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For the Year 1965-1966**

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**BOARDS**

**General**—Mr. A. H. Barnett, Birmingham District Assn.; Rev. Jack Rollins, Cahaba River Assn.; Rev. Walter E. Jones, East Alabama Assn.; Mr. S. O. Fowler, Florida State Line Assn.; Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Jasper Assn.; Mr. Ivan Stewart, Libert No. 1 Assn.; Rev. William Barber, Liberty No. 2 Assn.; Rev. J. L. Lavender, Mt. Moriah Assn.; Rev. Louie Bates, Progressive Assn.; Rev. Durward Adkinson, Southeastern Assn.; Rev. M. H. Hollis, Vernon Assn.

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Rev. Levy Corey, Townley, Alabama  
Rev. Louie Bates, Box 45, Alden, Alabama  
Rev. Clarence R. Mays, 504 Greene Ave., Cordova, Alabama  
Rev. Carlton Lambert, Box 8, Eldridge, Alabama  
Rev. Milton Crowson, Rt. 1, Russellville, Alabama  
Rev. Willie Justice, 701 Branch St., Florence, Alabama  
Rev. J. J. Staab, 2314 N. 33rd Ave., Birmingham, Alabama  
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Rev. Burket F. Bolin, Rt. 1, Slocomb, Alabama  
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Mr. L. L. Cobb, Luverne, Alabama

#### **Jasper Association**

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Rev. Bill George, Bonifay, Florida

Rev. John M. Rich, Chipley, Florida

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Tennessee

Rev. Homer Willis, Nashville, Ten-  
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Mr. Henry Farmer, Headland, Ala-  
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#### **Vernon Association**

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Mrs. Irene Palmer, Rt. 1, Castle-  
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Mrs. W. G. Palmer, Rt. 1, Castle-  
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Miss Jackie Blackburn, Rt. 4, Brew-  
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Mrs. M. M. Burkett, Rt. 1, Castle-  
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Mrs. Eugene Jones, Rt. 1, Midland  
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Mrs. Henry Farmer, Headland, Ala.

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Holt Stokes, Abbeville, Alabama

William W. Bush, Rt. 1, Clayton,  
Alabama

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# proceedings

## THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 11, 1965

### 20th Session of Ministers and Deacons Conference

The twentieth session of the Ministers and Deacons Conference opened with congregational singing under the direction of Bro. Paul M. Jones with Sis. Jack Rollins at the piano.

The morning devotional was brought by Rev. Ray Ritch using 1 Thess. 5:17. Prayer by the speaker.

Rev. John Edwards welcomed the conference. The response was given by Rev. Jimmie Brown. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace" while having a hand shake.

The moderator, Rev. Jack Rollins, brought a brief message using Matt. 4:4; Preach the Word. Bro. and Sis. Ivan Stewart sang "My Truest Friend."

Rev. Milton Crowson brought a wonderful message on "The Word of God and Sin" using 1 John 3:4; Romans 14:23—3:23—5:12—6:16. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Hollingshead led in singing "I Believe the Bible" and "Tell Me the Story of Jesus." Rev. Levy Corey brought an inspiring message on "The Word of God and the Believer" using Ps. 119:105; 1 Peter 2:2-3; Jer. 15:16. Prayer by the speaker.

Bro. Hollingshead led the congregation in singing "Footsteps of Jesus." Rev. Carlton Lambert sang "More Love to Thee."

Rev. Willie Justice led in prayer before bringing a wonderful message on "The Word of God and the Preacher" using 2 Tim. 4:1-8; 1 Tim. 3:1-7. The Holy Spirit was present in a mighty way. Dismissed for lunch by Rev. W. H. Ryland.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 11, 1965

With Bro. Hollingshead leading the congregation sang "Standing on the Promises" with Sis. Rollins at the piano and Sis. Ledlow at the organ. Rev. E. B. Ledlow brought the devotional using Romans 10:14-17. Bro. and Sis. Ledlow sang "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow." Prayer by Rev. William Travis.

Rev. W. H. Ryland brought a wonderful message on "The Word of God and the Church" using Acts 2:42; Matt. 5:8. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Hollingshead led "How Firm a Foundation." Rev. A. J. Lambert brought a challenging message on "The Word of God and Evangelism" using 2 Tim. 4:5; Eph. 4:11-12 and Acts 21:8. Prayer by the speaker.

Bro. Hollingshead led in singing "Amazing Grace." The meeting was adjourned and dismissed in prayer by Rev. J. L. Lavender.

## THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 11

46th Session of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists—  
Rev. M. H. Hollis presiding.

The appreciation committee gave it's report which was accepted by the body after proper move and second. The Associational clerk gave his report

The 46th session of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists opened with the congregation singing "Heavenly Sunlight." Bro. Hollingshead leading with Sis. Rollins at the piano and Sis. Ledlow at the organ. The congregation sang "Do You Know You Have Been Borned Again" and "To God be the Glory."

Rev. W. G. Palmer brought scripture thoughts and prayer using Rev. 2:7; The great condition. Prayer by the speaker. The congregation sang "He Keeps me Singing." Rev. Leo Curtis welcomed the association. Bro. Ivan Stewart gave the response.

The clerk of the association, Rev. Ray W. Ritch, called the association to order and introduced the moderator, Rev. William Atkinson. The moderator appointed the committees. (See committee reports)

The congregation sang "Joy Unspeakable." The choir of the First Free Will Baptist Church sang "How Great Thou Art." Rev. William Atkinson gave the offertory prayer. The choir sang "Over the Sunset Mountain."

Dr. Robert Picirilli brought the evening message using John 17:18—20:19-23; Hebrews 12:2; Matt. 4:20. His text being "Even So Send I You." Prayer by the speaker. Everyone enjoyed his wonderful message.

The congregation sang "Footsteps of Jesus." The moderator made some announcements concerning Friday morning's activities. The congregation sang "Take the Name of Jesus With You." Rev. Orbie Pierce dismissed in prayer.

## FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 12

The morning session opened with Bro. Hollingshead leading "It is Joy Unspeakable," with Sis. Rollins at the piano and Sis. Ledlow at the organ. Rev. B. T. Alexander brought the scripture thoughts using Matt. 24:11-13. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Hollingshead led in singing "I Believe the Bible."

The moderator brought his message using Romans 12:3-12. Bro. Atkinson read from the bylaws. Recognition of standing delegates and visitors. Partial report of the credential committee. Item 1 carried. The delegates were seated. Bro. Hollingshead led "Do You Know That You've Been Born Again." Move second and carried to adopt the program flexibly.

Rev. Paul Kettelman gave a report from the Bible College which was accepted as information. (See reports)

Partial report of the credential committee. Item 2 carried; Item 3 carried.

Dr. Picirilli gave a report from the National Executive Department which was accepted as information.

Rev. Louie Bates gave a report on the National Association which was accepted as information. Bro. Hollingshead led "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." Dismissed for a short recess.

Convened back singing "Ring the Bells of Heaven" and "Since Jesus Came Into my Heart." Rev. Milton Gann brought the morning message using Luke 24:44-48; Matt. 28:19-20. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Hollingshead led "Rescue the Perishing." Bro. E. B. Ledlow to serve as assistant clerk during this session. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Joe Ledlow.



## FRIDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 12

After a wonderful lunch we convened with Bro. Hollingshead leading "Standing on the Promises." Rev. Leonard Gooden brought scripture thoughts using Matt. 16:1-3. Prayer by Rev. Eustace Riggs.

Mrs. Maude Fowler gave a report of the Sunday School Convention which was accepted. Mrs. Paul Jones gave a report of the Womans Auxiliary Convention which was accepted. Words from Montgomery by Rev. E. B. Ledlow which was accepted as information.

Bro. Hollingshead led "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes."

Rev. Walter Jones gave the report of the Superannuation Board which was accepted by the body upon proper move and second. Items 1, 2, and 3 carried. Bro. A. J. Lambert closed in prayer. Item 4 carried.

Rev. Carlton Lambert gave a report from the Children's Home which was accepted as information. Bro. Hollingshead led "Draw Me Nearer." Report of the Masters Men by Bro. Travis Carter which was accepted as information. Report of the State Home Missions which was accepted by the body after proper move and second. Report of the General Board. Move and second to accept this report and dispose of item by item. (See reports) Item 4 was tabled until Saturday.

Rev. Rufus Coffey gave a report of the National Foreign Mission Board which was accepted as information. Bro. Hollingshead led "Onward Christian Soldiers."

## FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 12

Bro. M. H. Hollis led in singing "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings" with Sis. Rollins at the piano and Sis. Ledlow at the organ. Rev. Durward Adkinson brought scripture thoughts using 2 Tim. 3:14-17. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Hollis led "I Would Not Be Denied."

The Sunday School and C.T.S. gave it's report which was accepted as information. Bro. Hollis led "Victory in Jesus." The choir of the First Free Will Baptist Church sang a melody of songs. The choir director led the congregation in singing "I am Resolved." The choir sang "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus."

Rev. Rufus Coffey brought the evening message using 1 Cor. 9:11-23; Romans 1:1. The Missionary Woe. Prayer by the speaker. We stood and sang "I Can Hear My Savior Calling." Bro. Atkinson led in a prayer of dedication. Bro. Atkinson and Bro. Edwards made the announcements. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Ralph Bell.

## SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 13

Bro. Hollis led "Blessed Assurance" with Sis. Rollins at the piano and Sis. Ledlow at the organ. Rev. Herman Baker brought scripture thoughts using Luke 9:51-62. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Hollis led "Trust and Obey." which was accepted by the body. The report of the Executive committee was accepted by the body. The auditing committee gave their report which was accepted by the body.

Rev. Homer Willis gave the report of the National Home Missions which was accepted as information. Rev. Bill McCuin led "Count Your Blessings." Rev. Grady Palmer gave the report of the Trustees of the Children's Home which was accepted by the body. There was a gift of \$128.00 given to the land fund at Montgomery. Move and second to take all items off the table and dispose of same by item.

Bro. McCuin led in singing "Standing on the Promises." The report of the Executive committee was accepted by the body and disposed of item by item. It was moved and seconded and carried to accept the report of the nominating committee. Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 were carried.

The moderator appointed the delegates to the National Association which will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas July 12-14, 1966. Those appointed were: Mrs. Leo Curtis, Mrs. E. B. Ledlow, Mrs. Louie Bates, Mrs. John Haisten and Mrs. J. B. Ledlow.

Moved and seconded to give the ladies of the registration committee a rising vote of thanks for a job well done. Moved and seconded to adjourn this business session.

Bro. Bill McCuin led in singing "I Love To Tell the Story." Rev. Clarence Mays brought the morning message using Hebrews 10:11-13; 12:28. Great Expectations. Prayer by the speaker. We stood and sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." Dismissed by Rev. Jack Rollins.

## reports

APPRECIATION—We your Appreciation Committee, speaking for each church represented in this State Association wish to express our deep appreciation and humble thanks for the expression of hospitality and friendliness shown to us by the Dothan Church, the Florida State Line Association, and the Southeastern Association, during this 46th session of the Alabama State Association.

Milton Crowson, Chairman  
Mrs. J. B. Ledlow  
Mrs. W. H. Ryland

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

J. L. Lavender, Chairman  
Paul Jones  
Junior Aldridge

CREDENTIAL—(1) We your Credential Committee have examined the letters of 10 Associations and find them in order. (2) We recommend that we receive the \$37.00 entrance fee from Mt. Morriah Association for this session, but that they pay the full amount of \$5.00 per church at the next session and that they send a letter to our clerk. (3) We recommend that we receive the North Alabama Quarterly Conference and the Sulligent Church into this body.



(4) We recommend that the Mississippi State Line Association be received into this body.

Chester O'Donnell, Chairman  
Bro. Orbie Peirce  
Bro. Leo Curtis  
Bro. John Haisten  
Bro. T. B. Calloway

GENERAL BOARD—(1) We recommend that the resolution of the State Sunday School and C.T.S. be presented to this body.

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the State Church Training Service (League) and Sunday School Convention has for many years operated as a separate organization, and

WHEREAS, Said Convention is composed of District and Local C.T.S. and Sunday School organizations, which are auxiliaries of the Churches of this State Association, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a more uniform and coordinated effort between said Convention and the State Association, and

WHEREAS, said Convention voted at its last session to request the Alabama State Association to form a State Board of Christian Education, which in the future would control and promulgate the work of the aforementioned Convention, whereupon they would relinquish all funds in their treasury and cease to exist, and

WHEREAS, one of the greatest needs of our State is a better trained and better informed constituency,

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Alabama State Association form a State Board of Education.
  2. That said Board assume responsibility for the C.T.S. and Sunday School work on a State level.
  3. That said Board be the coordinating agency between our National and District Offices in this area of endeavor to promote this work through Youth Rallies, Teachers Training Conferences, Workers and Youth Retreats, etc.
  4. That a set of By-Laws be adopted during this session to stipulate the conduct and responsibilities of this Board.
  5. That the work of this Board be financed by a fee of \$1.00 per C.T.S. and or Sunday School, plus offering which may be received at meetings conducted by this Board.
  6. That said fee accompany a report from each District or Local C.T.S. Sunday School work.
  7. That this Board be composed of five (5) members.
  8. That the following statement be added to Section II of our Constitution: A Board of Christian Education composed of five (5) members, whose terms of office shall be from one to five years.
  9. That an annual report be given by this Board to this Association.
  10. That the officers of this Board be Chairman, Assistant Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer, who shall compose the Executive Committee of this Board.
  11. That Board members be compensated for expenses incurred in the discharging of their responsibility.
2. We recommend that the proposed By-Laws of the Board of Christian Education be presented to this body.

### Proposed By-Laws of the Board of Christian Education of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists.

#### Article I — Purpose

The purpose of this Board shall be to promote Church Training Service and Sunday School work in the State of Alabama as a coordinating agency between National and District offices, and through conducting Youth Rallies, Teacher Training Conferences, Youth Retreats, Workers Retreats, etc.

#### Article II — Directors

Section 1: The Board of Christian Education shall consist of five directors as elected by the Alabama State Association. At the time of incorporation, members of the board shall serve as the incorporators of the corporation.

