

**MINUTES**  
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 Rev. James F. Walden, Winfield, Ala. (Jasper A.)  
 Rev. T. L. Walker, 915 29 Street, Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
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Rev. Rufus Coffey, 3801 Richland Ave. Nashville, Tenn. (Nat. A.) (F. M.)  
 Rev. Paul Kettelman, 516 Achievement Dr., Nashville, Tenn. (N. A., F.W.-B. B. C.)  
 Rev. S. W. Mooneyham, (Moderator National Association)  
 Rev. Roger C. Reeds, 3801 Richland, Ave. Nashville, Tenn. (S. S. Dept.)  
 Rev. H. E. Willis, 1200 Davidson R., Nashville, Tenn. (N. Home Missions)  
 Rev. Theodore Norred, Route 5, Florence, Ala.

## **REGISTRATION**

There were 6 Visiting Ministers, 5 Ministers and 5 Deacons who did not mark The fee paid. 20 Deacons marked paid, 38 Ministers marked paid. 32 Delegates, and 141 Visitors A Total of 247.

## **17TH SESSION**

## **MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE**

## **HELD WITH**

## **NORTHPORT CHURCH, NORTHPORT, ALABAMA**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1962**

**MODERATOR - REV. MILTON GANN**

**ASSISTANT MODERATOR - DEACON ROSS WHITE**

**CLERK - REV. CHESTER O'DONNELL**

## **CONVENTION THEME**

## **"GOD'S WORD - THE SOURCE OF INSTRUCTION"**

9:35 A. M. Song service by Rev. E. B. Ledlow, with Sister E. B. Ledlow at the piano. We are thankful for a job well done by these good servants of the Lord. Prayer by Rev. Lewis Perry.

9:45 A. M. Devotion by Rev. Roy Johnson; Scripture Romans 8: 1-14.

10:00 A.M. Welcome by Host Church, Rev. Charles Hollingshead the Pastor. Response by Deacon Ross White.

10:05 A.M. House called to order by the clerk, Rev. Chester O'Donnell. He introduced the Moderator Rev. Milton Gann.

Moderator message, and the appointment of the Business committee. Rev. W. E. Atkinson Chrm., Rev. W. H. Ryland, Deacon H. W. Grice, Duet by the Perdido Singers.

10:15 A.M. "The Plan of Salvation" by Rev. John Edwards, Scripture Acts 4:12. He gave us several types of salvation, then the plan of Salvation from Hell. John 3:7, Romans 3:23; 3:12, 10:9-10, 13; Isa. 53:6, 57:5, Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30, John 1:12, 3:3. 14:6, Prov. 28:13.

10:45 A.M. "A Separated Life" by Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, "A Half Baked Cake" Prayer by Speaker, Scriptures: Hosea 7:8,9; Titus 2:1, Amos 7:6-8, Isa. 62:10, John 17:15-17, II Cor. 6:14, I Tim. 6:3. 2 Tim. 3:5; Rev. 18:4.

Dismissed for a short intermission by Rev. W. G. Palmer.

Assembled back at 11:30 A.M. Singing "He Lives" Prayer by Rev. J. J. Staab.



Morning Message by Rev. J. L. Lavender, Scripture Judges 7:16-21, "Standing in our Places" Romans 8:31.  
Recognize visiting Ministers and Deacons.  
Dismissed for Dinner by Rev. Willie Justice.

#### THURSDAY P. M.

Assembled back at 1 P.M. with Rev. E. B. Ledlow leading the singing. Devotion by Deacon Larry Austin, Scripture; Prov. 1:7, 12:1, II Tim. 3:16-17.

1:15 P.M. "Instruction for Missions" by Rev. Lewis Perry. Scripture Romans 10:13-17, Prayer by speaker. While the Congregation sang No. 106 "Jesus Saves" an offering was received for Missions. Offering \$55.55.

1:45 P.M. "The Second Coming of Christ" by Rev. J. M. Cobb, Scripture I Thess. 3:16-18, 5:6, Prayer by speaker.

Motion made, seconded and carried to divide the offering 3 ways; 1/3 to State Home Mission, 1/3 to National Home Mission, 1/3 to Foreign Mission. Amended to designate the Foreign Mission to "Jimmie Aldridge Fund."

Song by the congregation.

Rev. Paul Ketteman gave us a report of the Free Will Baptist Bible College at Nashville, Tenn.

2:35 P.M. Business Session; Report of the Business Committee read and adopted item by item.

Item I. Insert the words "and assistant secretary" after the word "secretary". Passed.

Item 2. Article IV Insert the words "Assistant Secretary" after the word "Association". Delete the words "be the secretary of the" delete the word "Meeting" insert word "Conference" Insert the word "Serve" after the words "Assistant Secretary shall". Carried.

Item 3. Article VII. Add to article 7 the words "and the Moderator \$15.00 for service rendered". This change to be in effect immediately. Carried.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator: Rev. John Edwards and Rev. Willie Justice were nominated. Motion carried to close on these two. Rev. John Edwards elected.

Assistant Moderator; Rev. Willie Justice nominated; motion carried for the nomination to cease. Rev. Willie Justice elected.

The New Moderator was given the floor to say a few words.

Motion to adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. Donald Hollingshead.

#### 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 Ala., 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 Assistant 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 and Assistant Secretary. The Secretary of the State Association and the assistant Secretary shall serve the Ministers' and Deacons' Conference.

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.

