

Minutes

• OF THE

THIRTY - SIXTH SESSION

OF THE

ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH THE

DOTHAN CHURCH — DOTHAN, ALABAMA

November 10 - 11 - 12, 1955

1956 SESSION WILL BE HELD

WITH THE CORDOVA CHURCH—CORDOVA, ALA.

November 8-9-10, 1956

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

10TH SESSION

OF THE

ALABAMA STATE MINISTERS MEETING

HELD WITH

DOTHAN CHURCH, DOTHAN, ALABAMA

THURSDAY, NOV. 10, 1955

The session opened with Rev. O. L. Fields leading the singing. Devotional by Rev. Charles Craddock, Pastor of the Host Church. Scripture Acts 1: Rev. R. P. Ritch was appointed as Moderator and presided over the session.

"THE CHURCH" Was the theme for the day.

At 10:10, A. M. The Foundation of the Church, By Rev. J. J. Staab. Scripture Matt. 1 Peter 2:4-6, EPH. 4:6, 1 Cor. 10:4, 1 Tim. 3:16.

10:30, A. M. Purchase price paid for Church. By Rev. K. V. Shutes. Scripture Phil. 2:5-7, Heb. 10:19, Rev. 5:9-10, Eph. 5:25-27. At this time Rev. Charles Hollingshead led us in singing song No. 291, "Revive Us Again."

10:50, A. M. Rev. H. A. Pitts. "The Sanctification of the Church." Scripture John 17:11-19, 11Thess. 1 Thess. 5:23, John 6:44, 11 Cor. 6:14, 1 John 2, Romans 12:1-2. Rev. Charles Hollingshead led songs No. 291 and 39.

11:25, Rev. Eustace Riggs delivered a fine message. Scripture reading 11 Cor. 2:12, 1 Cor. 16:9. Dismissed for lunch by Rev. W. H. Ryland. Lunch was served at the Church and was enjoyed by all.

THURSDAY P. M.

Afternoon session opened with Rev. J. M. Cobb leading the singing. No. 191 "Tell it to Jesus" Prayer by Rev. Alfred Ledlow.

1:15, P. M. Rev. J. M. Cobb Conducted the Devotional—many testimonies were rendered.

1:30 P. M. "The Mission of the Church." By Rev. O. L. Fields, Scripture Matt. 28:18, St. Luke 24:46, Mark 16:

2:00 P. M. "THE OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH AND THEIR DUTIES." By Rev. Luther Sanders. Scripture Col. 3:23, II Tim. 3:16. 4:1-2, Acts 6: 2:25 P. M. "THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT." By Rev. A. J. Lambert. Scripture 1 Peter 1:3-16, II Thess. 2: Jude 14.

2:45 P. M. Recognize and welcome visiting ministers and brethren. Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Huckaby, Rev. Hollis.

2:50 P. M. Appointing of Committees.

CREDENTIAL

Rev. T. L. Walker, Chr.

Rev. E. A. Palmer

Rev. Roy Barnes

Rev. M. D. Harper

Mr. Jess Ryland

AUDITING

Rev. Luther Sanders Chr.

Rev. Charles Hollingshead

Rev. J. B. Ledlow

The Letters were called for and given to the Credential Committee. This closed another session of the Ministers Meeting. Dismissed by Rev. L. V. Collier.

We enjoyed another good meal at 5:30 P. M.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Rev. Hollis, Rev. Cobb, Rev. S. T. Shutes conducted the song service No. 84, "When We All Get To Heaven" 275 "Are You Ready." 186 "A New Name In Glory." Prayer by Rev. M. D. Harper.

7 P. M. Devotion by Rev. Grady Palmer, Scripture Heb 10: 1-10, Titus 2:11-12.

7:30 P. M. Message by Rev. R. P. Ritch, Scripture Numbers 10:33-36.

