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REV. CHESTER O'DONNELL ..... Clerk

43rd Session will be held November 8-10, 1962. At a place to be named by the Executive Board.

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Rev. John Edwards, Dothan, Ala. (Fla. S.L.A.)	2.00
Rev. Bobby Gene Register, Dothan, Ala. (Fla. S.L.A.)	2.00
Rev. W. E. Atkinson, P.O. Box 35, Winfield, Ala. (Jasper A.)	2.00
Rev. Charles O. Hollingshead, Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Prog. A.)	2.00
Rev. Milton Gann, Russellville, Ala. (Prog. A.)	2.00
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Rev. Wise Holcomb, Rt. 2, Guin, Ala.	1.00
Rev. James Waldon, Winfield, Ala. (Jasper A.)	1.00
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Rev. Carlton Lambert, Eldridge, Ala., (Prog. A.)	1.00
Rev. Billy Ray Smith, Winfield, Ala., (Jasper A.)	1.00
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Rev. Phillip Gilbert, Guin, Ala.	1.00
Rev. Roy Barnes, Vernon, Ala. (Miss. S.L.A.)	1.00
Rev. D. O. Franklin, Gardendale, Ala. (Prog. A.)	1.00
Rev. F. L. Thomas, Cullman, Ala. (Flint River A.)	1.00
Rev. Ira L. Hanks, Birmingham, Ala. (B.D.A.)	1.00
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Rev. J. L. Lavender, Aliceville, Ala. (Mt. Morriah A.)	1.00
Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Rt. I, Guin, Ala.	1.00
Rev. Jack Rollins, Birmingham, Ala. (C.R.A.)	1.00
Rev. S. F. Lee, Rt. I, Guin, Ala. (Vernon A.)	1.00
Rev. B. H. Grace, Dothan, Ala. (Fla. S.L.A.)	2.00
Deacon H. W. Grice, Rt. I, Sylacauga, Ala. (E. Ala. A.)	2.00
Deacon A. M. Wallace, Fayette, Ala. (Vernon A.)	2.00
Deacon Jessie J. Odom, Atmore, Ala. (Lib. No. 1 A.)	2.00



Deacon Ivon Stewart, Perdido, Ala. (Lib. No. 1 A.)	2.00
Deacon Herbert Cardwell, Uriah, Ala. (Lib. No. 1 A.)	2.00
Deacon Pascall Yerby, Vernon, Ala. (Vernon A.)	2.00
Deacon Coy Johnson, Fernbank, Ala.	2.00
Deacon Ross White, Red Bay, Ala. (Jasper A.)	2.00
Deacon Reese Henderson, Fayette, Ala. (Vernon A.)	2.00
Deacon H. S. Atkinson, Guin, Ala. (Jasper A.)	1.00
Deacon C. G. Roberts, Beverton, Ala. (Jasper A.)	1.00
Deacon C. M. Warren, Brilliant, Ala. (Jasper, A.)	1.00
Deacon S. O. Fowler, Dothan, Ala. (Fla. S.L.A.)	1.00
Deacon Henry Thompson, Parrish, Ala. (Prog. A.)	1.00
Deacon Luther Franks, Winfield, Ala. (Jasper A.)	1.00
Deacon Fletcher South, Winfield, Ala. (Jasper A.)	1.00
Deacon J. A. Smith, Townley, Ala. (Prog. A.)	1.00
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Deacon Virgil Aycock, Dilworth, (C. R. A.)	1.00
Deacon W. Lee Franks, Brilliant, Ala. (Jasper A.)	1.00
Deacon Paul Davis, Pell City, Ala. (Lib. No. 2 A.)	1.00

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 Rev. Grady Hudson, Philadelphia, Miss.  
 Rev. M. L. Hollis, Columbus, Miss.  
 Rev. Theodore Norred, Florence, Ala. (Muscle S. S.L.A.)  
 Rev. Paul Kettelman, Columbus, Miss.  
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 Rev. John H. Sneed, Columbia, Tennessee  
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 Deacon Junior Aldridge, Brilliant, Ala.  
 Deacon Euel E. Lewis, Fayette, Ala.  
 Deacon Dough Stripling, Fayette, Ala.  
 Deacon Paul Shelnut, Vernon, Ala.  
 Deacon R. H. Yerby, Belk, Ala.  
 Brother Ray Tumage, National League Director, Nashville, Tennessee

If you paid your fee and it is not listed right, we are sorry, and ask you to have patience with and give the registration committee time to get your name and address and fee.

There were 53 Ministers and 30 Deacons, 53 Delegates and 124 Visitors registered for the three day Session.

#### 16TH SESSION MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE HELD WITH FAYETTE CHURCH, FAYETTE, ALABAMA THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1961 MODERATOR - REV. MILTON GANN CLERK - REV. CHESTER O'DONNELL CONVENTION THEME - "ORDAINED UNTO GOOD WORKS"

9:30 A.M. Song Service by Rev. Charles Hollingshead, Sister E. B. Ledlow the - Pianist.

9:35 A.M. Devotion - by Rev. John Edwards, Scripture lesson St. John 13:3,6; John 14:2,5-8, 23. Prayer by speaker, Prayer by Rev. Cobb.

9:45 A.M. Welcome by Mr. A. M. Wallace.

9:50 A.M. Response by Rev. L. V. Collier.

Rev. K. V. Shutes introduced Rev. Atkin president of the Ministerial Association of Fayette.

9:55 A.M. Moderator Message-Rev. Milton Gann. He declared the session in order and introduced the topic and speakers in their order.

10 A.M. "Ordained Unto Good Works by Power of Redemption" by Rev. James Walden. Scripture from the Book of Ephesians. Prayer by the speaker. John 8:44, Isaiah 64:6, Romans 10:1, Phillipians 2:12, Romans 3:9-10, Rev. 5:9.

10:30 A.M. "Ordained Unto Good Words Means Giving of Self and Possessions" by Rev. K. V. Shutes-Song "Amazing Grace" II Cor. 8:5 Prayer by Rev. O. L. Field, Gal. 2:20, Malachi 3:8, Matt. 23:23, II Cor. 9:6-7, Heb. 7:5-8.

#### FIVE MINUTES INTERMISSION

Assembled back at 11:20 A.M. with Rev. Charles Hollingshead leading the singing.

Morning Message by Rev. W. E. Jones-Scripture Exo. 14:15, Rom. 10:13.

Dismissed by Rev. John Edwards.

