
MINUTES of the
Thirty - Third Session
of the Alabama State
Association of Free Will
Baptists -

North Birmingham Church
Birmingham Alabama
November, 6 - 7 - 8, 1952

The next session will be held at
BREWTON, ALABAMA
with New Home Church, Thursday before
Second Sunday in November, 1953.

MINUTES
THIRTY-THIRD SESSION
of the
ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
held with
NORTH BIRMINGHAM CHURCH
November 6 - 7 - 8, 1952

NEW OFFICERS

REV. H. A. PITTS Moderator
Winfield, Alabama
REV. A. J. LAMBERT Assistant Moderator
BRO. H. A. McSPADDEN Secretary
Rt. 9, Birmingham, Alabama
REV. E. W. GRAVES Assistant Secretary
Vernon, Alabama
REV. MARRY L. MITCHELL .. Chairman Home Mission Board
1429 N. 20th St. Birmingham, Alabama
REV. LESTER JONES Chairman Executive Board
Cordova, Alabama
REV. LOUIE BATES Chairman Superannuation Board
Alden, Alabama
MRS. ARTHUR BARKER Treasurer Unified Program
1565 Tuscaloosa, Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama

The next session will convene on Thursday before the 2nd.
Sunday of November, 1953, with New Home Church, Brewton,
Alabama, Route 4, Highway 31.

The State Sunday School Convention will convene with the
1st. Free Will Baptist Church of Sylacauga, Alabama on Thursday
Friday and Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in June, 1953.

P R O C E E D I N G S

Of The
33RD SESSION

Of The

ALABAMA STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With

North Birmingham Church, 2808 N. 32 Ave., Birmingham, Alabama

November 6, 7, 8, 1952

Minister's Meeting

Rev. A. J. Lambert opened the meeting with songs, Rev. K. V. Shutes of Georgia led the prayer. Several visitors expressed their pleasure in being present.

The theme for the whole program was "Love".

Rev. Lester Jones of Cordova very ably substituted for Rev. George Franks in bringing the first message of the day on the subject of "The Scope of God's Love", Eph. 3; 18-19.

Rev. J. T. Windsor of Pell City had for his subject in the 2nd message, "The Manner of God's Love". Text, St. Jno. 8-1.

Bros. Lambert and O. L. Fields led in a number of songs.

Rev. H. A. Pitts of Winfield brought a very fine message just before the noon hour. His subject was "The Constancy of God's Love". Text, Rom. 8 38-39.

An hour's recess was had to enjoy the bountiful meal prepared for them.

THURSDAY P.M.

Rev. O. L. Fields led in singing, "The Old Time Power" and "Praise Him". Prayer by sister Pitts. "Responsive Love" was the Evening Theme.

"The Tie That Binds" was the subject very ably presented by Rev. J. L. Lavender, Jno. 15; 12-15, 1st. Pet. 2-17. Rev. Lambert sang "He Bore It All."

"The Badge of Recognition" was delivered by Rev. Odell Harris of Sylacauga in his very impressive way. Text, Jno. 13; 35.

"The Perfect Aid to Good Works" 1st. Cor. Chapter 13., was given by Rev. I. W. Gow.

Rev. J. M. Cobb had for his subject, "Love Compels Obedience", Text, Jno. 14; 23-24.

Rev. A. J. Lambert brought the meeting to a close with his message, "Love To Be Fostered", Text Jude 21.

A motion carried to ask each minister to preach each of the messages in their churches until all are used.

A glad handshake of fellowship was had while "Onward Christian Soldiers", and "O How I Love Jesus" was sung.

Benediction by Rev. A. J. Seller of Quitman, Georgia.

THURSDAY EVENING

After another fine meal the body assembled again for an hour's singing. Rev. H. G. Kelly of Columbus, Georgia conducted a fine devotional service. Supt. W. H. Ryland presented a number of the

children from the Home in short programs after which he gave his annual report. An offering of \$161.37 was received.

Cordova Church presented the playy "Farmer Brown's Conversion To Stewardship". This was an inspiring play and pointed the way to spiritual prosperity. The congregation joined in singing "Ready".

After assignments to home and announcements, Rev. R. K. Franklin gave the benediction.

MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED IN MINISTERS' MEETING

Revs. George LaShun	Rt. 1, Empire, Ala.
J. J. Staab	2313 33Ave. N., Birmingham, Ala.
R. K. Franklin	2213 31 Ave. N., Birmingham, Ala.
A. A. Edge	2122 4th Ave. N., Leeds, Ala.
J. T. Windsor	Pell City, Ala.
Johnny Britton	P. O. Box 5521, Birmingham, Ala.
H. L. Mitchell	1429 20th St., Birmingham, Ala.
H. A. Pitts	Box 208, Winfield, Ala.
Ira C. Gow	205 Village Ct., Birmingham, Ala.
N. A. Patterson	Guin, Ala.
H. V. Shutes	Camilla, Ga.
N. R. Parker	3816 N. 28th St., Birmingham, Ala.
E. W. Graves	Vernon, Ala.
J. L. Lavender	Box 816, Aliceville, Ala.
A. J. Lambert	642 Sweetwater Ave., Florence, Ala.
O. L. Fields	Vernon, Ala.
T. L. Walker	Northport, Ala.
W. H. Ryland	Eldridge, Ala.
Lester Jones	Cordova, Ala.
Gurlye Roberts	Guin, Ala.
L. V. Collier	Hamilton, Ala.
H. E. Cobb	Rt. 1, Fayette, Ala.
Roy Barnes	Rt. 1, Vernon, Ala.
J. M. Dutton Jr.	Leeds, Ala.
Hudson Burleson	Hamilton, Ala.
O. L. Sellers	Ga.
A. A. Peoples	Hamilton, Ala.
J. M. Cobb	Rt. 1, Fayette, Ala.
J. H. Tilley	Ethelsville, Ala.
Odell Harris	808 Ogletree St., Sylacauga, Ala.
H. G. Kelly	1004 12 Ave., Phenix City, Ala.
Troy Engle	Leeds, Ala.
O. Z. Johnson	Eldridge, Ala.
James Elmore	1221 19th St. S. West, Birmingham, Ala.

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 established 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 Minister's 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.

XI. The Minister's Meeting shall meet on Thursday morning before the 2nd Sunday in November of each year at the meeting place of the State Association.

XII. 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 the 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.

PROCEEDING OF THE 33RD SESSION OF THE ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Rev. A. J. Lambert opened the session by singing "Revive Us Again." Rev. Box led the prayer.

