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Rev. Jim Howell, Hackleburg, Alabama  
Rev. A. G. Lacey, Hackleburg, Alabama  
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 Alabama  
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 Alabama  
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 Tennessee  
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 Rev. Samuel Wilkinson, Missionary  
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Mr. Garlon Holliman, Rt. 4, Win-  
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 Mr. Olan Lee, Hamilton, Alabama  
 Mr. A. G. May, Rt. 1, Guin, Alabama  
 Mr. Austin Pugh, Guin, Alabama  
 Mr. Amos Roberts, Guin, Alabama  
 Mr. Paul Wilson, Rt. 1, Guin, Ala.

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 Alabama  
 Mr. A. J. McDonald, Rt. 2, Winfield,  
 Alabama  
 Mr. Jeff McDonald, Rt. 2, Winfield,  
 Alabama  
 Mr. R. T. Mixon, Vernon, Alabama  
 Mr. C. E. Roberts, Beaverton, Ala.  
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 Nami Earley, Nauvoo, Alabama  
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 Mrs. J. O. Jones, Phil Campbell,  
 Alabama  
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 Mrs. Willie Mote, Nauvoo, Alabama  
 Joy Pike, Rt. 2, Carbon Hill, Ala.  
 Richmond Pollard, Rt. 2, Guin, Ala.  
 Lee Ella Reed, Rt. 2, Carbon Hill,  
 Alabama  
 Dora Roberts, Rt. 2, Carbon Hill,  
 Alabama  
 Vester Shirley, Brilliant, Alabama  
 Mr. J. W. Vaughn, Brilliant, Ala.

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 Alabama  
 Mrs. Flora Gilreath, Belk, Alabama  
 Mrs. E. W. Graves, Vernon, Alabama  
 Mrs. G. C. Lawrence, Belk, Alabama  
 Hettie R. Maddox, Fayette, Ala.  
 Mrs. Olen Markham, Rt. 1, Guin,  
 Alabama  
 Mrs. A. J. McDonald, Rt. 2, Winfield,  
 Alabama  
 Wilma Mixon, Vernon, Alabama  
 Ellie J. Price, Rt. 2, Vernon, Ala.  
 Mary Weeks, Beaverton, Alabama  
 Mrs. Pascal Yerby, Vernon, Ala.



## PROCEEDINGS

### THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 5

#### 19th Session of Ministers and Deacons Conference

The nineteenth session of the Ministers and Deacons Conference opened with congregational singing under the direction of Rev. Charles Hollingshead with Mrs. Nathan Davis at the piano. The congregation sang "Jesus Saves." Rev. Jack Rollins lead in prayer. The congregation then sang "Old Time Power."

The morning devotional was brought by Rev. Milton Crowson, based on Hebrews 4:12.

Rev. James Walden welcomed the conference. The response was given by Rev. M. H. Hollis. The moderator, Rev. John Edwards, then brought a brief message based on Eph. 5:18, "Be Filled With The Spirit."

The theme of the conference was "By My Spirit, Saith the Lord."—Zech. 4:6.

The congregation sang a hymn "Brethren We Have Met To Worship" and the Perdido Quartet sang "Dear Jesus Abide With Me."

Rev. Nathan Davis brought a wonderful message on "The Holy Spirit and the Church." He used for his scripture text: Acts 20:28. The congregation then sang "Break Thou the Bread of Life." Rev. Jimmy Brown brought a message on "The Holy Spirit and the Preacher," using Isaiah 61:1 as his scripture text.

The congregation sang "Seal Us, O Holy Spirit" and the Perdido Quartet sang "I can Do So Little." Rev. Carlton Lambert sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Rev. Joe Ledlow led in prayer.

Rev. Charles Thigpen brought the eleven o'clock message based on John 13:36; John 14:5 and other passages from the Bible. The Holy Spirit was present with us in the services. Everyone enjoyed the morning services so much. Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Thigpen.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 5

With Rev. John Edwards presiding, the meeting opened with congregational singing. The congregation sang "We're Marching to Zion." Rev. Levy Corey led in prayer and another hymn was sung, "Saved by the Blood." Mrs. Nathan Davis sang a special "I Was Born To Serve The Lord."

Rev. John Haisten brought the devotional. His thoughts were based on I Thess. 5:19. Rev. Thurmon Murphy brought a message on "The Holy Spirit and the Believer." He used Ezek. 36:27 and Jer. 31:31 for the scripture reading.

The congregation sang "In the Old Time Way" and the Perdido Quartet sang "Without Him." Rev. J. O. Drummonds brought a message on "The Holy Spirit The Comforter." His message was based on John 14:26.

We had a short business session to elect the moderator and assistant moderator for another year. Rev. Jack Rollins was elected Moderator and Rev. M. H. Hollis was elected assistant moderator. The meeting was adjourned and dismissed in prayer. 163 registered for the Ministers and Deacons conference.

### THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 5

45th Session of The Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists—  
Rev. Joe B. Ledlow presiding.

The 45th session of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists opened with congregational singing "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings." Rev. Charles Hollingshead and Mrs. Nathan Davis were in charge of the singing. Rev. J. L. Lavender led in prayer. The congregation sang "When We Get To Heaven."

Rev. L. C. Gray brought the scripture thoughts and prayer. He used II Timothy 4:6, 8. The Sulligent Quartet sang "There Will Be Somebody Waiting."

Rev. Billy Ray Smith welcomed the Association. Rev. J. S. Fredrick gave the response.

The clerk of the association, Rev. E. B. Ledlow, called the session to order and introduced the moderator, Rev. William Atkinson. The moderator appointed the committees. (See Committee Reports).

A partial report of the General Board was read and a motion carried that it be considered item by item. By subsequent motions, items 2, 4, 6 and 7 were considered with item 2 being adopted and items 4, 6 and 7 being tabled until Friday P.M. (See Reports).

The Perdido Trio sang "Is He Satisfied With Me." An offering was received in the amount of \$71.50. The congregation sang "Blessed Assurance."

Rev. Charles Thigpen brought the evening message based on Galatians. His sermon topic was "The Cross of Christ."

The moderator made announcements concerning Friday morning's activities. The services was dismissed in prayer.

### FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 6

The meeting opened with a congregational song "More About Jesus." Rev. Roger Reeds led in prayer. Rev. William Travis brought the Scripture thoughts and prayer using Psalm 103:1-18.

The moderator brought his message based on Eph. 1:15-22. He seated the delegates and then recognized visitors and corresponding delegates. He opened the business session by asking to adopt the program flexibly which the association did by a vote to do so.

Rev. C. Jack Wood, pastor of the Guin First Baptist Church, welcomed the association to Guin. The moderator then appointed an appreciation committee. (See reports). The credential committee gave its report (See reports), which, on motion, was adopted.

The congregation sang a song "Count Your Blessings," then Rev. Billy Melvin gave a report from the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Rev. William Travis gave a report on the 1964 session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. These reports were accepted as information.

The congregation sang "Count Your Blessings," and Rev. Lorenza Stox gave a report on the Church Training Service Dept. of our denomination. This was accepted as information. The association was dismissed in prayer for a short intermission.

Following the intermission the congregation sang "To God Be The Glory," and Rev. Huey Lacy led in prayer. Another hymn was sung "How Great Thou Art." Rev. Damon C. Dodd, pastor of Horton Heights Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, brought the morning message based on 2 Cor. 8:1-9. His text: "Compulsion of Stewardship." After the message we were dismissed for lunch.



## FRIDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 6

The meeting was opened with a congregational song, "Trust and Obey." Scripture thoughts and prayer was brought by Rev. Raymond Tilley, using Exo. 14:10-12, 16, 29

Reports continued in the afternoon session with the report of the Superannuation Board being read and accepted by the body. Rev. Roger Reeds gave a report from the National Sunday School Board which was accepted as information. (See reports).

The General Board reported again this time giving a full report which was accepted and adopted by the body. (See reports).

The host pastor gave a report on the finance for taking care of the session. It was accepted as information.

The congregation sang "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes," and the Home Mission Board gave its report which was accepted by the body. (See reports). Rev. Samuel Wilkinson gave a report from the National Foreign Mission Department which was accepted as information.

The congregation sang "Heavenly Sunlight." A report was given on the Children's Home by Rev. Carlton Lambert. This report was accepted. (See reports).

Rev. Mark Vandivort gave a report on the National Home Mission Department. This was accepted as information.

The auditing committee gave its report which was accepted by the body upon proper move and second.

The afternoon session was adjourned.

## FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 6

The Friday evening service was opened by congregational singing led by Charles Hollingshead and Mrs. Jack Rollins at the piano. The Congregation sang "Lift Him Up." Prayer by Rev. Hershel Burkett. Another hymn was sung, "Will Jesus Find Us Watching." Rev. G. C. Lawrence brought the Scripture thoughts and prayer using Psalm 25:1-5. The Perdido Quartet sang, "Hear the Gospel Story and Live."

The Executive Committee reported. The report was accepted. By subsequent motions, items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted. (See reports).

The body accepted the conditional proposal from the Dothan Free Will Baptist Church to entertain the 1965 session. The congregation sang "Send the Light," and the evening offering was received. The amount was \$62.30.

Mr. Travis Carter presented Mr. Hubbard Estes a gift in appreciation for his fine message to the Laymen's breakfast. The Perdido Quartet sang "I can Do So Little Lord."

Rev. Samuel Wilkinson, Foreign Missionary to Brazil, South America, brought the evening message using I Sam. 30:23, 24. His text was "Responsibility We Have in the Great Work of the Lord."

Following the message the moderator made announcements concerning Saturday morning's activities. Dismissed the service in prayer.

## SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 7

The Saturday morning session was opened by congregational singing led by Rev. Charles Hollingshead and Mrs. Jack Rollins at the piano. The Congregation sang "All Hail the Power." Rev. Levy Cory led in prayer.

Scripture thoughts and prayer brought by Rev. O. Z. Johnson. He read Psa. 121:1-8.

The business session opened with the moderator appointing the delegates to the National Association of Free Will Baptists which will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina July 13-15, 1965. Those appointed were: Mrs. William Travis, Mr. Harry Bradshaw, Mrs. Harry Bradshaw, Mrs. Grady Palmer and Mr. Ivan Stewart.

Report from Children's Home Trustees was given with recommendations. This report was accepted with the recommendations. (See reports).

The congregation sang "Face To Face." Rev. Jimmy Harwell brought a short message based on Luke 14:25-35, and another hymn was sung, "I Would Not Be Denied."

The Associational clerk gave his report which was accepted by the body. It was moved and seconded and carried to accept the report of the nominating committee. By subsequent motions, items 1, 2, 3 and 4 were accepted. (See reports).

The body elected officers for another year. Rev. William Atkinson was elected moderator; Rev. John Edwards was elected assistant moderator; Rev. Ray W. Ritch was elected clerk and Rev. Thurmon Murphy was elected assistant clerk.

It was moved, seconded and carried for the Home Mission Board to elect its chairman and Secretary and treasurer. The business session was adjourned.

The congregation sang "Have Thine Own Way Lord." Rev. Wayne Hicks led in prayer. The Perdido Quartet sang "What A Day That Will Be." Rev. M. L. Hollis brought the final message using the Parable of the Lost Sheep, The lost Silver and the Lost Son in Luke 15:1-24.

The service was closed with prayer. Another wonderful meal was enjoyed by the folk before they went home. Thanks to the host church and association.

## REPORTS

AUDITING—We your Auditing Committee, have examined the books of the Home Mission Board, The Children's Home, The Superannuation Board and the Associational Clerk and find these in order.

Rev. John Edwards, Chairman  
A. G. Lacy  
J. M. Cobb  
Sanford Hale

GENERAL BOARD—1. We recommend to give Rev. Damon Dodd \$30.00 (thirty dollars) for his expense to the State Association meeting.

2. We recommend that two offerings be received during the association and the offerings be divided equally among the following: National Home Missions, designated to Rev. E. B. Ledlow's account; Executive Department of the National Assn.; Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee; and National CTS Board.