#### THURSDAY P.M.

Assembled back at 1:05 P.M. with Rev. Charles Hollingshead leading the singing with Mrs. E. B. Ledlow at the piano. Song "I Am Thine, O Lord", "At the Cross". Prayer by Rev. Ralph Bell.

Dev. by Bro Grace, Scripture James 4:1-10, Eph. 5:18-20.

1:30 P.M. "Good Works Means World Wide Evangelism" by Rev. J. J. Staab. Scripture Matt. 4:19, Luke 14:15-24.

2:00 P.M. "Good Works Demands Walking Worthy of Vocation" by Rev. J. M. Cobb. Scripture: Eph. 3:1, 4:1, Gal. 2:14; Acts 20:19, Gal. 5:22-26. Prayer by speaker. Prayer by Rev. Milton Gann.

#### A SHORT RECESS

Assembled back at 2:50 P.M. with Rev. Charles leading the singing.

Business Session: Rev. William Atkinson offered his resignation as the Assistant Moderator. Resignation accepted by the body. Bro. Ross White and Bro. W. H. Grice were nominated. Bro. Grice declined. Bro. Ross White was elected. Motion carried to adjourn.

Dismissed by Bro. Norred.

#### CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' MEETING OF ALABAMA PREAMBLE

In order to promote fellowship, better understanding, greater cooperation and greater vision among the Ministers and Deacons of Alabama, we do ordain and establish this Constitution:

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



II. We adopt the Treaties of Faith and Practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptist as our standard.

III. The Officers of the Ministers' and Deacons' 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. Except the Secretary. The Secretary of State Association shall be the Secretary of the Ministers' and Deacons' Meeting.

V. This Meeting shall be composed of all ordained Ministers and Deacons in good standing in Alabama and adjoining States who wish to represent.

VI. FINANCE: Each Minister and Deacon shall pay (\$1.00) one dollar registration fee to help pay for the record being printed in minutes.

VII. The Secretary shall be paid (\$5.00) five dollars for preserving the record of each meeting.

VIII. DISCIPLINE: The Ministers' and Deacons' meeting is not a court to try, nor air out the faults of preachers and deacons. If they are in good standing with the State Association they are with the Ministers' and Deacons 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' and Deacons' 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 and Deacons present.

#### BY-LAWS OF ALABAMA MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' 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 and deacons 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-third 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.

The General Board and Executive Board being absent, the Moderator of the State Association appointed one. The New Executive Board is to work with the old if they come in. For this session only. General Board: Rev. A. L. Warren, Rev. J. O. Drummonds, Bro. H. W. Grice, Rev. Ralph Bell, Rev. Donald Hollingshead, Bro. Ivon Stewart, Rev. Charles Hollingshead, Rev. L. V. Collier. Executive Board: Rev. J. L. Lavender, Chrm., Rev. A. L. Warren, Assist. Chrm., Rev. L. V. Collier, Secretary, Mr. Ivon Stewart, Assistant Secretary, Rev. Donald Hollingshead.

#### 42ND SESSION

#### ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST HELD WITH

FAYETTE CHURCH, FAYETTE, ALABAMA

NOVEMBER 9-10-11, 1961

MODERATOR REV. W. E. ATKINSON

ASSISTANT MODERATOR REV. R. P. RITCH

CLERK REV. CHESTER O'DONNELL

ASSISTANT CLERK REV. RAY W. RITCH

THURSDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 9, 1961

Rev. Charles Hollingshead was the song director; and Mrs. E. B. Ledlow the pianist. We say thanks to them for the fine job they did during the Association.

6:45 P.M. Singing lead by Rev. R. P. Ritch.

7:00 P.M. Devotion by Rev. Billy Ray Smith; Scripture Rev. 2:1-5, Prayer by speaker, Prov. 23:7, I Pet. 3:15.

Song service; a special by Rev. Charles Hollingshead, Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Mr. Ray Turnage, and Mrs. E. B. Ledlow.

The House called to order by the clerk; Rev. Chester O'Donnell.

Welcome address given by Rev. A. L. Warren; a great welcome to all.

Response by Rev. R. P. Ritch.

Song at this time by the congregation.

The Associations recognized; by having the people from their Association stand. Visitors were also recognized.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE: Rev. Willie Justice, Chrm, Rev. John Edwards, Rev. Bobby Register, Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Rev. Milton Gann.

AUDITING COMMITTEE: Rev. W. E. Jones, Chrm., Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Rev. B. H. Grace.

The Moderator declared the Executive Committee to be the placement committee.

Offering received at this time. Offertory prayer by Rev. W. E. Atkinson. Offering received \$59.67.

Solo by Mrs. K. V. Shutes. "How Great Thou Are".

Keynote message by Rev. Eustace Riggs. Scripture Eph. 2:1-10, I Tim. 1:11-15, Prayer by Speaker. I Cor. 12:13; 3:3. Prayer by speaker.

Assigned to homes.

There were 2 offerings taken and were divided equal between the Children's Home, Bible College, Foreign Mission, National Home Mission, National League Board.

Dismissed by Rev. J. O. Drummonds.

#### FRIDAY MORNING NOVEMBER 10, 1961

Opened with song service.

Devotion by Rev. O. Z. Johnson; Scripture John 8:58. Song by the congregation.

Moderator Message by Rev. W. E. Atkinson, and the seating of the standing delegates.

Reading a portion of the By-Laws.

Recognized visitors and corresponding delegates.

Report of Credential Committee: Read motion carried to adopt the report and seat the delegates; Delegates seated in a designated section.

Appointment of committees: Appreciation; Rev. A. J. Lambert, Sis. Ralph Bell, Sis. W. G. Palmer.

Singing by the congregation.

The right hand of fellowship given to the Delegate of Maple Grove Church.