Rev. Herbert Tilley led the devotional. Pastor, Rev. Johnnie Britton, gave the welcome address, Rev. T. L. Walker gave the response.

The Clerk seated all standing delegates and declared the Association in order and ready for business.

Rev. Roy Barnes of Vernon was appointed to the Credential Committee in Proxy.

The moderator, Rev. J. J. Staab, gave many good suggestions for the betterment of our cause in Alabama.

Revs. R. P. Ritch, Lester Jones and J. M. Cobb were appointed to the Executive Board.

Bros. W. G. Palmer and W. F. Johnston were appointed to Mission Board.

Revs. O. Z. Johnson and J. T. Windsor were appointed Proxy to the Trustee Board of Children's Home.

Revs. Grady Hudson, Gurley Roberts and L. V. Collier were appointed to Auditing Board.

The Credential Committee reported that all letters were examined and found in order and recommended the delegates be seated. The following Association represented by letter and delegates.

MISSISSIPPI STATE LINE: Revs. L. V. Collier, Roy Barnes, A. A. Peoples and Rev. Burleson.

BEAR CREEK: Rev. P. J. Box.

LIBERTY NO. 2: Rev. J. T. Windsor.

PROGRESSIVE: Sisters Lee Hedrick, J. A. Smith, Lester

Jones, W. H. Ryland, A. J. Lambert, Merle Dyer, Dan Sargeant, James Davis and Bro. A. L. Parker.

VERNON: Sisters A. L. Warren, and E. O. Shelnutt.

LIBERTY NO. 1: Rev. I. L. Talbert, and Bro. L. S. Nall.

CAHABA RIVER: Sister Ruth Strickland and Rev. R. P. Ritch.

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT: Bros. Robert Shaw, Alfred Hogan, and Sister Lula Rice.

MT. MORRIAH: Bros. J. O. Perrigan, H. M. Montgomery, J. L. Lavender and Ronald Dean.

JASPER: Bro. Johnnie Nelson, Sisters Lovie Bates and H. A. Pitts.

The letters were read and the delegates seated.

Sister Lester Jones gave a fine report of the National Association.

Rev. H. L. Knighton of Phoenix City delivered an inspiring message at the eleven o'clock hour from Rev. 3; 14-19.

Benediction by Bro. Ronald Dean.

The church again entertained with a fine lunch.

Upon reassembling the Business Committee gave a partial report. "see reports"

Motion carried to elect officers on Friday instead of Saturday as was past custom.

The business report was received and discussed, each item separately. Items one and two were adopted and item three was referred to the Committee.

Sister Larene Ryland gave the Home Mission Treasurer's report.

Sister Barker gave the report of the Unified Program.

Sister A. M. Wallace gave report of Superannuation Board.

Rev. H. L. Mitchell gave the report of Home Mission Board. An offering of \$13.25 was received on tent fund.

Rev. W. H. Ryland gave a verbal report of the successful Youth's Camp Meeting.

At this time election of officers for the next two years was held. Election Results:

Moderator, Rev. H. A. Pitts; Assistant Moderator, Rev. A. J. Lambert; Secretary-Treasurer, H. A. McSpadden; Assistant Secretary, E. W. Graves.

Executive Board, Revs. Lester Jones, N. A. Patterson, Louie Bates, Roy Barnes and Bro. W. G. Palmer.

To The Board of Trustees of Children's Home, Rev. Gurley Roberts to represent Vernon Association, Rev. L. V. Collier to represent Mississippi State Line.

To Home Mission Board, Sister Lester Jones was elected to replace Sister H. A. Pitts.

The Executive Board reported and it was adopted.

The Moderator filled the vacancies on various Boards. Then all business was adjourned until 8:30 o'clock Saturday A.M.

Friday evening was set aside as Mission night.

Rev. Lee Hanks led the prayer. Rev. Pitts, the National Mission Board representative for Alabama, led the devotional.

Rev. K. V. Shutes of Camilla, Georgia was selected as the speaker for this Missionary Service.

He used for his text, Rom. 10. An offering of \$67.91 was received. Visitors were assigned to homes and benediction given.

Rev. Lester Jones opened the Saturday's session with prayer. A very beautiful devotion was given by Sister Sidney Brom of Tarrant City.

The Clerk formally opened the body for business. The Auditing Board reported and was accepted.

Rev. W. H. Ryland gave a verbal report for the Trustees of the Youth's Camp at Eldridge.

Revs. Ryland and Mitchell were added to the Business Committee in the absence of two of its regular members.

Motion carried that in the future any church wishing to entertain the Association shall give, with the invitation, information as to seating capacity, transportation, entertaining ability and any other information to help guide the Association in selecting its meeting place.

The Executive Board and Business Board made their final report, which were adopted.

A mission worker to assist the state representative was appointed from each district association. Those appointed were from: LIBERTY NO. 1: W. G. Palmer, Castlebury, Alabama; JASPER: Miss Ruby Miller, Winfield, Alabama; VERNON: E. W. Graves, Vernon, Alabama; PROGRESSIVE: Rev. Lester Jones, Cardova, Alabama; LIBERTY NO. 2: S. W. McDorrough, 107 Lynwood, E. Gasden, Alabama; BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT: James Elmore, 1221 19th St. S. W. Birmingham, Alabama; BEAR CREEK: H. L. Key, Townley, Alabama; MISSISSIPPI STATE LINE: Rev. Roy Barnes, Vernon Alabama, Rt. 1; MT. MORRIAH: Rev. J. L. Lavender, Box 876, Aliceville, Alabama.

The following delegates were appointed:

To Georgia State Association, Revs. W. H. Ryland, and N. A. Patterson.

To National, Sisters Sidney Brom, Box 5204 U. Birmingham, Alabama, H. A. Pitts, Winfield, Alabama, A. L. Parker, Leeds, Alabama. Paul Davis, Pell City, Alabama, H. L. Mitchell, 1429 N. 20th St. Birmingham, Alabama, Bros. P. A. Crawford, Northport, Alabama, I. L. Tolbert, Brewton, Alabama, Arthur Johnston, Sylacauga, Alabama, L. V. Collier, Hamilton, Alabama, Rt. 2.

The following resolution was passed.

We, as Free Will Baptist, believe in clean sober living is the only life that will lead to eternal happiness, be it therefore resolved that we go on record as being opposed to use and sale of any and all intoxicant beverages which we believe is detrimental to our present and future spiritual and moral well being.

Mrs. Malone Coob was elected to the Unified Program. Rev. R. P. Ritch was elected to be Secretary of the Board of Publications. Motion carried to give a rising vote of appreciation to Rev. J. J. Staab for his services as Moderator.