Section 2: The Board of Directors shall be elected as provided in the Constitution and By-Laws of the State Association according to an arrangement whereby each member has a term of office for five years, and their terms so arranged that only one member's term expires annually.

Section 3: In the event irregular vacancies occur on the Board of Directors between sessions of the State Association, such vacancies shall be filled by the General Board of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists according to the provisions of the constitution and by-laws of the Alabama State Association.

Section 4: An annual meeting of the board of directors shall be held within ten days after each annual meeting of the State Association, and the Board shall elect a chairman, assistant chairman, and secretary-treasurer, each of whom shall hold office until the election and qualification of his successor, and the board shall have authority to create such other offices and elect officers thereto as it may deem necessary.

#### Article III — Special Meetings of Directors

Section 1: Special meetings of the board of directors shall be held at the call of the chairman or upon the written request of three or more members of the board of directors, provided notices of such meetings are given at least five days in advance of such meeting.

Section 2: No member of the board of directors shall receive compensation except that expenses incurred in discharging official duties may be paid.

Section 3: A majority of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the board and absent members may represent by proxy provided such proxy is accompanied by a signed letter by said director.

#### Article IV — Duties and Powers of Directors

Section 1: The board of directors shall have general supervision and control of the activities of the Board of Christian Education and shall make all rules and regulations not inconsistent with law or with these by-laws or with the policy of the State Association for the management and direction of the activities of the Board of Christian Education and guidance of its officers, employees and agents.

Section 2: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the Board of Christian Education and shall have such powers and duties as may, from time to time, be prescribed by the board of directors and these duties and powers may be all the duties and powers of the said board of directors. Copies of the minutes of any meeting of the executive committee shall be mailed to all directors within seven (7) days following such a meeting.

Section 3: The board of directors shall have the power to select from time to time a bank or banks as depository of the funds of the Board of Christian Education and shall designate the person or persons authorized to sign checks thereon.

#### Article V — Duties of Officers

Section 1: The chairman shall (1) preside over all meetings of the board of directors; (2) call special meetings of the board of directors; (3) perform all



acts and duties usually performed by an executive and presiding officer; (4) sign the name of the Board of Christian Education of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists by himself as chairman to all papers and documents as he may be authorized and directed by the board of directors. The chairman may perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the board of directors.

Section 2: In the absence or disability of the chairman, the assistant chairman shall perform the duties of the chairman. In case of death, resignation, or permanent disability of the chairman, the assistant chairman shall serve as chairman until the next meeting or special meeting of the board of directors.

Section 3: The secretary-treasurer shall keep a complete record of all meetings of the board of directors. If and when this board is incorporated, he shall keep the corporate seal and attest the signature of the chairman and affix the seal of all papers requiring a seal. He shall keep an accurate record of all transactions, business, obligations, funds, and assets of the Board of Christian Education and shall give security in an amount to be affixed by the board of directors. He shall perform such other duties as the board of directors may direct.

He shall serve all notices required by law and these by-laws and shall make a report of all matters pertaining to his office to the members of the board of directors at the annual meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose. He shall make all reports required by law and shall perform such other duties as may be required by the board of directors. Upon and election of his successor, the secretary-treasurer shall turn over to his successor all books and other property belonging to the Board of Christian Education that may be in his possession.

Section 4: Any other officers elected to offices created by the board of directors shall perform such duties as may belong to such offices as may be required by the board of directors.

#### Article VI — Amendments

Section 1: These by-laws may be altered or amended at any regular or special meeting of the members of the board of directors called for that purpose by the affirmative vote of a majority of the board voting personally or by proxy, and provided that said amendment has been approved by the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists.

3. We recommend that the next session be carried on the same as before with the host church using some of the money sent in to hire some help if they see fit and provide lodging.

4. We recommend that the seal be changed to read, This Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists and its constituents shall adopt the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in faith and practice.

Section 2, Article 2. There shall also be a board of Trustees of the Children's Home, a board of Superannuation, a board of Home Missions and a board of Christian Education.

Section 2, Article 3. There shall not be less than three (3) nor more than twenty-four (24) members on the board of Trustees of the Children's Home. These men shall serve indefinitely. Each district association shall have the privilege to recommend one man to serve as a member of said board. No more than one man shall serve from the same district. These members of said board shall be elected by the Alabama State Association.

The adjoining states of Florida, Mississippi and Georgia shall have the privilege of naming not less than one nor more than two members each to serve on this board.

Section 2, Article 4. The Superannuation Board shall consist of five members who shall serve indefinitely. When vacancies occur the body shall elect.

5. We recommend that the following be inserted as item 20 of the by-laws. No district association, quarterly meeting or local church shall become a member of this body without having adopted the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in faith and practice.

6. We recommend that we receive offerings the same as last year to go to National Home Missions, Executive Department National Association, Free Will Baptist Bible College, National C.T.S. Board and National Superannuation.

7. We recommend that we give the visiting speakers 6c per mile and \$10.00 honorarium.

The Executive Committee met at Northport Church on September 4, 1965 at 9:00 a.m. We sang "Oh How I Love Jesus." Bro. Bates led in prayer. Scripture reading by Bro. Atkinson Eph. 5:17. We planned the next meeting of the State Association. We also discussed the Mississippi State Line and the Sulligent Church problem. Bro. Hollingshead gave a talk about the Sunday School and Church Training Service resolution. We discussed the forming of a board of Christian Education. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Ivan Stewart.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—(1) The Florence Free Will Baptist Church of Florence, Alabama has asked for the 1966 session of the Alabama State Association. Therefore we recommend that we accept this invitation.

2. We the Executive Committee recommend that the Home Mission Board and the Superannuation Board meet and work them up a set of bylaws governing their respective boards and submit said bylaws to the State Association at the 1966 session. These bylaws are not to conflict with our existing State Association Constitution.

3. We recommend that this Association write a letter of commendation to Mrs. Florence Sides, commending her for her 18 years of faithful service to the Children's Home.

4. We recommend that this Association write a letter of appreciation to Dr. Gaines Keith, Dr. Ned Cargile and Dr. Frederic Rosemore for professional services rendered to the Children's Home.

Rev. Jack Rollins  
Rev. Jimmie Brown  
Rev. M. H. Hollis  
Rev. Louie Bates  
Mr. Ivan Stewart

NOMINATING—We the Nominating Committee submit the following in nominations: Home Mission Board—Rev. J. B. Ledlow. General Board—Bro. S. O. Fowler, Rev. Hurtis Sullins. Christian Education Board—Rev. Charles Hollingshead 1970, Rev. James Walden 1969, Bro. Larry Austin 1968, Rev. Bill McCuin 1967, Rev. E. B. Ledlow 1966. Trustee of Children's Home—Rev. Gurly



Roberts, Rev. Paul Mallory, Rev. Claude LeCroy. Assistant Clerk—Rev. Milton Crowson.

Rev. William Travis  
Rev. Huey Lacey  
Rev. Bill McCuin  
Rev. B. T. Alexander  
Rev. J. S. Fredrick

SUPERANNUATION BOARD—1. We recommend that any person eligible for Superannuation help contact Mrs. W. H. Ryland or any member of the Superannuation Board for an application blank.

