester O'Donnell, T. J. Adair and Dewey Isbell.

Business and Arrangement: Revs. A. L. Warren, J. B. Ledlow, and A. R. Barker.

Auditing: Bros. A. J. Wilson, J. O. Perrigin and Rev. Grady Hudson.

Rev. W. H. Ryland and staff from the Children's Home presented some of the children in a short program after which Supt. Ryland gave an interesting account of the year's work at the home.

An offering of \$104.39 was given. \$65 was pledged for the same cause.

Assigned to homes and adjourned.

## FRIDAY A. M.

Bro. Isbell conducted the song service. Rev. O. Z. Johnson conducted the devotion.

Rev. Herbert Tilley, the local pastor, welcomed the Association to his church and community. Rev. J. T. Quick responded for the Association.

At this time the Moderator, Rev. J. J. Staab, took charge and seated all standing delegates and declared the Association in order and ready for business. He then made some fine remarks in his address to the body.

While waiting for the Credential Committee to report Rev. Staab gave a fine verbal report from the National Association.

Rev. Henry Melvin, business manager of our college at Nashville, gave a splendid report of the work being done there.

At this time the Credential Committee reported that it had examined all the letters and found them in order and recommended their acceptance and seating of the delegates.

Motion carried to that effect.

The following Association with their delegates were accepted:

Jasper: Bros. J. B. Nelson, Robert Barnes and Floyd Benson.

Mt. Morriah: Bros. E. L. Fields, W. L. Burkhalter, Brady Montgomery, J. O. Perrigin and Stewart Oswalt.

Birmingham District: Sisters Arthur Barker and C. D. Burrell.

Liberty No. 1: Bro. Rufus Baggett, Sisters W. G. Palmer

and I. E. Palmer.

Cahaba River: Bro. L. W. Kendrick and Sister H. L. Mitchell.

Vernon: Bros. Kelcy Jordan, Robert Gosa and W. L. Fields.

Progressive: Sisters G. W. Franks, A. L. Parker, Merle Dyer, Fred Smith, J. E. Quick, Maude Williams, W. H. Ryland, Bros. Lee Estell, James Davis, J. A. Ricketts and Bro. Belew.

Liberty No. 2: Rev. J. B. Ledlow.

Bear Creek: Rev. P. L. Box and C. C. Claborn.

State Line: Rev. and Sister I. K. Boyette.

Business adjourned until 1 o'clock.

Rev. R. E. Tilley conducted the devotional. An offering of \$38.34 was given to Christian education.

Rev. E. P. Rowden of Florence brought the 11 o'clock message. Subject "Possibility of Apostasy."

The noon hour again was a feast.

## FRIDAY P. M.

After song service everyone enjoyed the devotion conducted by Rev. T. J. Adair.

Sister J. B. Bloss gave the highlights of the Ladies' Auxiliary convention.

The Business Committee gave a partial report which was tabled for a second reading.

Sister Lorene Ryland gave the financial report of the Home Mission Board. She then gave the Home Mission report. Both reports were accepted.

Motion carried to elect at proper time two members of Home Mission Board.

The Board of Trustees of Children Home made a partial report which was accepted.

Rev. A. J. Lambert, chairman of State Sunday School convention gave the highlights of the convention.

Sister Wallace gave the Superannuation report which was accepted.

Rev. O. L. Fields gave the Auditing report.

## FRIDAY EVENING

A very fine song service was enjoyed by a good congregation. Rev. A. R. Barker conducted a great testimony service. Rev. Tom Wiley, our Missionary to Cuba delivered the evening message. It was wonderful to hear him tell how the Lord was blessing His labors in Cuba.

Bro. Grady Hudson gave some fine remarks as to our duty and privileges to labor in His vineyard.

An offering of \$75.17 was given.

Bro. Cobb asked for an offering to buy Bro. Wiley a suit of clothes, \$40.50 was given.

Adjourned until Saturday A. M.



## SATURDAY A. M.

Song service by Bro. Fields. Prayer by Rev. Mullenax. Devotion by Rev. J. L. Lavender from Proverbs 3.

Reports were received from secretary of Unified Program, Trustees of Children's Home and from Publication and Literature. All reports accepted.

Motion carried to drop the name of Rev. O. K. Morgan from the trusteeship of the Childrens Home, because of failure to attend meetings, for three years.

