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**OF THE**  
**THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION**  
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**OF**  
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## OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Moderator Rev. A. J. Lambert  
 (Mt. Morriah A.) \_\_\_\_\_ 707 Broad St., Aliceville, Ala.  
 Assistant Mod. Rev. Jack Rollins  
 (Cahaba R. A.) \_\_\_\_\_ Route 3, Box 1248D, B'ham, Ala.  
 Clerk - Treasure Rev. Chester O'Donnell  
 (Liberty No. 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Rt. 1, Ashville, Ala.  
 Assistant Clerk Rev. Charles Hollingshead  
 (Mt. Morriah A.) \_\_\_\_\_ Northport, Ala.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. H. A. Pitts, Chrm. (Jasper A.) \_\_\_\_\_ Winfield, Ala.  
 Rev. R. P. Ritch (Vernon A.) \_\_\_\_\_ Vernon, Ala.  
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 Rev. F. C. Barber (Liberty No. 2 A.) \_\_\_\_\_ Pell City, Ala.  
 Mr. F. W. Bolin (Union Hill A.) \_\_\_\_\_ Slocomb, Ala.  
 Rev. J. M. Dutton Jr. (Cahaba River A.) \_\_\_\_\_ Leeds, Ala.  
 Rev. W. E. Jones, (East Ala. A.) \_\_\_\_\_ 1911 - 2nd Ave., Phenix City, Ala.

### DOLLAR CLUB

Rev. Rufus Hyman Treasure 1958 - South  
 (Union Hill A.) \_\_\_\_\_ Slocomb, Ala.  
 Rev. Odell Harris 1959 - Central  
 (East Ala. A.) \_\_\_\_\_ 1903 - 3rd Ave., Opelika, Ala.  
 Rev. J. L. Lavender 1960 - Central  
 (Mt. Morriah A.) \_\_\_\_\_ Aliceville, Ala.

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Mrs. A. M. Wallace 1962 Treasure  
 (Vernon A.) \_\_\_\_\_ Fayette, Ala.  
 Rev. L. E. Winter 1961  
 (Progressive A.) \_\_\_\_\_ 504 Green Ave., Cordova, Ala.  
 Mr. Loyaltan Ledlow 1960  
 (Liberty No. 2 A.) \_\_\_\_\_ Rt. 1, Ashville, Ala.  
 Rev. B. L. Jones 1959  
 (Fla. S.L.A.) \_\_\_\_\_ 603 Barnard St., Dothan, Ala.  
 Rev. N. A. Patterson Chrm. 1958  
 (Jasper A.) \_\_\_\_\_ Route 2, Guin, Ala.



## GENERAL BOARD

Birmingham District	Rev. Authur Barker
Cahaba River	Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr.
Fla. State Line	Rev. B. L. Jones
Jasper	Rev. R. B. Freeman
Liberty No. 1	Herbert Cartwell
Liberty No. 2	Mr. Calvin Barber
Mt. Morriah	Rev. J. L. Lavender
Progressive	Rev. L. E. Winter
Miss. State Line	Rev. Roy Barnes
Vernon	Rev. R. P. Ritch
East Alabama	Rev. E. B. Ledlow
Union Hill	Rev. Rufus Hyman

## MINISTERS AND DEACONS WHO REGISTERED

Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Rt. 1, Ashville, Ala. (Liberty No. 2)	\$2.00
Rev. R. H. Howard, Rt. 1, Sterrett, Ala. (Cahaba River A.)	2.00
Rev. E. B. Ledlow, 804 Pine St., Sylacauga, Ala. (East Ala. A.)	2.00
Rev. Roy Barnes, Rt. 1, Vernon, Ala. (Miss State L. A.)	2.00
Rev. A. J. Lambert, 707 Bread St., Aliceville, Ala. (Mt. Morriah A.)	2.00
Rev. Charles Hollingshead, Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Mt. Morriah A.)	1.00
Rev. H. A. Pitts, Winfield, Ala. (Jasper A.)	2.00
Rev. Elden Pauley, Brilliant, Ala. (Jasper A.)	2.00
Rev. T. L. Walker, Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Mt. Morriah A.)	1.00
Rev. Clyde Owens, Chipley, Fla. (Ala. State L. A.)	1.00
Rev. Jack Rollins, Rt. 3, Box 1248 D., B'ham, Ala. (Cahaba R. A.)	2.00
Rev. Raymond Tilley, Ethelsville, Ala. (Mt. Morriah A.)	2.00
Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr., Leeds, Ala. (Cahaba River A.)	1.00
Rev. R. P. Ritch, Vernon, Ala. (Vernon A.)	2.00
Rev. J. O. Fort, 807 W. 5th St., Ayden, N. C.	2.00
Rev. J. M. Cobb, Eldridge, Ala., (Progressive A.)	2.00
Rev. C. R. Puckett, Green Wood Spring, Miss., (Miss. S. L. A.)	2.00
Rev. Ira L. Hanks, Rt. 15, B'ham, Ala. (Birmingham, D.A.)	1.00
Rev. Odell Harris, Opelika, Ala., (E. Ala. A.)	1.00
Rev. Ray Ritch, 724 - 12th Ave. W. B'ham, Ala., (B'ham D.A.)	2.00
Rev. C. A. Huckaby, 930 Dillingham St, Phenix City, Ala., Chattahoochee Assoc of Ga.)	1.00
Rev. L. E. Winters, 504 Green Ave., Cordova, Ala. (Progressive A.)	2.00
Rev. J. L. Lavender, Aliceville, Ala., (Mt. Morriah A.)	2.00
Rev. E. W. Graves, Vernon, Ala. (Vernon A.)	2.00
Rev. W. H. Ryland, 833 - 7th St. W., B'ham, Ala., (Progressive A.)	2.00
Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Guin, Ala. (Jasper A.)	1.00
Rev. W. G. Palmer, Rt. 1, Castleberry, Ala. (Liberty No 1 A.)	2.00
Rev. J. B. Ledlow, Fayette, Ala (Vernon A.)	2.00
Rev. O. L. Fields, 303 Alabama St., Columbia, Miss. (Mt. Morriah A.)	1.00
Rev. R. B. Freeman, Red Bay, Ala., (Jasper A.)	1.00
Rev. W. E. Jones, Phenix City, Ala., (East Ala. A.)	1.00
Rev. Louie Bates, Alden, Ala., (Cahaba River A.)	1.00
Rev. Lymin Ogles, Sylacauga, Ala.,	1.00
Rev. Robert Armstrong (Cahaba R. A.)	
50 Georgia Ave., Sylacauga, Ala.	1.00
Rev. Arthur Barker	1.00
Rev. J. J. Staab, 2313 - 33 Ave., B'ham, Ala., (Cahaba River A.)	1.00
Rev. E. B. McDonald, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.	1.00
Deacon Hursey Grice, Sylacauga, Ala.	1.00
Deacon A. L. Harmon, Sylacauga, Ala. (Cahaba River A.)	1.00
Deacon Jess Ryland, 235 Branch St., Cordova, Ala., (Progressive A.)	1.00
Deacon Dewey Burleson, Brilliant, Ala., (Jasper A.)	1.00
Deacon J. W. Isbell, Sylacauga, Ala., (Cahaba River A.)	1.00