Invitation song "Just As I Am." No respond. At this time an offering of \$50.00 was received for the Children's home. Dismissed by Rev. Dave Franks.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

36TH SESSION

OF THE

ALABAMA STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

DOTHAN CHURCH, DOTHAN, ALABAMA

NOVEMBER 11-12, 1955

FRIDAY A. M.

Song service conducted by Rev. O. L. Fields, No. 260-35. "Standing On The Promises." "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder." Prayer by Rev. M. H. Hollis.

Devotion by Rev. L. D. Hurst. Scripture Psa. 108: Song No. 146, "Amazing Grace" Led by Rev. O. L. Fields.

ASSOCIATIONS — DELEGATES

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT—Bro. Donnie Layton, Bro. Patterson, Sister L. L. Gamel, Sister Isbell.

CAHABA RIVER—Mrs. C. H. Mason, Mary O 'Donnell, Perl Byrd, Mae Powell, Billie Rollins, Bro. Charles Booth.

JASPER—Bro. Lee Johnson, Sisters J. A. Godsey, H. A. Pitts.

LIBERTY NO. 1—Sisters Grady Palmer, Irene Palmer, Hazel Cardwell.

LIBERTY NO. 2—Rev. Alfred Ledlow.

MT. MORRIAH—Bro. and Sis. Brady Montgomery, Bro. O. W. McGee.

PROGRESSIVE—Sisters Bill Sargent, Thes Kuykendall, Una Quick, Verla Ryland, Helen Sanders, A. L. Parker, Bro. Wade Fowler, A. J. Smith, A. J. Lambert, and Bro. Wilkie.

SOUTHEASTERN — Mrs. R. T. Commander.

MISS. ALA. STATE LINE—Rev. L. V. Collier, Roy Barnes, A. A. Peoples, Hudson Burleson, C. R. Pucket.

UNION HILL—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bolin, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Farmer, Mrs. Alma Bolin.

VERNON—Mrs. J. B. Ledlow.

DOTHAN CHURCH—Mr. W. H. Stephens.

Welcome address by Rev. Carles Craddock, Pastor of the host Church. Respond by Rev. Charles Hollingshead.

Rev. J. J. Staab the Assitand Moderator read the By-Laws that this body would be governed by.

Rev. Welson Olin, Pastor of the South Side Bantist Church and President of Dothan's Ministerial Association gave us a welcome.

Rev. Charles Craddock from the Dothan Church.

Rev. Rufus Hyman from the Union Hill Association.

Rev. Ray Ritch from the Birmingham District Association was placed on the Executive Committee with Rev. Lambert and Pitts.

The house called to order and the standing delegates seated.

Report of Credential Committee read and adopted. See report. The Associations Delegates were seated at this time. The right hand of fellowship was given to Union Hill, Liberty No. 1 and Southeastern association as they Joined our body.

All visitors were welcomed by the Moderator.

Report of Children's Home read and adopted. See report.

Rev. K. V. Shutes Promotional Sect. of the National Superannuation board gave a talk about insurance to the Ministers and received an offering of \$30.00.

Rev. Charles Hollingshead conducted the song service, singing songs no. 194 "Nothing But The Blood." 355, "Jesus Saves." 308, "Glory To His Name."

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham delivered the 11 o'clock Message. After he Prayed, he read Acts the 5th chapter, and preached a good Sermon. Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Jack Rollins.

FRIDAY P. M.

Song service by Rev. S. T. Shutes No. 394, "All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name."

Devotion by Rev. Dave Franks Scripture Eph. 2:1 A solo by Sister Riggs.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham gave us a report on the National home mission work.

Report of State home mission board, read and adopted. See report.

A partial report of the Executive Committee read and received to take Business up in order. Item 1 Adopted. Item 2 Adopted. Item 3 Adopted. Item 4. Moved carried to table and reread tomorrow.

Report of Superannuation board, read and adopted, see report.

Rev. K. V. Shutes was given a few minutes to answer some questions about the Superannuation Insurance.