VI. The Secretary shall be paid (\$5.00) five dollars for preserving the record of each meeting. The Moderator shall be paid (\$15.00) for service rendered.

VIII. Discipline: The Ministers' and Deacons' Conference 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' & Deacons' Conference. 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' Conference 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' & DEACONS' CONFERENCE

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 the same subject unless given permission by the Moderator.

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



**43RD SESSION  
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ASSISTANT MODERATOR REV. R. P. RITCH  
CLERK REV. CHESTER O'DONNELL  
ASSISTANT CLERK REV. RAY W. RITCH  
THURSDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 8, 1962**

Rev. E. B. Ledlow 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.

7 P.M. Song service with Rev. E. B. Ledlow in charge. Prayer by Rev. W. E. Jones.

7:20 P. M. Devotion by Rev. Grady Hudson John 17:1-10.

7:35 P.M. Special Singing; "Onward Christians Soldiers" Instrumental Ensemble. Perdido Duet "Where Will I Shelter My Sheep".

House called to order by the clerk, Rev. Chester O'Donnell. He introduced the Moderator; Rev. W. E. Atkinson.

Welcome address by Mr. Darden, Mayor of Northport, and Mr. Joe Harris from the 1st Christian Church and President of the Tuscaloosa County Ministerial Association.

Response by Rev. J. L. Lavender.

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE**

CREDENTIAL: Rev. John E. Edwards Chrm. Rev. W. H. Ryland, Rev. Jimmie Brown, Rev. J. J. Staab, Deacon Ross White.

NOMINATING: Rev. A. J. Lambert Chrm. Rev. K. V. Shutes, Rev. W. E. Jones, Rev. J. M. Cobb, Rev. Willie Justice.

AUDITING: Rev. Milton Gann Chrm. Rev. Warren Wyatt, Deacon Larry Austin.

USHER: Deacons W. H. Grice, A. M. Wallace, Clyde Motes, Shelly Fowler.

Report of the General Board;

Item No. 1: We recommend to this body that we receive 2 offerings and they be divided 50% to the State and 50% to the National Coop. Program. The State 50% be divided 1/3 to Home Mission, 1/3 to Superannuation and 1/3 to Childrens' Home. Passed.

The people from the different Associations stood as the name of their Association was called. The visitors were recognized.

Offering: Offertory prayer by Rev. W. E. Atkinson. \$38.65.

8 P. M. Keynote Message "Thy Word is Truth" by Rev. W. Stanley Mooneyham, Scripture Rev. 2:1-7. (The Church).

Placement Committee: Rev. J. L. Lavender Chrm. Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, Rev. Donald Hollingshead, Deacon H. W. Grice, Deacon Dorman Deal.

Dismissed by Rev. Roger Reeds.

**FRIDAY MORNING NOVEMBER 9, 1962**

9:15 A.M. opened with Rev. R. P. Ritch leading the singing. Prayer by Bro. Paul Davis.

9:25 A.M. Devotion by Rev. Louie Bates, "Witnessing for the Lord" Acts 5:20.

Singing by the congregation. A special prayer for the Officers and committees of the Association led by Rev. Carlton Lambert.

9:45 A.M. Moderators' message and seating of standing Delegates.

9:55 A.M. Recognize Vistors and corresponding Delegates.

10:00 A.M. Report of Credential Committee. Read and received.

Motion carried to receive the Association Letters and delegates and local church be received.

Motion made, seconded and carried to receive Flint River Association into the State Association.

The right hand of fellowship was given to the Flint River Association, by the Officers of the State Association.

Appointment of appreciation committee: Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Rev. A. L. Harris, Rev. Lewis Perry.

Song by the Congregation. "Since Jesus Came into My Heart".

Rev. Roger Reeds with the National Sunday School Board gave us a report of the Sunday School work.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the State program flexible. Dismissed for a short intermission by Bro. J. B. Tittle.

**INTERMISSION**

ASSEMBLED BACK AT 11 O'clock singing "Have Faith In God."

Prayer by Rev. Jimmie Brown.

11:00 A.M. Devotion by Rev. F. L. Thomas Scripture I Tim. 4:12-16.

Congregation singing "I Will Sing The Wondrous Story."

We were honored at this time to have the Governor visit with us. Mr. L. C. Winters introduced to us the GOVERNOR JOHN PATTERSON. Governor Patterson introduced his wife and others in his party. Then gave us a short talk about the work of the state.

Partial report of the Trustee Board of children's Home. Changes in the Constitution of the Home. Motion carried to table.

Congregation sang "Break Thou The Bread of Life".

Morning Message by Rev. Hancel Hollis. Scripture Romans 1:15-16, Matt. 7:24, 25.

Offering for the Host Church. Offertory prayer by Rev. R. P. Ritch. Amount of offering \$60.42. Dismissed by Rev. T. L. Walker.

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

Opened with congregation singing "At the Cross." Rev. R. P. Ritch in charge. Prayer by Rev. Donald Hollingshead. Song "Amazing Grace."

1:05 P. M. Devotion by Rev. Orbie Pearce.

Report of Credential Committee: Read and accented. Final report.

Report of State Woman's Auxiliary Convention by Mrs. W. E. Atkinson. Motion carried to accept.

Report of State League and Sunday School Convention by Mrs. Maud Fowler. Read and accepted by proper move and second.

Singing by the congregation "I Am Thine O Lord."

Report of National Foreign Mission by Rev. Rufus Coffee.