2. We recommend that any minister reaching the age of 70 years of age or who becomes permanently disable having pastored as much as ten years or his widow as long as she doesn't remarry receive compensation.

3. We recommend that our association stand in a few minutes of silent prayer in memory of Rev. G. W. Flippo, Rev. and Mrs. B. N. Atkins and Rev. Rufus Hyman who passed away since our last State Association and close with oral prayer. Prayer by Rev. A. J. Lambert.

4. We recommend that we receive a special offering on Father's Day and send it to our state treasurer, as we send ten per cent of state superannuation to our National Superannuation.

Mrs. W. H. Ryland  
Mrs. W. G. Palmer  
Rev. James Walden  
Rev. Walter Jones

LAYMAN'S BREAKFAST—The Layman's Breakfast convened Friday, November 12, 1965 at 7 a.m. at Leon's Restaurant with Travis Ray Carter of Winfield, Alabama, presiding. Bro. Carter has been Alabama National Layman Congressman for the past two years. Congressman Carter gave a report of number of Master Mens Charters in Alabama. 20 with membership of 186. There were 14 new charters organized in 1965. He urged all pastors and laymen to join together in the year of 1966 to go forward in a united effort in working for the master.

Doctor Gordon Atkinson, a local physician, brought a very challenging message on visiting the hospital sick and religion. With the final message before adjourning Congressman Carter put special emphasis on getting more laymen enlisted throughout the state and challenged all to put forth a special effort to make this the greatest year yet for Master Men in Alabama. Wants two congressmen to work as he would be elevated to Senator in the very near future.

Travis Ray Carter

TRUSTEE OF CHILDREN'S HOME—We the Trustees of the Children's Home appreciate the support of everyone who helped us go over our budget for the year. Some of the district associations haven't as yet chosen a Trustee and we encourage this action by the General Board. The loan has been secured and we plan to use it as follows: 1. Floor covering for lobby, dining room and halls through kitchen. This consists of entire area being covered by 3/8 plywood and Armstrong emboss inlaid linoleum. Cost \$2,500.00.

2. General overhaul of bath in little boys department. Cost \$400.00.
3. Repair in little boys department. Four 1/4" plywood around walls at base for protection to plaster. Restripping ceiling and painting. Cost \$200.00.
4. Installing full bath in staff apartment in Girls department and installing small kitchenette in same. Cost \$600.00.
5. Ceramic tile floors and shower walls in girls and large boys department. Cost \$1,500.00.
6. Installing two fire doors in Girls department and one in large boys department. Cost \$200.00.
7. Repairing and water proofing dormers on roof of main building. Cost \$200.00.
8. Installing new aluminum sashes and screens in front of main building. 21 windows cost \$1,000.00.
9. Installing brick banisters and gutters and wrought iron banisters on front porch of main building. Cost \$600.00.
10. Miscellaneous landscaping. Cost \$500.00.
11. Install walk-in freezer. We already have the unit. Cost \$1,000.00.
12. Interior furnishings: beds, chest, dressers, rugs, etc. in living quarters for children. Cost \$1,300.00.

Rev. W. P. Palmer, Chairman

HOME MISSION BOARD—We need 300 folding chairs to help in our work. There was three new churches organized in the last year. They were at Montgomery, Pleasant Grove and Luverne.

Board meeting on 11-11-65. Moved by W. L. Turner and seconded by Travis Ray Carter to elect Rev. John Edwards as chairman of the board. Bro. Justice moved to elect Sec.-Treasurer and chairman of board every other year beginning in 1967. Seconded by Bro. Thomas. After discussion was voted to do this. We discussed the Montgomery work and a new board member to replace Bro. Staab. It was recommended to ask Bro. Jones to suggest some one from his association to the nominating committee. On 11-12-65 we met with Bro. Rufus Coffey as guest discussing the Alabama work and ways of coordinating the State work pertaining to all types of mission work and college. So that duplication of itineraries would not overlap and all churches would be useful to the whole program. No further business adjourned and reported to the body by Bro. Staab and Bro. Travis Ray Carter.

#### REPORT OF HOME MISSION SECRETARY-TREASURER—

Brought Forward .....	\$ 119.59
Received .....	1,273.48
Total .....	\$1,393.07

#### PAID OUT

E. B. Ledlow Account .....	\$1,064.78
W. L. Turner Expense .....	17.50
F. L. Thomas Expense .....	14.00
John Edwards Expense .....	11.25



Louie Bates Expense .....	16.00
J. J. Staab Expense .....	35.65
Postage Stamps .....	25.40
Paper (for letters) and Endorsement Stamp .....	6.18
E. B. Ledlow Telephone Call .....	2.31
Tent Rental .....	100.00
Total Distribution .....	\$1,293.07

# REPORT OF ALABAMA STATE SUPERANNUATION TREASURER— RECEIVED

East Birmingham .....	\$ 104.54
North Birmingham .....	60.58
Winfield .....	121.68
Forestdale Auxiliary .....	32.23
Forestdale .....	127.75
Fairview, Trussville .....	90.00
Unity, Sylacauga .....	51.99
Mt. Olive, Guin .....	78.40
Montgomery .....	7.37
Shady Grove, Adamsville .....	163.00
Fayette .....	10.00
Cordova Auxiliary .....	5.00
Cedar Creek, Hartselle .....	50.00
Guin .....	45.59
Free Waters, Winfield .....	36.00
Pine Grove, Perdido .....	6.25
Cordova .....	126.18
St. James, Phenix City .....	45.33
Russellville .....	7.91
Brilliant .....	10.50
Florence Church & Auxiliary .....	105.38
Hanks Memorial .....	73.68
Graysville Church and Auxiliary .....	48.25
Cedrom Grove, Jasper .....	30.33
Vernon .....	24.81
Semiriah Springs .....	9.00
Range .....	20.00
Davis Chapel .....	11.02
Oak Grove .....	12.43
Union Grove .....	28.77
Springfield .....	20.09
Belk .....	15.00
Pleasant Grove, Sprott .....	17.00
Florida State Line Association .....	172.11
Alabama State Association .....	83.84
Total .....	\$1,824.91
Brought Forward .....	74.77

Grand Total ..... \$1,899.68

## PAID OUT

Rev. S. F. Lee .....	\$ 125.00
Rev. R. H. Howard .....	125.00
Rev. C. R. Allen .....	125.00
Mrs. Ruby Nobles .....	125.00
Mrs. Maude Quick .....	125.00
Mrs. Annie Franks .....	125.00
Mrs. M. E. Carpenter .....	125.00
Mrs. Rufus Hyman .....	80.00
Rev. G. W. Flippo .....	65.00
Rev. B. M. Atkins .....	65.00
Mrs. B. M. Atkins .....	10.00
National Superannuation Board .....	182.50
Bank Charges .....	13.24

Total Paid Out ..... \$1,290.74  
Balance in Treasury ..... \$ 608.94

Verla Ryland, Secretary & Treasurer

## FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

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, 1965. 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, 1965.