The Association was adjourned to meet with New Home Church, Rt. 4, Brewton, Alabama, Escambia County, Highway 31.

MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED AT ASSOCIATION

Revs. A. J. Lambert, Lester James, J. T. Windsor, Ira C. Gaw, J. H. Tilley, W. H. Ryland, I. L. Tolbert, A. A. Peoples, James Elmore, Leroy Smith, Louie Bates, H. L. Mitchell, C. D. Burrell, J. L. Lavender, W. O. McDonald, H. E. Cobb, O. Z. Johnson, J. M. Cobb, E. W. Graves, Grady Hudson, T. L. Walker, Gurlie Roberts, Roy Barnes, R. K. Franklin and J. J. Staab.

DEACONS WHO REGISTERED

Willie F. Johnston, Sylacauga, Alabama, William G. Palmer, Castlebury, Alabama, L. S. Nall, Brewton, Alabama, J. R. Joshan, Alabama City, Alabama, Joe Click Jr., William Click, and J. B. Goolsby.

AUDITORS REPORT

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
Superannuation Board	Mrs. A. M. Wallace, Treasurer
State Unified Program	Mrs. Arthur Barker, Treasurer
State Association	E. W. Graves, Treasurer

and found them O. K.

Signed: Grady Hudson, Chairman

HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT

I. We agree to give to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Ensley, Alabama, \$100.00 for church expansion.

II. We agree to give the First Free Will Baptist Church of Aliceville, Alabama, \$100.00 for church expansion.

III. The Home Mission Board requests the Executive Board meet with Home Mission Chairman at Graysville Church at a convenient date, and that Rev. Louie Bates make the date and notify the Chairman of same.

IV. We recommend Rev. H. L. Mitchell contact every church in the Association and take an offering for a tent to be used in evangelistic service.

Signed: H. L. Mitchell, Chairman

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

We your Executive Board seeing the need of church extension

in our denomination wish to recommend to this body a system through which we may help to finance the building of new church buildings in newly organized churches.

I. That each local church raise the equivalent of 10 cents per month, per member, to be used for church extension in Alabama.

II. We further recommend this work be placed in the hands of the Promotional Secretary.

III. Realizing the need of our Free Will Paper and the good it was doing, we hereby recommend it be revived. To relieve some of the burden from Bro. Ryland we suggest that committee be appointed to revive the publication of our State Paper.

IV. We further recommend the following men be appointed to this work: Revs. J. J. Staab, H. L. Mitchell, and R. K. Franklin.

V. We recommend this body authorize the Home Mission Board to pay to Rev. R. K. Franklin \$100.00 at this date for evangelistic work in Ensley, Alabama.

Signed: A. J. Lambert, Chairman

REPORT OF THE

ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST PAPER

On Hand November 1, 1951	\$ 98.00
Expense for November, 1951	\$ 81.97
Expense for December, 1951	\$ 79.13
Expense for January, 1952	\$ 69.58
Expense for February, 1952	\$ 76.38
Expense for March, 1952	\$ 67.88
Expense for April, 1952	\$ 72.30
Expense for May, 1952	\$ 71.13
TOTAL PAID OUT	\$508.37
Amount Received	\$410.37
	\$508.37
Donation to Paper	\$ 10.00
TOTAL	\$518.37
PAID OUT	\$508.37
BALANCE ON HAND	\$ 10.00

W. H. Ryland, Business Manager

ALABAMA HOME MISSION TREASURER REPORT

RECEIVED:

Dec. 18, 1951 By Lois Killingsworth, Fayette U.P.F. \$ 6.49
The Following By Mrs. Mae Barker, Alabama U.P.F.

Jan. 10, 1952	\$ 50.00
Feb. 2, 1952	\$ 47.13
March 8, 1952	\$ 23.00
April 4, 1952	\$ 16.00
May 10, 1952	\$ 24.00
June 12, 1952	\$ 10.07
July 7, 1952	\$ 15.91
August 12, 1952	\$ 34.36
Sept. 10, 1952	\$ 36.16
Oct. 16, 1952	\$ 24.22
Aug. 25, 1952 Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Vacation Bible School, By A. M. Cagle	\$ 15.30

TOTAL RECEIVED FOR YEAR	\$302.74
BROUGHT FORWARD FROM LAST YEAR	\$414.37
TOTAL	\$717.11
PAID OUT	\$175.36
BALANCE IN TREASURER	\$541.75

PAID OUT:

Feb. 12, 1952 To Rev. W. H. Ryland, For The State Paper	\$ 50.00
April 23, 1952 To H. L. Mitchell, To Move State Tent	\$ 25.00
August 19, 1952 To Tarrent Church, For Church Expansion	\$100.00
September 10, 1952 Stamp	\$.36

TOTAL PAID OUT	\$175.36
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HOME MISSION BOARD

Mrs. H. A. Pitts,	Comes Off This Year
Rev. H. L. Mitchell, 1953	1429 - 20th. St. Birmingham, Ala.
Mrs. Lorene Ryland, 1954, Treasurer	235 Branch St. Cordova, Ala.
Rev. J. L. Lavender, 1955	Rt. 5, Columbus, Miss.
Bro. Roland Dean, 1956	Birmingham, Ala.
Bro. Paul Booker, 1957	Aliceville, Ala.
Rev. Malone Cobb, 1958	Fayette, Ala.

Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Treasurer
235 Branch St. Cordova, Ala.

YOUTH CAMP FINANCIAL REPORT**MONEY RECEIVED**

43 Persons Registered in Camp at \$7.00 Each	\$301.00
Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Bloss	\$ 10.00
Mrs. A. M. Wallace	\$ 3.00

Extra Meals Paid For	\$ 9.50
Profits From Drink Stand	\$ 16.40
Northport Church	\$ 25.00
Leeds Church	\$ 26.00
Cordova Church	\$ 20.00
Loyal Chapel Church	\$ 20.26
Vernon Church	\$ 20.00
North Birmingham Church	\$ 20.24
Fayette Church	\$ 10.00

TOTAL RECEIVED	\$481.56
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PAID OUT

Groceries	\$190.50
Janitor and Hardware Supplies	\$ 64.21
Sporting Goods	\$ 12.50
Salary of Cooks	\$ 50.00
Literature For Camp	\$ 27.50
10 New Mattresses	\$115.00

TOTAL PAID OUT	\$459.71
	\$481.56
	\$459.71

TOTAL CASH BALANCE IN TREASURER	\$ 21.85
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W. H. Ryland

**REPORT OF ALABAMA STATE SUPERANNUATION
FOR 1951-1952**

Received From Unified Program:	\$ 33.08
Brought Forward From Last Year	\$ 6.49
December	\$ 40.00
January 7	\$ 37.70
February 4	\$ 18.00
March 4	\$ 12.80
April 4	\$ 30.00
May 4	\$ 8.34
June 5	\$ 14.57
July 3	\$ 28.37
August 12	\$ 28.93
September 10	\$ 17.63
October 10	

TOTAL RECEIVED & BROUGHT FORWARD	\$275.91
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TOTAL PAID OUT	\$222.83
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BALANCE IN TREASURY	\$ 53.08
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BUSINESS REPORT

We, your Business Committee, submits the following report:

I. We recommend this Association elect a Mission Director to work in each District Association with the State Director and that he contact each pastor to arrange for a visit of himself or the State Director in the interest of our Foreign Mission Program.