Report of the General Board: Item 2, and 3. Motion carried to receive and take it up item by item. Item 2. Carried. Item 3. Carried.

Song "Send The Light" by the congregation.

Report of the State Superannuation Board; By Mrs. W. H. Ryland. Motion carried to accept.

Rev. Paul Kettelman gave a report of the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Song "He Keeps Me Singing" by the congregation.

Report of National Home Missions by Dr. Homer E. Willis.

Motion to adjourn till 6:30 P.M. Dismissed by Bro. W. L. Franks.

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

Opened with the congregation singing "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus." Prayer by Rev. O. Z. Johnson. Rev. J. M. Cobb presiding. Rev and Mrs. Jack Rollins sang a duet at this time.

Report of the National Association by Rev. Carlton Lambert. Motion carried to receive this report as information. "Rescue The Perishing" by the Congregation. Duet by the Perdido Singers.

Rev. Dave Franks Missionary to South America showed some slides of the work in Brazil. Evening offering: offertory prayer by Rev. J. M. Cobb. Offering \$35.40. Song by the congregation "Bring Them In."

Special Singing: Trio (Mrs. Shirley Justice, Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Rev. Carlton Lambert. Mrs. E. B. Ledlow at the Piano).



Evening message by Rev. Dave Franks, Missionary to Brazil. Scripture Matt. 18:15-20, 28:19, Romans 12:1, Heb. 15:13, I Tim. 2:1. Prayer by speaker. Invitation song "I Surrender All". Dismissed by Rev. A. J. Lambert.

#### SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 10, 1962

##### PRESIDING REV. JOHN EDWARDS

Service opened with singing "Revive Us Again". Prayer by Bro. Shelly Fowler. Song "We Have An Anchor", "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus". Solo by Rev. Carlton Lambert "Sweet Hour of Prayer".

Devotion by Rev. T. B. Calloway; Scripture Matt. 9:33, John 4:35, Acts 16:.

Report of Appreciation committee: by Rev. O. Z. Johnson. Motion carried to accept.

Report of Auditing committee by Rev. Milton Gann. Motion carried to accept.

Song "Love Lifted Me" by the congregation.

Report of Associational Clerk-Treasurer by Rev. Chester O'Donnell. Motion carried to accept.

Report of the Chrm. of the Trustee Board of the Children's Home; Rev. W. G. Palmer. Motion carried to accept report as read and adopt item by item. Item 1-2, Combined Adopted, Item 3. Adopted, Item 4. Adopted, Item 5. Adopted. Motion made seconded and carried to take item from the table for a vote.

The congregation stood while we sang "Praise Him, Praise Him."

Report of the National Ex. Board by Rev. E. B. Ledlow.

Report of superintendent of Children's Home; Rev. Carlton Lambert. Motion carried to accept.

##### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion made seconded and carried to go into election of officers for the coming two (2) years. For Moderator: Rev. W. E. Atkinson, Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Rev. K. V. Shutes, Rev. R. P. Ritch were nominated. Motion carried to close on these (4) four and we elect. Rev. W. E. Atkinson elected. ASSISTANT MODERATOR: Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Rev. R. P. Ritch, Rev. J. M. Cobb. Motion carried to close on these (3) three and elect. Rev. R. P. Ritch elected. CLERK - TREASURE: Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Rev. Ray W. Ritch, Rev. Chester O'Donnell, were nominated. Motion carried to close on these (3) three and elect. Rev. E. B. Ledlow elected. ASSISTANT CLERK Rev. Ray W. Ritch, Rev. Carlton Lambert, Rev. Jack Rollins were nominated. Motion carried to close on these (3) Three and elect. Rev. Ray W. Ritch elected.

Report of Executive Committee; By Rev. Joe B. Ledlow. Motion carried to accept report and take it up item by item. Item I carried. Item 2 carried.

Motion carried to adjourn for dinner and come back and have the Message First. Dismissed by Rev. Theodore Norred.

##### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Assembled back at 12:50 P.M. Song "Have Faith in God". Prayer by Sister W. E. Atkinson. Song "Send The Light".

Moved, seconded and carried to dispense with the message. Alter of prayer.

Motion made, seconded and carried that in the future that we give way for the message by 11:15.

Report of the Nominating committee; Read and accepted.

For Home Mission; accepted. No other nominations.

General Board: Progressive Jimmie Brown placed in Nomination with Rev. Milton Gann. Rev. Milton Gann elected. Jasper Rev. O. Z. Johnson elected. Vernon, Rev. K. V. Shutes elected. The others were elected as recommended.

Superannuation board retained with this change. Rev. Walter Jones, be added and Mrs. K. V. Shutes replace Sis. E. B. Ledlow.

Motion made and seconded that the General board elect the Ex. board. Defeated.

Executive Board: Rev. Jack Rollins, Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, Rev. Milton Gann, Rev. K. V. Shutes, Deacon Larry Austin were nominated. Motion carried to close on these six and vote for five. Deacon Larry Austin was eliminated.

Youth Camp Committee: Rev. Walter E. Jones Chrm. Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, Rev. John Edwards. Charles Hollingshead, Rev. W. E. Atkinson.

Delegates to National Association: Mr. Larry Austin, Sister A. J. Lambert, Mrs. A. M. Wallace, Mrs. E. B. Ledlow, Mrs. Charles Hollingshead.

Motion made and seconded that we adopt the support of the (3) three missionaries from Ala. to the mount of \$325.00 per month and allocate to each Association \$25.00 per month. Defeated.