Deacon T. A. Armstrong, Sylacauga, Ala., (Cahaba River A.)	1.00
Deacon J. P. Wilkie, Mulga, Ala., (Progressive A.)	1.00
Deacon E. J. Duck, Sylacauga, Ala., (East Ala. A.)	1.00
Deacon Joe Kimbrough, 4525 - 73 St., N., B'ham, Ala.	
Deacon Mr. Williams, Sylacauga, Ala., (East Ala. A.)	

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE 12th SESSION OF THE MINISTERS MEETING HELD WITH UNITY CHURCH, SYLACAUGA, ALA. THURSDAY, NOV. 7, 1957

God in His Devine power has spared our lives to meet in another Session of the ministers meeting.

Rev. Charles Hollingshead led the singing - song no. 158 - with Sister Rollins at the piano.

The Clerk called the house to order and introduced the Moderator. Rev. A. J. Lambert who introduced the speakers of the day. Prayer by Rev. T. L. Walker. Scripture Lesson Heb. 13:1-6.

Dev by Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Scripture Lesson Acts. 8:1-8.

Welcome Address - By Rev. Donald Grice of the Host Church — He gave us a big welcome.

Response to welcome - By the visitors giving a rising vote in a token of their appreciation.

Mod. read the constitution and by-laws.

10:05 A.M. "Christ in Creation" Rev. J. L. Lavender, Scripture reading St. John 1:1-14, Rev. 22:13.

10:25 A.M. - "Christ Typified in Mosaic Law" Rev. G. E. Pauley, Scripture Heb. 10:1.

Bro. Charles Hollingshead led song no. 316. Bro. Ledlow said a few words about the lunch to be served after which we had a short intermission.

Assembled back at 11:15 a.m. Singing led by Rev. A. J. Lambert. Sister Rollins at the Piano Song No. 257.

11:20 A.M. Message Rev. Raymond Tilley (Mt. Morriah A.) Scripture Acts 22:7-16, Sub. "God Speaks" Romans 6:23, Prayer by the speaker after the message. Dismissed for Lunch by Rev. J. B. Ledlow.

## THURSDAY P.M.

Open with Rev. J. M. Cobb, leading the singing with Sister Cobb at the Piano. Mod. took charge recognizing the visitors. Prayer by Bro. Owens from Chipley, Fla.

1:15 P.M. Dev. - By Rev. C. R. Puckett (Miss. S.L.A.) I John 1:6, 7.

1:20 P.M. "Christ In Incarnation" Rev. Chester Huckaby — Scripture Gal. 4:4, Isa. 7:14, Romans 8:3.

A chorus led by Rev. Charles Hollingshead.

1:40 P.M. "Christ in Redemption" Rev. Jack Rollins (Cahaba R.A.) Scripture Titus 2:11-14, Romans 3:26, Heb. 10:4, Matt. 1:21, Acts 4:12, II Cor. 5:17, Luke 19:10, Job 33:24, John 14:6, Heb. 2:3.

A chorus "Every Day With Jesus" led by Rev. Hollingshead.

2:05 P.M. "Christ in the Resurrection and Glory" Rev. Odell Harris (East Ala. A.) Scripture St. John 11:21-27.

Announcement by Rev. J. M. Dutton Jr., pastor of the 1st F. W. B. Church of Sylacauga, About the evening meal.

Dismissed by Rev. O. Z. Johnson to meet back for Supper at 6 P.M.



and the evening services at 7 P.M.

#### THURSDAY NIGHT

Service with Bro. Garrett leading the singing with Sister Rollins at the Piano. Songs No. 116, 159, 98, Prayer by Rev. Roy Barnes.

7 P.M. Dev. by Rev. T. L. Walker, (Mt Morriah A.) Scripture Psa. 133.

A solo by Rev. R. W. Ritch, "He's Everywhere" with Sister Rollins at the piano Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Ledlow sang a Duet "The Lost Sheep".

7:40 P.M. Message Rev. J. M. Dutton Jr., (Cahaba River A.) Prayer by speaker Scripture Gen. 22:1-7 "Giving God Our Best".