II. We recommend that any church which entertains this Association shall have the right to take a public offering to help with expenses.

III. We recommend that the next session of this body be held with New Home Church, Brewton, Alabama, Route 4.

IV. We recommend each District Association to elect delegates who will attend the session.

V. We recommend each church to send a monthly offering to the Children's Home.

VI. We recommend that Rev. J. J. Staab be elected State Promotional Secretary.

Signed: Committee

Report adopted as is.

**REPORT OF UNIFIED PROGRAM
1951-1952**

Cordova Church	\$615.15
Leadacia Church	\$ 4.80
Liberty Church	\$ 1.30
Carbon Hill Church	\$ 11.10
Cullman Church	\$ 2.75
Ruth Headrick	\$ 2.85
Goodwater Church	\$ 26.54
Evergreen Church	\$ 26.20
Holmer Church	\$125.83
Poplarlog Church	\$ 20.00
TOTAL	\$836.52
30% To Orphanage	\$250.96
20% To Mission	\$167.30
20% To National Program	\$167.30
25% To Supperannuation	\$209.13
5% For Office Expenses	\$ 41.83
TOTAL	\$836.52

Mrs. Mae Barker

**PERSONNEL OF BOARDS
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Rev. Lester Jones Cordova, Ala.

Rev. N. A. Patterson Guin, Ala.
Rev. Louie Bates Alden, Ala.
Rev. Roy Barnes Vernon, Ala.

TRUSTEE BOARD OF CHILDREN'S HOME

Rev. Marry Mitchell 1429 N. 20th St. Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. Grady Hudson Red Bay, Ala.
Rev. Gurley Roberts Guin, Ala.
Rev. L. V. Collier Route 2, 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 Ashville, Ala.

HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. H. L. Mitchell, 1953 1429 N. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala.
Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Treasurer, 1954 Cordova, Ala.
Rev. J. L. Lavender, 1955 Aliceville, Ala.
Bro. Ronald Dean, 1956
Bro. Paul Booker, 1957 Fayette, Ala.
Rev. Malone Cobb, 1958 Cordova, Ala.
Mrs. Lester Jones, 1959

BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

Rev. R. P. Ritch Florence, Ala.
Rev. A. J. Lambert Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. J. J. Staab 2313 33rd Ave. N., Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. Charles Dean 1623 11th Ct., Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. W. H. Ryland Eldridge, Ala.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Rev. Louie Bates Alden, Ala.
Rev. James Elmore
Rev. N. A. Patterson Guin, Ala.
Rev. R. K. Franklin Birmingham, Ala.

UNIFIED PROGRAM

Mrs. Arthur Barker, Treas. 1565 Tuscaloosa Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
Mrs. Malone Cobb Fayette, Ala.
Mrs. H. A. Pitts Winfield, Ala.

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
Eldridge, Alabama**

NOV. 1, 1951 to NOV. 1, 1952

Money Received		Paid Out
On Hand November 1, 1951	\$ 801.64	
November, 1951	\$ 1530.71	\$ 1373.63
December, 1951	\$ 2191.23	\$ 1667.95
January, 1952	\$ 1267.94	\$ 1375.42
February, 1952	\$ 1923.36	\$ 1376.94
March, 1952	\$ 1287.99	\$ 1788.58
April, 1952	\$ 1188.94	\$ 1893.61
May, 1952	\$ 1078.94	\$ 1419.74
June, 1952	\$ 886.42	\$ 1120.16
July, 1952	\$ 1038.44	\$ 1424.22
August, 1952	\$ 1041.15	\$ 1148.93
September, 1952	\$ 1578.06	\$ 1523.64
October, 1952	\$ 1818.26	\$ 1302.33
TOTAL	\$17,633.08	\$17,415.15
TOTAL CASH RECEIVED		\$17,633.08
TOTAL CASH PAID OUT		\$17,415.15
CASH ON HAND, NOVEMBER 1, 1952		\$ 217.93

**THINGS DONATED TO THE
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**

	VALUE
Food	\$ 2,236.70
Clothing	\$ 2,220.90
Toys	\$ 379.45
Fruit	\$ 146.55
Wagon	\$ 25.00
Hardware	\$ 8.50
Livestock	\$ 75.00
Bibles	\$ 6.00
Television Set Installed	\$ 345.45
Fence Hog Wire	\$ 33.00
Barber Chair	\$ 65.00
Coal	\$ 192.25
Cement	\$ 66.94
TOTAL VALUE	\$ 5,800.74
Meat Butchered At The Home:	
Beef	\$ 432.00

Pork	\$ 960.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,192.74
TOTAL CASH RECEIVED	\$17,633.08
TOTAL COMMODITIES AND CASH	\$24,825.82

**REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHILDREN'S HOME, ELDRIDGE, ALABAMA
NOVEMBER 1, 1951 to NOVEMBER 1, 1952**

Salaries	\$ 6,776.10
Feed and Groceries	\$ 5,733.90
Shoes and Clothing	\$ 438.49
Alabama Power Company	\$ 287.27
Paint and Hardware Supplies	\$ 746.38
Telephone	\$ 134.53
Fertilizers and Farm Supplies	\$ 557.57
Electric Supplies	\$ 154.37
Janitor Supplies	\$ 160.56
Refrigeration	\$ 50.00
Hospital	\$ 203.80
Drugs	\$ 35.10
Dr. Bills	\$ 22.00
Postage and Office Supplies	\$ 353.46
Lumber	\$ 114.76
Butane Gas	\$ 120.94
School Books and Supplies	\$ 182.04
Plumbing Supplies	\$ 54.32
Mattresses and Furniture	\$ 326.95
Coal and Fuel	\$ 153.46
Fee for Boys in Summer Scout Camp	\$ 90.00
Expenses of One Child to National Convention	\$ 30.00
Washing and Ironing Machines	\$ 252.56
Floor Polishing Machine, (Final Payment)	\$ 30.00
Fee to State Institute of Institutions	\$ 7.50
Repairing Furnace	\$ 74.55
Insurance on 3 Buildings, 1 Year	\$ 145.50
Bonding of Treasurer, 1 Year	\$ 25.00
Trucking - Hauling - Freight and Express	\$ 154.05
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$17,415.15

W. H. Ryland Supt. & Treasurer

BY-LAWS

The adoption of By-Laws of National Association.

