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

Northport Church
Northport, Alabama
November 11-12-13, 1954

The next session will convene
on Thursday before the Second
Sunday in November, 1955 with
Dothan Church, Dothan, Ala.

MINUTES
THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION
of the
ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
held with
NORTHPORT CHURCH
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NEW OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. J. L. Lavender Aliceville, Ala.
Asst. Moderator, Rev. J. J. Staab Birmingham, Ala.
Sec. - Treasurer, Rev. Chester O'Donnell Ashville, Ala.
Asst. Secretary, Rev. Floyd C. Barber Pell City, Ala.
Treasurer Home Missions Board, Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Cordova, Ala.
Chr. Executive Committee, Rev. A. J. Lambert, Florence, Ala.
Chr. Superannuation Board, Rev. Louie Bates, Alden, Ala.
Treas. Unified Program, Mrs. A. J. Lambert Florence, Ala.
642 Sweetwater Ave.

The next session to meet on Thursday before 2nd Sunday in
November 1955 with Dothan Church, Dothan, Alabama.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
35TH SESSION
OF THE

ALABAMA STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

NORTHPORT CHURCH, NORTHPORT, ALABAMA

NOVEMBER 11-12-13, 1954

THURSDAY A.M.

The session opened with song service. Rev. A. J. Lambert conducted the devotion. In the absence of Rev. H. A. Pitts, the moderator, because of sickness, Rev. Lambert, the assistant moderator, presided over the entire session.

"The Oneness in Christianity" was the theme for the Minister's Meeting.

Rev. Hubert Tilley gave the first topic "One God to Oversee."

Rev. O. L. Fields led the hymn.

In the absence of Rev. Gurley Roberts, E. W. Graves substituted in delivering the second message, on the subject, "One Gospel To Preach." Rev. R. P. Ritch sang "Tell Me The Story of Jesus."

Rev. J. M. Cobb of Vernon delivered the next message on the subject, "One World to Evangelize and One Time to Do It."

At the eleven o'clock hour Rev. G. W. Franks of Cordova delivered a fine message using Mt. 24-14 for his text.

At the noon hour a fine congregation assembled in the Community Center and enjoyed a bountiful feast.

THURSDAY P.M.

Rev. O. L. Fields led the opening hymn. Rev. Johnnie Burnham conducted the devotional.

In continuing the theme Rev. J. L. Lavender gave the next message on the topic, "One Church Will Be The Result."

"One Faith To Keep" was the subject used by Rev. J. D. O'Donnell of Columbus, Miss. in the next message.

"One Hope To Anchor Our Souls" was well delivered by Rev. Edward Ledlow.

Rev. R. P. Ritch brought the closing message on the subject, "One Reward For The Faithful."

A short session of talks by visiting ministers was enjoyed by all.

The moderator appointed Revs. G. W. Franks, I. W. Gow and T. L. Walker to the Credential Committee for the association and called for letters to be presented to them.

Thus closed another session of the minister's meeting.

At five o'clock another good meal was enjoyed.

THURSDAY EVENING

A fine song service was enjoyed by a full house. The local church presented the evening devotional. A great testimony service saw many people witnessing for the Lord.

An offering of \$76.00 was received.

Rev. Luther Gibson of Tupelo, Miss. delivered a strong evangelistic message to an appreciative audience. For his text he chose, Mt. 5:19.

All visitors were assigned to homes. Rev. Roy Barnes gave the benediction.

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 Ministers' Meeting. This is to be a meeting of fellowship and inspiration and brotherly love.

IX. The votes on any question must be counted upon request.

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

XI. 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.

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, it 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 this 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. 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.

MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED TO MINISTER'S MEETING

Revs. A. J. Lambert; J. H. Tilley; J. W. Marlow; G. W. Franks; E. W. Graves; O. L. Fields; J. T. Mindsor; J. E. Tilley; J. C. Gow; G. W. Cochran; R. W. Ritch; Luther Gibson; Wilburn Beasley; N. A. Patterson; J. L. Lavender; H. P. Herndan; R. P. Ritch; Floyd C. Barber; John W. Burnham; Roy Barnes; T. L. Walker; Arthur Barker; J. M. Spencer; Edgar Jones; C. D. Burrell; C. R. Allen; Luther Sanders; Malone Cobb; J. D. O'Donnell; W. H. Ryland; Edward Ledlow.

DEACONS WHO REGISTERED

Bro. L. T. Winters, Northport; Edward L. McCool, Tuscaloosa; W. G. Palmer, Castleberry; H. L. Rogers, Sprott; H. W. Grice, Sylacauga; C. K. Evans, Birmingham; T. E. Logan, Tuscaloosa; Charles Dean, Brookwood; O. L. Pearson, Echola; Joe Kimbrough, Birmingham; Joe McCool, Gordo; Emmett Doughty, Northport.

FRIDAY A.M.

Rev. R. P. Ritch sang, "Praise Him" to open the 35th Session of the Association.

Prayer was led by Rev. R. L. Sanders. Devotion conducted by Rev. R. P. Ritch.

Sister Johnson and Bro. Winters very graciously welcomed the association to Northport.

Rev. O. L. Fields of Fayette responded to the welcome.

The moderator read the by-laws of the association.

The secretary seated all standing delegates and declared the Association in session.

The Credential Committee reported it had examined the letter from the following associations and recommended their acceptance and seating their delegates. The report was accepted.

PROGRESSIVE: Sisters Mildred Parker, Verla Ryland, Theo Kuykendall, Merle Dyer, Lorene Ryland and sister Hedrick and A. J. Lambert. Bros. Wade Fowler, Lee Estell, A. J. Smith and Belton Franks.

CAHABA RIVER: Sisters Billie Rollins, Louise Webb, H. W. Grice, Ed Goodman, Sam Byrd, Norman Shirley, Eddie Mae Haskett, Rozzie McCullen, Elvie Mae Minor, Beatrice Howard, H. A. McSpadden, Roy Hodgins and Henry Prickett.

JASPER: Sisters N. A. Patterson and Dewey Burleson, Bro. Dewey Burleson.

MT. MORRIAH: Bros. J. O. Perrigan, Marlin Burkhalter and Joe McCool.

LIBERTY NO. 2: Rev. F. C. Barber, sister John W. Burnham.

VERNON: Sisters O. L. Fields, E. W. Graves, and Addie Dubose.

STATE LINE: Rev. Roy Barnes.

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT: Sisters Lonell Logan, Odessa Hollis, Ester Key, Edna Kupress.

UNION GROVE CHURCH: Sisters Grady Palmer and Irene Palmer.

DOTHAN CHURCH: Sister E. T. Ingram.

The delegats were seated. Several visitors were welcomed and seated as such.

Superintendent Ryland gave the report of finance and work of Children's Home. After a short recess Rev. C. B. Craddock led the prayer.

Rev. I. W. Gow delivered the 11 o'clock message. Topic, "The Big I". Text, Eph. 4:1-10. Noon Recess.

FRIDAY P.M.

Rev. J. J. Staab led the song service. Rev. Burrell led the devotional. Rev. D. C. Dodd, Home Missions Secretary of National Association brought a fine report and message in interest of home missions.

The Executive Committee reported. Articles 1-2-4 were passed. No. 3 was rejected. See reports.

Sister Lorene gave Home Mission Report. Superannuation Board reported. An offering of \$16.39 was given for sister Pitts for flowers as a token of concern and respect to the family in their sickness.

All business adjourned for the day. A period of relaxation and supper was appreciated.

FRIDAY EVENING

A half hour song service was enjoyed by a full house. Rev. Carlton Lambert conducted the devotional. An offering of \$52.50 was received.