#### PROCEEDINGS

##### OF THE

##### 38th SESSION

##### OF THE

#### ALABAMA STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

##### HELD WITH

#### UNITY CHURCH, SYLACAUGA, ALA.

NOVEMBER 7 - 8th, 1957

After the Message Thursday Night the clerk of the Association Called the house to order for the purpose of transacting any business that may come before us. The Moderator took charge and appointed the Credential Committee, Rev. T. L. Walker Chrm. (Mt. Morriah A.) Rev. E. W. Graves, (Vernon A.) Rev R. W. Ritch (Birmingham District A.) Dismissed by Rev. J. L. Lavender (Mt. Morriah A.) Delegates were assigned to the homes.

#### FRIDAY A.M.

The service opened with Rev. A. J. Lambert leading the singing song no. 273.

8:35 A.M. Dev. Rev. Roy Barnes (Miss. S.L.A.) Prayer by Rev. L. E. Winter, (Progressive A.) Scripture Heb. 12:1, 2

Moderator scripture reading Acts 15:1 - Prayer by Bro. Burleson Standing delegates - Ministers and Deacons - seated in first 4 Pews of the church.

Report of the Credential Committee — Motion carried to receive report and read letters and seat delegates.

Motion carried to receive petitionary letter from the East Ala. District Association — Asking admission into State Assocaton.

#### ASSOCIATION AND DELEGATES

Birmingham District — Sister Mae Barker  
Cahaga River — Bro. Clarence Pickett, Mrs. Betty Davis, Mrs. Willie Mae Colley, Sister E. J. Price, Mrs. W. H. Powell, Mrs. Billie Rollins.  
Florida State Line — Letter — No Delegates Registered  
Jasper — Sister H. A. Pitts, Mr. Dewey Burleson  
Liberty No. 1 — Mrs. W. G. Palmer, Miss Mamie L. Palmer  
Liberty No. 2 — Mr. Herman Dollar  
Mt. Morriah — Bro. and Sister Brady Montgomery  
Progressive — Bro. J. P. Wilkie, Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Mrs. W. H. Ryland.

Southeastern — Letter late — No Delegates

Union Hill — No report

Mississippi State Line — Rev. Roy Barnes, Rev. C. R. Puckett

Vernon — Bro. Clyde Motes, Mrs. A. M. Wallace

Winston County — No Report

East Alabama District —

By-Laws of the Association read by the Moderator.

Visitors recognized and invited to sit with us — Rev. J. O. Fort.

Free Will Baptist Press Ayden, N. C. W. A. Thomas, B'ham, Ala. Bro. Howard, Sister Harrison, B'ham, Ala.

#### PARTIAL REPORT OF EX-COMMITTEE

ITEM I — Adopted — ITEM 2 — Adopted — And Rev. R. P. Ritch was given a rising vote of thanks for his work as a trustee for children's home. ITEM 3 — Accepted and tabled to read again from time to time.

HOME MISSION REPORT — Read and Adopted — Recommendations read and adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME — Mrs. J. M. Cobb

Motion carried to send a letter of thanks to Dr. Keith and Dr. Rosemore for their services rendered to children in the home. An offering of \$112.00 was received at this time for the home.

APPOINTING OF AUDITING COMMITTEE. Rev. L. E. Winter, Rev. O. L. Fields, Bro. C. A. Pickett.

Sister Davis sang a solo at this time. Then we had a short intermission.

Motion carried to accept recommendation of Vernon and Progressive Association and place Rev. J. B. Ledlow and Rev. W. H. Ryland on the Trustee Board for Children's Home.

11:25 A.M. Message — Rev. R. P. Ritch (Vernon A.) Scripture Gen. 42:1, 2. Prayer by the speaker, Thought "Why Do You Look One Upon Another?"

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Freeman to meet back at 1 P.M.

1:10 P.M. Rev. R. P. Ritch leading the singing, Sister Davis at the Piano.

1:15 P.M. Dev. Rev. E. W. Graves Scripture I Sam. 14:6. Prayer by Speaker.

Reading of purpose change in Constitution.

1:30 P.M. Rev. J. O. Fort spoke a few minutes to us about the Free Will Baptist Press and our Literature.

1:35 P.M. Report to Youth Camp — Sister J. M. Cobb read and adopted.

1:55 P.M. Dollar Club. No report — Bro. Cobb came off and Rev. J. L. Lavender was put on for 3 years.

Rev. R. W. Ritch was put on the Home Mission Board to come off in 1964.

SUPERANNUATION report read and adopted. Vacancy filled — Rev. L. E. Winter replaced Rev. Dave Franks. 1961 Sister A. M. Wallace Treasure 1962 in place of Sister Miller who came off.

AUDITING COMMITTEE report read and adopted.

Association Traesure report read and adopted.

Executive Committee report — ITEM 5 — Adopted, ITEM 6 — Adopted, ITEM 3 taken from Table — Adopted. ITEM 4 — Adopted.

2:50 P.M. Woman's Auxiliary Convention Report — Mrs. Claude Deason. Accepted Motion carried to Print in Minutes.

Motion carried to go into election of a General Board. See list of Officers and Board members for their names.

Motion carried that the present Ex. Board and General Board work together this coming year.

Bro. Jones put on the Board of Trustees of Children's Home from the East Ala. Association.

Motion carried that we stay in session till Business is finished.

A rising vote of thanks was given the 1st F. W. B. Church and Unity F. W. B. Church of Sylacauga, Ala. for their kindness and way of taking care of us.

Motion carried that Mod. be given Power to appoint delegates from those attending the National Association to fill the State and District Quota and this be a permanent rule.



Bro. McDonald Treasure of the Bible College made a report of the college and their work.

Motion carried that Business part of this association stand adjourn to meet with Brilliant Church, Brilliant, Ala. on Thursday morning before the 2nd Sunday in November, 1958.

Dismissed by Rev. J. J. Staab. To meet back at 7 P.M. for Night services.