I. The Clerk or the Assistant Clerk, or in their absence, the senior minister in years shall call the Association into conference

STATISTICAL TABLE

ASSOCIATIONS	Bear Creek	Liberty No. 2	Progressive	Liberty No. 1	Channahua River	Mt. Morriah	Jasper	Miss. State Line	Birmingham District	Vernon	TOTALS
No. Churches	10	10	12	8	14	16	31	18	9	13	141
No. New Churches	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
No. Members	908	730	1,283	586	842	2,234	3,218	1,471	627	2,194	14,093
No. Added This Year	75	75	177	21	96	56			77	54	631
No. Dismissed	13	28	39	1	36	16			65	44	242
Licensed Ministers	1	10	4	0	6	1	6		8	2	38
Ordained Ministers	17	26	16	9	30	18	49		32	12	209
No. of Sunday Schools	10	10	12	7	14	10	29		10	12	124
No. of Members		539	1,155	242	750	520	2,000	542	400	693	6,841
No. F.W.B. Leagues			6	2	5	2	11		2	3	31
No. of Members			320	77	250	125			45	150	1,067
No. of Auxiliaries		1	6	1	6	2	8		2	1	27
No. of Members		13	116		100	25	70		26	10	360
Value of Church Property	\$27,500.00	\$39,000.00	\$93,559.00	\$27,000.00	\$750.00	\$98,000.00		\$28,100.00	\$30,070.00	\$ 64,124.00	\$454,113.00
Paid Pastors	\$ 1,661.84	\$ 3,154.85	\$12,400.38	\$ 1,042.83	\$ 6230.93	\$ 5,857.44	\$14,198.25	\$ 2,197.05	\$ 4,865.24	\$ 3,327.62	\$ 54,937.05
Paid Evangelists	\$ 501.80	\$ 632.20	\$ 1,253.25		\$ 1,188.42	\$ 1,018.88	\$ 2,331.44	\$ 695.99	\$ 640.81	\$ 1,098.80	\$ 9,359.59
Paid Children's Home	\$ 301.03	\$ 610.60	\$ 470.61	\$ 262.13	\$ 1,006.08	\$ 1,178.00	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 697.91	\$ 372.00	\$ 7,983.36
Paid To Missions		\$ 142.73	\$ 587.65	\$ 1,070.47	\$ 125.00	\$ 149.33	\$ 7,000.00		\$ 103.80	\$ 224.95	\$ 9,383.93
Paid To Superannuation					\$ 5.75						\$ 5.75
Paid To Unified Program		\$ 20.00	\$ 672.06		\$ 18.16						\$ 708.22
Paid To College		\$ 65.00	\$ 490.04		\$ 15.75	\$ 77.00	\$ 300.00				\$ 947.70
Paid To Improvement		\$ 2,059.74			\$ 2,851.23	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 1,723.51	\$ 3,637.63	\$ 16,372.16

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.

II. 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.

III. 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.

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

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

VI. This Association may correspond by messenger or other wise with other religious bodies.

VII. This Association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.

VIII. Any person not a member of this Association may be allowed to take part in its discussion by obtaining permission from the Moderator.

IX. 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.

X. No member shall absent himself from the Association during its meetings without first obtaining permission from the Moderator.

XI. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee provided the person nominated be elected.

XII. The Moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

XIII. 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.

XIV. The "yeas" and "nays" may be counted on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.

XV. 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.

XVI. 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.

XVII. 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 \$2.00.

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

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Woman's Auxiliary State Convention met with Prospect Church of Dothan, Alabama, May 29, 1952 and presented the following program:

The session was opened with a lively song service directed by Rev. A. J. Lambert, of Brilliant, Alabama.

The devotional was given by Mrs. Irell Ingram, Dothan, Alabama, reading the 101st Psalm, followed by a prayer by Bro. W. H. Ryland of Eldridge, Alabama.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. Mary Edna Cook, Dothan, Alabama, followed by the response by Miss Annie Lou Shel-nutt, Winfield, Alabama.

A report of the National Convention was given by Mrs. Lester Jones, Cordova, Alabama.

A motion was moved and seconded to seat the following delegates and all others that might come in later.

SOUTH EASTERN ASSOCIATION: Mrs. Will Sanders, Mrs. Tull McKnight, and Mrs. Linnie J. Stokes.

JASPER ASSOCIATION: Mrs. H. A. Pitts, and Mrs. Kathryn Aderholt.

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION: Mrs. Jones Pickett.

PROSPECT CHURCH: Mrs. C. G. Scott.

SYLACAUGA CHURCH: Mrs. Lester Jones.

HOWARDS GROVE CHURCH: Mrs. Hubbert Johnston, and Mrs. Lendon Hamrick.

A special song, "I've Got A Mansion" was sung followed by a class song.

The minutes were read by the Secretary and approved by the body of delegates.

The following Committees were appointed:

REGISTRATION: Mrs. C. G. Scott, and Mrs. Irell Ingram;

RESOLUTIONS: Mrs. H. A. Pitts, Mrs. Will Sanders, and Mrs. James Pickett; NOMINATING: Mrs. W. H. Ryland, Mrs. Kathryn Aderholt, and Mrs. C. G. Scott; APPRECIATION: Mrs. Tull McKnight, Mrs. Linnie J. Stokes, and Mrs. Hubbert Johnston; FINANCE: Mrs. Lester Jones, Mrs. Lendon Hamrick, and Miss Annie Lou Shel-nutt.

The body was dismissed for a short recess.

A song was sung by Rev. Grady Hudson followed by a message by Rev. A. J. Lambert which was very inspiring.

Announcements were made and then the benediction by Rev. H. A. Pitts, of Winfield, Alabama.

A bountiful table was spread and everyone enjoyed refreshments.

The afternoon session was opened with a song, "More About Jesus" led by Rev. Grady Hudson of Red Bay, Alabama, followed by a prayer by Rev. Mollette, pastor of the host church.