The Business Committee made final report. After a short recess Rev. A. L. Warren led the prayer.

Motion carried to empower Moderator to appoint delegates. The following appointments were made: To National Association: A. J. Wilson and W. L. Fields; Delegates from District Association, Cahaba River: Mrs. H. L. Mitchell; Vernon: D. G. Jordan; Liberty No. 2: D. J. O'Donnell; Jasper: Clyde Warren; Mt Morriah: Oscar Harris; To Georgia State: Rev. J. T. Quick; To Home Mission Board: Rev. Malone Cobb; To 7th Place: Bro. Paul Booker to 6th place; To Publication and Literature: Rev. A. J. Lambert and J. B. Ledlow.

Motion carried to elect Rev. R. K. Franklin to replace J. H. Reno to Superannuation Board. To Unified Program: Sister Arthur Barker, 1565 Tuscaloosa Ave., Birmingham, Ala., Transfer of all funds to her was authorized.

Motion carried to combine offices of Promotional Secretary and State Director of college work.

We were honored to have Rev. Henry Melvin with us. He consented to deliver the 11 o'clock message. He chose for his text, Gal. 3-7.

A bountiful table was spread for all at noon.

## SATURDAY P. M.

Bro. Roland Dean led the prayer. Rev. J. B. Ledlow was elected as Promotional Secretary and State Director of Christian Education. A goal of 11,000 was set for college funds. It was agreed that only the money handled by Superannuation Board be reported in church letters as Superannuation funds.

Adjourned to meet with North Birmingham Church, 2808 N. 32 Ave., on Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in Nov. 1952.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTERS' MEETING OF

### ALABAMA PREAMBLBE

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

1. 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 Cnstitution 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.

### UNIFIED PROGRAM REPORT

Amount received up to Nov. 6, 1951 .....	\$952.95
Amount Paid out to Nov. 6, 1951 .....	758.18
Balance .....	\$194.75
Check received Nov. 7, 1951 .....	54.95
Total balance .....	\$249.70

Mrs. Mary Fields, Treasurer.

### UNIFIED PROGRAM PLAN AS AMENDED

Children's Home .....	30%
Missions .....	25%
National Unified Program .....	20%
Superannuation .....	20%
Office Expense .....	5%
	100%

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT

1. We recommend that Rev. Grady Hudson be accepted as a member from the Jasper Association to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. H. A. Pitts and that Rev. E. P. Rowden be accepted from the Progressive Association.

Officers elected were: Rev. Harry L. Mitchell, chairman; Rev. Grady Hudson, secretary. Executive Board: Harry L. Mitchell, Arthur Barker and T. L. Walker.

Grady Hudson, Secretary.

## REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

NOVEMBER, 1950 TO NOVEMBER, 1951

Month	Received	Paid Out
Amount on hand Nov. 1, 1950 .....	\$ 140.04	
Nov. 1950 .....	\$ 1,098.82	\$ 1,221.52
Dec. 1950 .....	1,704.42	1,233.04
Jan. 1951 .....	998.15	1,114.25
Feb. 1951 .....	1,328.65	1,182.41
March 1951 .....	1,080.48	1,344.86
April 1951 .....	883.92	1,046.89
May 1951 .....	1,144.22	1,321.63
June 1951 .....	865.47	1,006.71
July 1951 .....	1,266.33	1,012.98
August 1951 .....	1,101.95	887.15
Sept. 1951 .....	1,167.37	1,274.69
Oct. 1951 .....	2,291.20	1,345.45
On Farm land .....	1,246.09	1,500.00
Cash for Coupons .....	660.38	659.27
Bonding of Treasurer .....		25.00

Totals .....	\$16,977.49	\$16,175.85
Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1951 .....		\$801.64
Value of things donated:		
Corn and foods .....		\$ 2,482.81
Shoes and Clothing .....		1,208.212
Coal .....		76.40
Hardware and Supplies .....		103.05
Fruit and Candies .....		470.59
Toys .....		275.75
Pork raised at the Home .....		1,700.00
Beef raised at the Home .....		225.00
Professional Service and Glasses for Children ....		200.00
Dental work .....		400.00
Professional Surgery .....		195.00
Total Value of Commodities .....		\$ 7,336.81
Cash Received .....		16,977.81
Total of Money and Commodities .....		\$24,314.62

### EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR

Salaries .....	\$ 5,588.75
Feeds and Groceries .....	5,030.16
Shoes and Clothing .....	268.44
Hospital Insurance .....	393.50
Alabama Power Company .....	212.51
Telephone .....	124.54



Hardware Supplies .....	419.12
Electric Supplies .....	58.59
Postage and Office Supplies .....	277.30
Janitor Supplies .....	69.60
Fertilizers and Farm Supplies .....	41.08
Fee and Expenses to State Institute .....	14.50
Plumbing Supplies .....	90.59
Butane Gas .....	160.56
School Fees, Books and Supplies .....	84.38
Coal .....	267.54
Lumber .....	377.16
Dr. bills .....	105.50
Drugs .....	75.42
Veterinarian service .....	28.00
Horse and Harness .....	60.00
Transportation and Trucking .....	123.54
Electric Floor Machine .....	100.00
Pipe for Furnace .....	18.35
Kitchen Sink .....	150.00
Inlaid Floor for Lobby .....	242.50
Lobby Furniture .....	266.77
Farm Land .....	1,500.00
Insurance of the 3 Buildings .....	83.12
Bonding the Treasurer of the Home .....	25.00
Post Office Box Rent .....	2.40
Total .....	\$16,168.92

#### REPORT OF BUSINESS AND ARRANGEMENTS PARTIAL REPORT

We recommend Article II, Section V of the Constitution be so changed as to read:

The Secretary shall be paid \$25; the Moderator \$15 and the Assistant Moderator \$10 for their services rendered. All other expenditures not specified shall be made at the direction of the body.

This report was tabled and upon its second reading was accepted.

#### FINAL REPORT

I. We recommend the body elect a Promotional Secretary to fill the vacancy left by Rev. Ralph Staten.

II. We recommend the body elect a State Director to work in cooperation with the business manager of our college in Nashville.

III. Since the church at Dothan, Ala., sends an invitation for the State Sunday School, League and Auxiliary convention to convene with them, we recommend that city be selected

as the meeting place of the next session of that body.

IV. We recommend the Association select the next meeting place from among these three churches who have asked for it, Union Grove, Winfield and North Birmingham.

V. Be it resolved this body extend to Macedonia church, the pastor and community our heartfelt thanks for their fine hospitality and christian spirit in entertainment of this the 32nd annual session of the State Association, and that we bid you God speed and pray God's blessing upon you and your good pastor in your future work for the Master.

Rev. A. L. Warren, chairman.

The report was adopted.

#### HOME MISSION REPORT

1. We recommend that each pastor take a special offering each month for Home Missions.

2. We have selected Rev. H. L. Mitchell as our chairman.

3. We recommend this body elect two members of this board, one to serve 6 years, the other 7 years.

Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Secretary.

#### HOME MISSION TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Unified Program Treasurer:

Jan. ....	\$ 24.69
April .....	30.76
May .....	11.83
July .....	20.46
Sept. ....	38.10
October .....	34.79
July Vacation Bible School .....	4.67

Total received this year .....	\$165.33
Brought forward from last year .....	\$490.76

Total .....	\$656.09
Paid out .....	241.72

Balance .....	\$414.37
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#### EXPENDITURES

For Church Expansion:

Rev. A.J. Lambert, Jasper church .....	\$100.00
Rev. Grady Hudson, Hamilton church.....	100.00
L. V. Borden, for State Paper .....	25.00
To Mountain Eagle for supplies .....	12.36
Office expense .....	4.36

\$241.72

Mrs. Ryland, Treasurer.



## CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We your committee on Credentials report that we have examined all the letters and find them in order. We hereby recommend that the letters from the nine Associations so represented be accepted and the delegates seated.

Rev. Chester O'Donnell, chairman.

## SUPERANNUATION REPORT

Offerings received for 1950-51:

Jan. 20, 1951, Unified Program.....	\$ 19.75
April 24, 1951, Unified Program .....	24.63
April, 1951, Fayette, Ala. F. W. B. Church .....	8.60
May 29 1951, Unified Program .....	9.46
July 14, 1951, Unified Program .....	16.37
July 27, 1951, Cardova Woman's Auxiliary .....	5.00
Sept. 24, 1951, Unified Program .....	30.48
Oct. 17, 1951, Unified Program .....	27.83
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	\$142.12
Balance brought forward .....	49.56
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	\$191.68
Total paid out .....	175.58
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Balance in Treasury .....	\$ 16.10

Mrs. A. M. Wallace Treasurer.