Some students from the Bible School presented a picture of their tour to our Mission Field in Cuba.

Rev. Tommy Willey, a student of our school, brought a fine message from Acts. 4:5-12. Everyone was impressed by the fine young ministers who have entered the Lord's work. An offering of \$32.00 was given to aid these students. Rev. Staab gave the benediction.

SATURDAY A.M.

Rev. J. M. Cobb led the song service to open the morning session. Rev. Arthur Barker conducted the devotional.

The Auditing Board reported. Revs. N. A. Patterson and Charles Hollingshead gave report from Auxiliary Convention held in Florence.

Sister A. J. Lambert gave the Unified Program Report.

Rev. H. A. Pitts gave an oral report of Foreign Mission work in Alabama.

The moderator appointed the following delegates to the National Association:

D. J. O'Donnell, A. L. Parker and Sister Parker, Rev. Sanders and wife, Rev. and Sister O. L. Fields, Bro. Brady Montgomery and wife, Rev. and Mrs. I. W. Gow, Bro. and Sister W. M. Palmer, Sister A. J. Lambert, Rev. Floyd Barber, and wife, Rev. Malone Cobb and wife, Rev. Leander McAdams and wife.

Motion to empower the moderator to complete the full delegation later.

The Secretary and Treasurer reported.

Election of officers was held at this time. Election results:

Moderator: Rev. J. L. Lavender, Aliceville, Ala.; Assistant Moderator: Rev. J. J. Staab, Birmingham, Ala.; Secretary and Treasurer: Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Ashville, Ala.; Assistant Secretary: Rev. Barber; Executive Board: Revs. A. J. Lambert, chr., H. A. Pitts, Louie Bates, I. W. Gow, Arthur Barker.

Report from Publication and Literature was received and adopted.

Rev. R. P. Ritch gave an oral report of the Youth Camp.

Motion carried to allow Youth Camp Committee to add to its

staff and to proceed to acquire property for Camp site.

Rev. J. M. Cobb elected to Board of Trustees of Children's Home from Vernon Association. Bro. C. R. Maddox from Progressive. Rev. Henry Crawford from Mt. Morriah.

A rising vote of appreciation was given Rev. T. L. Walker for his faithful work on the Trustee Board.

Rev. R. L. Sanders of Cordova was selected as Mission Director of Alabama.

The Executive Board gave its final report. Rev. W. S. Mooneyhan, National Executive Secretary, explained and advocated the National Cooperative Plan to support all phases of our work.

A rising vote of thanks to Northport church for fine hospitality during the session.

Rev. Dave Franks delivered the final message, Text, Luke 24-13.

Adjourned to meet with the Dothan church, Dothan, Ala., on Thursday before 2nd. Sunday in November 1955.

HOME MISSION REPORT

Received:	
Nov. 1953	\$ 8.83
Jan. 1954	18.75
Feb.	9.75
April	20.00
April	12.00
May	9.00
June	12.50
July	46.80
Aug.	10.00
Sept.	34.50
Union Grove Church	50.00
Cordova Church	78.52
August, by J. M. Cobb	45.80
Vernon Association	13.24
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	\$ 399.39
Brought Forward	\$ 512.82
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	\$ 912.21
Expense	92
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Balance	\$ 911.29

1. We recommend Bro. W. F. Johnson be replaced on Board.

2. We plan to buy a needed new tent or have the old one repaired.

3. The need is so great in our rank for a field worker, we are recommending Rev. Chester O'Donald be selected for this work. He is to visit as many churches as possible in this cause and take an offering at each church. He shall be allowed one half of the offering for his expense.

He is to report quarterly to the Board. This plan is for one year.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

1. We recommend the Business Committee be discontinued and the Executive Board have charge of all business matters.
2. We recommend the clerk have blank letters with statistical tables printed to be furnished each associational clerk.
3. We recommend the churches be made-up into county associations that two or more counties may join together if needed.
4. We recommend each church tithe its Sunday morning offering to the Unified Program.
5. We recommend that we begin plans to construct central meeting place for our future meetings.
6. We recommend we accept and adopt the Cooperative Plan as outlined by National Association to take place of the Unified Program.