The Meals were enjoyed by all.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 8th, 1957

Singing Led by Bro. Gentry, Sister Ledlow at Piano — No. 68. Prayer by Bro. Bates. Song No. 130.

7 P.M. Dev. Rev. W. E. Jones, Prayer by speaker, Scripture Luke 19:3, Thought "How Tall Should I Be?"

Offering for the Bible College - \$2.45. Solo by Rev. Jack Rollins.

7:45 Message - Rev. H. A. Pitts — Scripture II Kings 7:1-9, Ezek. 18:4 Romans 6:23, 10:13, Prov. 29:18. Dismissed by Rev. J. M. Cobb.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**CREDENTIAL** — We beg to report that we have examined the letters from the following Association and find them in order - 1. Mt. Morriah, 2. Progressive, 3. Jasper, 4. Cahaba River, 5. Vernon, 6. Birmingham District, 7. Liberty No. 2, 8. Fla. State Line, 9. Liberty No. 1, 10. Miss. State L.

We also have a petitionary letter from the East Ala. Association asking Admittance into the State Association. We hereby recommend its admission into full fellowship in our body with the provision that they send in their Statistical report and fee later. Rev. T. L. Walker, Chrm.

**AUDITING** — We find the following books to be in order — Home Mission, State Association, Superannuation, L. E. Winter Chrm.

Associate Treasure:—

#### Amount Received

Associations	\$337.00
Ministers and Deacons	71.00
Total	\$408.00

#### Spent

Officers And Past Debt.	\$ 73.00
Minutes	145.10
National Assoc. Fee	75.00
Programs	18.75
Total	\$311.85
Balance in Treasure November 1, 1957	\$96.15

#### SUPERANNUATION Receipts

Brought Forward	\$201.04	Shady Grove Church Ad'ville	8.00
Ala. Association	25.99	Shady Grove Church	
Barnsville Church	25.00	Phil Campbell	20.00
Belview Church	7.25	Mrs. Annie Lou Miller Treasure	
Carbon Hill Church	15.00	State Superannuation	\$ 61.55
East Birmingham Church	29.45	Union Hill Church	8.00
Enslev Church	5.00	Winfield Church	99.03
Gum Springs Church	20.00	Vernon Association	30.00
Jasper Assoc. Qt. Mt.	27.00	Total Received	\$662.56
Mr. Jim Nichols	1.00	Expenditures	
Mt. Olive Church	24.00	Rev. S. F. Lee	\$120.00
Mt. Pleasant Church	40.00	Rev. G. W. Flippo	110.00
New Oak Grove Church	12.25	Rev. B. M. Atkins	100.00
Rev. H. L. Kev	1.00	Mrs. M. E. Carpenter	110.00
Rev. O. Z. Johnson	2.00	Mrs. I. K. Boyett	10.00

National Superannuation	114.36	Total Spent	591.36
Other Expenses	27.00	Balance in Treasure Nov. 1,	
Total	\$591.36	1957	\$ 71.20
Total Received	\$662.56		

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Item 1. We recommend that Free Will Baptist of Ala. use standardized letter report blanks prepared by the National Association. Adopted.

Item 2. By move and second we recommend that we accept Rev. R. P. Ritch's resignation from the board of trustees of the children's home. Adopted.

Item 3. By move and second we recommend that section 2 of the Constitution be changed to read as follows.—

"The officers of the State Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Clerk-Treasure and an Assistant Clerk and an Executive Board. These Officers shall be elected every 2 (two years). Adopted.

Item 4. By Move and second we recommend a letter be sent to the churches in the State of Ala. Composed (Constitute) the State Association informing them to send all Co-operative and designated funds to the Clerk-Treasure or to the desired department of the National Association. Adopted.

Item 5. By move and second we recommend that a General Board be elected with one member being from each Association Reporting to the State Association and not less than 12 members. And from this board the Executive Board be elected. Adopted.

Rev. H. A. Pitts, Chrm. of Ex. Committee

Item 6. By move and second we recommend that the board of trustees of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home be authorized to purchase Garve Ivey's equity of the property owned jointly by the Children's Home and Garve Ivey. This property is near Jasper, Ala. This action was unanimous by the board of trustees and the Executive Board. Adopted.

Chrm. Trustee Board Rev. W. G. Palmer

Chrm. Executive Board Rev. H. A. Pitts

#### HOME MISSION REPORT NOVEMBER 8, 1957

<b>Received:</b>		Pleasant Grove Church	10.00
Union Grove Church	\$ 5.00	Promotion Sec.-Treas.	116.30
Dovetown League	5.00	South Highland Church	12.00
Mr. Kitchens	1.00	Leeds Church	3.00
Cordova Church	90.98	Total Received	\$260.63
Enslev Church	9.00	Brought Forward	297.43
Chester O'Donnell	\$ 8.35	In Treasure Nov. 1, 1957	\$558.06

Home Missions — Item 1. We recommend that Rev. E. B. Ledlow have the use of the Home Mission chairs to hold services in Alexander City, until April 1st, 1958.

Item 2. We recommend for Rev. E. B. Ledlow \$30.00 for revival Expense at Alexander City.

Item 3. We recommend for Rev. J. J. Stabb. \$30.00 for his radio program.

Item 4. We would ask every Church to send \$10.00 to the Home Mission Treasure. Mr. Lorene Ryland, 235 Branch St., Cordova, Ala.

#### CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

Receipts From Nov. 1, 1956 to Oct. 31, 1957	\$19,973.14
Brought Forward	158.59
Total	\$20,132.33



<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>Lights</b>	\$ 367.39
Salaries	\$9,189.90	Butane Gas	277.47
Telephone	292.11	Lumber	212.94
Coal	459.40	Dr. & Medicine	360.61
School Books	220.70	Bonding Co.	25.00
Insurance	96.00	Gas & Oil	641.51
Auditing Co.	25.00	Hogs	121.66
Termite Co.	25.00	Laundry	30.45
Hair Cuts	27.75		

Total 1st row	\$10,335.86		
Feed and Groceries	4,303.37		
Shoes and Clothes	659.87		
Postage and Office	535.99		
Plumbing and Repairs	194.25		
Janitor Supplies	217.11		
Hdwe. and Furniture	1,329.35		
Fertilizer and Farm	394.60		
Board of Trustees	68.10		
Youth Camp Tran.	40.00		
Total Spent	\$20,115.53		
Balance in Treasure Nov. 1, 1957	16.80		

#### Things Donated:

Youth Camp Funds	\$ 278.30		
Clothing & Food	1,643.45		
December	2,740.47		
January	141.20		
February	109.10		
	137.54		
Furniture & Clothes	562.78		
Clothing	159.10		
Clothing	838.36		
Clothing	175.00		
Total	\$ 6,785.30	\$ 6,785.30	

Money Received	20,132.33	20,132.33	
Total Offerings and Donations		\$26,017.63	
Promotional Secretary - Treasure Report - Late. The Business Session had closed when it came in.			

#### GENERAL FUND OCT. 31, 1956 TO OCT. 31, 1957

##### RECEIPTS

Cooperative	\$ 1,350.35		
Designated	371.00		
Total		\$ 1,721.35	

##### DISBURSEMENTS

State Missions	\$ 116.29		
State Superannuation	118.54		
Children's Home	200.10		
Promotional Office	202.57		
Cahaba River Home Mission	25.64		
Cahaba River Sup.	10.91		
Foreign Missions	162.91		
Bible College	55.62		
Home Missions	11.00		
Cooperative Pro.	384.90		
Total	\$ 1,251.93	\$ 1,251.93	
Balance in Bank October 31, 1957		469.42	

Charles B. Craddock, Treasure

#### CONVENTION FUND REPORT

##### Receipts by Associations

Jasper	\$ 242.50		
Mt. Morriah	160.00		
Cahaba River	205.00		
Birmingham District	175.00		
Progressive	234.00		
Fla. State Line	40.00		
Vernon	60.00		
Liberty No. 2	75.00		
Southeastern	125.00		
Liberty No. 1	50.00		
Mississippi State Line			
Union Hill			

##### Receipts By Others

State Woman's Auxiliary	\$ 140.00		
Southern Union	9.61		
Mr. Dewey Endfinger	50.00		
Total		\$ 1,566.11	

##### DISBURSEMENTS

Forbes Piano Co.	40.00		
Dixie Typewriter Co.	4.28		
Clark Sign Co.	63.98		
Lassetter Co.	1.29		
National Ass'n (Stickers)	115.27		
W N A C Badges	37.00		
National Ass'n Supplies	232.50		
The Clendenien Co.	28.84		
Publicity	40.00		
<b>Travel for Committee</b>			
Members and Gen. Chairman	190.52		
Telephone Expense	48.84		
2 Vest Sign Co.	21.62		
Platform Mats	2.57		
Dinkler-Tutwiler Hotel	308.30		
Bank Charges	.40		
Total		\$ 1,136.41	
Balance in Dothan Bank & Trust Co. Nov. 1		\$ 429.70	

This will be disbursed to the Cooperative Program as Authorized by the State Association in 1956. Charles B. Craddock, Treasure

#### REPORT OF YOUTH CAMP August 12-17, 1957

Total Enrollment 99 Increase of 30 over last year. About 40 decisions (saved rededications, full time service) A wider representation from various parts of the state. Classes were taught in Free Will Baptist Missions, League Work, Personal Soulwinning, and Music.

Instructors — Mrs. Holt, from Birmingham — Dave Franks, Guin — Annette Jones, Leeds — Elizabeth Guthrie, Birmingham — Jimmy Aldridge, Cordova, Patsy Williams, Fayette — Charles Hollingshead, Northport.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The State Women's Auxiliary Convention convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Sylacauga, Ala. June, 1957.

The Program was opened with song service led by Rev. A. J. Lambert, after song service Bro. Lambert led in prayer.

The devotional was conducted by Rev. J. M. Dutton Jr. John 3:14 was used as the scripture reading.



# CONVENTION FUND REPORT

Associations	No. Churches	New Churches	No. Members	New Members	Lost Members	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Ministers	Sunday Schools	No. Members	League	No. Members	Auxiliaries
Birmingham Dist.-	12	1	694	128	35	3	36	12	538	2	40	
Cahaba River	14		947	104	7	3	25	14	856	7	333	7
East Alabama	3											
Fla. State Line	15		2402	78	58	3	14	14	770	10	372	3
Jasper	26		3000	83		2	40	24	1463	10		8
Liberty No. 1	10		521	30	13	2	18	9	318	3	108	1
Liberty No. 2	9		724	69	22	2	34	9	463	2	55	1
Mt. Morriah	17	1	1948	102	31	1	21	10	500	2	125	1
Progressive	10	1	1055	75	32	4	15	10	583	6	300	5
Southeastern	13		1137	49	15	1	6	9	324	4		6
Union Hill No report												
Miss. State Line	20		1544	70	21	1	16	17	526	2	41	
Vernon	14		1745	63	33		15	14	743	4	163	3
Winston County No Report												
Total	163	3	14717	851	267	22	240	142	7087	52	1537	35

Value of Church Property	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Paid Children's Home	Paid Missions	Paid Superannuation	Paid Cooperative Program	Paid College	Paid for Improvements	Other Expenses	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages
72200	6000	1106	426	15					158	2	
93500	9574	2124	1861	823	101		85	4506	3378	1	
99300	9292	1235	1010	802		692	856	16117	3285		
181800	8262	2599	1011	752	248	352	355	20316		3	
50000	1911	236	454	217				1592	318		
58000	5395	537	403	40				1292	2168		
50000	10383	1554	1184	203			106	527	526		
137500	11961	876	875	813	99	728	694		13810	3	30000
65000	5976	733				303		2484			
58000	5203	845	343			8		7200			
129450	9147	1328	781	217	40		301	10314		1	4000
994750	83104	13173	8348	3882	448	2083	2397	64358	23643	10	34000



The welcome address was given by Sister Adgie Mae Deason. Response; by Sister W. H. Ryland.