Motion carried to adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. K. V. Shutes.

##### COMMITTEE REPORTS

CREDENTIAL: - We your credential committee have examined the letters from the following associations and churches and found them in order.

Birmingham District - 9 churches - \$18.00 fee. Delegates; Mrs. A. H. Barnett, Mrs. Delphia Langford.

CAHABA RIVER: - 13 churches - \$26.00 fee - Delegates; Bro. R. H. Howard, Mrs. A. L. Parker.

EAST ALABAMA: - 4 churches - \$8.00 fee. Delegates; Mr. H. W. Grice.

FLA. STATE LINE: - 20 churches - \$40.00 fee - Delegates; Mr. and Mrs. Shelly Fowler.

JASPER: - 28 churches - \$56.00 fee. - Delegates; Mr. W. L. Franks, Helen Tittle, Mrs. W. L. Franks, Martha Yocum, Roy Palmer, James Frame, Lee Ella Reed. Mr. Travis R. Carter.

LIBERTY NO. 1. - 7 churches: - \$14.00 fee. - Delegates: Miss Mamie Lou Palmer, Mrs. Ivan Stewart. Miss Patsy Chafin.

LIBERTY NO. 2. - 9 churches; - \$18.00 fee. - Delegates; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Davis.

MISS. ALA. STATE LINE: - 18 churches; - \$36.00 fee. - No delegate.

MT. MORIAH: - 18 churches; - \$36.00 fee. - Delegates. Rev. T. L. Walker.

PROGRESSIVE: - 13 churches; - \$26.00 fee. - Delegates; Sis. Rippie Essary, Ada Flippo, Sis. Deliska Pickett, Sis. A. J. Lambert, Sis. Lorene Ryland.

VERNON: - 15 churches; - \$30.00 fee. - Delegates; Euline Moore, A. M. Wallace, Wilma Mixon, D. G. Johnson, J. K. McAdams, E. W. Rogers, S. Y. Shelton.

Maple Grove Church - \$2.00 fee. - Delegate T. E. Lowery.

We recommend that the Flint River Association be received into this Alabama State Association. Passed.

We recommend that the Free Will Baptist Mission in Huntsville, Ala. be received into the Ala. State Association under the watch care of the State Home Mission board. We future recommend that their delegate be seated in this session. Passed.

GENERAL BOARD: We recommend to you that we receive (2) two offerings during this session and they be divided 50% to the State and 50% to the National Cooperative Program. The State 50% be divided as follows: 1/3 to Children's Home, 1/3 to Home Mission, 1/3 to superannuation.

2. We recommend that Rev. W. S. Mooneyham be paid his expenses from the Treasure. (Guest Speaker) The clerk be so advised.

3. We recommend to our churches to divide their money to National Home Mission and State Mission more equal.

EXECUTIVE: We recommend to each pastor to urge his church and Association to send an offering to the host church to help entertain the State Association.

2. As we don't have the money to build a youth Camp; We recommend that a Camp Ground Committee be appointed to rent a camp site



for State Association; for State Youth camp in 1963.

AUDITING: We your auditing committee have examined the financial record of the following; 1. Children's Home, 2. State Home Mission, 3. Association Treasure, 4. Superannuation, and have found them in order.

#### ASSOCIATION TREASURER:

Received:		Paid out:	
Brought forward from 1961	\$405.15	Officers	\$110.00
Associations fees	336.00	Minutes	232.90
Churches fee	14.00	Programs	51.46
Ministers and Deacons	118.00	Executive Comm. Expenses	17.00
Woman's Auxiliary	30.00	Fee to National Assoc.	70.00
Sunday Scho. & Leag. Conv.	25.00	Refund to Maple Grove Ch.	8.00
Total	\$928.15	Total	\$489.36
Balance left Nov. 1, 1962	\$438.79		

#### COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Received From:		Cooperative Designated	TOTAL
Brought Forward			\$ 27.32
Offering at the State Association:		\$138.35	
Holms Church	\$133.11		
Pine Grove Church		25.00	
Sulpher Springs Church	174.14		
Fayette Church	10.05		
Mrs. Irma O'Donnell		5.00	
Union Grove Church		50.00	
White Rock Church	30.00		
Total	\$347.30	\$218.35	\$565.65
Grand Total			\$592.97

Expenditures:		State	Total
National			
Cooperative Program	\$177.25	Children's Home	\$ 79.02
Foreign Mission	82.17	Home Mission	44.74
Home Mission	27.67	Superannuation	39.24
Bible College	32.17	Office	39.92
League	27.67		
Total	\$346.93		\$202.92 \$549.85

Balance in Treasure November 1, 1962 \$43.12

Chester O'Donnell Clerk-Treasure

Allocation of the Cooperative Funds - 55% to the National Office, 15% to the Children's Home, 10% to State Home Missions, 10% to State Superannuation, and 10% to the office work. All designated funds goes to that department. Send all cooperative funds to Rev. E. B. Ledlow 504 Green Ave., Cordova, Ala. Send all designated funds to the same or to the designated department.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD: We our Superannuation Board would like to go on record as paying special tribute to Rev. G. W. Franks for his faithful ministry in our State in the name of our blessed Lord. May we stand in a moment of silent prayer with Rev. Walter Jones closing the prayer. Mrs. Verla Ryland Sec.

