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**OF THE**  
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**OF THE**  
**ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**HELD WITH THE**  
**Cordova Church — Cordova, Alabama**  
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Rev. P. J. Box (Winston Co. A.) Addison, Ala.	1.00
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Deacon Winford Russell	1.00
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Deacon Richard T. Torrence	1.00
Deacon Joe Kimbrough	1.00
Deacon C. E. Smith	1.00
Deacon E. O. Shelnut	1.00

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE 11TH SESSION OF THE ALABAMA STATE MINISTERS AND DEACONS MEETING HELD WITH CORDOVA CHURCH, CARDOVA, ALABAMA THURSDAY, NOV. 8, 1956

The session opened with Rev. R. P. Ritch leading the singing. The body called to order by Rev. J. L. Lavender. Dev. by Rev. G. W. Franks. Prayer and Scripture reading from Psa. He gave a good talk.

Theme for the session "GO FORWARD" EXODUS 14:15.

Rev. Lavender introduced the subjects and speakers for the day.

10:00 A.M. Evangelism: Rev. Odel Harris, (Cahaba River A.)

Jer. 20:9

10:15 A.M. Unity In The Ministry: Rev. L. E. Winters, (Progressive A.) Eph. 4:1-3

10:30 A.M. Missions Rev. W. E. Jones (Ga.) Mark 16:15-20

Dismissed by Gurlie Roberts for a short intermission.

Assembled back at 11 o'clock with Rev. O. L. Fields leading the singing, Rev. H. A. Pitts brought the morning message Scripture Lesson Romans 1:1-17, Prayer by speaker. Text Romans 1:14-16. He delivered a good message. Dismissed for lunch by Rev. A. J. Lambert. (Vernon A.)

## THURSDAY P. M.

We assembled back at 1 P.M. Rev. O. L. Fields leading the singing. Dev. by Rev. E. L. Layton (Birmingham District A.) Scripture Gal. 6:6-9. Prayer by speaker. He made a good talk.

1:22 P.M. Education, Rev. Wilburn Beasley Scripture II Tim. 2:15; 1:5,6; Prov. 22:6.

1:45 P.M. Organization Rev. G. E. Pauley (Jasper A.) Scripture Num. 2:17,34.

2:00 P.M. Church Building Rev. W. H. Ryland (Progressive A.) The People had a mind to work.

2:30 P.M. Superannuation Rev. K. V. Shutes (Ga.) An offering of \$17.77 was received to help pay Rev. Shutes' expenses.



The house called to order to elect officers. Mod. Rev. A. J. Lambert (Vernon A.) Motion carried that Rev. Aurthur Barker be the Assistant Mod. as he was next high man.

Clerk Chester O'Donnell (Liberty No. 2) Rt. 1, Ashville, Ala. Rev. R. P. Ritch said a few words about the "Dollar Club" at this time.

The Moderator appointed the Credential and Auditing Committees.

#### Credentials

Rev. T. L. Walker Chrm. (Mt. Morriah A.)

Rev. W. G. Palmer (Liberty No. 1 A.)

Rev. Roy Barnes (Miss. S. L. A.)

Rev. Odel Harris (Cahaba River A.)

Bro. Jess Ryland (Progressive A.)

#### Auditing

Rev. O. L. Fields, Chrm.

Rev. Dave Franks (Cahaba River A.)

Rev. E. W. Graves (Vernon A.)

Dismissed by Rev. Eustace Riggs. Dinner and supper was served by the good ladies of the church and was enjoyed by all.

#### THURSDAY NIGHT

Service open with different ones leading the singing. The College Quartet rendered us several good numbers. Dev. by Rev. O. L. Fields. Scripture lesson I Cor. 2:1-5. Many good testimonies were rendered. This being College night Rev. J. F. Miller Pro. Worker for the College. Delivered a Good message. Then told us about the College and its needs. An offering of \$57.00 was received for the College. The Bible Quartet gave us another number at this time.

Assigned to Homes. Dismissed by Rev. R. P. Ritch.