The president's report was read by Mrs. A. J. Lambert, followed by the following talks:

I. "The Hour is Come When Every Free Will Baptist Woman should be Enlisted" -Mrs. A. J. Lambert.

II. "The Hour is Come When We Should Endeavor to Win the Youth for Christ" -Mrs. Lester Jones.

III. "The Hour is Come for Greater Missionary Endeavor" -Mrs. H. A. Pitts.

IV. "The Hour is Come for Greater Publicity and Better Programs" -Mrs. W. H. Ryland.

V. "The Hour is Come for Greater Personal Witnessing" -Mrs. James Pickett.

The Secretary and Treasurer's report was read by Miss Annie Lou Shel-nutt.

Mrs. W. H. Ryland awarded a beautiful picture to the Talladega Church for sending the most coupons to The Children's Home.

Mrs. Ryland reported that there had been \$195.58 worth of coupons sent in during the year from various churches.

The following Committees' reports were read and accepted:

RESOLUTIONS

I. 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 Auxiliary that we may have the work reported.

II. Be it resolved that each State Officer keep District and Local Officers posted of their special duties each month through our State paper. We urge each Auxiliary to report their activities to the Paper as regularly as they deem necessary.

III. 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 on Stewardship.

IV. Be it resolved that each Auxiliary put on a special coupon drive to be sent to the Children's Home quarterly. We recommend that each kind of coupons be tied in separate bundles of 100 or less with the number of each marked on the bundle. We recommend that a prize be given the one who collects the most coupons in each church.

V. Be it resolved that the Secretary add a space on our report blanks to give the names of the delegates to our State Convention.

VI. Be it resolved that each local Auxiliary take a special offering at least once each year to be sent to the Student Loan Fund. We also recommend that a special offering be taken at each District and State Convention for this purpose. This is to be sent to the 2nd. Vice President of the State.

VII. Be it resolved that we pay \$10.00 on printing of Minutes.

VIII. Be it resolved that these resolutions be printed in the Alabama Free Will Baptist Paper for the benefit of local members.

IX. We recommend that each District or Church send a letter of greeting with the delegates names in order that they may be seated.

X. We recommend that the State Auxiliary convene with the League and Sunday School. We also recommend to the League and Sunday School that these Conventions be held on Thursday before the 2nd. Sunday in June.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. James Pickett
Mrs. H. A. Pitts
Mrs. Will Sanders

An offering of \$15.87 was received for the Student Fund.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

President: Mrs. Lester Jones, Cordova, Alabama.
1st. Vice-Pres.: Mrs. H. A. Pitts, Winfield, Alabama.
2nd. Vice-Pres.: Mrs. James Pickett, Sylacauga, Alabama.
3rd. Vice-Pres.: Mrs. Bessie Hall, Rt. 1, Slocumb, Alabama.
4th. Vice-Pres. Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Florence, Alabama.
5th. Vice-Pres.: Mrs. W. H. Ryland, Eldridge, Alabama.
Sec. & Treas.: Miss Annie Lou Shelnut, Rt. 3, Winfield, Ala.

FINANCE REPORT

We the Finance Committee has examined the Treasurer's report and have found it to be correct, which is the following:

Left Last Year	\$63.08
Jasper Association Conference Dues	\$15.20
Spring Field Church Conference Dues	\$ 2.20
Sylacauga Church Conference Dues	\$ 1.80
Union Church Conference Dues	\$ 4.40
Howard's Grove Conference Dues	\$ 2.00
Cahaba River Auxiliary Conference Dues	\$ 7.50
TOTAL	\$96.18

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid out for a picture	\$ 6.82
National Dues	\$16.55

Minutes	\$10.00
TOTAL	\$33.37
TOTAL LEFT IN TREASURY	\$62.81

APPRECIATION

We, your Committee on Appreciation, wish to express our appreciation for the kind hospitality, the friendship, the Christian Fellowship, the beautiful flowers, the lovely new building, and for one of the finest lunches prepared by the Prospect Church of Dothan.

REGISTRATION

Visitors	65
Delegates	19
Ministers	8
Local People	89
TOTAL	181

The body recommended that the report period for the Auxiliaries would be from January to January if it passes in National Convention.

The following were appointed as delegates to the National Convention: Mrs. James Pickett, Mrs. A. J. Lambert and Miss Maxine Sides.

A motion was moved and seconded that the business be adjourned.

Rev. T. B. Mellette, local pastor, arranged for the night service, selecting Rev. James Pickett for the speaker.

Delegates were assigned to homes.

After a special was sung, Rev. Rufus Hyman prayed the benediction.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

A wonderful devotion was given by the local Auxiliary, in the form of a playlet on "Tithing", followed by an inspiring message by Rev. James Pickett, of Sylacauga, Alabama.

Respectfully Submitted,
Annie Lou Shelnut, Secretary.

ASSOCIATIONS

MODERATOR

CLERK

Vernon	Rev. S. F. Lee, Guin, Alabama	E. W. Graves, Vernon, Alabama
Liberty No. 1	Rev. E. E. Brooks, Uriah, Alabama, Rt. 1	W. F. Lisenby, Brewton, Alabama, Rt. 4.
Birmingham District	Rev. Arthur Barker, 1565 Tuscaloosa, Ave. Arthur Johnston, 701 Morris Ave., Sylacauga, Alabama Birmingham, Alabama	
State Line	Rev. Roy Barnes, Vernon, Alabama	L. C. Wright, Hamilton, Alabama
Jasper	Rev. Louie Bates, Alden, Alabama	Branon Estes, Guin, Alabama
Mt. Morriah	Rev. J. H. Tilley, Ethelsville, Alabama	Rev. Leander McAdams, Columbus, Mississippi, Rt. 2
Cahaba River	Rev. Jack Rollins, Adamsville, Alabama	H. A. McSpadden, Rt. 9, Box 231, Birmingham, Alabama
Progressive	Rev. J. B. Bloss, 311 W 15th St. Columbia, Tennessee	Mrs. J. B. Bloss
Liberty No. 2	Rev. W. C. Patterson, Pell City, Alabama, R-1 Paul R. Davis, Box 572, Pell City, Alabama.	
Bear Creek	Rev. C. C. Kimbrough	C. C. Claborn, Houston, Alabama

**MINUTES OF THE
ALABAMA STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION
WHEN CONVENED WITH
PROSPECTS CHURCH, DOTHAN, ALABAMA**

The State Sunday School Convention convened with the Prospects Church of Dothan, Alabama, May 31.

The Convention was opened by a song "Love Lifted Me" directed by Rev. A. J. Lambert and a prayer by Bro. Robinson.