Report of Unified Program read and adopted. See report. (P. S. this board was replaced by the Promotional Sect.) Moved carried to this effect.

Motion carried to channel all the money through the Promotional Sect. office. And be allocated according to the allocation of the Unified Plan.

Report of youth camp read and adopted see report.

Dismissed by Rev. F. C. Barber.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Song service conducted by Rev Charles Hollingshead, song No. 21, Stand up For Jesus. Prayer by Rev. J. B. Ledlow. Song No. 359 Send The Light. No. 401, Bringing in the Sheaves.

Rev. Mooneyham said a few words about the F. W. B. History Book that is being Printed.

Rev. Luther Sanders the Foreign mission director for the State of Ala. had charge of the Mission program. A picture was shown. "A PASSION FOR SOULS." An offering of \$30.83 was received for foreign Missions. Dismissed by Rev. T. L. Walker. There were 17 churches and 1 association that gave offerings amounting to about \$248.67. Total receipts, \$279.50.

SATURDAY MORNING

Rev. A. J. Lambert conducted the song service. Prayer by sister Gladis Reeves.

Devotions by Rev. Jack Rollins, Scripture Matt. 1:21-23, Luke 13:

Item 4 of the Executive Committee that was tabled Yesterday read, then returned to the Committee for rewording.

Auditing Committee report read and adopted. See report.

Rev. G. M. Crutchfield, Rev. Gaston D. McVay and Rev. T. M. Scott, visiting ministers gave a word of testimony.

Song service led by Rev. Charles Hollingshead, No. 183, "LOVE LIFT-ED ME."

Rev. Charles Hollingshead gave us a talk about the Youth Rally to be held at the 1st F. W. B. Church of Sylacauga, Dec. 17, 1955.

Oral report of Sunday School, League, and Woman's work given by Mrs. Mary Edna Cook. Accepted.

Final report of Executive Committee received Item by Item. Item 4 Section 4 of Constitution Article 1, Rejected. Article 2, Adopted; Item 5, Adopted; Item 6, Tabled; Item 7, Adopted.

Report of Dollar Club Adopted. See rules.

Motion carried that the Executive committee with the Officers of the Association see about a place for the National Association, and make arrangements.

Motion carried to give the Host Church a rising vote of thanks for their fine Hospitality to us.

Corresponding delegates to the Ga. State Association, Rev. J. B. Ledlow, W. H. Ryland, R. P. Ritch.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Delegates at large—Sister J. M. Cobb, Sister Luther Sanders.

Progressive—Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Parker.

Liberty No. 2, Mr. J. L. Franklin, Mrs. Ruby Ledlow.

Vernon—Mrs. A. M. Wallace, Mrs. J. B. Ledlow.

Jasper—Mrs. Eustace Riggs.

Mt. Morriah—Mrs. O. L. Fields.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint additional delegates to the National Association—at a latter date—at the National.

By a move the business part of this session was adjourned to meet with the Cordova Church, Cordova, Ala. on Thursday Morning before the 2nd Sunday in November 1956.

Final message of the Association by Rev. Bonnie Hughes of Chipley, Fla. Scripture Psa. 126: Dismissed by Rev. J. M. Cobb.

The meals served by the Church were enjoyed by all.

REPORTS

TREASURE REPORT

Balance brought forward	\$2.00	Paid out—minutes	\$120.00
Fees collected	234.00	Clerk hire	30.00
Total	\$236.00	Moderator and Asst. Mod.	25.00
Total spent	230.50	National Fee	50.00
Balance in Treasure	5.50	Postage	5.50
			\$230.50

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There is a great need to have a uniform program to put before our people as a State. Therefore, we would like to recomend that we inaugurate a program designed to put before our people the needs. This can be done in two ways to begin with.