Monies Received:

Winfield Church	\$ 94.08	St. James Church	\$65.77
E. B'ham Church	85.98	Rev. & Mrs. J. T. Quick	43.00
N. B'ham Church	43.95	Unity Church	74.63
Mt. Olive Church	33.91	Fairview Church	80.00
Vernon Church, Vernon	35.37	Springfield Church	15.00
Cordova Church	147.70	Shady Grove Church	9.42

Florence Church	62.97	Goodwater Church Dothan	10.00
Brilliant Church	12.62	Mt. Pleasant Church Sprott	3.00
Ensley Church	10.00	Ala. State Association	44.54
Free Waters Church	18.00	Piney Grove Church	1.50
White Rock Church	8.60	Union Springs, Dothan	4.12
			4.25
First Free Will Baptist Church, Opelika			2.50
Hickory Grove Church, Abbeville			70.14
State Line Association, Midland City			13.40
State Line Sunday School Convention			\$ 994.43
Total Received			340.97
Brought forward from last year			\$1,335.40
Grand Total			1,119.07
Paid Out			\$ 216.33
Balance in treasure			

Mrs. Verla Ryland Sec. and Treas.

#### PAID OUT

Rev. S. F. Lee, Rt. 1, Guin	\$ 125.00
Rev. G. W. Flippo, Rt. 2, Guin	125.00
Rev. B. M. Atkins, Townley	125.00
Rev. R. H. Howard, Rt. 1, Sterrett	125.00
Rev. J. T. Quick, Rt. 1, Cullman	105.00
Rev. G. W. Franks, Cordova	20.00
Mrs. Annie Franks, Attalla Rt. 3	125.00
Mrs. Ruby Nobles, Rt. 1, Cottonwood	125.00
Mrs. M. E. Carpenter, Rt. 1 Box 825, Orange Park, Fla.	99.94
10% to National Superannuation	7.05
Mailing cards in June	12.08
Bank Charges	
Total paid out	\$1,119.07

#### ALABAMA STATE HOME MISSION BOARD

Nov. 8, 1961 To Nov. 8, 1962

Balance in treasure Nov. 8, 1961	\$1,125.04
Total received during the year	1,232.32
Total	\$2,357.36

#### PAID OUT

To the Montgomery Mission and Church	\$ 890.24
Gift to the Montgomery Church	100.00
Lumber, Bolts, Paint, Signs, Supplies and repairs on Tent	111.80
Mission and Church of Pleasant Hill Rt. 2, Blountsville	171.00
Gift to the New Pleasant Hill Church	100.00
Gift to the White Rock Church	100.00
Printing, Circulars, Postage, Letters and Office supplies	140.50
Traveling to Huntsville and Decatur in interest of Missions	40.00
Total amount paid out	\$1,653.54
Total cash	2,357.36
Balance cash on hand	\$ 703.82

Rev. W. H. Ryland Sec. and Treas.  
901 Ridge Place  
Birmingham 14, Alabama

#### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Reverend William E. Atkinson, Moderator November 3, 1962  
Box 35  
Winfield, Alabama  
Dear Brother Atkinson:

On behalf of the entire missionary family in Alaska, Canada, Hawaii, Mexico, and through the continental United States - greetings!



Associations	No. Churches	No. Membership	New Members	Lost Members	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Sunday Schools	Leagues	No. Members	Woman's Auxiliaries	No. Members	GTAs	YPAs	Boy's Auxiliaries	Prayer Meetings	Master's Men	Paid Pastors	Paid Evangelists	Building and Repair	Literature	Advertising (radio program, etc.)	Miscellaneous	Other	Cooperative Plan	Foreign Missions	National, State, Local, Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Superannuation	Associational Projects	State & National Project	Others	Value of Association Property	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage Property	No. of Parsonages	
Birmingham District	9	387	23	18	18	7	21	9	1	40		10				5		3371	472	4008	288		1388	116		15			340		39		66		82000			
Cahaba River	13	1017	95	16	29	2	61	13	8	260	7	75				12		15782	1917	5051	1181					624	606	566	2945	307						189700	15200	2
East Alabama	4	426	63	27	9	3	18	4	4	186	4	42				4	2	7205	467	4358	792	84	5895	300		122	442	294	918	157	15	68				103500	15000	2
Fla. State Line	20	2883	108	45	19	8	85	20	16	645	7	112	4	5		10	1	20396	2341	16197	2209	303	62	3811	1189	461	390	284	893	61	630	329	93			228900	10000	1
Flint River	8		84	8	11	3	30											2267	1851	6506						82	82	117					279					
Jasper	28	2885	112	81	40	1	120	28	10	380	8	82	1	1		12		25335	2565	6360	1925	70	4050			807	498	827	1616	220						228500	23000	3
Liberty No. 1	7	445	22	16	9		16	7	4	151	3	31			1	4	2	2566	361	3289	175		1098			68	131	106	560	17	105					65000	3500	1
Liberty No. 2	9	622	53	22	28		16	9								8		3112	627	3597	387			2285			56	45	814					1550	65000			
Miss. State Line	18	1441	83	35	17		58	14	5	211	2	25						8951	1606	10574							32		237		158				70087			
Mt. Moriah	18	1691	51	36	26	1	54	12	2		1					5		10443	1420	1000	75						443		928						250000			
Progressive	13	967	203	35	18	1	38	10	39	542	6		4	4		13	1	25946	1764		1219			23601	241	1192	1273	1665	1883	265						328025	35000	2
Southeastern	13	1091	46	19	7			13	3		6							889	1080				1120		133	247	298	235					1120					1
Vernon	15	1924	44	25	15	1	68	14	7	224		26	2	2		5		12784	1439	5326	403					97	85		1088	105						106900	10000	2
Huntsville Mission								1	1	16																												
Winston County																																						
Harmony Church																																						
Maple Grove Church	1	100	8	1	2		2	1	1	30	1	15						1522		290	180			700			25		60				10		10500			
Total	176	15879	995	383	248	27	587	155	101	2685	45	418	11	12	2	78	6	148569	18082	66556	8834	457	13613	30813	1586	3715	4361	4089	12282	1132	947	397	1568	1550	1728112	111700	14	



The board of National Home Missions wishes to express thanks to each of your churches, ministers, and members for their prayers and gifts this past year.