#### PROCEEDINGS

##### OF THE

##### 37TH SESSION

##### OF THE

#### ALABAMA STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

##### HELD WITH

#### CORDOVA CHURCH, CARDOVA, ALABAMA

NOVEMBER 9-10, 1956

##### FRIDAY A.M.

Assembled at 8:30 A.M. Rev. O. L. Fields led the singing. Dev. By Rev. Charles Hollingshead, prayer by same. Prayer by Rev. K. V. Shutes. Welcome by Host Pastor Rev. L. E. Winters. He gave a big welcome to all.

Response to welcome by Rev. J. J. Staab.

Seating of Standing Delegates. While waiting for the credential Committee report, Rev. Graves led a short song service. A Reading Committee was appointed. Rev. Charles Hollingshead, Sister Merle Dyer. Credential Committee report read and adopted. Letters read and Delegates seated.

#### ASSOCIATIONS AND DELEGATES

PROGRESSIVE—Mrs. Verla Ryland, Theo Kuykendall, Merle Dyer,

Bro. Jesse Barrington, A. L. Parker.

MISS. STATE LINE—Bros. L. C. Wright, L. G. Boyett.

LIBERTY NO. 2—Loyalton Ledlow.

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT—Bro. E. J. Duck, Sisters Key, and Barker.

VERNON—R. H. Yerby, Sr., Harvey Clearman, Sister E. W. Graves. LIBERTY, NO. 1—Sister Grady Palmer.

JASPER—Sisters H. A. Pitts, Annie Lou Shelnut, H. C. Killen.

FLA. STATE LINE—Sisters Mary Edna Cook, Doshia Allen.

MT. MORIAH—Rev. S. R. Lee, Rev. O. L. Fields.

CAHABA RIVER—Mr. Charlie Smith, Mrs. Essie Mae Harrison, Mrs. Mae Powell, Mrs. Billie Rollins.

WINSTON COUNTY—Rev. P. J. Box.

The visitors were welcomed and recognized.

Home Mission report read and adopted.

Motion carried to adopt the recommendation of the Home Mission Board.

Motion carried that Home Mission Board find and get a man to go on the field.

Rev. J. M. Cobb gave a report of Home Missions—the need and what we are doing about it.

The College quartet rendered several good numbers at this time.

The Executive Committee gave a partial report—Item 1. Motion carried to lay item on table till afternoon.

Rev. Bob L. Jones (Fla. State Line A.) delivered the 11 o'clock message. Reading Ex. 20:16, Romans 1:29-31, Ex. 23:1 "THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS."

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Raymond Riggs.

#### FRIDAY P.M.

Dev. by H. Killen, Scripture reading from the Book of John.

Children's home report read and adopted. An offering of \$40.00 was received for the home.

Motion carried that we give a rising vote of thanks and confidence to the Supt. of Children's Home, the Staff and Trustees for their good work and the Promotional Sect., write a letter of thanks to Dr. G. W. Keith Carbon Hill, Ala., for services rendered to children in the Home.

Motion carried to take Item 1 of Ex. Committee from the table.

Executive Committee report—Item 1—Adopted, Item 2—Cooperative Plan Part 1—Adopted, Part 2—adopted, Part 3—Adopted, Item 3—adopted, Item 4—adopted, Item 5—adopted, Item 6—adopted, Item 7—adopted, Item 8, adopted, Item 9—adopted.

Motion carried to declare the vacancy on the Trustee of Children's Home.

Motion carried to accept the resignation of Bro. D. J. O'Donnell from the board of trustees.

These men were placed on the board of Trustees to fill vacancy. Millard Jones (Fla. State L. A.) Cottonwood, Ala; Floyd C. Barber (Liberty No. 1) Pell City, Ala.; F. W. Bolin (Union Hill) Slocomb, Ala.

Youth Camp report—Oral Accepted. Rev. R. P. Ritch resigned from the Youth Camp Board. Accepted.

Motion carried to elect a chairman for the Youth Camp Board. Rev. Charles Hollingshead elected. Rev. Jack Rollins elected to fill other vacancy on the Youth Camp Board.