Item 1 Part 1	Item 5 Part 1
STATE PROGRAM	STATE BUDGET 1955-56
January — State Missions	\$800.00
February—Stewardship	20,000.00
March—Children's Home	3,850.00
April—Foreign Mission	250.00
May—League—State and National	250.00
June—Sunday School State and National	200.00
July—Woman's Auxilliary	
August—Youth Camp	2,250.00
September—Bible College—Education	400.00
October—Superannuation	
November—Children's Home	1,700.00
December—National Home Mission	
TOTAL	\$30,550.00

Item 1 Part 2.

Now, If the above program is adopted, there will be a need for promotion. We would suggest that someone be employed to do pro-motion work on a limited basis.

This promotional worker will get out a monthly promotional sheet to our people, giving them the need, and sharing with them the accomplishments. We believe on a limited basis to begin, we can

safely say that \$30.00 a month will do the job. However, this cannot include travel. He will visit the different District Associations to present the program at the travel rate of 5 cents a mile.

Item 2—Recommend that the State Association purchase a street banner for use by the local Church when the Association meets with them. The suggested wording could be:

WELCOME ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION

Of Free Will Baptists

Thursday Before 2nd Sunday in November

Item 3. In order to enlarge and to build up every phase of the National and Ala. State work; therefore, be it resolved:

1. That we form a "Dollar Club" in Alabama State Association to assist in establishing New Free Will Baptist Churches.

2. When a new Church is organized with at least six (6) reliable charter members each member of the "Dollar Club" shall give one (1) dollar to the new Church.

3. That a committee of three (3) persons be appointed to draw up membership card,—Constitution and by-Laws. One member of this committee shall be from North Alabama, one member from central Alabama, and one from South Alabama.

Item 4. We recommend the following changes in the Constitution.

Section IV. Article 1.—No independent Church may be a member of this body unless the Association to which it belongs refuses to represent in the State body. The fee of said Church shall be the sum of \$5.00. Rejected.

Section IV. Article 2.—Finance — Each District Association shall send the sum of \$2.00, per Church affiliated with that Association. Each Minister and Deacon shall pay the sum of \$1.00 registration fee to help carry on the expense of the State Association.

Item 5. Part one was given with Item 1. Part 2—Recommend that all money received earmarked be sent to that department. Then all money otherwise will be allocated 70% to National work and 30 per cent to state work, the 70 per cent to be sent cooperative. After the State budget has been met, all funds not earmarked will be sent 100% through the cooperative Plan. P. S. This body by move and second voted to have the money ALLOCATED the same as the unified Program. Clerk.

Item 6—Recommend that the Executive committee and the promotional Secretary prepare a standard letter form to be use in this Association. TABLED

Item 7—Recommend that the next session of the State Association convene with the Cordova Church.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We find 8 Associations and one Independent Church (1st F. W. B. Church of Dothan.) are in good standing in this body. We find Liberty No. 1 Association in good standing and ask to be reinstated in this body. We recommend that Union Hill and Southeastern Associations be received into this body, making a total of 11 Associations and 1 Church. We recommend that Rev. Eustace Riggs be seated in this body as a delegate.

YOUTH CAMP

Since funds or not available to buy A Youth Camp this has not been done. We recommend that A place be rented for a Camp next year, and that this Camp be under the direction of this committee together with their wives. R. P. Ritch.

SUPERANNUATION

Amount brought forward		\$270.70
Amount received		271.70
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		\$542.40
Paid National Dues	\$116.10	
\$7.00 Per Month to T. J. Adair	84.00	
Other Expenses	10.00	
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Total	\$210.10	210.10
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Balance in treasure		\$332.30

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, Your auditing Committee, have examined the following books and find them in order; CHILDREN'S HOME, HOME MISSION BOARD, SUPERANNUATION BOARD, UNIFIED PROGRAM.