3. We recommend that the State Newsletter be discontinued until we can find a source of income to finance this project.

4. We recommend that the words "and a Home Mission Board" be deleted from Section 2 of our Constitution and "All members of the Home Mission



Board shall be elected in 1964 for terms of 1 year to seven years as so specified in said election. Beginning in 1965 one member of this board shall be elected each year as their terms expire. Expiration dates of term of each board member will be printed in our minutes.

5. We recommend that this body grant the Trustees of the Children's Home the authority to borrow up to \$10,000.00 for improvements at the home.

6. We recommend that the last sentence of Section 4, Article 1 of our Constitution be changed to read "The fee of said church be the sum of (5) five dollars."

7. We recommend that Article 2 of Section 4, on Fonance—first sentence, be changed to read "Each District Association shall send the sum of (5) five dollars per church affiliated with that Association.

8. We have heard the case of Sulligent Church and the Mississippi State Line Association of Free Will Baptist and hereby render this decision:

We find Mississippi State Line Association of Free Will Baptist in error by failing to grant Sulligent Church a letter when they requested such in October, 1963, and by failing to adopt the National Association of Free Will Baptist Treatise.

We therefore recommend that the Mississippi State Line Association of Free Will Baptist rescind the action of their 1964 session and grant Sulligent Church a letter of Dismission and that they adopt the National Association Treatise.

We further recommend that because Mississippi State Line Association of Free Will Baptist failed to represent in the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptist last year and because they have failed to adopt the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptist and because there is a grievance between the Mississippi State Line Association and the Sulligent Free Will Baptist Church that neither the Mississippi State Line Association nor the Sulligent Free Will Baptist Church be seated in this 1964 session.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**—1. We recommend that this body write a letter to the Guin Methodist Church and to the Guin First Baptist Church thanking them for the use of their tables.

2. We recommend that this body write a letter to Sgt. Letus Atkinson thanking him for the use of the National Guard Armory.

3. We recommend that this body determine where the next session of the State Association shall be held since no church has asked for it for another year.

**CREDENTIAL**—We your Credential Committee, have examined the letters from the Associations and find them in order. We recommend that their delegates be seated and the letters received.

Rev. A. J. Lambert, Chairman  
Walter E. Jones  
Nathan Davis  
Floyd C. Barber  
Milton Crowson

**APPRECIATION**—We your Appreciation Committee, speaking for each church represented in this State Association wish to express our deep appre-

ciation and humble thanks for the expression of hospitality and friendliness shown to us by the host church and association during this 45th session.

Mrs. A. H. Barnett, Chairman  
Mrs. J. L. Lavender  
Mrs. A. J. Flippo

**NOMINATING**—We your Nominating Committee submit the following in nominations: Home Mission Board—Rev. J. J. Staab (1 year); Rev. F. L. Thomas (2 years); Rev. Willie Justice (3 years); Rev. Floyd C. Barber (4 years); Mr. W. L. Turner (5 years); Rev. John Edwards (6 years); and Mr. Travis Carter (7 years).

**GENERAL BOARD**—A. H. Barnett, Jack Rollins, Walter Jones, Thurmon Murphy, Jimmy Brown, O. Z. Johnson, Ivan Stewart, William Barber, J. L. Lavender, Louie Bates, Durward Adkinson and M. H. Hollis.

**TRUSTEES**—Children's Home—To replace Bro. A. M. Wallace is Mr. W. L. Turner and to replace Mr. E. J. Duck is Mr. Hershel Bell.

**NATIONAL BOARD MEMBER**—Rev. William Atkinson.  
Rev. Jack Rollins  
Thurmon Murphy  
B. T. Alexander  
Louie Bates  
Herman Baker

**REGISTRATION**—There were a total of 357 registered during the 1964 session.

Mrs. Bill Brown  
Mrs. Bill Smith  
Miss Diane Smith  
Miss Kay Walden  
Miss Janet Estes

## REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

### GENERAL FUND:

<b>Received</b>	
Brought Forward from 1962-63	\$534.29
Associational Fees	236.00
Ministers and Deacons Fees	128.00
Unity FWB Chr. (Transfer of Food Fund)	200.22
Don Kilgore & Associates (Refund)	6.30
Mrs. Lonnie J. Stokes (Newsletter)	1.00
Rev. O. Z. Johnson (Newsletter)	2.00
Mrs. Ivan I. Stewart (Newsletter)	2.00
Ala. State Home Missions (Reimbursement)	8.66
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,118.47</b>
<b>Paid Out</b>	
Officers of State Association	\$125.00
Executive Committee	28.44
Rev. Harold Pitts	30.00



Mims Studio, Sylacauga, Ala.	3.00
Don Kilgore & Associates, Tuscaloosa, Ala.	6.30
Free Will Baptist Book Store	.65
Sylacauga News, Sylacauga, Alabama	6.50
Railway Express Agency	9.54
Postmaster, Cordova, Alabama	111.37
Miss Sandra Terry (Work on Newsletter)	42.51
Rev. E. B. Ledlow (Reimbursement)	1.69
Cordova FWB Church, Cordova, Ala.	13.01
Houston Printing Co., Dothan, Ala.	234.00
First Baptist Church, Cordova, Ala.	31.73
National Assn. of Free Will Baptists	85.00
Guin Free Will Baptist Church	200.22
First Nat'l. Bank of Montgomery (Bank Chg.)	3.09
Rev. William E. Atkinson (Mailing Programs)	11.25
Master Addresser Co.	10.00

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$953.30</b>	
Balance to Transfer to 1964-65 General Fund		<b>\$165.17</b>

#### COOPERATIVE PROGRAM & DESIGNATED FUNDS:

##### Received

Brought Forward from 1962-63	\$ 47.85
Offering to State Assn.	110.16
Maple Grove Church	25.00
Sulphur Springs Church	221.17
Holmes Church	138.39
Pine Grove Church	19.50
Opelika Church	133.06

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 695.13</b>
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##### Paid Out

Office Fund	\$ 57.25
Ala. State Home Missions	72.89
Ala. State Childrens' Home	66.53
Ala. State Superannuation	44.37
F.W.B. Bible College	28.53
National Assn. of Free Will Baptists	266.02
National Home Missions	52.04
National Foreign Missions	50.53
Church Training Service Board	22.03

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 660.19</b>
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Balance to Transfer to 1964-65 Office Fund	\$ 34.94	
Total to be Transferred to 1964-65 Accounts		<b>\$200.11</b>

Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Clerk-Treasurer  
726 Terrace Avenue  
Montgomery, Alabama 36106  
Phone 264-0900

## REPORT OF ALABAMA STATE SUPERANNUATION

We your Superannuation Board, recommend the following items:

1. We recommend that each church receive a special offering on 1st or 2nd Sunday in December for Superannuation.
2. We recommend that this State Association help promote and support the National Superannuation retirement program.
3. We recommend that the churches help their pastors to have the retirement insurance offered by the National Superannuation Board.