## REPORT OF PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

Report of the Paper, Alabama Free Will Baptist:

June:	
Paper .....	\$ 72.50
Postage .....	1.38
Paste .....	1.60
Wrappers .....	.80
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	\$ 76.28
July:	
Paper .....	\$ 72.50
Postage .....	1.38
Paste .....	1.20
Wrappers .....	.80
Ink pad .....	1.40
Office Board .....	1.25
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	\$ 77.53
August:	
Paper .....	\$ 72.50

Postage .....	1.38
Paste .....	.80
Wrappers .....	.80
Typing ribbon .....	1.25
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	\$ 76.73

September:	
Paper .....	\$ 72.50
Postage .....	1.38
Paste .....	.80
Wrappers .....	.80
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	\$ 75.48

October:	
Paper .....	\$ 72.50
Postage .....	1.38
Paste .....	.80
Wrappers .....	.80
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	\$ 75.48

November:	
Paper .....	\$ 72.50
Postage .....	1.38
Paste .....	1.20
Wrappers .....	.80
Camera Set .....	14.50
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	\$ 90.38

Total Expenditures .....	\$471.88
Total amount received .....	\$569.88
Total paid out .....	\$471.88
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Balance on hand .....	\$ 98.00

428 Subscribers.

W. H. Ryland, Editor.

## AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of the Auditing Committee of the State Association of Alabama:

We beg to report that we have examined the books of the following:

Children's Home .....	W. H. Ryland, Treasurer
Home Mission Board .....	Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Treasurer
State Association .....	E. W. Graves, Treasurer
Superannuation .....	Mrs. A. M. Wallace
State Unified Program .....	Mrs. E. Fields, Treasurer

We have found the same in good condition and as checked



above. We approve the books up to date and well correct.

Your Auditing Committee,  
Rev. O. L. Fields, chairman  
Rev. R. E. Tilley  
A. J. Wilson.

#### MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED IN MINISTER'S MEETING

A. J. Lambert H. A. Pitts, O. L. Fields, A. L. Warren, H. E. Cobb, Grady Hudson, W. H. Ryland, H. M. Black, T. L. Walker,, I. K. Boyette, T J. Adair, E. E. Brooks, Gurley Roberts, O. Z. Johnson, Chester O'Donnell, Leander McAdams, J. T. Quick, R. E. Tiley.

#### DEACONS WHO REGISTERED

J. C. Nichols, C. R. Dean, J. H. Cole, M. B. Fields,, W. G. Palmer, C. K. Evans, W. G. Hardin, M. M. Burkett, W. H. Clearman and M. P. Goree.

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Rev. J. T. Quick ..... Star Rt Roanoke, Ala.  
Rev. Arthur Barker .. 1567 Tuscaloosa, Ave., Birmingham. Ala.  
Rev. R. K. Franklin ..... 2216 31 Ave., Birmingham, Ala.  
Rev. T. J. Adair ..... Rt. 1, Vernon, Ala.  
Rev. O. L. Fields ..... Rt. 2, Box 59, Columbus, Miss.  
Rev. O. Z. Johnson ..... Eldridge, Ala.  
Rev. E. E. Brooks ..... Box 132, Uriah, Ala.  
Rev. A. J. Lambert ..... Box 85, Brilliant, Ala.  
Rev. J. B. Ledlow ..... 310 East St., Talladega, Ala.  
Rev. J. B. Bloss ..... Columbia, Tenn.  
Rev. I. K. Boyette ..... Hamilton, Ala.  
Rev. R. E. Tilley ..... Ethelsville, Ala.  
Rev. A. L. Warren ..... Vernon, Ala.  
Rev. W. H. Ryland ..... Eldridge, Ala.  
Rev. T. L. Walker ..... 55 Bellwood, Northport, Ala.  
Rev. C. A. O'Donnell ..... Rt. 1, Ashville. Ala.  
Rev. E. W. Graves ..... Vernon, Ala.  
Rev. C. D. Burrell ..... Oakman, Ala.

#### 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.  
Rev. J. B. Bloss ..... Columbia, Tenn.  
Mrs. H. A. Pitts ..... Winfield, Ala.