Letters from Northport and Sylacauga Churches read and received. Appointment of Committee:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE — Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Mrs. W. H. Ryland, Mrs. Adgie Mae Deason.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Miss Helen Isbell, Miss Margarette Isbell.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE — Mrs. A. L. Parker, Mrs. Mayes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE — Mrs. Laraine Daugherty, Mrs. Ruth Strickland.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE — Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Mrs. Adgie Mae Deason, Mrs. Ethel Isbell.

President's message by Mrs. Clara Cobb, Using for her scripture Matt. 5:14-16. Bro. Clarence Pickett conducted song service.

Rev. Dave Franks brought the Morning Message using for his Subject Stewardship, Scripture I Peter 4:10, He also spoke on Missions.

#### Afternoon Session

Congregational singing led by Bro. Clarence Pickett, Devotion by Rev. J. M. Cobb, Scripture reading Heb. 2:1 Congregational singing led by Bro. Pickett, Prayer by Rev. Dave Franks.

The following reports were given and received.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE — We the apprec. Committee wish to thank the Sylacauga Church and the Women's Auxiliary for the warm welcome and the good dinner. Mrs. A. L. Parker and Mrs. Mayes.

Finance — No report.

RESOLUTION:—We the resolution comm. submit the following:

I. That we pay \$10.00 each of our Declamation Contest winners to help with their expenses to the National Assoc.

II. That all district and local youth chairmans be urged to promote the Essay and Declamation Contest in their respective fields.

III. That we ask National Convention to supply more material for these contest.

IV. That we pay our part of cost and have our minutes combined in State minutes.

V. Urge our churches to ask for the convention at each session.

VI. We urge program committee to get Programs out 4 weeks before convention especially to those on program.

Respectively Submitted, Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Mrs. Adgie Mae Deason, Mrs. W. H. Ryland.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:—We your Nominating committee submit the following:

President — Mrs. H. A. Pitts, Box 35, Winfield, Ala.

Vice-President—Mrs. H. A. McSpadden, Rt. 9, Box 21F, B'ham, Ala.

Sec.-Treasure — Mrs. J. M. Dutton Jr., 400 - N - 25th St., Leeds, Ala.

Program Chairman—Mrs. A. L. Parker, Leeds, Ala.

Youth Chairman — Mrs. Mary Edna Cook, Dothan, Ala.

Study Course Chairman—Mrs. Eustace Riggs, 642 Sweetwater Ave., Florence, Ala.

Field Sec. — Mrs. W. R. Ryland, 833 7th St., W. B'ham, Ala.

Respectively Submitted — Nominating Committee

Delegates to National Association: Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Mrs. A. L. Parker, Mrs. W. H. Ryland, Mrs. Chester Finch, Mrs. Adgie Mae Deason, Mrs. J. M. Dutton Jr., Mrs. H. A. Pitts, Mrs. Jack Rollins, Mrs. H. A. McSpadden, Mrs. Charles Craddock, Mrs. Clara Cobb, Miss Faye Cook.

Glorifying our father through Evangelism by Bro. A. J. Lambert Dismissed by Bro. Clarence Pickett.

#### NIGHT SESSION

Congregational singing by Bro. Clarence Pickett, "He Lives" Dev. by Bro. A. J. Lambert Scripture reading James 1:16. Congregational singing led by Bro. Clarence Pickett "Bringing In The Sheaves" Prayer by Bro. J. M. Dutton Jr.

A Poem "Just A Little Twig" was given by Cynthia Williams and was enjoyed by all. Song "Blessed Assurance".

Declamation Contest Winner Miss Mary Etta Hutton, "Thank God For Being Born in America". Song "Stand Up For Jesus"

Benediction by Mrs. Clara Cobb

#### FINANCE REPORT

Bal. Brought forward	\$ 2.25
Northport	7.60
Progressive Association	22.20
Cahaba River Association	11.90
Jasper Dist.	7.80
Cooperative Woman's Aux. Conv.	13.00
Total	\$64.75

Paid Out	
Dues National Association	31.25
Declamation Contest Winner	10.00
Minutes	12.00
Total	53.25
Balance in Treasure	\$11.50

The next meeting will be held with Howard Grove Church of Ashford, Ala., Thursday. Before the 2nd Sunday in June 1958, 13 miles South of Dothan, Ala.

Mrs. J. M. Dutton, Sec.-Treas., 400 N. 25th St., Leeds, Ala.

#### MINUTES ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL - LEAGUE CONVENTION

When in session with the First Free Will Baptist Church  
Sylacauga, Ala., June 21, 22, 1957

#### OFFICERS

President	Philip Gilbert
Vice President	Rev. Charles Hollingshead
Secretary & Treasurer	Gladys Adams
Chorister	Jimmy Aldridge
Pianist	Joe Dyer
Sword Drill Director	Dannie Sue Jones

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Five Years	Rev. W. H. Ryland
Four Years	Rev. Charles Hollingshead
Three Years	Rev. Charles Craddock, Chrm.
Two Years	Rev. Dave Franks
One Year	Rev. A. J. Lambert

#### DELEGATES

Sunday School	League
State Line Convention	Cooperative Convention
Mrs. Nina Mae Jones	Mrs. Edna Kilingsworth
Miss Dannie Sue Jones	Mrs. Etta Brookins

First Free Will Baptist Church, Northport, Ala.