Very truly yours,  
Black and Black  
Public Accountants

## EXHIBIT "A"

## FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME Eldridge, Alabama

## SUPERINTENDENT'S CASH REPORT October 1, 1964 Through September 30, 1965

	Checking Account	Reserve Fund	Misc. Fund	Total
CASH BALANCE 9-30-64	\$ 88.77	\$403.05		\$ 491.82



# ADDITIONS THIS PERIOD:

Contributions	\$34,396.91	\$ 47.50	\$3,968.58	\$38,412.99
Social Security-Support Pmts.	\$ 4,949.00			4,949.00
Sales	452.22			452.22
Total Additions	\$39,798.13	\$ 47.50	\$3,968.58	\$43,814.21

TOTAL CASH TO ACCOUNT FOR \$39,886.90 \$450.55 \$3,968.58 \$44,306.03

# DISBURSEMENTS THIS PERIOD

Salaries and Payroll Tax	\$14,281.20			\$14,281.20
Food	7,076.45			7,076.45
Clothing	900.00			900.00
Office Expenses	1,091.47			1,091.47
Hardware and Maintenance	2,121.68		67.09	2,188.77
Butane Gas	704.20			704.20
Coal	302.90			302.90
Electricity	966.77			966.77
Telephone	658.85			658.85
Gas and Oil	1,178.73			1,178.73
Vehicle Maintenance	776.03			776.03
Household Expenses	1,200.74			1,200.74
Pest Control	85.00			85.00
Medical Expenses	286.90			286.90
Education Expenses	1,722.22		187.50	1,909.72
Janitorial Supplies	596.67			596.67
Insurance and Bond	714.31			714.31
Board Members Expense	535.00			535.00
Fire Fighting Equipment	290.76			290.76
Audit	70.00			70.00
Other Operating Expenses	369.65			369.65
Returned Check	33.55			33.55
Farm Expenses	3,400.71			3,400.71
Purchase of Bull	100.00			100.00
Purchase of Tractor & Equip.			3,021.48	3,021.48
Purchase of Mimeograph Mach.			420.00	420.00
Clearing Land		280.00		280.00
Total Disbursements	\$39,463.79	\$280.00	\$3,696.07	\$43,439.86
Cash in Bank 9-30-65	423.11	170.55	272.51	866.17

TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTED FOR \$39,886.90 \$450.55 \$3,968.58 \$44,306.03

# FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Eldridge, Alabama

# THINGS DONATED—

Alabama	\$11,698.00
Mississippi	1,156.00
Georgia	685.00

Florida	656.00
Arkansas	195.00
Texas	64.00
North Carolina	47.00
Tennessee	45.00
Kansas	14.00
Illinois	9.00
Missouri	5.00
South Carolina	5.00

Total \$14,579.00

# PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED:

Dr. Gaines W. Keith, M. D.	\$ 600.00
Dr. Ned Cargile, Dentist	350.00
Dr. Jerry Files, Dentist	250.00
Dr. Frederic Rosemore, Optometrist	100.00

Total \$1,300.00

# FARM:

Garden Vegetables	\$ 900.00
Corn (1,300 Bu. at \$1.15 per bu.)	1,495.00
Frozen Foods	100.00
Milk (4,000 gals. at 70c)	2,800.00
Pork (5,200 lbs; 3,900 lbs. dressed at 40c lb.)	1,560.00
Canned Foods (1,400 qts. at 35c per qt.)	490.00
Beef (1,000 lbs. dressed at 50c lb.)	500.00
Hay (1,000 bales at 60c per bale)	600.00

GROSS PROFIT \$8,445.00

Less Expense 3,400.71

Less Purchase of new tractor and equipment 3,021.48

NET PROFIT \$2,022.81

# ASSETS

# I. Property and Buildings—

Nineteen and one half (19½) acres of land in Eldridge, north of highway 78, with three main buildings thereon: one two-story brick building; one stone building; one stone and frame building. There are also some other structures on this property: one corn crib; one dairy barn, one equipment shed, and some cow stalls, but they are included in the farm assessment. Two hundred (200) acres of land south of Eldridge. Eighty (80) acres under fence with thirty-five (35) acres of the eighty (80) having been cleared and sowed in permanent pasture grass; one pond consisting of one and a half (1½) acre under water. Twenty (20) acres in cultivation. The rest of the two hundred (200) acre tract is in woods.

Two lots and two buildings in Jasper located behind Jitney Jungle. Eighty (80) acres of mineral rights in Red Mill Community.



ASSOCIATIONS	No. of Churches	No. of Membership	New Members	Lost Members	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Sunday Schools	No. of Members	U. T. S.	No. of Members	Women Auxiliaries	No. of Members	Prayer Meetings	Paid Pastors	Paid Evangelists	Religious and Social Expenses	Advertising - Radio, Pamphlets, etc.	Miscellaneous	Other	Total Local Expenditures	Cooperative Plan	Foreign Missions	National, State, Local, Home Missions	Education	Children's Home	Superannuation	Associational Projects	Other	Total Outside Expenditures	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage Property	No. of Parsonages
Birmingham District	9	467	45	29	21	12	17	9	322	1	38	1	15	4	\$ 3,340	\$ 433	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,605	\$ 903	\$ 10,366	\$	\$ 73	\$ 98	\$ 73	\$ 714	\$ 73	\$ 19	\$ 44	\$ 1,117	\$ 38,688	\$		
Cahaba River	17	1,283	145	41	32	3	72	17	1,029	11	395	11	91	15	24,046	2,124	11,841	1,484	4,598	45,664		1,265	1,484	1,097	4,770	700		40	9,358	231,418	25,500	3	
East Alabama	6	561	89	45	9		9	6	374	5	214	4	59	5	8,361	799	1,481	4,382	4,598	23,292	337	302	590	101	1,076	177	186	188	3,160	113,000	35,000	3	
Jasper	29	5,191	91	69	40	8	124	27	2,000	7	350	7	96	15	37,672	3,275	5,701	7,451	8,626	40,947		1,469	752	966	2,552	305			3,769	240,365	41,000	5	
Liberty No. 1	7	493	33	13	5	1	21	7	273	5	158	4	42	6	3,980	508	4,301	2,331	1,139	12,323	84	99	124	136	667	69	105	76	1,362	69,900	3,000	1	
Liberty No. 2	8	585	107	22	11	5	28	8	137	2	39	3	10	6	5,888	846	1,301	1,568	1,139	14,076		90	143	53	1,116	102	30		1,535	84,000			
Mt. Moriah	17	1,700	25		23	2	55	17		5				3	12,000	1,200				13,200					1,100				1,100				
Progressive	13	1,563	165	30			47	13	1,203	11	600	10	150	13	34,767	3,313	5,701	7,451	8,626	68,259	166	3,412	2,404	1,051	2,871	221	119	3,155	10,631	439,975	72,000	5	
Miss. State Line	20	1,490	78	40	21		65	18	871	3	137		24		13,521	1,991	2,301		232	22,815			233		346				580	186,713			
Southeastern	13	1,084	75	25	9	4	53	13	560	6	156	9	116	7	10,741	1,429	1,401	1,567	3,652	25,439	194	101	230	122	356	302	138	1,345	134,500	18,000	2		
Fla. State Line	20	2,432	126	63	12	3	72	18	1,040	12	543	6	120	10	24,155	3,331	12,301	2,435	1,486	66,961	3,021	267	538	98	650	12	56	460	5,110	286,550	10,000	1	
Vernon	16	1,470	79	43	20		58	15		5			25		25,893	1,698	6,401			36,099			1,316		946	354	155	2,771	214,700	20,000	3		
North Ala. Otrly Meeting	4	310	5	1	8		8	4	230	2	92	2	31	4	7,079	437	2,401	618		11,448		307	312	199	122	50		990	43,500	12,000	1		
Sulligent Church	1	82	25	2	1		5	1	55	1	30	1	9	1	2,600	235				2,932			25		90			115	1,500				
TOTAL	180	16,711	1,088	461	232	38	637	173	8,294	76	2,752	58	788	89	\$214,043	\$21,619	\$81,801	\$21,169	\$22,197	\$20,636	\$393,821	\$5,802	\$7,585	\$8,249	\$1,896	\$17,376	\$2,063	\$837	\$4,256	\$42,943	\$2,086,409	\$234,500	24