See extra sheet for financial report

Walter E. Jones, Chrm.

## ALABAMA STATE HOME MISSION BOARD

See extra sheet.

## FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDRENS' HOME REPORT

Free Will Baptist Childrens' Home  
Eldridge, Alabama

Dear Sirs:

We have examined the records of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home for the twelve months period ending September 30, 1964. 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, 1964.

Very truly yours,  
Black and Black  
Public Accountants

Use report attached.

## CHILDRENS' HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

The trustee board wishes to express their appreciation to everyone who made it possible to reach their budget for the past year. We feel this has been possible because of the harmony in which the Board has so faithfully worked together and the additional support received from Georgia, Florida, Mississippi and other states.

We wish to express our appreciation to the General Board and the whole Association for extending the authority for the Trustees to secure a loan up to \$10,000.00 for necessary improvements at the home.

We recommend that each church in our association support the Home to some degree each month.

The trustees from other states, Mr. Bill George, Florida, and Mr. Gay from Georgia, proved most helpful to the home. Some districts still do not have a member on the Board.

Our project for 1965 is to buy a new tractor and equipment. Everyone is urged to help in this project.

—Rev. W. G. Palmer, Chairman



# ALABAMA STATE SUPERANNUATION REPORT — 1964

## Received:

East Birmingham	\$ 148.31
North Birmingham	50.04
Winfield	120.46
Unity Church, Sylacauga	55.18
St. James Church, Phenix City	88.92
Fairview Church, Trussville	40.00
Mt. Olive Church, Winfield	59.24
Union Grove Church, Castleberry	10.00
Pine Grove Church, Perdido	6.50
Vernon Church, Vernon	38.64
Cordova Church	97.84
1st Church, Florence	90.92
Graysville Auxiliary	4.81
Brilliant Church	7.65
Free Waters, Winfield	36.00
Russelville Church	10.00
Mt. Pleasant Church, Sprott	19.65
Shady Grove Church, Adamsville	47.29
Forestdale Church & Auxiliary, Birmingham	46.88
Hanks Memorial Church, Irondale	53.69
White Rock Church, Phenix City	21.45
Cedar Creek Auxiliary, Hartsell	22.34
Montgomery Church	1.57
Guin Church	24.18
Mrs. Maude Quick	7.00
Alabama State Association	41.87
Florida State Line Association	147.33
Liberty No. 1 Association	15.09

TOTAL RECEIVED	\$1,312.46
Brought Forward from Nov. 1, 1963	34.61
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,347.07

## Paid Out:

Rev. S. F. Lee	\$ 125.00
Rev. G. W. Flippo	125.00
Rev. B. M. Atkins	125.00
Rev. R. H. Howard	125.00
Rev. C. R. Allen	125.00
Mrs. M. E. Carpenter	125.00
Mrs. Ruby Nobles	125.00
Mrs. Annie Franks	125.00
Mrs. Maude Quick	125.00
Bank Charges	16.25
Tithe to National Superannuation	131.05

TOTAL PAID OUT	\$1,272.30
Balance in Treasury	\$ 74.77

—Verla Ryland, Secretary & Treasurer

# ALABAMA STATE HOME MISSION BOARD TREASURER'S REPORT

## Money Received:

Northport Church	\$ 53.19
Auxiliary, 1st Church, Fayette	10.00
Mr. H. W. Grice, Sylacauga	10.00
Vernon Church	38.64
Cordova Church	125.23
Fairview Church, Rt. 2, Trussville	25.00
Shady Grove Church, Adamsville	149.93
1st Church, Florence	10.00
White Rock Church, Phenix City	25.00
Sulphur Springs Church, Samantha	39.55
Oak Grove Church, Fieldstown	21.50
Fla. State Line Association	43.53
Fla. State Line Auxiliary Convention Co Op	20.90
St. James Church, Phenix City	6.00
Unity Church, Sylacauga	42.89
Ala. State Association By E. B. Ledlow	47.80
Graysville Church	19.39
Forrestdale Church, Birmingham	46.45
East Alabama Association	26.19
New Liberty Church, Rt. 1, Bankston	12.00
Mrs. Maude Quick, Rt. 1, Cullman	7.00
Mt. Zion Church, Pell City	15.00
East Birmingham Church	114.94
Montgomery Mission	7.83
Union Grove Church, Castleberry	12.50
Liberty (No. 1) Association	15.16

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 945.67
Brought Forward From 1963	\$1,030.40
TOTAL	\$1,976.07

## Paid Out:

Pastor's Salary, Huntsville Mission	\$ 500.00
To Nat. Board for Montgomery Mission	1,022.86
Traveling Expenses for Board members	73.00
Telephone Bills	26.80
Repairs on Tent	79.50
Treasure Refund, Montgomery Mission	39.81
Storage for Tent and Equipment	35.00
Printing and Letterheads	22.00
Postage and Office Supplies	31.48
Mission Letters	18.22
Paint and Brushes	12.40
Lab Test on Tent	15.00

TOTAL PAID OUT	\$1,876.07
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Balance in Treasury ..... \$ 100.00

—W. H. Ryland, Secretary & Treasurer

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**FREEWILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**