#### UNIFIED PROGRAM

Mrs. Arthur Barker .... 1565 Tuscaloosa Ave. Birmingham, Ala.  
Bro. W. L. McAdams ..... Millport, Ala.  
Mrs. H. A. Pitts ..... Winfield, Ala.

#### TRUSTEE BOARD OF CHILDREN HOME

Rev. Harry Mitchell, Chmn 1429. N. 20th St. Birmingham. Ala.  
Rev. Grady Hudson, Secretary ..... Red Bay, Ala.  
Rev. A. L. Warren ..... Vernon, Ala.  
Rev. I. K. Boyette ..... Hamilton, Ala.  
Rev. T. L. Walker ..... Northport, Ala.  
Rev. Arthur Barker .. 1565 Tuscaloosa, Ave. Birmingham, Ala.  
Rev. E. P. Rowden ..... Florence, Ala.  
Rev. P. J. Box ..... Graysville, Ala.  
Rev. G. W. Nobles ..... Cottonwood, Ala.  
Bro. D. J. O'Donnell ..... Rt. 1, Ashville. Ala.

#### HOME MISSION BOARD

Mrs. H. A. Pitts, 1952 ..... Winfield, Ala.  
Rev. H. L. Mitchell, 1953, Chm., .... 1429 20th St. B'gham, Ala.  
Mrs. Lorene Ryland, 1954. Theasurer ..... Cordova, Ala.  
Rev. J. L. Lavender, 1955 ..... Rt. 5, Columbus, Miss.  
Bro Roland Dean. 1965 ..... Birmingham, Ala.  
BBro. Paul Booker, 1957 .....  
Rev. Malone Cobb, 1958 ..... Eldridge, Ala.

#### BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

Rev. J. B. Ledlow, Secretary ..... Talladega, Ala.  
Rev. A. J. Lambert ..... Box 85, Brilliant, Ala.  
Rev. J. J. Staab ..... 2313 33rd Ave. N. Birmingham, Ala.  
Rev. Charles D Dean ..... 1623 11th Ct. 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..



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STATISTICAL TABLE

ASSOCIATIONS	State Line	Bear Creek	Liberty No. 2	Progressive	Vernon	Liberty No. 1	Cahaba River	Birmingham District	Mt. Moriah	Jasper	Total
No. Churches	18	11	10	14	13	8	12	10	16	32	144
No. New Churches		1		1		1		1			4
No. Members	1,500	967	474	1,346	1,796	586	733	643	2,182	3,329	13,556
No. Added This Year	99	94	125	196	25	21	112	1	60	172	905
No. Dismissed		19	23	34	42	1		20	24	6	169
Licensed Ministers			6	9			5	5	4	4	33
Ordained Ministers	15	19	21	18	13	9	19	31	17	43	205
No. Sunday Schools	15	10	10	14	10	7	12	10	9	28	125
No. Members		509	504	1318	555	242	491	450	459	1836	5364
No. F. W. B. League				9	3	2	2	2	2	10	30
No. Members				522	125	77	92	70	150	500	1,536
No. Ladies Auxiliaries			4	6	1		5	2	2	8	28
No. Members			52	82	12		110	40	25	65	386
Value Church Property	\$ 28,000	\$ 25,300	\$ 37,500	\$ 100,250	\$ 59,500	\$ 27,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 30,710	\$ 91,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 514,260
Paid Pastors	\$ 2,072.95	\$ 2,160.00	\$ 4,213.54	\$ 12,173.39	\$ 3,297.70	\$ 1,042.85	\$ 6,386.50	\$ 3,752.15	\$ 5,598.92	\$ 12,382.31	\$ 53,080.31
Paid Evangelists	\$ 459.12	\$ 412.00	\$ 855.20	\$ 1,017.25	\$ 884.00		\$ 1,129.40	\$ 628.34	\$ 889.03	\$ 2,126.89	\$ 8,401.23
Paid Children's Hore	\$ 295.25	\$ 305.00	\$ 749.54	\$ 659.56	\$ 723.90	\$ 262.13	\$ 1,424.04	\$ 1,074.52	\$ 792.67	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 8,786.80
Paid To Missions			\$ 100.25	\$ 452.79	\$ 343.00	\$ 1,070.47	\$ 414.67	\$ 26.25	\$ 524.52	\$ 650.00	\$ 3,581.89
Paid To Superannuation				\$ 215.65	\$ 7.50						\$ 2,231.15
Paid To Unified Program					\$ 801.55			\$ 36.32			\$ 837.87
Faid To College					\$ 353.58				\$ 20.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 408.58
Paid For Improvement	\$ 346.15	\$ 365.00	\$ 4,496.50	\$ 2,769.48	\$ 526.70		\$ 4,528.73	\$ 2,325.41	\$ 2,772.49	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 20,930.46
Other Expenses				\$ 8,600.91					\$ 333.11		\$ 8,934.02