Two small lots in Townley, Alabama.	
The replacement cost of the above has been assessed at .....	\$220,000.00
II. Furnishings in two story brick building in Eldridge .....	20,000.00
III. Farm equipment, barns, crop, and livestock .....	20,000.00
Total .....	\$260,000.00

This assessment is based on the replacement cost of the above items.  
 Carlton Lambert, Superintendent

### REPORT OF CLERK - TREASURER

#### GENERAL FUND—

##### RECEIVED:

Received from Rev. E. B. Ledlow .....	\$ 53.91
Associational Fees .....	864.92
Ministers and Deacons Fees .....	146.00
Guin FWB Church (Transfer of Food Fund) .....	166.51
Total .....	\$1,231.34

##### PAID OUT:

The Amory Advertiser .....	\$ 38.09
Northwest Alabamian .....	2.10
Miss Sandra Terry (Work on Newsletter) .....	3.75
Postmaster, Cordova, Alabama .....	6.03
Houston Printing Company .....	242.32
National Association of Free Will Baptists .....	85.00
Executive Committee .....	62.40
Rev. John Edwards (Registration Badges) .....	20.00
Randall Book Store .....	3.10
Rev. John Edwards (Food Fund) .....	166.51
Rev. William Atkinson (Mailing Programs) .....	12.47
The Amory Advertiser (1965 Programs) .....	37.81
First National Bank of Birmingham (Bank Charge) .....	6.33

Total .....	\$ 685.91
Balance to Transfer to 1965-1966 General Fund .....	\$ 545.43
Total in Bank .....	\$ 650.03

#### COOPERATIVE PROGRAM & DESIGNATED FUNDS—

##### RECEIVED:

Offering to State Association .....	\$133.80
Sulpher Springs Church .....	2.00
Opelika Church .....	317.06
Pine Grove Church .....	71.50
Holmes Church .....	134.74
Semirah Springs Church .....	12.00
White Rock Church .....	86.69
Total .....	\$757.79

##### PAID OUT:

Office Fund .....	\$ 49.74
Ala. State Children's Home .....	74.74
Ala. State Home Missions .....	49.74
Ala. State Superannuation .....	49.74
F.W.B. Bible College .....	28.76
National Assn. of Free Will Baptist .....	300.49
National Home Missions .....	62.51
National Foreign Missions .....	34.76
Church Training Service Board .....	26.76

Total .....	\$677.24
Balance to transfer to 1965-1966 Corp. Fund .....	\$ 80.55
Office Fund—	
Received from Cooperative Program .....	49.74

##### PAID OUT:

Stamps .....	5.00
Postage (for mailing minutes) .....	14.16
Supplies .....	6.53

Total .....	\$ 25.69
Balance to transfer to 1965-1966 Office Fund .....	\$ 24.05

### 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.

—Rev. R. W. Ritch, 724 12th Ave. W. B'ham, Ala. 35204

### STATE WOMANS AUXILIARY CONVENTION

THEME: "Accountable Unto God" — Romans 14:12

Thursday Morning — June 10, 1965

The State Womens Auxiliary Convention convened with the Cedar Creek Free Will Baptist Church of Decatur, Alabama.

The program was opened with song service and prayer.

Devotional

Prayer

Welcome Address: Mrs. Robert Hill

Response: Mrs. William Atkinson

Recognition of Ministers, Auxiliary Members and Visitors

Song — "He Keeps Me Singing"

Call to order by President, Mrs. William Atkinson



Receiving of Letters  
 Appointment of Committees  
 Report on work in Montgomery by Bro. E. B. Ledlow  
 Prayer  
 Display by State Officers  
 Special Song by Bro. and Mrs. E. B. Ledlow  
 Message: Rev. Van Hudson, II Samuel 11:1  
 Prayer  
 Offertory  
 Dismissed for lunch

**Thursday Afternoon — June 10, 1965**

Choruses: By Mrs. C. R. Christenson  
 Message by Mrs. C. R. Christenson and Mrs. Thomas — "Accountable  
 Unto God Through Child Evangelism."

### REPORT OF COMMITTEES

#### Credential—

We the Credential Committee find the following District reports in order for delegates to be seated.

Jasper Association  
 Co-operative District Association  
 Progressive Association  
 Cahaba River Association  
 Southeast Association  
 East Alabama Association

Mrs. James Melton  
 Mrs. Tommy Booth  
 Mrs. Edwards

#### Appreciation—

We the Appreciation Committee, submit the following report: We wish to express our appreciation to the host church for their wonderful hospitality, delicious food, their acts of kindness and for the spiritual blessing that has been ours today.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mrs. Hazel Bobo  
 Mrs. Mary Smith  
 Mrs. Maude Fowler

#### Resolution—

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

1. That our state project for the coming year be the Montgomery Land Fund.
2. That each district raise \$100 or more to be turned in at annual district meeting, which in turn will be brought to annual state convention. The State Field Worker will be in charge of promotional work.

3. Although the Womans Auxiliary is no longer in charge of Youth Auxiliaries, be it resolved that the Womans Auxiliary continue to promote youth organizations.

4. That the Vacation Bible Schools continue to send their offerings to the Montgomery Account.

5. That each local Auxiliary promote Child Evangelism in their city, and try to organize "Good News Clubs."

Mrs. Laura Hollingshead  
 Mrs. Nancy Childers  
 Mrs. Martha Crowson  
 Mrs. Billie Rollins

#### Registration—

We the Registration Committee make the following report:

Ministers	11
Delegates	27
Visitors	63
TOTAL	101

Carolyn Hill  
 Linda Brown

#### Finance—

We the Finance Committee have checked the books and found them correct.

Mrs. Sarah Mays  
 Mrs. Thelma Lindsey  
 Mrs. Nancy Childers

#### Nominating—

We the Nominating Committee nominate for Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. Dorothy Kimbrough, Assistant: Mrs. Elree Randolph.