UNIFIED PROGRAM

Received From		Spent For	
Florence Church	\$668.85	Children's Home	\$374.40
1st Church Sylacauga	201.84	Home Missions	312.00
Holms Church	172.32	National Program	249.60
Goodwater Church	74.00	Superannuation	249.60
Pleasant Grove Church	26.00	Office Expenses	64.40
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Mt. Olive Church	24.00	Total paid out	\$1,250.00
Brought forward	84.41		
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Total Receipts	\$1,251.42		

Spent \$1,250.00 Balance in treasure \$1.42

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 Evangelist	Paid Children's Home	Paid Missions	Paid Superannuation	Paid Unified Program	Paid College	Paid for Improvements	Other Expenses	No. Parsonages	Value of Parsonages
Birmingham District	13	1	736	64	50	4	37	13	588			2	24	47,000	5,951	690	1,093	87				5,811	1,125		
Cahaba River	16	2	895	52			27	15	900	6	350	8	120	73,000	7,995	945	800	200	20	332					
Jasper	26							25		6					15,295	3,337	438	530	24	24	452				
Liberty No. 1	10	1	519	62	12		20	10	370	2	63			40,000	1,485	45	175	967				1,579	360		
Liberty No. 2	8		482	33	17	7	30	8	419			1		41,500	3,173	615	650	105		7		821	1,648		
Mt. Morriah	16		1622	56	28	1	20	10	500	2	25	2	25	300,000	7,418	916	966	525				3,500			
Progressive	10		1070	126	42	5	12							76,500	8,905	975	994	967	88	666	345		13,257	1	28,000
Southeastern	13		1244	19	8		3	9		4		6			6,570	753		109		172		1,571			
Miss. State Line	19	2	1589	42	12	1	10	10	528	2	54			36,300	3,269	647	147								
Union Hill	7	1				3	7	7		2				20,000	1,000			250							
Vernon	15		1941	32	26	5	14		762		105		22	110,122	7,799	1,475	714	255	50		181	3,781	50		
Ist Church of Dothan	1		273	56	9		1	1	145	1	63	1	20	25,000	3,192	175	255	93	23	367	55		661		
TOTALS	154	7	10,371	542	204	29	181	10	4,212	25	660	27	191	769,552	73,052	10,633	6,232	4,197	205	1,568	1,033	17,063	3,037	1	28,000

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHILDRENS HOME, ELDRIDGE, ALA.
NOV. 1954 THROUGH OCT. 1955

	Rec'd	Paid Out
On hand from last year	\$ 275.52	
November 1954	\$1126.25	\$1188.90
December 1954	\$1955.92	\$1465.02
Jan. 1955	\$ 910.11	\$1262.60
Feb. 1955	\$1088.84	\$1431.15
Mar. 1 1955	\$1110.23	\$1313.63
April 1955	\$1734.84	\$1511.29
May 1955	\$1047.43	\$1338.36
June 1955	\$1206.07	\$ 936.19
July 11 1955	\$1096.91	\$1045.08
Aug. 1955	\$1160.89	\$1357.83
Sept. 1 1955	\$1443.95	\$1173.24
Oct. 1955	\$1460.61	\$1170.31
Total	\$15,622.97	\$15,193.60

Receipts all total	\$15,622.97
Paid out	\$15,193.60
Balance on hand	\$ 429.37

Food donated	\$4,518.96
Clothing donated	\$1,193.24
Furniture donated	\$ 455.92
Christmas toys and gifts	\$ 751.00
Coal	\$ 20.00
Books	\$ 105.00
Beef slaughtered	\$ 295.00
Pork slaughtered	\$ 577.00
Total value	\$7,916.12

Total cash received	\$15,622.97
Value of gifts	\$ 7,916.12
All total for the year	\$23,539.09