## A SHORT INTERMISSION

Assembled back at 11 A.M. with singing by the congregation.  
Devotion by Rev. Warren Wyatt, Prayer by speaker. Duet. 8:11-14.  
Song by the Perdido Singers.  
Morning Message by Rev. E. B. Ledlow; Acts 5:15-28. "Go and Speak the Word of Life". Rom. 1:16, Acts 5:42, Luke 9:23, Acts 2:46; 4:32; 5:14, I John 5:11,12, Matt. 28:19, 20, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:46,48, John 20:21, Acts 1:8, Eph. 4:11, 12, I Cor. 1:21, Acts 13:29; 16:31, John 1:12, Gal. 6:9, Psa. 126:6.  
Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Paul Kettelman.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Opened with singing by the congregation, prayer by Rev. L. V. Collier.  
Devotion by Rev. Jack Rollins. Scripture Isa. 7:14. Prayer by Rev. Jack Rollins.  
Report of the State Sunday School and League Convention by Rev. John Edwards. The report received as information.  
The body stood for a minute of silent prayer in behalf of Rev. W. H. Ryland, Rev. J. B. Ledlow, Rev. J. T. Quick with Rev. A. J. Lambert closing the prayer.  
Report of Foreign Missions by Rev. Donald Hollingshead; Motion carried to receive the report for information.  
The body stood for a minute of silent prayer for Rev. Dave Franks with Rev. Beasley closing the prayer.  
Rev. R. P. Ritch gave us a talk about tithing of the church treasury to our work as a whole. Report received as information.  
Report of Executive Committee on changes in the By-Laws and Constitution.  
Moved and second to adopt the changes in the By-Laws and Constitution. Constitution changes lay on the table till Saturday.  
Motion carried to accept the resolution of the General Board.  
Motion carried that the State Association pay Rev. Charles Hollingshead expenses to mail a copy of the General Board Resolution and the Sunday School order blanks out to the churches. (Bro. Hollingshead agreed to do this if we would pay for mailing and paper.)  
Report of AUDITING COMMITTEE: Read and adopted.  
Report of the National Association by Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Motion carried to receive this report as information.  
Motion carried to adjourn the business part of this session till night.  
Dismissed by Dr. L. C. Johnson.

## FRIDAY NIGHT NOVEMBER 11, 1961

6:45 P.M. Song service with Rev. Hollingshead leading the singing.  
Prayer by Rev. Jimmy Brown.  
Bro. Ray Turnage gave us a report of the 8th National League Conference.  
Song by the perdido singers.  
Devotion by Rev. Phillip Gilbert. Scripture I Pet. 5:7.  
Solo by Mrs. K. V. Shutes, song by congregation, Duet by Rev. and Mrs. Jack Rollins. "Wasted Years" while offering was received. Prayer by Moderator. Offering \$78.68. Solo by Rev. Carlton Lambert.  
Rev. K. V. Shutes introduced to us the speaker of the hour; Dr. L. C. Johnson, President of our Free Will Baptist Bible College at Nashville, Tenn. A short report of the College. Message: Scripture II Tim. 2:15.  
Dismissed by Lowell Parker.

## SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 11, 1961

Song service with Rev. Ledlow leading the singing. Prayer by Rev. Grady Hudson. Song by congregation.  
Devotion by Rev. Theodore Norred Luke 14:26-30; Heb. 2:1, prayer by speaker. Rev. E. B. Ledlow led the congregation in singing "Standing On The Promises."  
Report of SUPERANNUATION: Read and adopted. Given by Sis. W. H. Ryland.  
Report of ASSOCIATION TREASURE AND COOP. TREASURE: by Rev. Chester O'Donnell. Read and accepted.  
Report of Woman's Auxiliary; by Mrs. William E. Atkinson. Motion carried to accept.  
Report of the Executive Committee on the Constitution changes; (second reading) Motion carried to adopt.  
Report of APPRECIATION Committee; by Rev. A. J. Lambert, Read and adopted.  
Report of STATE HOME MISSION BOARD: by Rev. J. J. Staab, Read and accepted.  
Report of SUPERINTENDENT of the Children's Home: Rev. Carlton Lambert. Motion carried to accept.  
Report of TRUSTEE BOARD of Children's Home; by Rev. J. J. Staab. Motion carried to accept.  
Report of EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: by Rev. J. L. Lavender, Read and adopted.  
Motion carried that the clerk send a letter of appreciation to the professional men for their service rendered to children at the home.  
Report of National HOME MISSION BOARD: by Rev. K. V. Shutes, Motion carried to receive as information.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Bro. Foster Holcomb, Bro. W. L. Franks, Mrs. R. P. Ritch, Mrs. E. B. Ledlow, and Mrs. Louie Bates.

Motion carried that the business part of this session be adjourned till Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in November, 1962.

Song by the congregation.

Morning Message by Rev. W. G. Palmer, using for his scripture reading John 14:2. Prayer by Rev. Atkinson.

Dismissed by Bro. Bates.

## COMMITTEES REPORTS

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE—We, your credential committee, have examined the letters from the following association and found them in order. Birmingham District—9 churches—\$18.00 fee. Delegates—Sis. Barnett, Sis. Henderson.

Cahaba River—13 churches—\$26.00 fee—Delegates—Bro. A. L. Parker, Sis. Billie Rollins,

Southeastern—13 churches—\$26.00 fee—No delegates present.

East Alabama—3 churches \$6.00 fee—No delegate present.

Fla. State Line—21 churches—\$42.00 fee—Delegates—Mrs. Maude Fowler, Mrs. Ralph Bell.

Jasper—28 churches—\$56.00 fee—Delegates—Bro. Travis Carter, Sis. Lila Crowe, Bro. W. L. Franks, Sis. Dora Roberts, Sis. Leona Rubley, Sis. Robert Blackwell, Sis. Ruby Dickinson, Sis. Ada Gahagan, Sis. C. S. Tidwell, Sis. Luther Franks, Sis. Lee Ella Reed, Sis. Selma Whitman, Sis. C. M. Byrd, Sis. Patsy Chafin, Sis. Melba Carnich.

Liberty No. 2-10 churches—\$20.00 fee—Delegate—Mr. Paul Davis.

Mt. Morriah—18 churches—\$36.00 fee—Delegates,—Rev. J. L. Lavender, Mrs. J. L. Lavender.

Progressive—13 churches—\$26.00 fee—Delegates—Mrs. Milton Gann, Mrs. Nora Hodge, Mrs. Laura Hollingshead, Mrs. Sara Mays, Mrs. Reppie Esary, Mrs. P. A. Crawford, Sis. Isbell, Sis. W. H. Ryland, Sis. D.O. Franklin, Sis. Bird, Bro. J. H. Cole.



Mississippi State Line—18 churches—\$36.00 fee—No delegates.  
 Vernon—15 churches—\$30.00 fee—delegates—Sis. J. B. Tittle, Sis. A. M. Wallace, Rosa Shelton, Sis. Helen Chandler, Sis. Loren Williams, Bro. Paul Shelnut, Bro. R. T. Mixon, Bro. Clyde Motes, Bro. Eill McDonald.

We also have examined the letters from the following churches and find them in order.

Cedar Creek—\$2.00—4 delegate—Bro. Coleman Holmes.

Harmony—\$2.00—Fee—Delegate.

Maple Grove—\$10.00 fee—(\$8.00 returned). Delegate Sis. H. L. Hagood.