Eldridge, Alabama

**SUPERINTENDENT'S CASH REPORT**

October 1, 1963 Through September 30, 1964

	Checking Account	Reserve Account	Total
CASH BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 1963	\$ 130.55	\$2,412.34	\$ 2,542.89
ADDITIONS DURING THE PERIOD—			
Contributions	\$28,380.15	\$ 921.99	\$29,302.14
Social Security-Support Payments	5,919.52		5,919.52
Sales	362.37		362.37
Transfer of Funds	500.00		500.00
Other Receipts	20.00		20.00
<b>Total Additions</b>	<b>\$35,182.04</b>	<b>\$ 921.99</b>	<b>\$36,104.03</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR</b>	<b>\$35,182.0</b>	<b>\$3,334.33</b>	<b>\$38,646.92</b>
DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE PERIOD:			
Salaries and Payroll Tax	\$14,024.83	\$	\$14,024.83
Food	6,195.92		6,195.92
Clothing	621.28		621.28
Office Expense	823.50		823.50
Hardware and Maintenance	1,579.11		1,579.11
Gas and Oil	1,000.22		1,000.22
Butane Gas	764.29		764.29
Coal	621.95		621.95
Electricity	866.68		866.68
Telephone	430.26		430.26
Pest Control	95.00		95.00
Medicine	372.03		372.03
Vehicle Maintenance	1,115.65		1,115.65
Household Expense	809.87		809.87
Education	1,819.45	100.00	1,919.45
Supplies	400.64		400.64
Travel and Board Members Expense	710.60		710.60
Insurance and Bond	189.35	423.36	612.71
Audit	70.00		70.00
Other Costs	222.15		222.15
Farm	2,491.04	185.60	2,676.64
Construction of Dam		756.32	756.32
Transfer of Funds		500.00	500.00



ASSOCIATIONS	Number of Churches	Number of Membership	New Members	Lost Members	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Sunday Schools	Number of Members	Leagues	Number Members	Women's Auxiliaries	Number of Members	Prayer Meetings	Paid Pastors	Paid Evangelists	Building & Repairs	Literature	Advertising - Radio Programs, etc.	Missionaries	Other	Total Local Expenditures	Cooperative Plan	Foreign Missions	National, State, Local, Home Missions	Education	Children's Home	Superannuation	Associational Projects	Others	Total outside Expenditures	Value of Association Property	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage Property	Number of Parsonages	
Birmingham District	9	473	28	24	23	1	17	9	303	1	25		6	3,676.69	541.12	2,392.20	383.03		1,208.80	2,832.63	11,064.73		53.69	53.69	98.69	801.11	53.69		80.00	1,140.87		31,500.00			3	
Cahaba River	17	1191	74	33	29	2	63	16	1013	10	316	9	83	22,446.25	1,840.30	14,987.24	1,705.47		1,780.22		40,979.26		1,083.20	1,005.92	216.24	4,318.74	534.62			7,158.72		281,987.32	25,500.00			
East Alabama	4	530	85	26	10		22	5	416	4	203	4	80	9,932.33	637.08	5,792.26	975.78				23,077.67	96.00	348.07	711.12	101.52	1,237.48	232.77	80.00	2,806.96		109,585.00	18,000.00		2		
Flint River	10	733	87	25	10			10	389				10	8,227.50	638.17						8,865.67									5,200.12		224,000.00	41,000.00		5	
Jasper	28	3184	166	77	39	9	123	28	1700	10	485	7	105	34,079.72	2,758.75	21,133.81	2,459.50				60,431.78		1,451.71	790.61	730.57	1,899.41	327.82			1,050.85		56,000.00	2,000.00		1	
Liberty No. 1	6	465	39	10	7		29	6	226	4	163	3	32	3,644.85	409.12	4,157.58	220.00	150.00	1,961.37		10,174.92	71.96	90.00	113.47	80.26	549.66	22.50	123.00	1,102.98	1,200.00	50,000.00					
Liberty No. 2	8	650	46	22	30	3	31	8	526	2	35	2	8	5,275.46	791.33	2,209.57	547.17				8,823.53						1,102.98			1,083.34	100,000.00	227,500.00				
Mt. Moriah	18	1310	35	31	23	1	54	9	550	4	50	1	25	10,198.11	1,599.87	5,000.00	95.00	6.24			16,899.22			146.10	85.00	852.24				1,083.34	100,000.00	227,500.00				
Progressive	13	1641	257	66	17		45	15	1311	11	592	10	158	32,286.01	3,102.23	15,064.70	3,623.75	369.44	4,807.91	9,794.81	71,031.05	259.88	3,617.76	1,545.01	1,119.26	2,210.98	162.47	586.44	245.16	9,746.96		405,500.00	60,000.00		3	
Southeastern	13	1075	29	21	7	5		13	465				8	10,200.78	1,182.63	13,360.18	141.40				27,524.79	258.39	84.93	543.58	199.03	260.95		286.00	1,332.88		75,000.00					
State Line (Fla.)	21	2521	96	53	13	2	62	15	960	11	511	7	129	22,951.72	2,633.27	17,965.63	3,456.66	11.09	8,910.56	101.50	50,910.85	2,134.23	642.92	627.16	191.28	970.29	30.85	175.26	34.43	4,806.42		243,700.00	10,000.00		1	
Vernon	16	1564	43	35	19	4	58	18	760	6	170	4	47	10,427.99	1,293.98	25,410.25	226.96				37,719.38		157.70	625.18	226.96	711.43	38.64	184.00		1,943.91		170,000.00	9,996.00		2	
	163	15337	975	423	227	27	495	152	8619	63	2550	47	659	173,347.41	17,427.85	127,413.42	13,834.72	536.93	16,661.99	36,336.74	367,562.85	2,820.46	7,529.98	5,861.84	3,048.81	14,915.27	1,403.36	1,434.70	359.59	37,374.01	101,200.00	1,931,772.32	178,496.00		18	



Equipment (2 Walk In Freezers)		800.00	800.00
Clearing Land		166.00	166.00
Total Disbursements	\$35,223.82	\$2,931.28	\$38,155.10
CASH BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 1964	\$ 88.77	\$ 403.05	\$ 491.82

**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDRENS' HOME**  
Eldridge, Alabama

THINGS DONATED—	
Alabama	\$10,690.00
Georgia	2,100.00
Mississippi	1,900.00
Florida	1,475.00
Texas	127.00
Illinois	62.00
Missouri	128.00
Tennessee	41.00
Arkansas	101.00

TOTAL \$16,624.00

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED:

Dr. Gaines W. Keith, M.D.	\$ 600.00
Dr. Ned Cargile, Dentist	350.00
Dr. Frederic Rosemore, Optometrist	150.00