All articles adopted except No. 3.

UNIFIED PROGRAM REPORT

Received:

East Florence Church	\$ 490.64
1st Church of Sylacauga	171.55
Cahaba River Association	26.24
Holms Church	145.58
	<u>\$ 834.01</u>

Paid Out:

Children's Home	\$ 245.30
Home Missions	188.00
Superannuation	152.20
National Program	152.20
Office Expenses	38.24
	<u>\$ 775.94</u>

Balance \$ 58.07

REPORT FROM NOV. 1953 THROUGH OCT. 1954

Cash Received	Paid Out	Commodities
From Last Year .. \$ 735.59		
Nov. 1953 \$ 1203.81	\$ 1106.48	\$ 798.20
Dec. 1953 \$ 2344.26	\$ 1443.16	\$ 743.60
Jan. 1954 \$ 1163.20	\$ 1646.13	\$ 82.00
Feb. 1954 \$ 842.26	\$ 1605.42	\$ 410.35
Mar. 1954 \$ 1005.81	\$ 1537.71	\$ 92.00
Apr. 1954 \$ 1246.78	\$ 1282.42	\$ 219.65
May 1954 \$ 1482.58	\$ 1399.43	\$ 295.30
June 1954 \$ 1264.84	\$ 1487.10	\$ 44.70
July 1954 \$ 1267.83	\$ 1061.76	\$ 482.00

Aug. 1954	\$ 1202.24	\$ 1370.71	\$ 107.30
Sept. 1954	\$ 1772.41	\$ 1481.04	\$ 611.25
Oct. 1954	\$ 2521.40	\$ 2356.12	\$ 2748.10
	<u>\$18053.81</u>	<u>\$17777.53</u>	<u>\$ 6634.45</u>
Cash Received			\$18053.81
Commodities			\$ 6634.45
			<u>\$24688.26</u>
TOTAL			\$ 185.40
Special Gifts			\$ 1025.00
Beef and Pork Production			\$ 417.40
Dr. and Hospital			<u>\$26316.06</u>
Total Cash and Gifts			
Cash Received	\$18053.81		
Paid Out	\$17777.53		
	<u>\$ 276.28</u>		
Balance on Hand			

W. H. Ryland Supt. & Treas.

ITIMIZED EXPENDITURES

Miscellaneous	\$ 49.31
Salaries	\$ 6524.67
Feed and Groceries	\$ 4820.59
Shoes and Clothing	\$ 473.16
Alabama Power Co.	\$ 435.03
Telephone	\$ 215.28
Postage and Office Supplies	\$ 396.41
Coal	\$ 344.67
Butane Gas	\$ 132.27
Hardware	\$ 411.59
Lumber and Building Materials	\$ 543.56
Plumbing and Supplies	\$ 416.90
Electric Supplies	\$ 118.55
Transportation, Freight and Express	\$ 78.89
Farm Supplies and Fertilizers	\$ 523.16
Paid for 200 Acres Farm Land	\$ 1000.00
Sewing Machine and Supplies	\$ 116.20
Cow	\$ 66.00
Drugs	\$ 64.52
Hospital	\$ 29.50
Furniture	\$ 143.73
Shrubbery	\$ 30.00
School Books and Supplies	\$ 71.30
Final Payment on Tractor	\$ 486.80
Janitor Supplies	\$ 40.89
Bonding Treasurer & FICA Taxes	\$ 99.55