We recommend these letters be received and the delegates seated.

GENERAL BOARD—Whereas a dispute has arisen in our denomination concerning church government, and

Whereas some ministers in our denomination have signed an affidavit that we practice connectional church government(that form of government whereby a District Association or Conference can overrule the majority vote of a local church, and

Whereas the Western Conference of North Carolina has used the above to take the Edgemont Church of Durham away from the majority of the church and

Whereas the National Association has requested the State of North Carolina to repudiate all forms of connectional church government in said state, and

Whereas the State of North Carolina has taken no action to comply with this request, and

Whereas the Free Will Baptist Press which is controlled by men who advocate Connectional Church Government, and

Whereas The Free Will Baptist Press has ceased payment of Royalties to The National Sunday School Board and the National League Board, therefore, be it resolved that the State Association of Alabama.

1. Reaffirm our belief in congregational church government(that form of church government whereby the local church is allowed to settle its own internal affairs, it autonomous, is the highest voice of authority, and the only recourse a District Conference or Association has is to withdraw fellowship).

2. Recommend to our churches that they order their League Literature from the National League Board, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

3. Recommend to our churches that they order their Sunday School Literature from the Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Headquarters, South Pennsylvania Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma until the National Sunday School Board begins publishing Literature.

4. Send this resolution to every church in our State on or before November 23rd.

5. Release this Resolution to the Free Will Baptist Paper, Contact Challenger, and any other news agency that wishes to print it.

EXECUTIVE BOARD—September 16th, 1961, Northport, Alabama. Special Meeting(Changes in the By-Laws and Constitution).

#### BY-LAWS

1. That we drop the second heading in the By-Laws.(The Adoption of By-Laws of National Association).

2. Item 19. Drop the word. (or Adjourned).

3. Association ruling No. 2 be added to Item No. II of the By-Laws.

No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee provided the person nominated be elected. No more than one member from any one Association serve on any one board.

4. Association rulings 3, 4 be combined and made item 4 in By-Laws, and item 4 becomes item 5 and on down the line.

That we receive the letters and seat the delegates on the strength of the Credential Committee Report, and omit public reading of the letters; all letters be mailed, with the entrance fee to the State Association Clerk by 1st of November.

#### CONSTITUTION

5. Sec. II—Following the clause the Executive Board shall be elected from the General Board, Added--(The General Board shall meet, Thursday afternoon of the ministers and deacons meeting.)

6. Sec. III, Article II. A church or Association who wishes to become a part of this body, shall present a formal request, giving statistics of such church or Association, and shall become a member by a majority of this body.

7. Sec. V-Added—The assistant clerk be paid \$15.00.

8. Sec. V Article II(new)—The Local Church is an independent body so far as relates to its own government, the transaction of its business, the choice of its officers, and the discipline of its members.

9. Article II(old) becomes Article III.

10. That the clerk have some ministers and deacons cards printed to show that they are in good standing with the State Association.

This Certifies that \_\_\_\_\_ is a member of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptist and is hereby given this card of good standing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Date  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Moderator  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk

Executive I. We, your Executive Committee, recommend that a youth camp committee be appointed; consisting of Rev. J. J. Stabb as chairman Rev. Jack Rollins, Rev. Charles Hollingshead.

2. Since no church has asked for the next setting of the State Association, we defer this part of our report until future notice.

3. We recommend that a Free Will offering be taken Friday Noon at each session of the State Association and such offering to be given to the host church to help defray the expense of the Association.

AUDITING: We, your Auditing Committee, have examined the Association Treasurer, books and found them in order and the financial report in balance correct.

We have examined the State Home Mission books, and State Superannuation books and find them in order.

HOME MISSION BOARD: Report from November 7, 1960 to November 9, 1961:

Received From Former Treasurer	\$1,104.58
Total Received during the Year	453.91

TOTAL ..... \$1,558.49

#### EXPENDITURES:

Hubbard Springs Church	\$100.00	Lookout Mt. Church	\$100.00
Office Expenses	30.00	Printing	22.00
1000 Long Envelopes	6.00	1000 4¢ Stamps	40.00
Self Addressed Stamp & Pad	3.20	Circulars for Mission Work	17.50
Rent on Mission Building	40.00	Canvass and Tent Repairs	56.50
500 Addressed Letterheads	18.50		
Total Expenditures			433.45
Balance in Treasure November 9, 1961			\$1,125.04

W. H. Ryland, Sec. & Treas.

#### ASSOCIATION TREASURER:

Brought Forward from 1960	\$460.73	Ministers and Deacons	\$104.00
Woman's Auxiliary	15.00	State S. S. and League	25.00
Association Fees	345.00	Conv.	12.00
		Church Fees	
Total			\$961.73



## EXPENDITURES:

Moderator and Clerk	\$ 91.00	Executive Comm. Exp.	28.00
Visitors	100.00	Ministers & Deacons cards	10.10
Minutes	187.94	Paper and Mailing Minutes	22.36
Programs	47.18	Fee to National Assoc.	70.00
Total			\$556.58
Balance left November 1, 1961			405.15

## COOPERATIVE PROGRAM:

Brought Forward	\$44.40		
Received Designated	354.12		
Cooperative	231.62		
Total	\$630.14		
Expenditures:			
Bible College	\$67.50	Foreign Missions	\$69.43
National Home Mission	59.36	National Cooperative Prog.	146.84
Children's Home	177.88	State Home Mission	38.70
State Superannuation	34.70	Office	8.41
Total Expenditures			\$602.82
Balance in Treasure November 1, 1961			27.32

Chester O'Donnell, Treasure

Allocation of the Cooperative Funds—55% to the National Office, 15% Children's Home, 10% State Superannuation, 10% State Home Mission, 10% to Office Work. All designated funds goes to that department. Send all cooperative funds to Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Rt. 1, Ashville, Ala. Designated funds to Chester O'Donnell or to the designated department.

## SUPERANNUATION BOARD: We recommend:

1. That the treasurer send each person on payroll at Christmas a nice card with \$5.00 extra.
2. That she send at Father's Day a nice card to Ministers and on Mother's day to widows.
3. That we send special letters in June to all the churches in the State reminding them of our obligation to our retired Minister's and their widows.