Motion carried to go into election of officers for the Association.

Moderator—Rev. A. J. Lambert (Vernon Association)

Assistant Moderator—Rev. Jack Rollins (Birmingham District Association)

Clerk—Rev. Chester O'Donnell (Liberty No. 2 Association)

Assistant Clerk—Rev. Charles Hollingshead (Mt. Moriah Association)



Promotional Secretary and Theasurer—Rev. Charles Craddock (Fla. State L. A.)

**Executive Committee:**

Rev. H. A. Pitts, Chrm. (Jasper Association)  
Rev. R. P. Ritch (Vernon Association)  
Rev. Ed. Ledlow (Birmingham District Association)  
Rev. J. J. Staab (Cahaba River Association)  
Rev. W. H. Ryland (Progressive Association)

The Mod. declares the Board of Publication and Literature, Void Out, Dropped.

Mr. J. T. Kimbrough put on Home Mission Board.

Rev. Dave Franks put on Superannuation Board.

Mod. declares James Elmore place vacant on Superannuation Board and Mr. Loyaltan Ledlow replaces him. Rev. Bob L. Jones placed on Superannuation Board in other vacancy.

Motion carried to set date when each member comes off board. And the year be placed by name in Minute.

Motion carried to adjourn the afternoon session. Dismissed by H. J. Kelley.

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

Song service led by Rev. O. L. Fields, The College Quartet rendered us some good numbers before each sang a solo. Prayer by Rev. T. L. Walker.

Dev. By Rev. James Prickett (Progressive A.)

This being Mission Night Rev. Raymond Riggs The Foreign Mission Pro. Sect. delivered a good and timely Message from Acts 1:6-8 before showing the film "Martyr Men". An offering of \$114.00 was received for mission.

Dismissed by Rev. E. W. Graves.

**SATURDAY MORNING**

Opened with Rev. O. L. Fields leading the singing. Prayer by Rev. B. L. Jones.

Report of Sunday School, League, and Women's Auxiliary by Mrs. Mary Edna Cook (Oral) received. Bro. Gilbert gave an oral report of the Youth Rally.

Clerks Treasurer report read and adopted.

Dollar Club report read and adopted. Rev. Odel Harris put on the Board from the central part of state.

Motion carried to rotate members 1, 2, 3, years one to come off each year.

Auditing Committee report read and adopted.

Superannuation Report read and adopted.

Motion carried that Mod. be given power to appoint delegates to National Association any time from now to the National Association.

Promotional Sect. report read and adopted.

Motion carried that the business part of this session stand adjourned to meet with place to be named 7-8-9 of November 1957.

Rev. H. J. Kelley Preached at the 11 o'clock hour after prayer he read Mark 8:34. And delivered a good message. The right hand of fellowship was given. Then we were dismissed by Rev. Raymond Riggs. The good ladies of the church gave us a good dinner before we left.

We would like to thank each of the homes the church and the good pastor for the kindness shown to us while there.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CREDENTIAL**—We have examined the following letters and found them in order; Liberty No. 1, Liberty No. 2, Mt. Morriah, Jasper Vernon, Miss. State Line Cahaba River, Birmingham District, Progressive. We recommend the seating of delegates. The Fla. State Line, and Winston County sends a petitionary letter for admittance to our body. We recommend they be received. This was done and moderator gave the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

Rev. T. L. Walker Chm.

**AUDITING**

We your auditing committee have examined the following Books, and find them in order; Home Mission, State Association Treasurer, State Promotional Sect., Superannuation Treasurer. Rev. O. L. Fields Chrm. Rev. E. W. Graves, Rev. Dave Franks.