Rev. N. A. Patterson ..... Guin, Ala.  
Rev. R. K. Franklin ..... Birmingham, 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 other wise 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 any one 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 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 deason pay the sum of \$1.00 registration fee to help carry on the expense of the Association.

SEC. V—The Secretary shall be paid \$25.00, the Moderator \$15.00 and Assistant Moderator \$10.00 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. 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.

# ASSOCIATIONS

## MODERATORS

## CLERKS

Liberty No. 1	Rev. R. T. Coleman, Perdido, Ala.	William G. Palmer, Castleberry, Ala.
Jasper	Rev. A. J. Lambert Brilliant, Ala.	Brandon Estes, Guin, Ala.
Vernon	Rev. T. J. Adair, Vernon, Ala.	E. W. Graves, Vernon, Ala.
Progressive	Rev. W. H. Ryland, Eldridge, Ala.	Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tenn., Rt 5
Liberty No. 2	Rev. J. B. Ledlow, 535 Booker St, Talladega, Ala.	Faul R. Davis, Pell City, Ala
Birmingham District	Rev. Lee Hanks, Rt. 14, Box 288, Birmingham, Ala.	Arthur Johnston, 701 Morris Ave., Sylacauga, Ala.
Cahaba River	Rev. Jack Rollins, Adamsville, Ala.	H. A. McSpadden, Rt. 9, Box 231F, Birmingham, Ala.
Bear Creek	Rev. H. S. Key, Carbon Hill, Ala., Rt 2 C. C. Claborn, Houston, Ala.	
State Line		
Mt. Morriah	Rev. J. H. Tilley, Steens, Miss.	Rev. Leander McAdams, Columbus, Miss., Rt. 2



## PROCEEDINGS

### OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The program of the Ladies Auxiliary was opened by Mrs. A. J. Lambert, the first vice president. After some songs Rev. H. A. Pitts led a prayer.

Mrs. H. A. Pitts conducted the devotional and a prayer by Bro. Lee Franks

The welcome address was given by Mrs. Earl Smith and the response by Mrs. A. L. Parker.

Some songs were sung by the choir and prayer by Bro. G. C. Lawrence.

The Boston Trio sang a song, followed by a message by Rev. J. B. Bloss.

Mrs. J. B. Bloss, the president, appointed the following committees: Nominating Committee: Mrs. A. L. Parker, Mrs. Wilburn Beasley, Mrs. Amos Martin; Resolutions Committee: Mrs. W. H. Ryland, Mrs. H. A. Pitts, Mrs. Hilton Berryhill; Appreciation Committee: Mrs. Bedford Noles, Mrs. Grant Norris, Mrs. Howard Franks; Finance Committee: Mrs. Bob Early, Mrs. A. P. Leonard, Mrs. James Pugh.. Registration Committee: Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Mrs. Earl Smith, Mrs. Jim Wideman.

Benediction by Rev. A. J. Lambert.

Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

The evening session was opened with a song led by Miss Annie Lou Shelnut. Prayer by Rev. H. A. Pitts. Rev. A. J. Lambert led a song and the letters were read and the delegates seated.

Mrs. J. B. Bloss gave a report of the National Auxiliary.

First vice president's report was given and a talk on "Laborers Together That Our People Might Become More Enlightened" by Mrs. A. J. Lambert.

Mrs. J. B. Bloss read several rules for increasing the enlistment.

Second and Third vice president's report was given by Miss Annie Lou Shelnut.

Fourth vice president's report and talk on "Laborers together that our Auxiliary programs be well planned and general work kept before the members" was given by Mrs. W. H. Ryland.

Fifth vice president's report and talk on "Laborers together through personal service and benevolent work" by Mrs. Jim Wideman.

The treasurer's report was given by Miss Annie Lou Shelnut.