## SUPERANNUATION SECRETARY—TREASURER REPORT:

By Verla Ryland

Received:			
East B'ham Church	\$76.87	North B'ham Church	\$36.48
Winfield Church	97.16	Unity Church, Sylacauga	46.85
Mt. Harmony, Vernon	15.00	Cahaba River Assoc.	100.00
Ala. State Association	25.70	First Church, Florence	46.81
Cordova Church	116.61	Vernon Church	33.44
Free Waters Church	36.00	Brilliant Church	12.64
Mr. Olive Church, Winfield	24.00	Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Quick	34.00
Howard's Grove Church	22.00	Russelville Church	5.00
Fairview Church, Trussville	10.00	Mt. Pleasant, Spratt	15.00
Total Received			\$753.56
Brought forward from Last Year			465.06
Grand Total			\$1,218.62
Expenditures:			
Rev. S. F. Lee	\$120.00	Rev. G. W. Flipppo	120.00
Rev. B. M. Atkins	120.00	Rev. G. W. Franks	170.00
Rev. R. H. Howard	80.00	Mrs. M. E. Carpenter	120.00
Mrs. Ruby Nobles	70.00	Bank Charges	2.25
National Superannuation	75.40		
Total Paid			877.65
Balance in Treasure			\$ 340.97

## TRUSTEE BOARD OF CHILDREN'S HOME

1. Move and second to accept Bro. Staab's resignation from the board of Trustees.
2. The Board recommends that the States of Georgia, Florida, and Mississippi have a Trustee from each District Association instead of one from the State at large.
3. The Board recommends that the following changes be made on the Board of Trustees: Bro. Paul Davis to replace Bro. Bishop from Liberty No. 2, Bro. J. O. Drummonds to replace Bro. J. J. Staab from Cahaba River, Bro. J. L. Lavender to replace Bro. Crawford from Mt. Morriah.
4. The Board elected Bro. W. G. Palmer as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME, ELDRIDGE, ALA.  
REV. CARLTON LAMBERT, SUPERINTENDENT

FARM PROFITS:			
Cotton	\$427.38	Hay(300 bales @ 50¢)	150.00
Garden Vegetables	700.00	Hogs, Calves, Cows,	
Corn(600 Bu. @ \$1.10)	660.00	Plowing, etc.	624.64
Frozen Foods	75.00	Canned Food(2,000 qts.)	
Milk (3,300) Gal. @ 70¢	2,310.00	@ 35¢	700.00
Pork (4,200 lb., (3,000 lbs. Dressed) @ 50¢			1,500.00
Total			7,147.02
Less Expense			3,000.00
Net Profit			4,147.02

## THINGS DONATED:

Alabama	10,145.00	Georgia	835.00	Florida	880.00
Mississippi	1,813.81	Tennessee	36.00	Missouri	20.50
Total					\$13,730.31

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED:

Dr. Gaines W. Keith, Medical Care	\$500.00
Dr. W. G. Kilgore, Dental Care	350.00
Dr. Fredrick Rosemore, Optometrist	200.00
Dr. Benjamin Meyer, (Wrist Operation)	300.00
Golden-Cross Foundation (Hospital Expense Paid	293.75
Total	\$1,643.75
Total Professional Service and Things Donated	15,374.06

## CASH SUMMARY: Exhibit A. October 1, 1960 through September 30, 1961

Cash on Hand for Deposit October 1, 1960	\$00.00
Receipts During the Period:	
Contributions and Gifts	\$25,119.38
Social Security and Support Payments	5,073.00
Sales	1,248.07
Total Cash to be Accounted For	31,440.45
Disposition of Cash:	
Deposits to Checking Account During the period	28,508.09
Deposit to Special Account-Reserve Fund	2,932.36
Total Cash Accounted For	31,440.45

## SUPERINTENDENT'S CASH REPORT: Exhibit B—

October 1, 1960—September 30, 1961

Cash in Bank October 1, 1960(Schedule 1)	26.99
Petty Cash On Hand October 1, 1960 (Schedule 4)	2.44
Cash Receipts During the Period (Exhibit A)	31,440.45
Total Cash to be Accounted for	31,469.88



Associations	No. Churches	No. Membership	New Members	Lost Members	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Sunday Schools	No. Members	Leagues	No. Members	Woman's Auxiliaries	No. Members	GTAs	YPAs	Boys Auxiliaries	Prayer Meetings	Master's Men	Paid Pastors	Paid Evangelist	Literature	Advertising (radio program, etc.)	Miscellaneous	Other	Cooperative Plan	Foreign Mission	Home Mission	Education	Orphanage	Superannuation	Associational Projects	State & National Project	Others	Valuation of Association Property	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage Property	No. of Parsonages	
Birmingham District	9	407	37	9	17	1	22	9	378	1	24	4	24			9			3473	453	368	300	797	889		48	5		585		149	25	18		87500			
Cahaba River	13	903	91	21	23	1	53	13	800	6	216	5	61						13454	1379	1195					493	434	109	3149	186	116	183			117200	15000	2	
East Alabama	3	377	58	22			16	3	239	3	94	3	32	1		3	2		5273	389	443	57	1278	2618		125	154	129	1017	97			145		92000	25000	2	
Fla. State Line	21	2910	130	80	22	2	77	20	1166	14	578	7	135	3	4	11	1		18744	2161	1949	341	5862		1079	404	488	322	1073	32	751	20		2100	208950	10000	1	
Jasper	28	3114	142	87	40	1	118	26	1514	11	390	7	88	1	2	13			23166	2425	1583	44	2669	2204		804	289	445	1390	174					222500	23000	3	
Liberty No. 1	7	487	36	10	9		15	7	235	3	134	3	36			5	3		2131	346	150		741		16	81	51		405	10					60000	3500	1	
Liberty No. 2	10	621	100	40	36	7	14	10	452	2	30	1				9			2284	636	269		1145	737			2428	10	649		660	674		2000	54000			
Mt. Morriah	18	1443	38	27	24	2	24	12	575	2	75	1	30	1		3			9458	1213							178		832				720	75000				
Miss. State Line	18	1432	62	20	16	1	62	16	711	6	209	1	10						7797	1253							32		504						63550			
Progressive	13	1355	59	40	20	1	45	7		7		6		2	1				24955	1620						1185	1184	1203	2779				25086		300333	35000	3	
Southeastern	13	1078	60	21	5			13	496	4	120	5	95			3			8203	1153	253				281	159	108	260	145	200	195		3375		112700			
Vernon	15	1881	93	36	13	1	63	13	764	4	173		30	1		2			13078	1231	590					90	77		1215	58	30				191400	10000	2	
Winston County																		NO REPORT																				
Harmony Church	1	113	4	7		7	3	1	62	1	37	1	10	1	1				950	361									39						7500			
Cedar Creek Church	1	106						1		1																												
Maple Grove Church	1	100					2	1											180	527							25								12000			
TOTAL	171	16,327	922	429	225	17	513	151	7,392	63	2,080	44	551	10	8	0	58	6	133,146	15,137	6800	742	12,492	6,448	1,426	3,319	5,455	2,478	13,082	757	1,901	902	28,624	4,820	1,604,633	121,500	13	



# DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE PERIOD:

Groceries	\$5,745.14	Home Supplies	455.44
Gas & Oil	1,299.46	Farm Expenses	1,545.81
Telephone	398.07	Repairs	272.06
Medicines	532.31	Audit	75.00
Education	991.56	Travel Expense	210.49
Washing Machine	117.00	Salaries & Payroll Taxes	12,031.60
Insurance & Bond	233.27	Shoes and Clothing	507.88
Taxes	15.75	Hardware & Maintenance	1,312.34
Office Expenses	754.10	Butane Gas and Coal	977.14
Pest Control	110.00	Returned check	10.50
Electricity	690.45		
Total Disbursements			\$28,285.37
Cash in Bank at September 30, 1961(Schedule 2)			239.78
Cash in Bank at September 30, 1961(Schedule 3)			2,932.36
Petty Cash on Hand at September 30, 1961 (Schedule 4)			12.37
Total Cash Accounted for			31,469.88

## SCHEDULE 3: Bank Reconciliation of Reserve Fund at September 30, 1961

In Account with : Bank of Carbon Hill, Carbon Hill, Alabama

Special account designated reserve fund was opened in July 1961. There were no checks drawn on this fund during this period.

Balance at September 30, 1961(To Exhibit B) 2,932.36

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: We, the appreciation committee wish to submit the following: we would like to express, as a committee, the sentiment of all the Ministers, Deacons, Delegates and Visitors that make up this State Association:

1. We appreciate our Alabama State Association.
2. We would like to express our appreciation to the Executive Personell, especially our Moderator for the wonderful way that he is so ably presiding over this session.
3. We would also like to express our appreciation to the speaking personell for all the talents they have shown in the messages they have delivered in the Association.
4. We would like to commend and express our heartfelt thanks for the bountiful meals that have been served by the host churches; and their homes that they have shared with us. We hereby recommend a rising vote of thanks by the body, for their wonderful hospitality.
5. Also, we wish to express our appreciation to Bro. James Black for the use of his sound equipment and tape recorder that we have used in this session.

## BY-LAWS

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. Anybody belonging to this session may be dismissed from the Association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.
4. That we receive the letters and seat the delegates on the strength of the Credential Committee report, and omit public reading of the letters: All letters be mailed, with the entrance fee to the State Association Clerk by the 1st of November.

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

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

7. This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

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

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

10. 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.

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

12. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee provided the person nominated be elected. No more than one member from any one association serve on any Board.

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

14. 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.

15. The "Yeas and Nays", may be counted on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. The Moderator be given the power to appoint Delegates from those attending the National Association to fill the State quota.

19. A program committee for the Association be composed of Moderator and Clerk.

20. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular 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.

SEC. II The officers of the State Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, Assistant Clerk, General Board, Executive Board, and an Home Mission Board. The Executive Board shall be elected from the General Board.(The General Board shall meet Thursday afternoon of the Ministers and Deacons Meeting.) These officers shall be elected every 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 Minister 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. III. ARTICLE II. Church or Association who wishes to become a part of this body, shall present a formal request, giving statistics of such Church or Association, and shall become a member by a majority 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) one dollar registration fee to help carry on the expenses of the State Association.

SEC. V. The secretary shall be paid (\$50.00) fifty dollars, Assistant Secretary (\$15.00) fifteen dollars, the Moderator (\$30.00) thirty dollars, Assistant Moderator (\$10.00) ten dollars for their services rendered. Board members be paid (5¢) five cents per mile as traveling expense to special called meetings. All other expenditures not specified shall be made at the direction of the body.

ARTICLE II. The Local Church is an independent body, so far as relates to its own government, the transaction of its business, the choice of its officers, and the discipline of its members.

ARTICLE III. 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-officio 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 least from morning session till evening session, or from evening session till morning session, prior to adoption and shall during that time be read at least twice in open session.

## STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

June 8, 1961

THEME: "Christ For The Whole Wide World".

The State Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened with the Brilliant Free Will Baptist Church, Brilliant, Alabama.

The program was opened with song service.

Prayer by the host pastor, Rev. Jimmie Brown.

Devotional by: Sister Lorene Ryland.

Welcome address by: Sister Ollie Webb.

Response: Sister Collins.

Receiving of Letters:

Cahaba River Association	\$24.30	Cooperative District	\$28.60
Jasper District	17.60	Progressive District	19.40
Headland, Alabama—Local	6.30	Fayette Church—Local	1.20
Total			\$97.40

Moved and second that we receive the letters and seat the delegates.

### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

NOMINATION: Mrs. Essie Collins Mrs. A. P. Lenard  
Mrs. Ralph Bell Mrs. A. L. Parker

RESOLUTION: Mrs. J. M. Dutton, Mrs. Mary Edna Cook, Mrs. A. J. Lambert.

FINANCE: Mrs. J. M. Dutton, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Fowler.

REGISTRATION: Mrs. E. B. Ledlow

APPRECIATION: Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Julia Perry.

Song: Led By Brother Ed Ledlow.

"Christ For The Whole Wide World", By Mrs. William Atkinson.

Special: By Fredia Kuykendall—"Christ For The Whole Wide World".

"The Need To Give" By Mrs. James Davis, using for her scripture reading Gen. 10:1,2.

Dismissed for a ten minute recess.

Song Service led by Brother A. J. Lambert—No. 269 "Higher Ground".

Prayer: by Brother Justice.

Key Note Message by: Sister Laura Bell Barnard, Scriptures used Acts 15:14, John 14:6, Rev. 7:9. A wonderful message was enjoyed by all.

Dismissed for lunch by Brother Willie Justice.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service led by Brother Phillip Gilbert.

Devotional by Sister Williams using for her scripture reading Ephesians

2.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

NOMINATION: We, your Nomination Committee submit the following;

President: Mrs. William Atkinson.

Vice President: Mrs. Theo Kuykendall.

Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. Nancy Childers.

Study Course Chairman: Mrs. Mary Edna Cook

Youth Chairman: Mrs. Eloise Brown.

Program Prayer Chairman: Mrs. Julia Perry.

Field Secretary: Miss Iladean Myers.

Personal Service Chairman: Mrs. Mary Smith.