Joe Dyer

Robbie Hester

First Free Will Baptist Church, Sylacauga, Ala.



Mrs. Grace Pike  
Progressive Association  
Mr. A. L. Parker  
First Free Will Baptist Church, Fayette, Ala.  
Faye Black

Linda Smith  
Mrs. W. H. Ryland  
Terry Lambert

### "SAVED TO SERVE"

The Alabama State Free Will Baptist Sunday-School-League Convention was called to order on June 21st at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Sylacauga, Ala., by the Vice President, Phillip Gilbert. Opening song was led by Rev. Charles Hollingshead.

Devotion was given by Rev. A. J. Lambert of First Free Will Baptist Church of Fayette, Ala.

A warm and timely welcome was given by Mrs. Adgie Mae Deason of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Sylacauga, Ala.; followed by response, given by Dannie Sue Jones of the State Line Sunday School Convention.

Motion made and carried to seat delegates and receive letters. The secretary read the letters.

Committees were appointed by the chair as follows:

Appreciation — Mrs. Etta Brookins, Chairman  
Mrs. A. J. Lambert  
Nomination — Rev. Charles Hollingshead; Chairman; Rev. W. H. Ryland, Rev. A. J. Lambert

Registration:—Faye Black, Robbie Hester

Sword Drill:—Mrs. W. H. Ryland

Score Keepers:—Rev. Dave Franks, Mr. A. L. Parker

Philip Gilbert gave a very enlightening talk on "What the League Means to Me". An opportunity was given to audience to express what the League meant to them. Mrs. Edna Killingsworth and Rev. A. J. Lambert express as an adult and Faye Black and Dannie Sue Jones expressed as youth.

Time to sing, Choruses led by Rev. Charles Hollingshead.

Mr. Ray Turnage gave the message of the morning on F. W. B. L. Work in keeping with the theme. He used as his Scripture bases Philipians 2:3-4. We were dismissed for lunch by Bro. Pippins of the Sylacauga Church.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Friday afternoon session was opened with singing, after which Rev. Charles Hollingshead brought a challenging devotion in keeping with Theme and League work.

Workshops were conducted by Mr. Ray Turnage and Philip Gilbert bringing new ideas on how to improve our League and how to improve officers.

Business session was opened. Motion made and carried to print Sunday-School-League minutes with Alabama Association minutes. Report of Committees: Nomination: Pres. Philip Gilbert; Vice Pres. Rev. C. D. Hollingshead; Sec. & Treas., Gladys Adams; Choirster, Jimmy Aldridge; Pianist, Joe Dyer; Sword Driller, Dannie Sue Jones; 5 Year Ex. Board Member, Rev. W. H. Ryland.

Motion made and carried to accept the report of Nomination committee and proceed to elect officers. They were elected by unanimous vote.

Report of Treasurer was approved by proper vote.

Miss Gladys Adams gave an invitation for the 1958 Session of Alabama Sunday School-League Convention to meet with the Howards Grove Free Will Baptist Church, located six miles east of Ashford, Ala. on the Ashford-Cottonwood Highway.

Mr. Turnage brought a timely message to the Youth and we were dismissed for the afternoon.

### FRIDAY EVENING

A song service opened the Friday Evening Session of the Convention; devotion was given by Rev. J. H. Dutton, Jr.

Mrs. W. H. Ryland gave the Sword Drill. First place was awarded to Terry Lambert and second place to Lorene Hays of Northport, Ala. Film, "Angels of Ebony" was shown.

Motion made and carried that \$15.00 be sent to Foreign Missions—earmarked Dave Franks.

We were dismissed by prayer by Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr.

### SATURDAY MORNING

The Saturday Session of the Convention was opened with prayer by Rev. A. J. Lambert.

Scripture reading by Philip Gilbert on Matthew 7:7-8.

Report of Committees is as follows:

Registration: 34 present

Appreciation: A vote of thanks was given for the Sylacauga Church for entertaining the League-Sunday School Convention.

Motion made and carried that advertisement for convention be paid by the League and Sunday School Convention and this information be sent out by mail from National Headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee by President.

Message of the morning was given by Rev. Dave Franks, Foreign Missionary Candidate.

Motion made and carried to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. C. D. Hollingshead.

The Alabama State Sunday School-League Banner was awarded Howards Grove Free Will Baptist Church for attendance.

The Alabama State Youth Rally will meet in First Free Will Baptist Church of Birmingham, Ala. on December 21st.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward from Previous Year	\$33.81
Collection received during year from various Leagues and Sunday Schools	59.74

### Dues Collection at Convention

League	\$10.50
Cooperative Convention	6.50
Progressive Convention	10.50
Jasper Convention	2.00
Goodwater F. W. B. Church	2.00
1st Church, Northport	2.00
1st Church, Sylacauga	2.00
1st Church, Fayette	2.00
<b>TOTAL FOR LEAGUES</b>	<b>\$ 35.00</b>

Sunday Schools	\$15.00
State Line Convention	5.00
Progressive	15.00
Jasper Convention	2.00
Goodwater F. W. B. Church	2.00
1st Church, Northport	2.00
1st Church, Sylacauga	2.00
1st Church, Fayette	2.00
<b>TOTAL FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS</b>	<b>\$ 43.00</b>
General Collection at Convention	\$ 4.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$176.65</b>

Disbursements	\$ 45.00
Minutes	



Gift for Sword Drill .....	5.00
Transportation for President .....	10.00
Foreign Missions .....	15.00
Mr. Turnage .....	25.00
Film .....	15.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$115.00</b>
<b>Balance</b> .....	<b>61.65</b>
Youth Camp Fund .....	
Balance brought forward .....	\$407.00
Gifts (10% from Leagues) .....	41.69
Progressive Convention .....	142.15
	\$590.84
Disbursements of \$100.00 to start 1956 camp which will be refunded as of June 22nd .....	\$100.00
	\$490.84

## CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

PREAMBLE: We, the Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools and Leagues of Alabama, do hereby organize as a State Convention in order to advance, promote, inspire, inform, teach and train our respective groups for greater service to Christ and the cause of our denomination.