W. H. Ryland, Supt.

ITIMIZED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$6,196.50
Feed and Groceries	\$5,083.46
Shoes and Clothing	\$ 342.19
Postage and office supplies	\$ 315.04
Alabama Power Co.	\$ 477.89
Telephone	\$ 236.13
Coal	\$ 337.81
Butane Gas	\$ 197.51
Hardware	\$ 218.89
Farm and Tractor supplies	\$ 316.58
Janitor Supplies	\$ 130.14
Plumbing	\$ 82.24
Electric Supplies	\$ 23.48
Freight and express charges	\$ 8.26
Furniture	\$ 28.80
Dr. and Hospital	\$ 39.00
Drugs	\$ 188.81
School books and fees	\$ 106.06
Cows	\$ 240.00
Deep freeze	\$ 182.97
Typewriter	\$ 74.50
Employment taxes	\$ 201.68
Year Insurance on buildings	\$ 129.09
Bonding Co. for treasurer	\$ 25.00
Total	\$15,192.03

W. H. Ryland, Supt.

REPORT FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S OF CHILDREN'S HOME

1. We recommed that Rev. Grady Palmer, Rt. No. 1 Castleberry, Ala. of the Liberty No. 1 Association be added to the board of trustees.
2. That Rev. Malone Cobb serve as trustee of the Progressive Association and that C. R. Maddox be dropped.
3. That Rev. R. P. Ritch serve on board in Vernon Association.
4. That Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr. of Leeds, Ala. be added to the board to fill vacancy in the Cahaba River Association.
5. That we accept the resignation of Rev. L. V. Collier from Miss. State Line Association and add Rev. Roy Barmes of Rt. No. 1, Vernon, Ala. in the vacancy.

MINISTERS AND DEACONS WHO REGISTERED TO ASSOCIATION
AND MINISTERS MEETING

Rev. Dave Franks	\$1.00	Rev. L. V. Collier	\$1.00
Rev. H. A. Pitts	1.00	Rev. T. L. Walker	1.00
Rev. Rufus Hyman	1.00	Rev. Ira L. Hanks	1.00
Rev. R. Luther Sanders	1.00	Rev. Joe B. Ledlow	1.00
Rev. A. J. Lambert	2.00	Rev. J. L. Lavender	1.00
Rev. Eustace Riggs	1.00	Rev. W. G. Palmer	1.00
Rev. R. P. Ritch	1.00	Rev. O. L. Fields	1.00
Rev. C. B. Craddock	1.00	Rev. J. M. Cobb	1.00
Rev. L. D. Hurst	1.00	Rev. J. J. Staab	1.00
Rev. C. O. Hollingshead	1.00	Rev. W. H. Ryland	1.00
Rev. Roy O'Donnell	1.00	Rev. R. W. Ritch	1.00
Rev. Alfred Ledlow	1.00	Rev. M. D. Harper	1.00
Rev. Floyd C. Barber	1.00	Rev. Jack L. Rollins	1.00
Deacons Jesse Ryland \$1.00—E. T. Ingran 1.00—F. W. Bolin 1.00			

ALA. HOME MISSIONS REPORT—NOV. 13, 54—NOV. 4, 1955

Nov. 13, 54 Ala. State Asso.	\$32.50
Nov. 29, 54 Ala. Unified Program Fund	36.25
Dec. 31, 54 Ala. Unified Program Fund	12.50
Jan. 25, 55 Ala. Unified Program Fund	42.50
Feb. 27, 55 Ala. Unified Program Fund	28.75
Mar. 30, 55 Ala. Unified Program Fund	16.25
April 30, 55 Ala. Unified Program Fund	35.00
June 9, 55 Ala. Unified Program Fund	11.25
July, 55 Ala. Unified Program Fund	20.00
July 29, 55 Ala. Unified Program Fund	25.00
Aug. 29, 55 Ala. Unified Program Fund	25.00
Sept. 28, 55 Ala. Unified Program Fund	31.25
(Total U. P. F. \$283.75)	

Total By Chester O' Donnell	\$182.96
July 5, 55 By Cordova Church	88.58
Sept. 13, 55 Union Chapel Church	4.69
Sept. 29, 55 Shady grove Church	10.00
Total Paid In	602.48
Brought Forward From Last Year	\$911.29

Grand Total	\$1,513.77
Total Paid Out	\$572.37

Balance On Hand	\$941.40
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EXPENDITURES