Respectfully submitted: Mrs. Essie Collins, Mrs. A. P. Lenard, Mrs. Ralph Bell, Mrs. A. L. Parker.

FINANCE: We, your Finance Committee report the following:

Balance brought Forward	\$2.65	State Dues:	\$97.40
Making a total of			\$100.05

Respectfully submitted: Mrs. J. M. Dutton, Mrs. James Davis, Mrs. Maude Fowler.

REGISTRATION: State Officers	4	Delegates	18
Visitors	71	Ministers	12



APPRECIATION: We, your Appreciation Committee, wish to report the the following: We have enjoyed the fellowship and hospitality of the host Church. The lunch was a real blessing. May God's blessings be with you for these days of service and afterwards.

Respectfully submitted: Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Julia Perry.

#### RESOLUTION:

I. Be it resolved that each district secretary send the names and addresses of District and Local Officers to the State Secretary that she may in turn give them to like State Officers.

II. That the maximum amount of \$12.00 be spent for programs and advertising.

III. That the State Officers make a special effort to meet together at least one time during convention year. The President to be responsible for meeting.

IV. That we give \$10.00 each to the first place winners in the G.T.A. and Y.P.A. Declamation Contest and that \$2.50 be given to runner ups.

V. We appreciate the wonderful way the Churches have been serving meals to the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, but suggest that in the future light refreshments of sandwiches, cookies, etc., be served on Thursdays so that women of the host church might attend the session.

VI. That a Freewill Offering be taken to help take care of expense of Woman's Auxiliary Convention and guest speakers.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards gave Achievement Chart.

Northport Church A-I-Auxiliary.

Sarah Crawford Auxiliary—Jasper Association—B-I-Auxiliary

Support the National Project by Sister Barnard.

#### HYMN:

The Need to Witness: Sister E. B. Ledlow.

"It Pays to Serve Jesus".

The Need to Study by: Mrs. Mary Edna Cook.

Scripture: I John 5:10, Tim. 2:15.

#### DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION:

Mrs. E. B. Ledlow	Mrs. Lorene Isbell	Mrs. Chas. Hollingshead
Mrs. A. L. Parker	Mrs. James Walden	Mrs. Lorene Ryland
Mrs. A. J. Lambert	Mrs. Joe Ledlow	Mrs. Jimmie Brown
Mrs. J. M. Dutton		

Moved and second to accept Fayette Church in the State Association.

Special by: Phillip Gilbert. "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken".

Installation of Officers by Mrs. A. L. Parker.

Prayer by Sister Eunice Edwards.

Special offering and song.

#### NIGHT SESSION

Song Service

Prayer by Brother Charles Hollingshead.

Declamation Contest—G.T.A. "Other Sheep I Have." by Jane Hughes,

"The Labors Are Few." by Fredia Kuykendall. "Other Sheep I Have." by Jerome Brown.

Special by Linda Brown—"Holy Spirit", "Breathe On Me".

Prayer by Mary Edna Cook.

Y.P.A. Contest: "Missions" by Virginia Marrow, "Putting Feet on Our Prayers", by Clip Holland.

Special by Fredia Kuykendall, "Near to the Heart of God".

Winner G.T.A.—Fredia Kuykendall. Runner up—Jane Hughes.

Winner Y.P.A.—Virginia Marrow. Runner up—Clip Holland

Slides on Mexican Project—by Mrs. Eunice Edwards.

#### FINANCE REPORT:

Cahaba River Association	\$24.30	Cooperative District	\$28.60
Local Headland, Alabama	6.30	Jasper District	17.60
Progressive District	19.40	Fayette Church, Local	1.20
Total			\$97.40
Special Offering			46.84
Balance Brought Forward			2.65
Total			146.89

#### PAID OUT:

Printing and Postage	\$10.20	Y.P.A. Winner	\$10.00
Runner Up	2.50	G.T.A. Winner	10.00
Runner Up	2.50	Jerome	1.00
Mrs. Barnard	30.00	Mrs. Edwards	10.00
Convention Dues	43.10	Minutes	15.00
Total Spent			\$134.30
Balance in Treasury			12.59

#### ALABAMA STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONVENTION

The Alabama State Sunday School and League Convention met with Brilliant Church, Brilliant, Alabama. June 9 and 10, 1961.

The Convention was called to order by President Larry Austin.

Song service led by Rev. Charles Hollingshead. Prayer by Rev. E. B. Ledlow.

Larry Austin brought the devotion using Psalms 23:5.

The Credential Committee have examined the letters and find them in order. We, therefore move the seating of delegates." (Ralph Bell, Dorman Deal, Chester O'Donnell, Charles Hollingshead.)

The delegates were seated.

The following Committees were appointed:

1. Credentials; The Executive Committee.
2. Registration; Maude Fowler and Mary Smith.
3. Finance; A. J. Lambert, William Killen, E. B. Ledlow
4. Appreciation; Mrs. Ralph Bell, Carol Grice, Betty Ramsey.
5. Nominating; Milton Gann, Shelly Fowler, Roger Argent.
6. Sword Drill; Chester O'Donnell, Lonene Ryland, Ronald Smith, Glenda Argent.

The Workshops on Sunday School were as follows:

1. Adult—Rev. Milton Gann
2. Young People—Rev. William Atkinson.
3. Children—Mrs. William Atkinson and Rev. Charles Hollingshead.
4. Ministers and Sect.—Rev. Charles Hollingshead and Rev. Willie Justice.

After the workshops we reassembled for the morning message.

Before the message Donald Grice, Student at the FWB Bible College, sang "The Love of God."

Rev. John Edwards, Dothan, Alabama brought the message, his topic "Telling The World About Jesus." Scripture Acts 4:13-22.

We were dismissed for lunch with prayer by Rev. William Atkinson.

#### AFTERNOON

Song service followed with prayer by Rev. Ralph Bell.

Devotion was given by Dorman Deal, Dothan, Alabama. Scripture John 1:1-12, John 9:5, and Eph. 5:8.

During the Singspiration period the following specials were given:

1. Lynda Gayle Brown—Solo—"In the Garden".
  2. Carol Grice—Solo—"Footsteps of Jesus"
  3. Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Ledlow—Duet—"Cleanse Me".
  4. Phillip Gilbert—Solo—"A Child of the King".
- Rev. Charles Hollingshead spoke on "Promotion of Projects"
1. Nation Wide League Conference
  2. Youth Camp.

Workshop Period.

The afternoon service was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Willie Justice.



## EVENING SERVICE

The song service was followed with prayer by Rev. B. H. Grace, and Rev. Carlton Lambert.