TOTAL \$1,100.00

FARM:

Garden Vegetables	\$ 850.00
Corn (1,400 bu. at \$1.20 per bu.)	1,680.00
Frozen Foods	125.00
Milk (3,500 gal. at 70c)	2,450.00
Pork (4,800 lbs; 3,600 lbs. dressed at 40c lb.)	1,440.00
Canned Foods (1,200 qts. at 35c per qt.)	420.00
Beef (1,250 dressed at 50c lb.)	625.00
Hay (600 bales at 50c bale)	300.00

GROSS PROFIT \$7,890.00

Less Expense \$2,491.04

NET PROFIT \$5,398.96

**ALLOCATION OF COOPERATIVE FUNDS**

National Association of Free Will Baptists, Nashville, Tenn.	55%
Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Eldridge, Ala.	15%
Alabama State Home Mission Board	10%
Alabama State Superannuation Board	10%
Alabama State Assn. of Free Will Baptists Office Fund	10%



All designated and cooperative funds sent to the clerk will be mailed on to the proper destination.

—R. W. Ritch, Clerk, 724 12th Ave. W., Birmingham, Ala.

## STATE WOMANS AUXILIARY CONVENTION

THEME: "Ye Shall Receive Power"

Thursday Morning — June 11, 1964

The State Womans Auxiliary Convention convened with the Free Will Baptist Church of Jasper, Alabama.

The program was opened with song service and prayer.

Devotional by: Mrs. Robert Hill, "Ye Shall Receive Power," Acts 1:6-11

Special song by: Bro. and Mrs. Ed Ledlow

Welcome Address: Mrs. Wm. Travis

Response: Mrs. Levy Corey

Call to order by President, Mrs. K. V. Shutes.

Recognition of Ministers, Auxiliary Members and Visitors.

Appointment of Committees: (See Reports)

Song led by Mrs. Robbins — "I Love To Tell The Story."

Special: "The Gospels"—So Send I You.

Offertory

Message—Mrs. Gertrude Sloan—Matt. 28:19.

Song—Ready

Dismissed for lunch.

Thursday Afternoon — June 11, 1964

Song

Prayer

Special Song—Louise Haynes

Messages by the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention Chairman

Enlistment—Mrs. Maude Fowler

Youth—Mrs. William Atkinson

Study—Mrs. Geraldine Cox

Skit by Youth

Personal Service—Mrs. Annette Tomlinson

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES

### Credential—

We the credential committee find the following District reports in order for delegates to be seated.

Jasper Association

Co-operation District Association

Progressive Association

Cahaba Association

Southeast Association

Graysville Local Church

Mrs. E. B. Ledlow

Mrs. Levy Corey

Mrs. Wm. Atkinson

### Appreciation—

We the Appreciation Committee, submit the following report: We wish to express our thanks to the host church for their kind hospitality, wonderful food and Christian fellowship. For the Spiritual Blessing received during this session.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. John Williams

Mrs. Thelma Lindsey

Mrs. James Walden

### Resolution—

We the Resolution Committee report the following resolutions. Be it resolved:

1. Continue the Pearl Harbor Fund as our state project. We recommend that the state officers plan an amount for each district and each district officer send the amount to local.

2. That the State Convention give \$5.00 to the W.N.A.C. headquarters building and each local auxiliary contribute.

3. That each local auxiliary may represent to this body with one delegate and \$1.00 fee.

4. That this convention not elect anyone to office who is not present without first contacting them for their consent.

5. Be it resolved that the Alabama State Woman's Auxiliary request of the State League and Sunday School Convention to meet with their programs Committee and plan programs, also that programs be added to their program and sent to each church. Auxiliary will share the expense.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Hollingshead

Mrs. A. J. Lambert

Mrs. Jack Rollins

### Registration—

We the Registration Committee make the following report.

Ministers	13
Delegates	24
Visitors	104
TOTAL	141

Mrs. Maude Fowler

Mrs. Bobby Sargent

### Finance—

We the finance committee check report and found correct and in order.

Mrs. Mildred Park

Mrs. Robert Hill

Mrs. Nancy Childers

### Nominating—

President	Mrs. William Atkinson
Vice-President	Mrs. Charles Hollingshead
Youth Chairman	Mrs. Annette Tomlinson



Study .....	Mrs. A. J. Lambert
Personal Service .....	Mrs. John Edwards
Stewardship Prayer .....	Mrs. Clara Cobb
Field Worker .....	Mrs. K. V. Shutes
Secretary and Treasurer .....	Mrs. Nancy Childers
	Mrs. Annette Tomlinson
	Mrs. Maude Fowler
	Mrs. Herman Baker
	Mrs. Shirley Justice
	Mrs. Hobert Estes

Treasurers report was given and adopted.  
Achievement Chart Winner: First Freewill Baptist Church, Dothan, Ala.  
Motion was made and passed that each Vacation Bible School send their money to the Montgomery account.

#### Delegates to National Convention:

Mrs. John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Howell, Mrs. Laura Hollingshead, Mrs. E. B. Ledlow, Mrs. Willie Justice, Mrs. Wm. Travis, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Corey.

Motion was made and seconded and passed that the President be given the authority to appoint two (2) more delegates or a proxy to the National Convention.

Thursday Night, June 11, 1964

#### YOUTH NIGHT—

Song Service by Helen Cody  
Singspiration by Helen Cody  
Devotional by Dorothy Travis—1 Kings 18:12  
Declamation Contest: Mrs. Wm. Atkinson  
1st place winner of GTA—Teresa Brewer of Florence, Alabama  
1st place winner of YPA—Sue Wells of Dothan, Alabama  
Special: Trio for Jasper

#### FINANCE REPORT—

Brought forward .....	\$ 55.52
Progressive District .....	30.40
Southeast Alabama Church .....	18.60
Cooperative District .....	38.50
Jasper District .....	17.20
Graysville-Local .....	1.50
Cahaba River .....	18.40
Special Offering .....	19.29

TOTAL ..... \$199.41

#### PAID OUT—

Guest Speaker .....	\$ 30.00
Y.P.A. Winner .....	10.00
G.T.A. Winner .....	10.00
G.T.A. Runner-up .....	2.50
Essay Winner .....	5.00
State Project expenses .....	15.24

W.N.A.C. Hdqs. Building .....	5.00
Programs and stamps .....	3.37
Secretary and Treasury reports .....	.50
TOTAL .....	\$ 81.61
National Convention Dues .....	\$ 48.90
Minutes .....	15.00
TOTAL .....	\$ 63.90
Balance in Treasury .....	\$ 53.90

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

THEME: "Christian Growth — THEME SONG: "Higher Ground"

THEME VERSE: II Peter 3:18, "But grow in grace, and in knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

#### Friday Morning, June 12, 1964—

The 1964 Alabama State Sunday School and CTS Convention met June 12 and 13, with Jasper Free Will Baptist Church, Jasper, Alabama.