Dec. 10, 54 Rev. J. M. Cobb (Freight on Tent)	\$10.00
Dec. 10, 54 Nashville Tent and Awning Co. (Pay for Tent)	\$561.45
Stamps and Paper	.92

Total Paid out	\$572.37
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Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Home Mission Treasurer

HOME MISSION BOARD

1. We recommend that every one send in all money for the year by Oct. 31 in order to keep all records in accord.
2. We recommend a replacement for Bro. Paul Booker.
3. We recommend Bro. Chester O'Donnell for this replacement.
4. We recommend Bro. J. L. Lavender be retained on this board.
5. We recommend Bro. Chester O'Donnell be retained as field worker.
6. Rev. J. M. Cobb, is our Chairman.
7. We recommend to give the first F. W. B. Church of Opelika \$100.

DOLLAR CLUB

Requirements for Assistance from the One Dollar Club

1. The Church must make written application to the club for the desired assistance.
2. The Church must be A duly organized Free Will Baptist Church, meeting the conditions set forth in the treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptist.
3. The Church must have a charter membership of at least seven (7) responsible persons. A period of 90 days shall have elapsed between the date of organization of the Church and the date of Application to the Club for funds. The Church must hold membership in a recognized local Association of Free Will Baptist.
4. The Church must have letters of recommendation from at least three (3) ordained ministers who are in good standing in the Free Will Baptist denomination.
5. The Church must have at least 100 dollars, which sum shall have been raised by the Church from local sources, this amount must be set apart in a fund designated for building purposes.
6. The Church must agree to support the over all program of the Free Will Baptist Denomination.

ASSOCIATIONS	MODERATOR	CLERK
Birmingham District	Rev. Ira L. Hanks, Rt. 15, Box 1142, B'ham, Ala.	Ray W. Ritch, 724 12th Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
Alabama River		H. A. McSpadden, Rt. 9 Box 231-f, Birmingham, Ala.
Gasper	Rev. G. C. Lawrence, Brilliant, Ala.	Mr. Brandon Estes, Rt. 2, Guin, Ala.
Liberty No. 1	Rev. C. M. Byrd	Mr. Jessy James Odom, Rt. 4, Brewton, Ala.
Liberty No. 2	Rev. W. C. Patterson, Pell City, Ala.	Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Rt. 1, Ashville, Ala.
St. Morriah	Rev. J. H. Tilley, Box 831, Alliceville, Ala.	Rev. Learner McAdams, 416 Ala. St., Columbus, M.
Progressive	Rev. J. M. Dutton Jr. Leeds, Ala.	Mrs. Merle Dyer, Samantha, Ala.
Southeastern	Rev. Huey Long, 1228 19th St., Columbus, Ga.	Mrs. Evelyn Sutton, Arifton, Ala.
Miss. State Line	O. S. Gardner	Fermon Wright
Union Hill	Rev. Rufus Hymen, Slocumb, Ala.	Mrs. Bessie Hall
Vernon	Rev. E. W. Graves, Rt. 2, Vernon, Ala.	D. G. Jordan, Rt. 1, Vernon, Ala.
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CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTERS' MEETING OF ALABAMA PREAMBLE

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

I. NAME: This shall be known as the Alabama Ministers' meeting.

II. We adopt the Treaties 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 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 for 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. All elected officers shall serve two years. All appointed officers and committees one year.

X. 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.

XI. 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 home 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 overruled.

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 the 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 vote 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.

13. These By-Laws may be amended at any session by a two-thirds vote.

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 anyone wishing to retire shall first obtain leave from the Moderator.

10. No member shall absent himself from the Association during its meeting 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 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 shall send the sum of two (2) dollars, per Church affiliated with that association. Each minister and Deacon shall pay the sum of \$1.00 registration fee to help carry on the expense of the State 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 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 prior to adoption and shall during that time be read at least twice in open session.