The Sword Drill was directed by Rev. Willie Justice.

First Place Winner—Helen Cody—Progressive Association.

Second Place Winner—Gary Edwards—Cooperative League Rally.

There was an offering of \$13.76 taken. Bro. Franks led the offertory prayer.

Special music by a Trio from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Florence, Alabama.

The Evening message by Miss Laura Belle Barnard.

We were dismissed with prayer by Dorman Deal.

## SATURDAY

The service opened with song service followed with prayer by Rev. Jimmy Brown.

The devotion was given by the Vice-President Ross White. His topic "Tators" Scripture Rom. 12:1-11.

## BUSINESS

The minutes were read and accepted. MSC to accept the treasurers report.

The Committee Reports were as follows:

1. "We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to thank the Brilliant Church for the wonderful hospitality that they have shown us, and the good meals that they have prepared for us. We especially thank Miss Barnard for the great messages that have blessed our hearts so. May God richly bless each of you is our Prayer." (report accepted)

### II Credential Committee

1. We recommend that the President and Secretary be authorized and encouraged to send a program to each Sunday School and League in the State and the bill be paid by the convention.

2. We recommend the Sunday School and League Convention elect a youth Camp Committee.

The report was accepted. It was moved for the Executive Committee to meet with the State Association. Youth Camp Committee and work out something together.

III Registration reported. (report accepted)

Delegates 33, Ministers 17, Officers 5, Visitors 52, Total 107

IV. We, your Finance Committee, have checked the reports concerning the finance and find them in order. The amount of money is correct. (report accepted.)

### V. Nominating

We, your Nominating Committee, offer the following names to this Convention to consider for the various office positions.

President Larry Austin

Vice-President Donald Hollingshead

Sec. and Treas. Sara Lou Scott

Chorister Phillip Gilbert

Pianist Carol Grice

Bible Quiz Leader Mrs. William Atkinson

We, also recommend that Rev. Carlton Lambert replace Rev. Charles Hollingshead on the Executive Board. (report accepted.)

MSC to accept the above officers as a whole.

The 1962 Convention will meet at Dothan, Alabama.

Youth Rally will meet with Northport Church in December.

Dothan Church won the banner.

Workshops

Song service led by Rev. Charles Hollingshead.

Carlton Lambert—solo—"Ere You Left Your Room This Morning".

The morning message by Donald Grice student at the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Scripture Jer. 6:13-17.

In closing Larry Austin read I Cor. 15:58.

The Convention was dismissed with prayer by Rev. E. B. Ledlow.

Larry Austin — President

Sara Scott — Sec. & Treas.

NOTICE: Please mail all checks and information to Miss Sara Lou Scott, 604 Windsor Ct., Dothan, Alabama.

Treasurer's Report:	\$705.85
Youth Camp Fund	
Convention:	
On hand June 1961	\$27.78
Offering at Conv.	13.76
Total Dues	73.50
Total in Convention Fund	115.04
Total Both Funds	820.89

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Five Years 1966—Carlton Lambert

Four Years 1965—Dorman Deal

Three Years 1964—Ralph Bell

Two Years 1963—Chester O'Donnell

One Year 1962—W. H. Ryland

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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 I. 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.

#### BY-LAWS

##### 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 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 5. Chorister: The chorister shall direct the musical and song portions of the convention program.

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 School and Leagues representing in the convention.

Section 2. All Sunday School Superintendents and League 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 done 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 shall 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 connection with the general work of the Secretary-Treasurer, 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 5¢ 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 have proper credentials as required in Section 2 of Article II of the By-Laws.

##### Article VIII. Amendments:

Section 1. This constitution and these by-laws 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.



ASSOCIATIONS	MODERATORS	CLERKS	MEETING DATES
Alabama State	Rev. William Atkinson P.O. Box 35, Winfield, Ala.	Chester O'Donnell Rt. 1 Ashville, Ala. Ph. Lyric 4-2518	November 8-10, 1962
Birmingham District	Rev. Joe Martin Rt. 1, Jasper, Ala.	Rev. R. W. Ritch 724 12th Ave. W., Birmingham, Ala.	
Cahaba River	Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr. 400 N. 25th St., Leeds, Ala.	Paul A. Nichols, P.O. Box 6461, Birmingham 7, Ala.	1st F.W.B. Church Sylacauga, Ala. Oct. 4-6
East Alabama	Rev. Walter E. Jones 2011 2nd Ave., Phenix City, Ala.	Mrs. Dorothy Hendon 1904 2nd Ave., Phenix City, Ala.	August 11, 1962
(Fla.) State Line	Rev. Ralph L. Bell Ashford, Ala.	Mr. Wayne Love, Cottonwood, Ala.	
Jasper	Rev. N. A. Patterson Rt. 2 Guin, Ala.	Rev. W. E. Atkinson P.O. Box 35, Winfield, Ala.	
Liberty No. 1	Rev. W. G. Palmer Rt. 1, Castleberry, Ala.	Mr. Jesse J. Odom P.O. Box 676, Atmore, Ala.	Semirah Spring, Utah, Ala. Oct. 12-14, 1962
Liberty No. 2	Rev. F. C. Barber, Rt. 1 Pell City, Ala.	Mr. Paul Davis 19 N. 30th St., Pell City, Ala.	Lookout Mt. Rt. 8, Gadsden Ala. Sept. 21, 22, 1962
Mt. Moriah	Rev. J. H. Tiley, 17 Howton Sub. Div., Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Rev. Leander McAdams 416 Ala. St. Columbus, Miss.	
(Miss.) State Line	Rev. O. S. Gardner Hackleburg, Ala.	Lowell Parker, Rt. 4, Hamilton, Ala.	
Progressive	Rev. Charles Hollingshead 804 36th Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Mrs. Lorene Ryland 235 Branch St., Cordova, Ala.	1st Church, Florence, Ala. August 23-25, 1962
Southeastern	Rev. Durward Atkinson Arlton, Ala.	Chester Calhoun Abbeville, Ala.	
Vernon	Rev. A. L. Warren Vernon, Ala.	R. T. Mixon, Rt. 2 Vernon, Ala.	
Hamony Church	Rev. T. B. Lee, 303 E. 17th St., Columbia, Tenn.	Betty Lowery Rt. 2 Leighton, Ala.	
Cedar Creek Church	Rev. Louis Perry 3606 W. End Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.	Luther Holmes, Rt. 3, Hartselle, Ala.	
Maple Grove Church	Rev. John H. Sneed Columbia, Tenn.	Mrs. H. L. Hagood Rt. 3, Madison, Ala.	



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