Other officers remain the same:

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

Mrs. Wilma Davis  
 Mrs. W. H. Ryland  
 Mrs. Olitha Deeds  
 Mrs. Ralph Bell  
 Mrs. Barbara Baker

Treasurers report was given and adopted.

Achievement Chart Winner: Mt. Olive Church

#### Delegates to National Convention:

Mrs. Herman Baker, Mrs. Charles Hollingshead, Mrs. John Edwards, Mrs.



A. L. Parker, Mrs. Milton Cowson, Mrs. E. B. Ledlow, Mrs. Wm. Travis, Mrs. Clarence Murphy.

#### FINANCE REPORT—

Brought Forward .....	\$ 53.90
Southeast Alabama Church .....	24.00
Jasper District .....	14.40
Cahaba River District .....	19.40
Progressive District .....	32.20
East Alabama District .....	13.20
Special Offering .....	16.14

TOTAL ..... \$173.24

#### PAID OUT—

Guest Speaker .....	\$ 26.14
Guest Speaker .....	10.00
Registration Badges .....	4.00
Stamps .....	6.33
Secretary Supplies .....	3.20

TOTAL ..... \$ 49.67

National Convention Dues .....	56.10
Minutes .....	15.00

TOTAL ..... \$ 71.10

Balance in Treasury ..... \$ 52.47

#### ALABAMA STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C.T.S. CONVENTION

The 1965 Alabama State Sunday School and C.T.S. Convention met June 10-12, 1965 with the Cedar Creek Free Will Baptist Church at Hartselle, Alabama. The C.T.S. was in charge of the Thursday night session. The convention was opened with the singing of "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" and "At The Cross." The music was furnished by Helen Cody at the piano and Larry Silcox, organist, directed by Rev. Jimmy Brown. Rev. Jimmy Brown of the host church gave the devotion using the Scripture II Peter 2:49. After the devotion chorus time was enjoyed by all.

The Declamation contest was held with Mrs. William Atkinson in charge. The Y.P.A. contestants were Larry Carter and Chip Holland with the G.T.A. contestants, Donnie Godsey and Debra Philips.

The congregation sang "Jesus Saves" followed by a special "Without Him" by Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Ledlow. Rev. E. B. Ledlow brought the Missionary Message based on St. John 4:35-36, Mark 16:15, and Acts 1:1-9. An invitational Hymn "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go" was sung following the message.

The Declamation winners were announced with Y.P.A. 1st place—Clifford Holland, Y.P.A. 2nd place—Larry Carter and G.T.A. 1st place Donnie Godsey

and G.T.A. 2nd place—Debra Philips. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Atkinson.

#### Friday Morning—

Theme: "The Kingdom of God First."—Theme Song: "Deeper, Deeper."

The service opened with the songs "He Keeps Me Singing" and "He Lives" Rev. Ralph Bell led in prayer. The welcome was given by the host church with the response by Rev. Willie Justice. The devotional, "The Kingdom before Personal Comfort" was given by Rev. William Fuller based on Matt. 16:24, Mark 10:28 and Luke 14:33. Prayer by Bro. Justice followed by the reading of reports and seating of the delegates. The Progressive Association had no letter. There were standing delegates of 14 ministers and 4 Sunday School Superintendents and C.T.S. Directors. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the reports and seat the delegates. The different committees were appointed and are as follows:

Credentials Committee—Mrs. Ralph Bell, Herman Baker, Bro. Walter Jones.

Appreciation Committee—Shelly Tisdale, Wanda Jones, Mrs. Aletha Deese.

Resolution Committee—Bill Smith, Larry Silcox, Rev. James Walden.

Nomination Committee—Rev. Ralph Bell, Mrs. William Atkinson, Rev. Clarence Mays.

Talent Committee—Rhonda Ledlow.

Director Committee—Rev. Levy Corey, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. E. B. Ledlow.

After a song "Have Faith in God" a short program "Snatch The Bacon" with Chip Holland directing was enjoyed by all. A buzz session was held with discussions on (1) General organization of C.T.S. by Rev. Charles Hollingshead, (2) General Assembly Aids—Chip Holland and (3) Awards, Ranks and Contests by Bro. Clarence Mays. A song "A Name In Glory" by the congregation was followed with prayer by Rev. Milton Crowson. Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Ledlow sang a special "Until Then." Rev. Van Hudson brought the morning message "The Person of Penticost" based on Acts 2:1-13. Bro. Shelly Fowler dismissed in prayer.

#### Friday Afternoon—

After a most enjoyable lunch hour we reconvened for the afternoon session. The congregation sang "When He Put A Little Sunshine In" and "I'm Going That Way." The devotional, "The Kingdom of God before our families" was given by Carolyn Powell based on Gen. 12:1-3 and Matt. 10:37. Bro. Herman Baker talked about giving a C.T.S. part and the meaning of it.

At this time the Resolution Committee presented the following resolution:

"Be It Resolved"—Whereas a new plan of organization has been developed in our denomination, and Whereas a great deal of time has been consumed in business in our past session and Whereas we are an auxiliary of the Alabama State Association but are operating as a separate unit—



"Therefore, Be it Resolved"—

1. We empower our Executive Committee to request that the State Association form a Board of Religious Education to conduct State C.T.S. and Sunday School Workshops and rallies in the future.
2. We pay all outstanding bills and then turn the remainder of our treasury over to the state earmarked for support of this program.
3. That our present organization be dissolved upon the date action is taken by the State Association.
4. In the event the State does not assume this responsibility, the Executive Committee will be responsible for planning the convention next year.

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept this resolution and table it for action the following day.

The game Tic-tac-toe was directed by Chip Holland. The congregation sang choruses after which Talent Time directed by Rhonda Ledlow was enjoyed by all: Talent judges were: Mrs. Mary Smith, Bro. Charles Hollingshead and Bro. Levy Corey. Contestants were: duet—Rebecca Jones and Deborah Jones "I'm Looking For Jesus," Trio—Susan Tisdale, Shelley Tisdale and Donna Ledlow "Heavenly Sunlight," Ritchie Hill—Coronet—"Christ Receiveth Sinful Men," Duet—Paulette Grimes and Nancy Warr "Rescue the Perishing," Polly Brackin—piano—"How Great Thou Art," Quartet—Deborah Jones, Carolyn Hill, Linda Brown and Carolyn Brewer, "Jesus Use Me." Bro. Brown dismissed in prayer.

#### Friday Night—

The service opened with the congregation singing "When We All Get to Heaven" and "Blessed Assurance." The devotional "The Kingdom of God Before our Jobs" was given by Rev. Walter Jones based on Matt. 6:33. The Sword Drill was directed by Mrs. Peggy Hill with Cherryl Murphy, Patricia Austin and Linda Clark as contestants. After the song "At Calvary" the Talent and Sword Drill winners and awards were announced. Talent—1st place Rebecca Jones, 2nd place Polly Brackin. Sword Drill—1st place, Cherryl Murphy, 2nd place Linda Clark, and 3rd place Patricia Austin.

Two special songs were rendered. One by Rebecca Jones and one by the Cedar Creek quartet. Bro. Hudson brought the evening message using St. John 10-20 as his scripture. The invitational hymn "Just As I Am" was sung with the dismissal prayer by Bro. Chester O'Donnel.