Another song, "Where He Leads I'll Follow" was directed by Bro. Lambert preceding the devotional by Bro. Grady Palmer of Castlebury, Alabama.

Mrs. James Pickett read reports from the following Churches, with the delegates listed:

Brilliant-Boston: Miss Sue Lambert and Mrs. Kathryn Aderholt
Coward's Creek: Mrs. W. E. Franklin.

Eufaula: Vivian Robertson and Betty Baker.

Progressive Association: Misses Sherron Short, Mary Low Parker, Mary and Martha Ryland, Mary Ruth Parson, Maxine Sides, Wilma Aldridge and Mrs. Myrtle Jones.

Prospects: Miss Dorothy Scott.

Springfield: Mr. Clark, Mrs. Lendon Hamrick and Miss Lillie Fulton.

Springhill: Mrs. Hugh Jeffcoat.

Sylacauga: Rev. and Mrs. James Pickett.

Union Grove: Mrs. Grady Palmer.

Winfield: Mrs. H. A. Pitts, Miss Evelyn Pitts, and Miss Annie Lou Shelnutt.

A motion was made and seconded to receive the reports as read and seat the delegates.

Rev. C. A. Huckalby of Chipley, Florida, and Bro. Robinson of Georgia, were recognized as visitors and seated.

Bro. Clark and Bro. Charles Hollingshead were appointed to help on the Executive Committee; Mrs. Grady Palmer on the Credentials and Mrs. W. E. Franklin on the Appreciation Committee
Message, "Church Growth Through Sunday School" was given by Miss Sue Lambert.

Message, "The Field is now Ripe to Harvest" by Rev. Charles Hollingshead followed by a song, "Why Should He Love Me So?" by the Ryland Twins.

The Sunday Sunday superintendents were recognized and held a short round table discussion led by Bro. Ryland.

After a short recess, Bro. Lambert reopened the session with a song, "I Feel Like Traveling On."

Rev. C. A. Huckaby brought a very interesting message on "Making Sunday School More Attractive."

A song was led by Bro. Lambert, "When We All Get To Heaven" followed by a very ably brought message by Rev. Lester Jones, his

text being "Thy Word Have I Hid In My Heart That I Might Not Sin Against God."

An offering of \$26.04 was received for the College, followed by refreshments including a "fish dinner".

The afternoon session was opened by a song, "Bring Them In" led by Bro. Lambert followed by the devotional by Miss Dorothy Lamb, Ashford, Alabama.

A business session was held. The Executive Committee gave the remaining of its report as follows:

I. We recommend that the date of the Convention meeting be changed to Saturday before the Second Sunday in June, 1953.

II. We recommend that the By-Laws be accepted temporarily until the Executive Committee properly prepare them to be presented at the next session.

III. We present the following nominations for the officers for the coming year:

President: Rev. Charles Hollingshead.

Vice-President: Mrs. Mary Edna Cook.

Secretary & Treasurer: Mrs. James Pickett.

A motion was moved and seconded to accept the report.

The Executive Committee was retained to service for the new year by a move and second.

The following report was given by the Credentials Committee:

I. We recommend the letters in the future to be given to the Credential Committee and the delegates meet with that Committee. We ask the Program Committee make space on the program for the Credential Committee to register all the delegates.

II. We have examined the letters and find the following number of Sunday Schools: 9 registered, with their delegates, one District Association, namely, the Progressive Sunday School Convention, they report 6 Sunday Schools.

III. We recommended in the future that our Convention be conducted as Convention-Sunday School institute type; providing such facilities are available.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt this report, and the three following reports were also received. Home members 24, visitors 36, ministers 6, delegates 19, a total of 85, was the report of the Registration Committee.

We, the Auditing Committee, submit the following report:

Dues Collected For Leagues	\$23.00
Paid Out For Gift For The Sword Drill Winner	\$ 6.20
TOTAL LEFT FROM LEAGUE DUES	\$16.80
Dues Collected For Sunday School	\$28.00

Amount Left In Treasury From Last Year	\$ 4.39
	\$49.19

A motion was made and seconded that \$25.00 be paid for the printing of the Minutes of the League and Sunday School Conventions.

Mrs. Lester Jones was appointed to be a delegate to the National Convention.

It was recommended, which was moved and seconded, that \$15.00 be sent to the National Convention as dues, \$7.50 for Sunday School and \$7.50 for League.

A Message was brought by Bro. J. B. Hall, "Our College", the Answer to Progress." II Tim. 2:15.

A motion was moved and seconded for the Convention to be adjourned. Bro. Lambert led the parting song, "In the Sweet By And By."

Benediction by Mrs. Lester Jones.

Respectfully Submitted
Annie Lou Shelnett

**MINUTES
OF THE
ALABAMA STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION
WHEN CONVENED WITH
PROSPECT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
DOTHAN, ALABAMA**

The State League Convention convened with Prospect Free Will Baptist Church of Dothan, Alabama, May 30, 1952.

The League session opened with a song, "Sitting At The Feet of Jesus," led by Rev. A. J. Lambert of Brilliant, Alabama.

Devotional was conducted by Miss Sherron Short of Cardova, Alabama. She read Psalm 121. This was followed by a prayer by Rev. W. H. Ryland.

The Welcome Address was given by Miss Geraldine Ingram of Dothan, Alabama, followed by the response by Mrs. Lester Jones of Cardova, Alabama.

A quartet composed of Reverends A. J. Lambert, Grady Hudson, W. H. Ryland and Miss Sue Lambert, sang "Hide Me Rock of Ages".

Rev. A. J. Lambert, the Moderator of the Convention, preached a very inspiring message.

The Ryland Twins of Eldridge, Alabama sang, "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go."

Mrs. James Pickett of Sylacauga, Alabama was appointed to be the reading Clerk. Reports were read from the following churches with the delegates listed.

Brilliant-Boston: Miss Sue Lambert and Mrs. Kathryn Aderholt
Coward's Creek: Mrs. Ralph Bell.

Eufaula: Mrs. Henry Hines.

Howard's Grove: Miss Mary Jordan.

Progressive Association: Mrs. Myrtle Jones, Misses Mary and Martha Ryland, Maxine Sides and Serron Short, Mrs. Verla Ryland.

Prospects:

Springhill: Mrs. Hugh Jeffcoat.

Sylacauga: Rev. and Mrs. James Pickett.

Winfield: Mrs. H. A. Pitts and Misses Evelyn and Ann Pitts.