Your quota for 1962 was set at \$3,000.00 and to date you have given \$2,529.33.

We need your support now more than ever in the past, and feel that Free Will Baptists of Alabama will continue to pray and give to the National Home Missions cause.

Eight new states became members of the National Association this year as a result of National Home Missions work. Idaho, Colorado, Iowa, and Kansas were among them. Other new areas added recently are — Alaska, Washington, District of Columbia, Oregon, and the work in Old Mexico.

May this be a great session of your State Meeting.

Sincerely and earnestly,  
Homer E. Willis

P. S. Please urge your churches to:

1. Send their Vacation Bible School offering to National Home Missions.
2. Place this department of work in their church budget.
3. Observe November as National Home Missions Month.
4. Receive a special offering on Sunday, November 18, which is National Home Missions Sunday.

**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**  
**November 2, 1962**

Free Will Baptist Children's Home  
Eldridge, Alabama

Dear Sirs:

We have examined the records of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home for the twelve months period ended September 30, 1962. Our examination consisted of a detailed audit of cash receipts and disbursements made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and included such tests and auditing procedures we considered necessary.

In our opinion the following statements of receipts and disbursements present fairly the results of operations of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home for the twelve months period ended September 30, 1962.

Very truly yours,  
Black and Black  
Public Accountants  
J. E. Black

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**  
**ELDRIDGE, ALABAMA**  
**SUPERINTENDENT'S CASH REPORT**  
**October 1, 1961 Through September 30, 1962**

	Checking Account	Reserve Fund	Petty Cash	Total
Balance September 30, 1961	\$ 239.78	\$2,932.36	\$12.37	\$ 3,184.51
Additions during the period				
Contributions	23,224.21			23,224.21
Transfer of Funds	500.00		50.00	550.00
Social Security & Sup. Pay.	5,233.20			5,233.20
Sales	295.21			295.21
Total Additions	\$29,252.62		\$50.00	\$29,302.62

Total Cash to be acc'd for	\$29,492.40	\$2,932.36	\$62.37	\$32,487.13
Disbursements During the period				
Transfer of funds	\$ 50.00	500.00		\$ 550.00
Salaries	10,383.95			10,383.95
Groceries	5,626.31		30.69	5,657.00
Shoes and Clothing	478.91		17.67	496.58
Office Expense	758.98		2.75	761.73
Hardware and Supplies	1,346.69			1,346.69
Gas and Oil	956.11		2.00	961.11
Gas (Heat) Butane Cooking, Etc.	642.47			642.47
Pest Control	100.00			100.00
Telephone	378.86			378.86
Power (electricity)	780.97			780.97
Home Supplies	780.47			780.47
Education	938.29	250.00	9.26	1,197.55
Farm Expenses	2,056.34			2,056.34
Medical Expense	479.70			479.70
Insurance	322.95			322.95
Travel	448.20			448.20
Coal (Heat)	158.41			158.41
Audit Expense	75.00			75.00
Repair and Expense of Vehicles	1,044.51			1,044.51
Social Security Taxes	1,365.35			1,365.35
Other Taxes	29.17			29.17
Returned Checks	19.25			19.25
Truck Bed	60.00			60.00
Purchase of horse	100.00			100.00
Pump		411.43		411.43
Furnace Grates		296.00		296.00
Total Disbursements	\$29,383.89	\$1,457.43	\$62.37	\$30,903.69
Balance September 30, 1962	\$ 108.51	\$1,474.93	\$	\$ 1,583.44

Carlton Lambert Superintendent

FARM PROFIT:	
Garden Vegetables	\$ 750.00
Corn (1200 Bushels @ \$1.10 a Bushel)	1,320.00
Frozen Foods	60.00
Milk (3,650 Gallons @ 70c a gallon)	2,555.00
Pork (4,000 lbs.; 2,700 lbs. dressed @ 50c lb.)	1,350.00
Hay (600 bales @ 50c a bale)	300.00
Canned Foods (1,000 qts. @ 35c a qt.)	350.00
Cotton	150.00
Sales	47.70
GROSS PROFIT	\$6,882.70
Less Expense	2,500.00
Net Profit	\$4,382.70

**THINGS DONATED 1961-1962**

Alabama	\$7,494.91	Georgia	\$ 773.68
Florida	1,082.47	Illinois	268.00
Missouri	109.00	Texas	10.00
Mississippi	1,523.28	Tennessee	41.90
North Carolina	12.00	Kansas	36.00
Hall Bros. Sporting Goods			1,000.00
Total			\$12,351.24

Professional Services Rendered.	
Dr. Gaines W. Keith, M.D.	\$ 500.00
Dr. Benjamin Meyers, Orthopedics	100.00



Dr. Ned Cargile, Dentist	200.00	
Dr. Frederic Rosemore, Optometrist	200.00	
Total	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Total things donated and professional services rendered		\$13,351.24

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

1. We the board of Trustees recommend that Bro. A. H. Barnett be placed on the board of Trustees from the Birmingham District Association to replace Bro. R. W. Ritch. Bro. Coleman D. Holmes be placed on the board of trustees from the Flint River Association.