#### Saturday Morning—

The service opened with the congregation singing "At The Cross." Prayer by Bro. Bill Travis. The congregation then sang "Love Lifted Me." The devotion "The Kingdom before our country" given by Miss Kaye Walker based on Matt. 6-33 and Romans 13:1-7. A late letter from the Progressive Association was read, moved, seconded and carried to accept the letter and seat the delegates.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES—

##### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:

We the Appreciation Committee speaking for the churches in the State Sunday School and C.T.S. Convention would like to express our thanks and appreciation to the Cedar Creek Church for its hospitality and fellowship shown us during our convention.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wanda Kay Jones  
Mrs. Aletha Deese  
Shelly Tisdale

##### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:

We the Resolution Committee make the following report. Be It Resolved—

1. That the word League be changed to C.T.S. each place it appears in the name, Preamble, Constitution or By-Laws of this constitution.
2. That Article V of the Constitution concerning meeting date be changed to read—This convention shall meet on Thursday night, Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in June each year at a place selected by the convention while in regular session or by the Executive Board.
3. That a standard form be prepared and mimeographed by the Secretary and sent to each District for reporting to this body.
4. That the Executives of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Sunday School and C.T.S. Convention get together and have the programs printed for both of the conventions. The programs shall have directions on them to the Host Church, and a copy be mailed to each church in advance of the meeting date, with the Woman's Auxiliary paying one third of the cost.
5. That all contest winners be paid \$5.00 for first place and \$2.50 for second place.
6. That beginning next year (1966) the talent contest be broken down into two groups, twelve years and under, thirteen and up. (In case of mixed groups the judges will decide which group the contestants will be judged in.)
7. Whereas a new plan of organization has been developed in our denomination, and whereas a great deal of time has been consumed in business in our past sessions and whereas we are an Auxiliary of the State Association, but are operating as a separate unit—

Therefore Be It Resolved—

1. We empower our Executive Committee to request that the State Association form a board of Religious Education to conduct State C.T.S. and Sunday School workshops and rallies in the future.
2. We pay all outstanding bills and then turn the remainder of our treasury over to the State earmarked for the support of this program.
3. That our present organization be dissolved upon the date action is taken by the State Association.
4. In the event the State does not assume this responsibility, the Executive Committee will be responsible for planning the convention next year.



## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

We the Credentials Committee find that we have five Districts Conventions reporting with dues, letters and find them all in order.

Mrs. Ralph Bell  
Rev. Herman Bawer  
Rev. Walter Jones

## BANNER COMMITTEE:

We the Banner Committee make the following report. Cowarts Creek Church won the Banner with 630 points.

## REGISTRATION COMMITTEE:

We the Registration Committee have registered as follows: 25 delegates, 17 ministers, 3 deacons, and 98 visitors for a total of 143.

Linda Brown  
Carolyn Hill

Invitations for our 1966 Convention. Bro. Walter Jones invited it to St. James Church, Phenix City, providing his church will approve or accept the invitation. Moved, seconded and carried to go there if they invite it.

## NOMINATION COMMITTEE:

Bro. Willie Justice, President; Bro. Walter Jones, Vice-President; Mrs. Maude Fowler, Secretary-Treasurer; Miss Helen Cody, Pianist; Mrs. Peggy Hill, Sword Drill Leader; Bro. Philip Gilbert, Songster. These officers were elected with no nominations from the floor.

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept each of these reports. Moved, seconded and carried to adopt the National Program. The congregation sang "Jesus Saves." Another buzz session was held. Mrs. E. B. Ledlow spoke to us at this time on "Methods in Sunday School." A congregational song "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms," followed by a special by Bro. and Sis. Ledlow. The message was given by Bro. Hudson using Matt. 5:13. His subject "Pass the Salt." We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Justice.

Rev. Willie Justice, President  
Mrs. Maude Fowler, Secretary

## Associations Birmingham District

Cahaba River

East Alabama

Jasper

Liberty No. 1

Liberty No. 2

Mt. Moriah

Progressive

Mississippi State Line

Southeastern

Florida State Line

Vernon

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Alabama State

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### Meeting Dates and Places of Meetings

August 13, 1966  
First Church  
Luverne, Alabama  
October 7, 8, 1966  
Appleton Church  
Rt. 2, Castleberry, Ala.  
August 19-20, 1966  
Talladega, Alabama  
August 25-27, 1966  
Ensley Church  
Ensley, Alabama  
November 10-12, 1966  
Florence Church  
Florence, 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 and its constituents shall adopt the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in faith and practice.

Section 2—Article 1—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.

Section 2—Article 2—There shall also be a board of Trustees of the Children's Home, a board of Superannuation, a board of Home Missions and a board of Christian Education.

Section 2—Article 3—There shall not be less than three (3) nor more than twenty-four (24) members on the board of Trustees of the Children's Home. These men shall serve indefinitely. Each district association shall have the privilege to recommend one man to serve as a member of said board. No more than one man shall serve from the same district. These members of said board shall be elected by the Alabama State Association.

The adjoining states of Florida, Mississippi and Georgia shall have the privilege of naming not less than one nor more than two members each to serve on this board.

Section 2—Article 4—The Superannuation Board shall consist of five members who shall serve indefinitely. When vacancies occur the body shall elect.

Section 2—Article 5—All members of the Home Mission Board shall be elected for terms of one 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. Expiration dates of all terms are to be printed in our minutes.

Section 3—Article 1—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 appointed delegates of District Association or Church. One delegate for each church of each association which is a member of this body.

Section 3—Article 2. 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 4—Article 1—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.

Section 4—Article 2—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 5—Article 1—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.

Section 5—Article 2—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.

Section 5—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.

Section 6—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 2—The Moderator of the State Association of Free Will Baptists 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 4—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 5—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 of 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 the 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. No District Association, Quarterly Meeting or Local Church shall become a member of this body without having adopted the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in faith and practice.

21. 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 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 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 C.T.S. 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.

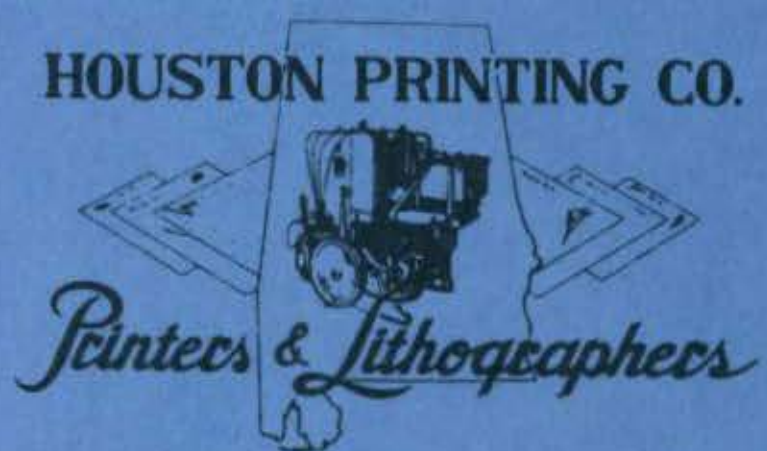
We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the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



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