**ASSOCIATION TREASURER**

Received	Spent
From 1954 treasurer \$ 5.50	Minutes \$147.86
Association Fees 229.20	Postage 6.57
Ministers and	Programs 8.00
Deacons Fees 30.00	Moderator 15.00
Total \$264.70	Asst. Moderator 10.00
Total spent 282.43	Clerk 30.00
In the red \$ 17.73	National Association
	Dues 65.00
	Total \$282.43

**DOLLAR CLUB**

Total amount received \$133.00	Postage 9.79
Spent in 1955 and '56 126.39	Receipt Books 5.85
Balance in treasury 6.61	Memograph paper and
	Memographing 2.75
	Total Spent \$126.39
	Rufus Hyman Treasurer

**SUPERANNUATION**

Receipts	Expenditures
Amount brought forward \$323.30	Vernon Association 19.39
Unified Program 22.60	State Line Association 16.05
Ensley Church 22.00	Shady Grove Church
Pleasant Grove Church 7.00	Phil Campbell 10.00
North Birmingham	Jasper Quarterly Meeting 17.00
Church 5.50	Gum Springs Church 10.00
Mt. Olive Church 24.00	Total \$693.51
Rev. K. V. Shutes 29.31	
East Birmingham	
Church 19.13	
Shady Grove Church	
Adamsville 28.00	
Winfield Church 65.73	
Mt. Pleasant 32.00	
Carbon Hill 5.00	
Belview Church 26.50	
Rev. O. Z. Johnson 5.00	
Edgar Chapel Church 5.00	
Mrs. Dora Nix 1.00	

**PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY TREASURER**

Your Promotional Secretary has attended 5 associations and 2 Quarterly meetings.



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In his work he has traveled over 3 000 miles including 3 trips to Birmingham to work in the interest of getting the National Association to meet in Birmingham in 1957. Charles B. Craddock

Financial report of the Promotional Secretary-Treasurer Nov. 12, 1955-Oct. 31, 1956.

	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
Children's Home	\$103.50	\$103.50	
Free Will Baptist Bible College	123.45	114.80	8.65
National Home Missions	342.67	342.67	
Foreign Missions	246.41	197.16	49.25
National Cooperative Plan	229.63	153.04	76.59
National Superannuation	20.31	18.06	2.25
National Sunday School Dept.	15.26	14.01	1.25
National League Dept.	11.16	7.41	3.75
State Missions	44.22	44.22	
State Promotional Dept.	199.65	149.37	50.28
National Woman's Auxiliary Dept	10.00	10.00	
National Convention Fund	164.61		164.61
	\$1,510.87	\$1,154.24	\$356.53

Charles B. Craddock, Treasurer

#### CHILDREN'S HOME

Nov. 1 1955 through Oct. 31, 1956

Cash brought forward from Oct. 1955	\$ 429.37
Cash receipts Nov., 1955 through Oct., 1956	17,282.59
Total	\$17,711.96
Total amount paid out	17,553.37
Cash Bal. in treasury Nov. 1, 1956	\$ 158.59
Value of food received	3,952.59
Value of clothing received	2,012.41
Value of Furniture received	480.78
Value of Toys received	724.24
Value of Pet birds received	65.00
Value of Dr. professional service	425.00
Total Value of Gifts	\$ 7 660.02
Total cash received during year	\$17,282.59
Value of things Donated	7,660.02
Cash and gifts as valued	24,942.61
Value of pork and beef slaugh	367.98
All-Grand Total	\$25,310.59

#### Expenditures

Salaries	\$6,945.53
Feed and Groceries	4,737.95
Shoes and Clothing	547.33
Postage and office supplies	440.66
Alabama Power Co.	345.07
Telephone	248.70
Butane Gas	262.25
Coal	427.40
Hardware and supplies	357.27
Janitor supplies	251.87
Freight and express charges	6.10
Year Insurance on Buildings	129.09
Bonding Company	25.00
Fertilizer Farm and Tractor	370.82
New Parts and repairing Furnace	267.42
Drugs	96.72
Dental Work	17.00
Electric Supplies	70.82

Plumbing	73.03
Refrigeration	19.99
Security Taxes on Employees	167.47
Transportation	35.00
Live stock	56.00
Lumber and building supplies	1,066.23
Play ground equipment	101.40
School books and supplies	89.14
Trustee meeting travel exp.	10.00
Payment New washing machine	77.84
Total cash spent	\$17,243.08
Things donated	7,660.02
Total	\$24,903.10

Rev. W. H. Ryland, Supt.