2. We the Board of Trustees recommend that each District Association before recommending a man to be a member of the Board of Trustees first contact said person to see if they be willing to serve.

3. We the board of trustees recommend that Bro. Carlton Lambert be given \$100.00 as a Christmas present in appreciation for his services rendered.

4. We the Board of Trustees recommend that the clerk of the State Association write a letter of appreciation to the professional men for their services rendered to the children at the home.

5. We recommend that in article 9 the following States: Miss., Fla., and Ga., be inserted after the word Ala.; This portion of the article will then read: The management and control of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home shall be vested in a Board of Trustees all of whom shall be members of the original Free Will Baptist Church of either Ala., Miss., Fla., and Ga.

6. We recommend that Article 10 be amended as follows: "The States of Miss., Fla., and Ga., shall have at least one member and not more than three members from each State."

APPRECIATION: We the appreciation committee recommend that the Association give the Host Church a standing vote of thanks for the outstanding hospitality which they have shown to us throughout this Associational meeting.

NOMINATING: We the Nominating Committee recommend the following persons for the home missions board; Rev. J. J. Stabb Chrm. Rev. W. H. Ryland, Rev. John Edwards, Rev. F. L. Thomas, Rev. K. V. Shutes, Deacon H. W. Grice.

2. General Board. Birmingham District - Cahaba River; East Ala. Rev. Joe B. Ledlow. (Fla.) State Line; Deacon Larry Austin. Flint River; Rev. Lewis Perry Jasper; Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Liberty No. 1; Deacon Ivan Stewart, Liberty No. 2; Rev. Chester O'Donnell, (Miss.) State Line; Rev. Roy Barnes, Mt. Moriah; Rev. J. L. Lavender, Progressive; Rev. Milton Gann, Southeastern; Rev. Durward Adkinson, Vernon; Nominated from the floor.

#### 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 let-

ters: 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 Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or 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 th 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 a 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 yars.

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. 3. 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, 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 (5c) 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 3. 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 3. 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

##### THEME: "Teach Me To Pray"

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

The program was opened with song service; Prayer by the host pastor, Brother John Edwards.

A letter of greeting from Mrs. Eunice Edwards was read by Mrs. William Atkinson.

Devotional by: Sister Shirley Justice.

Welcome Address by: Mrs. Larry Austin.

Response: Sister Charles Hollingshead.

Receiving of letters:

Cahaba River Association District	\$13.80
Cooperative District	23.57
Progressive District	40.60
Fayette Church - Local	2.40
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	\$80.37

Moved and second that we receive the letters and seat the delegates. The letter from the Jasper district was received later \$13.20.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

NOMINATION: - Mrs. Lois Collins, Mrs. Pearlina Watson, Mrs. E. B. Ledlow, Mrs. Annette Tomlinson.

Mrs. Charles Hollingshead moved that if delegates were not here, we accept other members for the Nomination Committee. It was seconded.

RESOLUTION: Mrs. Charles Hollingshead, Mrs. Maude Fowler, Mrs. Nancy Childers, Mrs. A. L. Parker.

FINANCE: - Mrs. Nancy Childers, Mrs. Ada Flippo, Mrs. Wanda Elmore.

REGISTRATION: - Mrs. Milton Gann, Mrs. Imogene Mallory.

APPRECIATION: - Mrs. Shirley Justice, Mrs. Marie Truitt. Song: led Song: led by Bro. Ed Ledlow "Have Faith In God".

"FAITH" - By Mrs. Marie Truitt, using for her scripture reading;

Hebrews 11:1,6; Mark 11:22, 4:40, Romans 14:22, 10:27. 10:17. Luke 8 - 25. Playlet - "An Ounce of Prevention" - Dothan Church.

Song - led by Ed Ledlow.

Keynote Message - Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Fayette, Ala. Scriptures used were: Esther 4:14-17. A wonderful message was enjoyed by all.

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Walter Jones.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service; Prayer.

Devotional by Mrs. Annette Tomlinson.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES

NOMINATION: We your nomination committee submit the following:

PRESIDENT: Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Fayette, Ala.

VICE PRESIDENT: Mrs. Maude Fowler, Route No 3, Box 98, Dothan Ala.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER: Mrs. Nancy Childers, 124 O'Steen Circle Florence, Ala.

STUDY COURSE CHAIRMAN: Mrs. John Edwards, 1204 Bruce, Dothan, Ala.

YOUTH CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Wanda Elmore, Slocumb, Ala.

PROGRAM PRAYER CHAIRMAN: Mrs. A. J. Flippo, Birmingham Hwy, Cordova, Ala.

FIELD SECRETARY: Mrs. Gula Gann, 502 College, Russellville, Ala.

PERSONAL SERVICE CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Annette Tomlinson, P. O. Box 225, Leeds, Ala.

Respectfully submitted: Mrs. Lois Collins, Mrs. E. B. Ledlow, Mrs. Pearlina Watson.