The following is a total of all the reports:

Number Members	664
Average Attendance:	450
Average Daily Bible Readers:	125
Average Prepared Lessons:	170
Average Attending Preaching:	285
Total Offering	\$981.16
Paid Out For Home Missions:	\$ 15.75
For Foreign Missions:	\$ 85.00
To Children's Home:	\$ 38.14
To College:	\$ 82.00
To Superannuation:	\$ 12.42
Dues To Convention:	\$ 21.00

A motion was made and seconded to receive the reports as read and seat the delegates.

The following Committees were appointed:

Registration: Miss Sue Lambert, and Mrs. Kathryn Aderholt.

Appreciation: Mrs. W. H. Ryland, Miss Evelyn Pitts and Mrs. Ralph Bell.

Credential: Rev. James Pickett, Rev. Grady Hudson and Rev. Rufus Hyman.

Executive: Rev. H. A. Pitts, Rev. Lester Jones, and Rev. W. H. Ryland.

A special song was sung by the quartet, "A Beautiful Life."

Bro. Ryland gave an explanation of the Youth Camp to be conducted at Eldridge during June.

The body was adjourned for a short recess.

After recess Rev. Grady Hudson led the congregation in singing the song, "I Want To Be A Worker", followed by a solo, "Blessed Redeemer" by Ann Pitts.

Rev. H. A. Pitts brought the 11:00 o'clock message which was very inspirational, using "Peace" for his text.

Evelyn and Ann Pitts sang the invitation song, "Nailed Scarred Hand", followed by a song, "Footprints of Jesus" was led by Bro. Grady Hudson while an offering of \$32.20 was received for Missions.

Announcements were made just preceding the nice refreshments that had been prepared.

Bro. A. J. Lambert reopened the session by leading the song, "Let The Lower Lights Be Burning", and "Are You Washed In The Blood", was directed by Mrs. Lester Jones.

Devotional was given by Rev. James Pickett of Sylacauga, Alabama, followed by a prayer by Bro. Arnold. A message, Free Will Baptist League, the Chief Training Agency, by Rev. Grady Hudson, of Red Bay, Alabama, followed by a song, "One Day" by the Ryland Twins.

A message, "A Mission Minded League", was given by Mrs. Mary Edna Cook.

Message, "Church Progress Through F.W.B.L." was given by Rev. T. B. Mellette, pastor of the host church.

Message, "How to Prepare a League Lesson", by Rev. Lester Jones.

Message, "The Effect of the League in My Church", by Mrs. James Pickett.

A business session was held.

The Executive Committee gave the following partial report:

By-Laws for the Alabama State League and Sunday School Convention:

I. Each session shall be opened by a song, scripture reading and prayer.

II. Each Sunday School or League shall send one delegate and \$2.00 fee, if not represented by a local convention, whereas, each

local convention representing shall pay a minimum fee of \$5.00 up to 4 leagues in the organization and where the member exceeds 4 they shall pay \$1.50 for each league or S. S. in the organization. A local convention may send one delegate for each league or S. S.

III. Ordained ministers and their wives shall be standing delegates.

IV. Each league president and S. S. superintendent with the secretaries shall be standing delegates.

V. Visiting brothers and corresponding messengers shall be recognized by the presiding officer and invited to sit in the council, but not allowed a vote on any question.

VI. In any regular convention there must be at least a quorum in the delegated body to legally transact any business.

VII. Any person wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer, after being recognized, he or she shall be permitted to speak, and when two shall rise at the same time the president shall determine who speaks first.

VIII. All questions, properly recommended by their proper committee or board, after a motion and second, shall be clearly stated and discussed, then voted on.

IX. The various committees or boards shall be appointed by the president unless otherwise directed by the body.

X. The regular officers of the convention shall be elected by the body, before the closing of each annual session.

XI. The program for each annual session may be arranged, by the president, vice-president, and secretary, assisted by the executive committee.

The body moved and seconded to accept this report. It was also moved and seconded to pay around \$5.00 out of the treasury, for a prize for the winner in the Sword Drill.

Rev. T. B. Mellette was appointed to help with the executive committee during the S. S. Convention.

The following report was given by the Credential Committee:

We your Credential Committee reports that we have nine leagues represented with letters from various churches over the state and one district league convention.

We do not know how many leagues or districts we have in the state, but we hope for larger representation another year.

We recommend that each church and district represent next year, and that all letters be turned over to the Credential Committee in the future and that this committee makes a report by districts and local churches to conventions.

There was a motion moved and seconded to receive this report.

Mrs. Lester Jones was placed on the Credential Committee to work in the S. S. Committee.

The Registration Committee reported the following:

There were 60 visitors of which 18 were delegates, 2 officers, and 9 ministers. There were 33 home members, making a total of

93.

The body moved and seconded to accept this.

The Appreciation Committee reported the following:

We, your Appreciation Committee, suggest that all visitors and delegates give a rising vote of thanks to this church and community for the splendid way they have taken care of these conventions; for the wonderful welcome we have received in the homes; the good food provided; the beautiful arrangement of flowers and the ardent work you've done in erecting this beautiful church.

A motion was made to receive this report without discussions. It was very readily seconded, and acted upon.

It was voted that the executive committee would act as purchasing committee for the gift for the winner of the Sword Drill.

The following Auditing Committee was appointed:

Mrs. Hugh Jeffcoat, Miss Maxine Sides, and Miss Mary Jordan.

Miss Martha Ryland was appointed to represent the State at the National League Convention.

Bro. Mellette announced that supper would be served at 5:30 at the church and Rev. A. J. Lambert prayed the benediction.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

A song was sung by Bro. Lambert, "O How I Love Jesus."

Prayer by Miss Annie Lou Shelnutt.

Rev. W. H. Ryland took charge of the Sword Drill.

Although Miss Wilma Aldridge, one of the children from the Children's Home at Eldridge, was the only contestant in the Bible Drill, she was given some scriptures to find in order to say she earned the prize. All who saw the marvelous way she handled the scriptures would never deny the fact that she did, indeed earn the nice gift of a week-end bag and an over-night case. She was only three seconds finding one scripture and not over ten finding any of them. She will enter the National Sword Drill at Shawnee, Okla., in July.

Bro. Ryland presented a film picturing the Home and many of its activities.

Rev. K. V. Shutes made some interesting remarks about the Home and an offering of \$75.38 was received for it.

A song, "More About Jesus" was directed by Rev. A. J. Lambert just preceding a message by Rev. Rufus Hyman which proved to be very inspiring.

Announcements were made and Rev. Charles Hollingshead prayed the benediction.

Respectfully Submitted,
Annie Lou Shelnutt, Secretary