#### HOME MISSION BOARD

1. We recommend our budget be \$1,500.00 this year.
2. We urge all to support the Dollar Club.
3. We recommend that this body elect a full time evangelist to go out on his own by faith with the home mission tent.
4. This board agrees to pay \$50.00 yearly for the moving of the tent to defray the expenses in part.
5. We recommend that each Church pay as much as \$10.00 to the home mission board yearly.

J. M. Cobb, Chrm.

Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Sect.

#### HOME MISSION TREASURY

##### Paid In

A. U. P. F. Treasury	\$ 28.25
Pleasant Grove Church	9.00
By Chester O'Donnell, Field worker	31.06
Belview Church Leeds	15.00
Ensley Church	15.00
Cordova Church	81.10
Shady Grove Church	4.00
Promotional Secretary-treasurer	44.22
Total Paid In	227.63
Balance Brought Forward	941.40
Total in treasury	\$1,169.03

##### Paid Out

First F. W. B. Church, Opelika, Ala.	\$100.00
Slocumb F. W. B. Church, Slocumb, Ala.	100.00
Eldridge F. W. B. Church, Eldridge Ala.	100.00
High Point F. W. B. Church Whites Chapel Community	100.00
Mazars Office and store Equipment Co. (100) chairs	432.60
Charles Craddock, 1st Issue of State Paper)	36.00
Office Expense	3.00

##### Summary

Paid In	\$ 227.63
Brought Forward	941.40
Total	\$1,169.03
Paid Out	\$871.60
Balance in Treasury	\$297.43

Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Treasurer

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Item I—We your Executive Committee recommend that Sec. II of the Constitution be amended as follows;



The officers of the State Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Promotional Secretary-Treasurer, and an Executive Board.

These officers shall be elected every (2) two years.

Item 2—Cooperative Plan—Part 1—We recommend that 45% of all cooperative receipts be retained in the State for promotion of State programs; That 55% be sent to the National Cooperative Program.

Part 2—We also recommend that all State money be divided among the State programs according to the following percentage scale.

Children's Home .....	15%
State Missions .....	10%
State Superannuation .....	10%
State Promotional Office .....	10%

Part 3—We further recommend that the doors of our State be left open and the National Departments work with the Promotional Secretary-Treasurer in promoting their programs among our people.

Item 3—We recommend that a Program Committee for the Association be composed of Moderator Clerk and Promotional Secretary-Treasurer.

Item 4—Children's Home Part 1—That the entire quota of the Board of Trustees be filled with one member from each District Association.

Part 2—That this Board have a meeting during this session to draw up additional rules or regulations to govern the Home as they may deem necessary.

Item 5—We recommend that our Churches tithe 10% of their income through our State Promotional office for State and National Programs.

Item 6—We recommend that Moderator from each Association work with the promotional Secretary-Treasurer in arranging itinerary in his association. This will help to promote and weld our work more strongly for Christ and Alabama.

Item 7—Budget for 1956-57 Associational Year

Children's Home .....	\$25,000.00
State Missions .....	1,500.00
State Superannuation .....	750.00
State Promotional Office .....	1,000.00
Foreign Missions .....	3,000.00
National Home Missions .....	1,000.00
Bible College .....	3 000.00
National Superannuation .....	592.80
Total Budget .....	\$35,842.80

Item 8—We the Executive Committee recommend the following persons to places on the committees to plan and prepare for the National Association which convenes with us in Birmingham next July.

#### General Chairman Charles B. Craddock

#### Arrangements and Steering

J. J. Staab Chrm.

Jack Rollins

A. J. Lambert

Eustace Riggs

#### Transportation

J. J. Staab, Chrm.

W. H. Ryland

Bobby L. Jones

#### Registration

Eustace Riggs, Chrm.

R. P. Ritch

J. L. Lavender

#### Usher

Jack Rollins, Chrm.