FINANCE: We your finance committee report the following:

Balance brought forward	\$12.59
State Dues	80.37
Making a total of	\$92.96

Respectfully submitted: Mrs. Nancy Childers, Mrs. Ada Flippo, Mrs. Wanda Elmore

#### REGISTRATION:

Delegates	18
Visitors	108
Ministers	8

APPRECIATION: We your appreciation committee wish to report the following:

We have enjoyed the fellowship and hospitality of the host church and the State Line Association, and the lunch.

Respectfully Submitted: Mrs. Shirley Justice, Mrs. Marie Truitt.

#### 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. That a Free Will offering be taken to help take care of expense of Women's Auxiliary Convention and guest speakers.

VI. That the State Women's Auxiliary officers be elected for 2 years.

VII. That the "Remember Pearl Harbor Fund" be designated as our state project. Our goal shall be \$1,000 for the state.

Mrs. K. V. Shutes gave the Standard of Achievement Chart.

1st Place - Cowarts Creek

2nd Place - Northport Church

3rd Place - Winfield Church

HYMN.

Family Altar, Mrs. Eustace Riggs.

New Officers were recognized..

Tic Tac Toe - Dothan Church.

Delegates to National Association: Mrs. E. B. Ledlow, Mrs. Jo Ann Riggs, Mrs. Annette Tomlinson, Mrs. Eloise Brown, Mrs. John Edwards, Mrs. Laura Hollingshead, Mrs. A. L. Parker, Mrs. Bobby Carter, Mrs. Shirley Justice, Mrs. A. J. Lambert.

Special offering and song.

#### NIGHT SESSION

Song service; Prayer.

Declamation Contest - G.T.A.

"Other Sheep I Have" - Dianne Gables - Florence

"Heart of This 10 yr. Old" - Joyce Shirah - Union Hill

"Heart of This 10 yr Old" - Patsy Cole - Winfield.

Y.P.A. Declamation Contest

"Who is a Missionary?" - Brenda Berryhill - Winfield

"You Ask Me Why." - Patsy Morris - Union Hill

Chorus's led by Bro. Willie Justice.

Winner G.T.A. - Dianne Gables - Florence, Ala.

Runner Up - Patsy Cole - Winfield, Ala.

Winner Y.P.A. - Patsy Morris - Union Hill, Ala.

Runner Up - Brenda Berryhill - Winfield, Ala.

#### FINANCE REPORT:

Cahaba River Association	\$13.80	Cooperative District	\$23.57
Fayette Church - Local	2.40	Progressive District	40.60
Jasper District	13.20		\$93.57
Special Offering			42.08
Brought Forward			12.59
		Total	\$148.24

#### Paid Out:

Postage	\$ 2.80		
Y.P.A. Winner	10.00		
G.T.A. Winner	10.00		
Mrs. K. V. Shutes	\$20.87		
Y.P.A. Runner Up	2.50		
G.T.A. Runner Up	2.50		
		Total	\$48.67
		Convention Dues	48.10
		Minutes	15.00
		Total	\$111.77
		Balance in Treasury	\$ 36.67

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

The Alabama State Sunday School and League Convention met June 8 & 9, 1962 with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan, Ala. The President, Mr. Larry Austin presided over the convention. Rev. Phillip Gilbert was song director throughout the convention. The Key note message Friday was brought by Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Cordova, Ala. Other speakers during the day included Rev. Ralph Douglas Bell, student of Free Will Baptist Bible College. Mrs. Eustis Riggs, Eldridge, Ala. Several numbers in song were rendered during the day. League workshops were directed by: Adult - Bro. Samuel Johnson; Youth - Bro. Charles Hollingshead; Children - Mrs. Eustis Riggs, Mrs. Willie Justis.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT

Sword drill directed by Bro. Philip Gilbert. There was a tie, so the run off was held Saturday. A film was presented - "Going Steady". After the film Bro. Hollingshead gave an invitation for the young people to dedicate themselves to the Lord. Several young people came forward.

#### SATURDAY MORNING

Devotion by Bro. John Edwards, Pastor of the Dothan Church. Sword drill directed by Bro. Philip Gilbert. Rebecca Brewers - Progressive Association - winner.

Key note message was given by Rev. Standly Outlaw, Nashville, Tenn. Scripture Matt. 25:14-29.

1963 convention will convene with Leeds Church, Leeds, Ala.

Attendance: 19 Ministers, 24 Delegates, 6 Officers, 132 Visitors. Total of 181.

Larry Austin - President, Willie Justis - Vice President, Maude Fowler - Sec.-Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Five Years 1967; Four Years 1966, Carlton Lambert; Three Years 1965 Dorman Deal; Two Years 1964 Ralph Bell; One Year 1963 Chester O'Donnell.

#### 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 3: 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 & 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 I. 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 I. 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 I. 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 I. 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 & 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 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 have proper credentials as required in Section 2 of Article II of the By-Laws.

##### ARTICLE VIII. Amendments:

Section I. 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.



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(Fla.) State Line

Jasper

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## MEETING DATES

1st F.W.B. Church of B'ham  
Oct. 4-5, 1963

August 10, 1963

Pine Grove Church, Perdido, Ala.,  
Oct. 11-12, 1963

Mt. Olive Church, Dunavant, Ala.  
Sept. 20-21, 1963

Ensley Church, Ensely, Ala.  
August 22-24, 1963

November 7-8-9, 1963



**- NOTES -**

44th Session Nov, 7-9, 1963

1st F.W.B. Church

Twin St,

Sylacauga, Ala,