### CONSTITUTION

#### ARTICLE I. Name

This organization shall be known as The Alabama State Sunday School - League Convention.

#### ARTICLE II. Officers

The officers of this convention shall be a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, sword drill director, chorister, pianist and an executive board of five members.

#### ARTICLE III. Representation

1. Each Sunday School and League shall send one delegate and a \$2.00 fee if not represented by a district convention.
2. Each district convention shall send one delegate for each Sunday School and League and a minimum fee of \$5.00 up to four Sunday Schools and Leagues.
3. Where the membership of the district convention exceeds four participating members, the district convention shall pay \$1.50 for each Sunday School and League and is entitled to one delegate from each.
4. All delegates are to be appointed from the laity.

#### ARTICLE IV. Executive Board

The executive board shall be composed of five members with the term of one expiring each year. The board members shall be elected as to afford fair representation over the state.

Section 1. The duties of the executive board and officers shall be to act for the convention when that body is not in regular session, to arrange programs for the convention from time to time, and to act as a promotional agency for the Sunday Schools and Leagues in general. The convention program shall be planned three months prior to convention date. The executive board may be called into session when deemed necessary by its chairman.

Section 2. The executive board shall negotiate or secure property, executive programs of construction, control, and promotion of projects this convention may undertake, consistent with the constitutional provisions and regulations of this convention. They shall hold in trust all property of the convention and shall be responsible for the upkeep; and management of same. They shall not sell or encumber the real estate or other property of this convention unless authorized by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present at a designated time for the purpose of considering such a transaction; such time of meeting must be stated in

accordance with the provisions of this constitution and the laws of the state of Alabama which govern the selling and encumbering of church property.

## ARTICLE V. Meetings

This convention shall meet on Friday and Saturday before second Sunday in June of each year at a place selected by the convention while in regular session or by the executive board.

### BYLAWS

#### ARTICLE I. Duties of Officers

Section 1. President — It shall be the duty of the president to preside over all meetings of the convention, appoint temporary committees, and to see that the convention is governed in the spirit of Christ and according to parliamentary usage of Robert's Rules of Order. The president shall call the officers of the convention, along with the executive board, into session to plan the convention program.

Section 2. Vice-president — The vice-president shall carry on the duties of the president when that officer is not present or when requested by the president. He shall assist in the general supervision of the duties of that office.

Section 3. Secretary-Treasurer — It shall be the duty of this officer to keep an accurate record of the transactions of the convention and to preserve the same. It shall also be the duty of this officer to be custodian of all monies coming into the treasury and shall make a financial report at each session of the convention. He shall disburse all monies as directed by the convention or the executive board, while the convention is not in regular session. All valuable records and documents shall be turned over promptly to his successor in office.

Section 4. Sword Drill Director — It shall be the duty of this officer to prepare and preside over all Bible quiz and sword drill programs.

Section 6. Pianist — the pianist shall assist the chorister in the general program of music and song.

#### ARTICLE II. Reports

Section 1. The secretary-treasurer shall prepare and submit a written report of all meetings of the convention while in regular session.

Section 2. All district conventions shall provide delegates with reports of condition and progress of work, which along with dues shall constitute the necessary credentials to represent in this body. Each local Sunday School and League not represented by a district convention shall likewise concur with same.

#### ARTICLE III. Standing Delegates

Section 1. All ministers who have Sunday Schools and Leagues representing in this convention.

Section 2. All Sunday School superintendents and leagues presidents.

#### ARTICLE IV. Election of Officers

Section 1. All officers shall be elected by the convention in regular session from nominations either by a committee or from the floor. This shall be due annually.

Section 2. No person shall be disqualified for re-election because of having previously held the office.

#### ARTICLE V. Alternate Sessions

The convention shall alternate the sessions every other year. Thus one year the Sunday School shall be emphasized, having the full convention program and the next year the league will be emphasized, having the full convention program.

#### ARTICLE VI. Use of Funds

Monies derived from payment of dues will be used to pay for printing of programs and minutes, for payment of postage, and in con-



nection with the general work of the secretary-treasure, the executive board and officers for the promotion of our state and national programs. Executive board members and officers of the convention shall be reimbursed at the rate of 5c per mile for travel in connection with convention activities.

#### **ARTICLE VII. Membership**

The members of this convention shall be the regular officers, the executive board, Free Will Baptist ministers in good standing, all Sunday School superintendents, all league presidents, and delegates duly appointed by the organization they represent. It shall be the duty of organizations sending delegates to see that said delegates bear proper credentials as required in Section 2 of Article II of the bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VIII. Amendments**

Section 1. This constitution and these bylaws shall not be changed or altered only by a two-thirds vote of members present in regular session.

Section 2. All amendments shall lie on the table not less than four hours prior to adoption and shall be presented in writing and shall be read not less than twice before action is to be taken upon them.

### **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 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 Freewill Baptist as our standard to look 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 of 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 members 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.

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 otherwise 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 treaties 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-Treasure, Assistant Clerk, 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 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 (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-third vote of members present; provided proposed amendment be presented in writing to the body and shall lie on the table at last from morning session prior to adoption and shall during that time be read at least twice in open session.



## ASSOCIATIONS

Birmingham District

Cahaba River

East Ala. District

Fla. State Line

Jasper

Liberty No. 1

Liberty No. 2

Mt. Morriah

Progressive

Southeastern

Miss. State Line

Vernon

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