Charles Hollinghead

Dave Franks

#### Publicity

J. M. Cobb, Chrm.

#### Information

Fay Ritch, Chrm.

Ed B. Ledlow

James Pickett

#### Entertainment

Mrs. Malone Cobb, Chrm.

Mrs. Charles Craddock

Mrs. Junior Cook

Mrs. Eustace Riggs

Mrs. A. J. Lambert

Mrs. Harold Pitts

Mrs. Jack Rollins

Mrs. Ann Salyer

Item 9—The Executive Committee with the State Officers met at the North Birmingham Church May 19th, 1956. Present were Mod. J. L. Lavender Asst. Mod. J. J. Staab, Clerk Chester O'Donnell, Executive Committee H. A. Pitts, Ray Ritch, Charles Craddock. Charles Craddock is the promotional Sect. and Luther Sanders was present. Bro. Craddock acted as chairman.

Called to order by chairman. Prayer by H. A. Pitts.

We then entered into a discussion about asking for the National Convention to meet in the Municipal Auditorium at Birmingham, Ala. in 1957. Location 8th Ave. and 20th St. North. And how to raise the money.

1. Motion carried to invite the National Association of Free Will Baptist to come to the State of Alabama City of Birmingham, Municipal Auditorium 8th Ave. 20th St. North in 1957, Month of July.

2—Motion carried to accept the following quota and chairman for raising the money in each Association to entertain the National Association in 1957.

3.—Motion carried that after Convention expenses have been paid, all surplus money will be channeled through the Cooperative Program.

4.—Motion carried that Charles Craddock, J. L. Lavender, A. J. Lambert, with Luther Sanders and H. A. Pitts as alternate to extend the invitation to the National Association to meet with us in 1957.

#### Part 2—

#### Associations—Chairman

	Quota	Paid	Bal.
Birmingham District—Ray Ritch .....	\$175.00		\$175.00
Cahaba River—J. J. Staab .....	200.00	205.00	
Jasper—H. A. Pitts .....	300.00	212.50	87.50
Liberty No. 1—Grady Palmer .....	100.00		100.00
Liberty No. 2—Chester O'Donnell .....	75.00	75.00	
Mt. Morriah—J. L. Lavender .....	160.00	160.00	
Progressive—J. M. Pickett .....	250.00		250.00
Southeastern—Huey Long .....	100.00	89.61	10.39
Miss State Line—C. R. Puckett .....	150.00		150.00
Union Hill—Rufus Hyman .....	175.00		175.00
Vernon—R. P. Ritch .....	200.00		200.00
Fla. State Line—Charles Craddock .....	300.00		300.00
	\$2,185	\$742.11	\$1,442.89



## Delegates to National Association

CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTERS'  
MEETING OF ALABAMA

## PREAMBLE

I. NAME: This shall be known as the ALABAMA Ministers' Meeting.

III. The officers of the ministers' meeting shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Secretary and any other officer we may need.

VI. FINANCE: Each minister shall pay one dollar registration fee to help pay for the record being printed in minutes.

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.

XI. This Constitution may be altered at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of ministers present.

## BY-LAWS OF ALABAMA MINISTERS' MEETING

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

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

10. No member shall absent himself from the Association dur-



ing 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, Clerk Assistant Clerk, Promotional Secretary-Treasurer, and an Executive Board. These officers shall be elected every (2) Two years.

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) two dollars.

ARTICLE II\*—Finance—Each District Association shall send the sum of (2) two dollars, per Church affiliated with that association. Each minister and deacon shall pay the sum of \$1.00 one dollar registration fee to help carry on the expense of the State Association.

SEC. V. The secretary shall be paid \$25.00 Twenty-five dollars. The Moderator \$15.00 Fifteen Dollars, Assistant Moderator \$10.00 Ten dollars 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 decisions 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 Associa-

tion 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 (2) two 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.



## ASSOCIATIONS

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Cahaba River

Fla. State Line

Jasper

Liberty No. 1

Liberty No. 2

Mt. Morriah

Progressive

Southeastern

Miss. State Line

Union Hill

Vernon

Winston County

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