STATISTICAL TABLE

ASSOCIATIONS	No. Churches	New Churches	No. Members	New Members	Lost Members	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Ministers	Sunday Schools	No. Members	Leagues	No. Members	Auxiliaries	No. Members	Value of Church Property	Paid Pastors	Paid Evangelists	Paid Children's Home	Paid Missions	Paid Superannuation	Paid Unified Program	Paid College	Paid For Improvements	Other Expenses	No. Parsonages	Value of Parsonages
Progressive	12	0	1,102	76	11		14	12	1,091	7	338	4	74	141,680	9,949	972		587	313		712	7,285			
Cahaba River	13	0	842	74	17	6	22	13	1,000	6	250	6	80	80,000	6,868	889	1,007	230	25	130		10,891			
Jasper	27	0	2,801	105	5		44	22	2,621			8	90	124,900	11,951	1,959	700	400	100		399	10,000			
Mt. Morriah	16	0	1,569	38	25	2	17	10	490	2	25	2	25	200,000	7,119	1,176	671					2,500	800		
Liberty No. 2	8		631	63	33	6	28	8	419			2		42,000	3,230	609	245	78			28	895	2,263		
Vernon	14	0	2,047	67	21	3	16	14	790	3	146	2	24	118,700	5,190	1,189	706	590	41	272		2,786	273		
State Line	18	1	1,488	43	11		9	16	565	2	103			27,943	3,164	593	296					1,060			
Birmingham District	12	3	666	93	32	6	32	11	550	2	70	2	80	47,500	6,514	934	515	30				16,902	287		
Union Grove Church	1		64		2		3	1	44	1	22			4,000	240	60	74	104				102	307		
Dothan Church	1		226	4	1			1	84	1	32	1	12	20,000	1,207	100	72	159				63	87		
TOTALS	122	4	11,436	563	158	23	185	108	7,654	25	986	27	338	806,723	55,432	8,481	4,286	2,178	479	402	1,139	52,484	4,017		

Insurance on all Buildings	\$ 145.00
	<u>\$17777.53</u>

THINGS AS GIFTS AND DONATIONS TO THE HOME

Clothing	\$ 1498.55
Food	\$ 3437.60
Fruit	\$ 200.00
Toys	\$ 503.00
School Supplies	\$ 171.30
Furniture	\$ 412.00
Shrubbery	\$ 340.00
	<u>TOTAL</u>
	\$ 6562.45

1954 FINANCIAL RECORD
SECRETARY—TREASURER REPORT

Received:	
On Hand	\$ 13.25
Fees	\$ 177.00
Registration Fees	\$ 57.00
Sunday School Convention	\$ 30.00
	<u>\$ 277.25</u>
Paid Out:	
Minutes	\$ 160.00
National Fee	\$ 55.00
Programs	\$ 4.50
Clerk and Moderator	\$ 50.00
Postage	\$ 5.75
	<u>\$ 275.25</u>
	\$ 277.25
	<u>\$ 275.25</u>
BALANCE	\$ 2.00

PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE REPORT

1. We recommend our churches use Free Will Baptist Literature in both Sunday School and League.
2. We recommend our people subscribe for the "Contact" and "The Free Will Baptist" papers.
3. That our people refrain from purchasing immoral and unclean comic books.
4. We recommend the following books to read (a) "Go Home and Tell Thy Friends". (b) "His Name Among All Nations".
5. We recommend the prescribed study course prepared by our College to our ministers.

R. P. Ritch, Chairman

AUDITING BOARD REPORT

We the Auditing Committee wish to report the following. We have examined the books of the Children's Home, Home Mission Board, Superannuation Board, State Unified Program, State Association and find them in order.

J. L. Lavender
R. L. Sanders

HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. J. L. Lavender, 1955	Aliceville, Ala.
Bro. Ronald Dean, 1956	
Bro. Paul Booker, 1957	
Rev. Malone Cobb, 1958	Vernon, Ala.
Rev. Edward Ledlow, 1959	Sylacauga, Ala.
Rev. O. L. Fields, 1960	Fayette, Ala.
Mrs. Lorene Ryland, 1961	Cordova, Ala.