Jasper Association .....	\$11.00
Progressive Association .....	8.40



Vernon Association .....	2.40
Balance from Treasury of last year .....	61.33
Total .....	<hr/> \$83.13
Disbursements:	
Exchange on Money Orders .....	\$ .35
Paid out as National dues .....	9.70
Minutes .....	<hr/> 10.00
Total .....	..\$20.05
Total in Treasury now is .....	\$63.08

The following report was given by the Resolution Committee: (1) Be it resolved that the State Secretary continue to send report blanks to the District Secretaries and urge her to send them to the various local Auxiliaries that we may have the work reported. (2) Be it resolved that each State officer keep District and Local officers posted of their special duties each month through our State paper. We also urge each Auxiliary to report their activities to the paper as regularly as they deem necessary. (3) Be it resolved that each Auxiliary have at least one study course in the manual during the year. Also that they study at least one book on missions and one book on stewardship. (4) Be it resolved that each Auxiliary put on a special coupon drive to raise money to buy covering for the dining room floor at the Children's Home at Eldridge. We recommend that each Auxiliary offer a small prize to the one in their church who collects the most coupons during the year, beginning June 1, 1951 and ending May 31, 1952. The State Auxiliary convention will award the Auxiliary a prize that collects the most coupons next session. (5) Be it resolved that the Woman's Auxiliary continue to sponsor the Christian Education loan fund and that the 2nd vice president of the Woman's State Auxiliary convention be chairman. (6) Be it resolved that we pay \$10.00 on printing of minutes. (7) Be it resolved that these resolutions be printed in the Alabama Free Will Baptist paper that our local members may know them. (8) Be it resolved that our next session of the Alabama State Woman's Auxiliary convention convene on Thursday before the first Sunday in June at the same place, the League and Sunday School conventions meets.

The Appreciation Committee reported: We, the Appreciation Committee submits the following report: We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the ladies and pastors of Brilliant-Boston church for the fine hospitality shown during the session.

The choir sang a song led by Rev. A. J. Lambert. Then the Finance Committee reported: We, your Finance Committee have examined the treasurer's report and find it correct.

The Registration Committee reported: Officers 4; Delegates 5; Visitors 35; Ministers 4.

The Nominating Committee reported: Mrs. J. B. Bloss, President; Mrs. A. J. Lambert, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Jones Woody, 2nd Vice President; Miss Ruby Miller, 3rd Vice President; Mrs. W. H. Ryland, 4th Vice President; Mrs. Jim Wideman, 5th Vice President; Miss Annie Lou Shelnut, Secretary and Treasurer.

The following delegates were appointed to go to the National convention: Mrs. W. H. Ryland to represent the State, Mrs. H. A. Pitts, the Jasper Association and Mrs. A. L. Parker, the Progressive Association.

Benediction by Miss Annie Lou Shelnut.



# MINUTES

Of The

## SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

## ALABAMA STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

When Convened With

## BOSTON CHURCH, BOSTON, ALA.

The Second Annual Session of the Alabama State League Convention was opened by song "Not Made With Hands" directed by Rev. A. J. Lambert. The opening prayer was given by Rev. H. E. Cobb from Fayette, Ala. After the prayer the morning devotional was given by Rev. L. V. Porden of Eldridge, Alabama.

The Welcome Address was given by Bro. Jesse, the response was given by Rev. H. E. Cobb.

After these addresses we enjoyed a song sang by the congregation "Savior More Than Life."

The president's message was given by the Vice President, Rev. A. J. Lambert, in the absence of the President Rev. J. D. O'Donnell.

Next we had the reading of letters and seating of delegates. The letters were read and the delegates seated in the following order:

Mt. Olive Church—Delegates: Patsy May, Dorothy Williams.

Winfield Church—Delegates: Evelyn Pitts, Faye Kilgore, Imogene Gann, Maylene Smith.

Boston Church—Delegates: Frances Wideman, Illa Dean Stanford, Faye Franklin.

Liberty No. 2 Association—Delegates: Chester O'Donnell.

The next thing on the program was the appointing of the committees. They were appointed as follows:

Registration Committee—Kathryn Aderholt, Frances Wideman, Sue Lambert.

Appreciation Committee—Sis. Bob Early, Chairman, Mrs. Parker, Dorothy Williams.