The Convention opened with singing. The congregation sang "Higher Ground." Rev. A. J. Lambert led in prayer. Rev. Charles Hollingshead directed the congregation in several choruses. The welcome was given by three children of the host church. (using a poster and poem). The response was given by the President Rev. Willie Justice. The devotional was given by Ronnie Brown based on I Peter 2:1-2, I Tim. 2:15 and II Tim. 4:12. His topic was "Growth Through Bible Study."

Ministers, Sunday School Superintendents, CTS Presidents and visiting ministers were recognized and seated with the convention.

The roll was called and delegates were seated. The President appointed the necessary committees (see reports).

The congregation sang "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story." Rev. John Edwards brought a message on "The Graded Sunday School." Geraldine Cox brought an Object Lesson. The congregation sang "Wonderful Words of Life." The Calloway Trio sang "Some Day There Will be no Tomorrow." Rev. Roger Reeds brought the morning message based on Deut. 3:1-12, Psa. 22:1 and I Cor. 14:14. Following the message we were dismissed in prayer for lunch.

#### Friday Afternoon, June 12, 1964—

The service opened with the congregation singing "He Lives." Rev. Herman Baker led in prayer and several choruses were sung. The devotional "Growth through Prayer" was brought by Larry Silcox. Rev. Roger Reeds, Mrs. Eustice Riggs, and Rev. Hollingshead led the different groups in a buzz session. After the buzz session a Talent Time was offered to the convention. A number of Seniors and Juniors took part in this.

The congregation sang "Saved to Tell Others." The Sword Drill was directed with several contestants taking part. Following the Sword Drill we were dismissed in prayer by Rev. James Walden.



**Friday Evening, June 12, 1964—**

The service opened with the song "Higher Ground." Prayer by Bro. Barnette Calloway. Then the congregation sang choruses. The devotional, "Growth through Christian Stewardship," was given by Brenda Berryhill based on Luke 16:1-12. A filmstrip "So High A Calling" was shown to the group. Rev. Reeds spoke briefly on the Sunday School Materials. The Chapellers sang a special song. Following the song came the awarding of Sword Drill and Talent Winners. Rev. William Atkinson presented the awards to: Seniors—Talent: 1st place winner, Barbers Sisters (trio). 2nd place winner, Cindy Kennedy. Sword Drill Winners: 1st place, Cherryl Murphy, Florence Church; 2nd place winner, Shirley White, Dothan Church.

Beth Cook rendered a special song and the congregation sang "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" and "Heavenly Sunlight." The Gospels sang a special song. Rev. Roger Reeds brought the evening message based on Matt. 28:19-20 and Matt. 11:28. Rev. E. B. Ledlow spoke briefly on the Mission work in Montgomery, Alabama. Mrs. William Atkinson gave awards to Essay Contest winners. 1st place, Lottie Hall; 2nd place Jane Hughes. Rev. A. J. Lambert dismissed in prayer.

**Saturday Morning, June 13, 1964—**

The service opened with the congregation singing the theme song and some choruses. Rev. E. B. Ledlow led in prayer. Wayne McDaniel, Mt. Olive Church, gave the devotional service. His scripture was Matt. 25:31-33.

Business session: It was moved and seconded and carried that the delegates from the Progressive Association be seated in this body with letter and dues being sent in later.

**Report of committees:**

REGISTRATION—There are 34 delegates, 23 ministers, 3 officers, and 110 visitors for a total of 170 registered.

Glenda Argent  
Judy Curtis  
Dorothy Travis

BANNER—The First Church of Dothan, Alabama won the banner.  
Rev. Charles Hollingshead  
Johnny Vaught  
Martha Calloway

CREDENTIAL—We have examined the treasurers books and found them in order.

Rev. Levy Corey  
Miss Barbara Baker  
Mrs. Mary Smith

APPRECIATION—We the Appreciation Committee wish to express our sincere thanks to the host church and association for the hospitality shown to us during the Sunday School and CTS Convention.

RESOLUTION—Be it resolved: (1) That speakers from outside organiza-

tions who come to speak to us be paid the sum of six cents per mile and \$10.00 per message. If commercial transportation is used they shall be paid the actual amount incurred. An amendment was made to this "That it be written into the by-laws."

(2) That we give the host church \$100.00 from the convention treasury this year to help bear the expense of the convention and that beginning next year each district convention be encouraged to assist the host church in entertaining the Sunday School and League Convention.

(3) That this item be printed in the By-laws of the Sunday School and CTS Convention as for awarding the banner: "One point for each mile traveled between home church and host church and ten points for each person present."

(4) That we give the Sword Drill contestant winners as follows: \$10.00 for the first place winner and \$5.00 for the second place winner.

(5) That the Secretary send a letter of thanks to Pat Campbells Jewlers of Jasper for the engraving the plates for the Talent trophies.

(6) That the Executives of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention and the Sunday School and CTS Convention get together and have the programs printed for both of the Conventions with the Woman's Auxiliary paying one-third of the cost.

(7) That we give \$100.00 on the Montgomery Mission project out of the convention treasury.

(8) That the programs have directions on them to the host church.

Each resolution was adopted.

Mr. Shelly Fowler  
Rev. Walter Jones  
Rev. James Walden

NOMINATING—We submit the following names in nomination: President, Rev. Willie Justice; Vice-President, Rev. Walter Jones; Sec. & Treas., Mrs. Maude Fowler; Songster, Rev. Phillip Gilbert; Pianist, Miss Helen Cody; Sword Drill Leader, Mrs. William Travis; Board Member, Bro. Shelly Fowler.

