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of

*Free Will Baptists*

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of the  
FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION  
of the  
ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION

when convened in  
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Pleasant Grove Church  
Birmingham, Alabama  
November 9-11, 1967

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**General Officers of the Alabama State Association  
For the Year 1966-1967**

Moderator \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. John Edwards  
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Assistant Moderator \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. Willie Justice  
701 Branch Street, Florence, Alabama  
Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. Ray W. Ritch  
724 12th Ave. West, Birmingham, Alabama 35204  
Assistant Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. Milton Crowson  
P. O. Box 99, Russellville, Alabama

**Ministers and Deacons Conference**

Moderator \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. James Walden  
Box 553, Guin, Alabama  
Assistant Moderator \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. Louie Bates  
Box 74, Alden, Alabama  
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**Executive Committee**

Rev. M. H. Hollis \_\_\_\_\_ P. O. Box 263, Vernon, Alabama  
Rev. Louie Bates \_\_\_\_\_ Box 74, Alden, Alabama  
Rev. Billy Sharpston \_\_\_\_\_ Route 3, Box 71-A  
Rev. E. R. Mayo \_\_\_\_\_ Route 2, Ashville, Alabama  
Rev. W. H. Ryland \_\_\_\_\_ 901 Ridge Place, Birmingham, Ala.

**BOARDS**

**General**—Mr. A. H. Barnett, Birmingham District Assn.; Rev. W. H. Ryland, Cahaba River Assn.; Mr. Clyde Ratchford, East Alabama Assn.; Mr. S. O. Fowler, Florida State Line Assn.; Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Jasper Assn.; Mr. Ivan Stewart, Liberty No. 1 Assn.; Rev. E. R. Mayo, Liberty No. 2 Assn.; Rev. Hurtis Sullins, Mississippi State Line Assn.; Rev. Billy Sharpston, North Alabama Assn.; Rev. Louie Bates, Progressive Assn.; Rev. Durward Adkinson, Southeastern Assn.; Rev. M. H. Hollis, Vernon Assn.

**Missions**—Rev. John Edwards, Chairman (1970), 1217 Bruce St., Dothan, Alabama; Mr. Travis R. Carter, Sec. and Treasurer (1971), Box 688, Winfield, Alabama; Rev. Willie Justice (1967), 701 Branch St., Florence, Alabama; Rev. F. C. Barber (1968), Rt. 1, Box 260, Pell City, Alabama; Mr. W. L. Turner (1969), Vernon, Alabama; Rev. J. B. Ledlow (1972), 1601 17th Ave., Phenix City, Alabama; Rev. F. L. Thomas (1973), Rt. 1, Cullman, Alabama.

**Christian Education**—Rev. Bill McCuin (1967), 306 3rd St. N., Pell City, Alabama; Mr. Larry Austin (1968), 1114 Alpine Lane, Dothan, Alabama; Mr. William H. Atkinson (1969), Winfield, Alabama; Rev. Charles Hollingshead (1970), 3705 29th St., Northport, Alabama; Rev. E. B. Ledlow (1971), 2810 Robbins Road, Montgomery, Alabama.

**Superannuation**—Rev. Walter E. Jones (1967), 2011 2nd Ave., Phenix City,

Alabama; Rev. James Walden (1968), Box 553, Guin, Alabama; Mrs. W. G. Palmer (1969), Rt. 1, Castleberry, Alabama; Mr. Paul Jones (1970), Rt. 2, Faulkville, Alabama; Mrs. W. H. Ryland (1971), 901 Ridge Place, Birmingham, Alabama.

**Trustees of Children's Home**—Rev. W. G. Palmer, Chrm., Rt. 1, Castleberry, Alabama; Rev. A. J. Lambert, 942 Temple Ave., Fayette, Alabama; Mr. Frank Tomlinson, Leeds, Alabama; Mr. Clyde Hood, Rt. 1, Jasper, Alabama; Mr. Hershel Bell, Phenix City, Alabama; Mr. Paul Davis, 19 N. 30th St., Pell City, Alabama; Mr. Dorman Deal, 107 Guilford St., Dothan, Alabama; Rev. Paul Mallory, Rt. 3, Headland, Alabama; Rev. Billy Ray Smith, Rt. 2, Guin, Alabama; Mr. W. L. Turner, Vernon, Alabama; Rev. Gurley Roberts, Mr. Coleman Holmes.

**MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED**

**Cahaba River Association**

Rev. J. D. Wales, 4428 10th Ave. N.  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Rev. Ernest H. Walker, Rt. 2, Box  
147-C, Trussville, Alabama  
Rev. W. H. Ryland, 901 Ridge Place,  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr., 400 N. 25th  
St., Leeds, Alabama  
Rev. A. J. Looper, 54 Twin St.,  
Sylacauga, Alabama  
Rev. Jack Rollins, 920 Meehan Ave.,  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Rev. Jerome Goodwin, Rt. 2, Truss-  
ville, Alabama

**East Alabama Association**

Rev. Huey Lacy, 1914 2nd Ave.,  
Opelika, Alabama  
Rev. Walter E. Jones, 2011 2nd Ave.,  
Phenix City, Alabama  
Rev. E. B. Ledlow, 3310 Robbins Rd.,  
Montgomery, Alabama  
Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, 1601 17th Ave.,  
Phenix City, Alabama  
Rev. J. O. Franklin, 1010 N. Louis-  
ville, Sylacauga, Alabama  
Rev. Ray W. Ritch, 724 12th Ave.,  
West, Birmingham, Alabama

**Florida State Line Association**

Rev. Herman Calloway, 120 Donna  
Dr., Dothan, Alabama  
Rev. John A. Edwards, 1217 Bruce  
St., Dothan, Alabama

**Jasper Association**

Rev. James F. Walden, Box 553,  
Guin, Alabama  
Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Rt. 1, Guin,  
Alabama  
Rev. Billy Ray Smith, Rt. 2, Guin,  
Alabama  
Rev. William E. Atkinson, P. O. Box  
724, Winfield, Alabama

Rev. Orbie Pierce, Brilliant, Ala-  
bama  
Rev. Pearl P. Barnes, Graysville,  
Alabama

**Liberty No. 1 Association**

Rev. W. G. Palmer, Rt. 1, Box 287,  
Castleberry, Alabama

**Liberty No. 2 Association**

Rev. William H. Barber, Rt. 1, Box  
290, Pell City, Alabama  
Rev. E. R. Mayo, Rt. 2, Ashville,  
Alabama  
Rev. Marion Jones, 507 Pearl St.,  
Talladega, Alabama  
Rev. Bill McCuin, 114 11th St. N.,  
Pell City, Alabama  
Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Rt. 1, Ash-  
ville, Alabama

**Mississippi State Line Association**

Rev. Howard Simmons, Rt. 1, Hamil-  
ton, Alabama  
Rev. William L. Atkins, Rt. 2, Guin,  
Alabama

**North Alabama Association**

Rev. Billy Sharpston, Rt. 3, Box 71-A  
Rev. F. L. Thomas, Rt. 1, Cullman,  
Alabama  
Rev. Ronnie Blanks, 3302 9th Ave.  
S.W., Huntsville, Alabama  
Rev. R. P. Ritch, Madison Alabama

**Progressive Association**

Rev. Louie Bates, Box 74, Alden,  
Alabama  
Rev. Clifford D. Holland, Red Bay,  
Alabama  
Rev. Milton Crowson, P. O. Box 99,  
Russellville, Alabama  
Rev. Carlton Lambert Box 8, Eld-  
ridge, Alabama  
Rev. Willie Justice, 701 Branch St.,



Florence, Alabama  
 Rev. A. J. Lambert, 942 Temple Ave., Fayette, Alabama  
 Rev. Charles Hollingshead, 3705 29th St., Northport Alabama

#### **Sulligent Church**

Rev. Herman E. Baker, P. O. Box 402, Sulligent, Alabama

#### **Vernon Association**

Rev. M. H. Hollis, P. O. Box 263, Vernon, Alabama  
 Rev. B. T. Alexander, Rt. 14, Box 1093 Birmingham, Alabama

#### **Visiting Ministers**

Rev. Hughes Ellis, 504 Green Ave., Cordova, Alabama  
 Rev. J. A. Ricketts, P. O. Box 149, Columbia, Tennessee

### **DEACONS WHO REGISTERED**

#### **Birmingham District Association**

Mr. A. H. Barnett, Alton, Alabama  
 Mr. Clyde Hood, Rt. 1, Jasper, Ala.

#### **Cahaba River Association**

Mr. Frank Tomlinson Leeds, Ala.  
 Mr. Dennis Feltman, 608 Robinson Drive, Birmingham, Alabama

#### **East Alabama Association**

Mr. Clyde Ratchford, 415 Morris Ave., Sylacauga, Alabama

#### **Florida State Line Association**

Mr. Shelly Fowler, Rt. 3, Dothan, Alabama  
 Mr. Bobby Kennedy Rt. 1, Ashford, Alabama

#### **Jasper Association**

Mr. Ester Gunvirs, Hackleburg, Ala.  
 Mr. Lowell Franks, Rt. 2, Guin, Ala.  
 Mr. Bill Smith, P. O. Box 30, Guin, Alabama  
 Mr. Ross White, Rt 2, Red Bay, Ala.  
 Mr. Kermit Cagle, Brilliant, Ala.  
 Mr. Travis R. Carter, Box 688, Winfield, Alabama

Mr. Junior Aldridge, Winfield, Ala.  
 Mr. J. E. Tittle

#### **Liberty No. 1 Association**

Mr. Ivan I. Stewart, P. O. Box 116

### **DELEGATES WHO REGISTERED**

#### **Birmingham District Association**

Mrs. Clyde Hood, Rt. 1, Jasper, Ala.