TRUSTEE BOARD OF CHILDREN'S HOME

Rev. R. P. Ritch	Sylacauga, Ala.
Rev. O. Z. Johnson	Guin, Ala.
Rev. J. M. Cobb	Vernon, Ala.
Rev. L. V. Collier	Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. Henry Crawford	Northport, Ala.
Rev. Arthur Barker	Birmingham, Ala.
Bro. C. R. Maddox	
Rev. P. J. Box	Graysville, Ala.
Rev. G. W. Nobles	Cottonwood, Ala.
Bro. D. J. O'Donnell	Ashville, Ala.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. A. J. Lambert	Florence, Ala.
Rev. H. A. Pitts	Winfield, Ala.
Rev. Louie Bates	Alden, Ala.
Rev. I. W. Gow	Red Bay, Ala.
Rev. Arthur Barker	Birmingham, Ala.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION OF LITERATURE

Rev. R. P. Ritch	
Rev. A. J. Lambert	Florence, 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

Mrs. Annie Lou Shellnutt	Winfield, Ala.
Rev. Louie Bates	Alden, Ala.

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

UNIFIED PROGRAM

Mrs. A. J. Lambert	Florence, Ala.
Mrs. Malone Cobb	Vernon, Ala.
Mrs. H. A. Pitts	Winfield, Ala.

MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED TO ASSOCIATION

Rev. J. L. Lavender	Aliceville, Ala.
Rev. A. J. Lambert	642 Sweetwater Ave., Florence, Ala.
Rev. G. W. Franks	122 Highland St., Cordova, Ala.
Rev. J. M. Spencer	Star Rt., Northport, Ala.
Rev. J. M. Cobb	Vernon, Ala.
Rev. E. W. Graves	Vernon, Ala.
Rev. R. W. Ritch	724 - 12th Ave. West, Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. T. L. Walker	10A Rosedale Court, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Rev. Floyd C. Barber	Box 597, Pell City, Ala.
Rev. J. H. Tilley	Ethelsville, Ala.
Rev. Chester O'Donnell	Ashville, Ala.
Rev. C. D. Burrell	Box 611, Oakman, Ala.
Rev. Roy Barnes	Vernon, Ala.
Rev. W. H. Ryland	Eldridge, Ala.
Rev. I. C. Gow	Red Bay, Ala.
Rev. Herbert Tilley	Box 831, Aliceville, Ala.
Rev. John W. Burnham	Pell City, Ala.
Rev. S. R. Lee	Coker, Ala.
Rev. R. P. Ritch	54 Twin St., Sylacauga, Ala.
Rev. R. K. Franklin	2213 - 31st Ave. N., Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. Charles Hollingshead	3609 Richmond Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. Dave Franks	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. Tommy Willey	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. Ken Eagleton	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. Leander McAdams	416 Ala. St., Columbus, Miss.
Rev. O. L. Fields	Box 412, Fayette, Ala.
Rev. Arthur Barker	822 Princeton Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. R. Luther Sanders	L 11 Nashua Circle Cordova, Ala.
Rev. Louie Bates	Alden, Ala.
Rev. J. J. Staab	2313 - 33 Ave. N., Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. J. W. Marlow	700 W. - 24th. Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. N. A. Patterson	Brilliant, Ala.
Rev. W. H. Holcomb	Winfield, Ala.
Rev. Charles Craddock	103 E. Lafayette, Dothan, Ala.
Rev. D. C. Dodd	3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. W. S. Monneyham	3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

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 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 otherwise 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 meeting 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 offices 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 appeal 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 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.

ASSOCIATIONS

MODERATOR

CLERK

Progressive	Rev. J. M. Dutton, Leeds, Ala.	Mrs. Merle Dyer, Samantha, Ala.
Cahaba River	Rev. R. P. Ritch, Sylacauga, Ala.	Mr. H. A. McSpadden, R-9 B'ham., Ala.
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