The following were elected: President, Rev. Willie Justice; Vice-President, Rev. Walter Jones; Sec. & Treas, Mrs. Maude Fowler; Songster, Rev. Phillip Gilbert; Pianist, Miss Helen Cody; Sword Drill Leader, Mrs. Peggy Hill; and Board Member Rev. William Atkinson.

Rev. E. B. Ledlow  
Mrs. William Atkinson  
Mr. Lewis Mallory

A rising vote of thanks was given the officers of the convention. Another buzz session was held. Cedar Creek Church invited the convention to meet with them for the 1964-65 convention. The convention accepted this invitation. Rev. Roger Reeds gave some tips for Sunday School Supt. The Doxology was sung and a special song by Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Ledlow. The convention was adjourned and the dismissal prayer was by Rev. Levy Corey.



# ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

Associations	Moderators	Clerks	Meeting Dates and Places of Meetings
Birmingham District	Rev. Ira Lee Hanks 324 Lullaby Lane Birmingham, Alabama	Mrs. A. H. Barnett P. O. Box 306 Alton, Alabama	September 10, 11, 1965 Meadows Chapel Church
Cahaba River	Rev. Floyd C. Barber Rt. 1, Box 620 Pell City, Alabama	P. A. Nichols P. O. Box 4162 Birmingham 6, Alabama	Blossburg, Alabama September 31-Oct. 2, 1965
East Alabama	Rev. Walter Jones 2011 2nd Ave. Phenix City, Alabama	Mrs. Juanita Wyatt Rt. 3, Box 435 Phenix City, Alabama	Fairview Church Trussville, Alabama August 14, 1965
Flint River	Rev. Dennis Reeves Rt. 3 Vinemont, Alabama	Oscar Long Rt. 1 Falkville, Alabama	White Rock Church Phenix City, Ala. Rt. September 17, 18, 1965
Jasper	Rev. Wise Holcomb Rt. 2 Guin, Alabama	Brandon Estes Rt. 2 Guin, Alabama	October 1-2, 1965 Shady Grove Church
Liberty No. 1	Rev. N. W. Carden Rt. 1 Flomaton, Alabama	Mrs. Ivan Stewart P. O. Box 116 Perdido, Alabama	Phil Campbell, Alabama October 8-9, 1965
Liberty No. 2	Rev. C. L. Carlisle 507 30th St. N. Pell City, Alabama	Rev. Robert Simon 2118 3rd St. N. Pell City, Alabama	Range Church Range, Alabama September 24-25, 1965
Mt. Moriah	Rev. J. L. Lavender Aliceville, Alabama	Leander McAdams 416 Alabama St. Columbus, Miss.	October 15-16, 1965
Progressive	Rev. A. J. Lambert 860 Temple Ave. Fayette, Alabama	Mrs. Lorene Ryland 42 Elaine St. Fayette, Alabama	August 26-28, 1965 Sulphur Springs Church
Southeastern	Rev. Durward Adkinson Ariton, Alabama	Mrs. Evelyn Sutton Ariton, Alabama	Samantha, Alabama October 29-30, 1965
State Line (Fla.)	Rev. John Edwards 1217 Bruce St. Dothan, Alabama	Mrs. Ralph Bell Rt. 1 Ashford, Alabama	Union on Friday Mt. Zion on Saturday
Vernon	Rev. W. D. Glasgow Rt. 4 Theodore, Alabama	R. T. Mixon Rt. 2 Vernon, Alabama	October 15-16, 1965 Mt. Harmony Church
Alabama State	Rev. William E. Atkinson P. O. Box 35 Winfield, Alabama	Rev. Ray W. Ritch 724 12th Ave. West Birmingham, Alabama	November 11-13, 1965 First Free Will Baptist Ch. Dothan, Alabama

## CONSTITUTION

**NAME**—This body shall be known as the "ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS."

**SEAL**—This Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists adopt the treatise of the National Association in faith and practice.

**SECTION II**—The officers of the State Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, Assistant Clerk, General Board and Executive Committee. The Executive Committee 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.

All members of the Home Mission Board shall be elected for terms of 1 year to seven years as so specified in 1964 election. Beginning in 1965 one member of this board shall be elected each year as their terms expire. Expiciation dates of all terms are to be printed in our minutes.

**SECTION 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.

**SECTION 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, shall become a member by a majority of this body.

**SECTION 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 (5) five dollars.

**ARTICLE II—Finance**—Each District Association shall send the sum of (5) five 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.

**Section 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 shall 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 it decisions shall be final.

**SECTION 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 meetings 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.

#### 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-third 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 shall 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 the members present.

#### CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' MEETING OF ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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 Baptists 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.

VII. The Secretary shall be paid (\$5.00) five dollars for preserving the record of each meeting. The Moderator shall be paid (\$15.00) fifteen dollars 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' and 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' AND 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 decision 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.

### ALABAMA STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONVENTION 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 each League shall send one delegate and a \$2.00 fee for each organization if not represented by a District Convention. This fee is to be paid each year.

2. Each District Convention shall send one delegate for each Sunday School and each League and pay \$1.50 for each Sunday School and Each League to the annual convention.

3. 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 incumber 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 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. The Executives of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention and the Sunday School and CTS Convention get together and have the programs printed for both of the Conventions with the Woman's Auxiliary paying one-third of the cost.

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 II. 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 II. 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 II. 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 five cents per mile for travel in connection with convention activities. Speakers from outside organizations who come to speak to us be paid the sum of six cents (6c) per mile and \$10.00 per message. If commercial transportation is used they shall be paid the actual amount incurred.

ARTICLE VII. Membership—The members of this convention shall be the regular officers, the Executive Board, Free Will Baptist Ministers in good standing, all Sunday School Superintendents, all League Presidents, and Delegates duly appointed by the organization they represent. It shall be the duty of organizations sending delegates to see that said delegates bear proper credentials as required in Section II of Article II of the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII. Banner—One point for each mile traveled between home church and host church and ten points for each person present.

ARTICLE IX. 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.

## CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise, by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.