Credential Committee—Bro. Franklin Sexton, Chairman, Sis. Pitts, Bro. Chester O'Donnell.

Executive Committee—Bro. Pitts, Chairman, Bro. Malone Cobb, Bro. Bonnie Hughes.

Then we sang a song "Revive Us Again" directed by Bro.



Lee Franks. The morning message was given by Rev. Bonnie Hughes after which we were dismissed for lunch by Bro. Franklin Sexton.

### LUNCH

Afternoon services were opened by song "All Hail The Power" directed by Rev. A. J. Lambert. The evening devotion was given by Rev. Ray Ritch of Birmingham.

After the devotion, we had a message brought to us on Illustrations of Progress in League Work by Rev. L. V. Borden and boys from Children's Home. After this message Bro. Malone Cobb brought us a grand message on The League and its place in the Church, after which we had another inspiring message given to us on "The League a Prelude to the Ministry" by Bro. Franklin Sexton.

After these messages, we had the reports of the committees. They were read and accepted in the following order:

Registration Committee:

Resolution Committee: which was read and accepted item by item. All the items were accepted and adopted.

Executive Committee: whose report was also taken item by item, accepted and adopted.

Appreciation Committee:

It was moved and seconded and carried that we elect officers for the League and Sunday School Convention at the same time during the Sunday School Session.

Bro. Franklin Sexton was elected to represent the League Convention in the National League Convention.

Next the move was made to adjourn until next session. Everyone was willing. Sis. Malone Cobb prayed the closing prayer.

### MINUTES

Of The

### SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

### ALABAMA STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

When Convened With

### BOSTON CHURCH, BOSTON, ALA.

The second session of the Alabama State Sunday School convention was opened by song "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" and also by Prayer and Scripture Reading by Rev. A. J. Lambert. The Welcome address was given by Rev. A. J. Lambert, the response to the welcome was given by T. H. Dickson.

Next we had the reading and receiving of the letters. The letters were read and the delegates seated as follows:

Boston Church:

Liberty No. 2:

Gum Springs:

Winfield:

Mount Olive:

State Line:

The committees were appointed as follows:

Executive Committee—Rev. Pitts, Chairman, Rev. Cobb, Rev. Hughes.

Registration Committee—Kathryn Adderholt, Frances Wideman, Sue Lambert

Resolution Committee—Sis. Pitts, Chairman, Dorothy Lamb, Lee Johnson, Sis. Moore.

Appreciation Committee—Paul Davis, Chairman, Faye Atkinson Sis. Max Sexton.

The next thing on our program was a message given us on Our Possibilities of Teaching in Sunday School, by Miss Annie Lou Shelnut, after which we had a song "Amazing Grace" directed by Bro. Lee Franks. Following this song, we sang a song while an offering was received for the Bible College.

We next had some special songs sung by Rev. Riggs and his wife and son. After the songs Bro. Riggs gave a report on foreign missions after which Bro. Ralph Staten brought the morning message.



We then dismissed for lunch with Bro. Lee Johnson offering the benediction.

## LUNCH

The afternoon service was opened by song "Jesus Saves" directed by Bro. Franklin Sexton. The devotional was given by Rev. Johnnie Burnham.

The next topic on our program was our Possibilities of Evangelizing through our Sunday School by Miss Louise Lambert. Next we had a special song sung by the Boston Trio, after which we had a message brought to us on Sunday School Our Great Need by Chester O'Donnell.

Then we entered the Business Session of our program. First we had the report of all committees which were read and accepted and adopted as follows:

Executive Committee.

Registration Committee.

Resolution Committee.

Appreciation Committee.

It was voted to defer the place of meeting for the convention next year until the time of the State Association.

Next we had the nomination of officers. It was moved and seconded that we keep the same officers we have this year for next year with the exception of getting a new Vice President.

The officers are as follows:

Rev. A. J. Lambert .....	President
Rev. Bonnie Hughes .....	Vice President
Louise Lambert .....	Secretary
Annie Lou Shelnut .....	Secretary-Assist.

Next we had financial report of the Secretary which was received.

It was voted that we pay whatever expense that it would take to represent in the National Convention.

The delegates elected to go to the National Convention were Annie Lou Shelnut, Franklin Sexton, Louise Lambert.

It was voted that each church send money or the expense of the delegates to the Secretary of the convention.

Move was made, seconded and carried that we adjourn until said time next year.