#### **Cahaba River Association**

Mrs. Dennis Feltman, 608 Robinson Drive, Birmingham Alabama

Rev. V. H. Gean, Cloverdale, Alabama

Rev. Randy Cox, 613 Brouder St. Columbus, Mississippi

Rev. Daniel Gaskins, P. O. Box 73, Philadelphia, Mississippi

Rev. Roger C. Reeds, 1134 Murfreesboro Rd., Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. J. Redford Wilson 1134 Murfreesboro Rd., Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. Paul J. Ketterman, 3606 W. End Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. Jack Paramore, 3606 W. End Ave., Nashville, Tennessee

Rev. Robert C. Hill 5218 Monument Ave., Richmond, Va.

Rev. H. C. Killan, Sr., 431 N. Chestnut St., Florence, Alabama

Rev. Billy A. Melvin, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville Tennessee

Rev. Theodore Norred, Rt. 5, Florence, Alabama

Perdido, Alabama 36562

#### **Liberty No. 2 Association**

Mr. Calvin F. Barber, 2805 5th Ave. N., Pell City, Alabama

#### **Mississippi State Line Association**

Mr. James M. Howell, Hamilton, Ala.

#### **North Alabama Association**

Mr. Paul M. Jones, Rt. 2, Falkville Alabama 35622

#### **Progressive Association**

Mr. James Melton, 301 Normandy Drive, Florence, Alabama

Mr. George R. Capps, 496 O'Steen Circle, Florence, Alabama

Mr. W. A. Rawls, 335 25th S.W. Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. P. W. Kimbrough, Russellville, Alabama

Mr. Robert C. Murphy, 325 Baldwin St., Florence, Alabama

Mr. Charles Davis. 900 Buena Vista, M.S.C.

#### **Vernon Association**

Mr. Pascal Yerby Vernon, Alabama  
 Mr. W. L. Turner, Rt. 2, Vernon, Alabama

Mrs. W. H. Ryland, 901 Ridge Place, Birmingham, Alabama

Mrs. Jack Rollins, 920 Meehan Ave., Birmingham, Alabama

Mrs. Ernest H. Walker, Rt. 2, Trussville, Alabama

Mrs. Jerome Goodwin, Rt. 2, Trussville, Alabama  
 Mrs. A. J. Looper, 54 Twin St., Sylacauga, Alabama

#### **East Alabama Association**

Mrs. Lizzie Davis, 2221 Armal St., Columbus, Georgia

Mrs. Lizzie Hagan, 2001-B 21st Ave., Phenix City, Alabama

Mrs. Joe B. Ledlow, 1601 17th Ave., Phenix City, Alabama

Mrs. Linda Finch, Rt. 4, Box 414, Sylacauga, Alabama

Mrs. Vivian Ratchford, 415 Morris Ave., Sylacauga, Alabama

Mrs. Jennie R. Pyle, 1301 14th St., Columbus, Georgia

Mrs. Mae Lacy, 1914 2nd Ave., Opelika, Alabama

#### **Florida State Line Association**

Mrs. Mary Smith, Rt. 3, Dothan, Ala.

Mrs. Shelly Fowler, Rt. 3, Dothan, Alabama

Mrs. Herman Calloway, 120 Donna Drive, Dothan, Alabama

Mrs. Shirley Kennedy, Rt. 1, Ashford, Alabama

#### **Jasper Association**

Mr. W. Lee Franks, Brilliant, Ala.

Mrs. W. Lee Franks, Brilliant, Ala.

Mrs. Pearl Barnes, P. O. Box 263, Graysville, Alabama

Mrs. Hellen E. Tittle, Rt. 2, Carbon Hill, Alabama

Mrs. Dixie Atkinson, Winfield, Ala.

Mrs. Mirtie Atkinson, Rt. 2, Guin, Alabama

Mrs. Oliver Mink, 326, Red Bay, Ala.

Mrs. Ross White, Rt. 2, Red Bay, Alabama

Mrs. H. L. Keeton, Red Bay, Ala.

Mrs. Billy Ray Smith, Guin, Ala.

#### **Liberty No. 1 Association**

Mrs. M. M. Burkett, Rt. 1, Castleberry, Alabama

Mrs. Grady Palmer, Rt. 1, Castleberry, Alabama

Mrs. Ivan Stewart, P. O. Box 116, Perdido, Alabama

Mrs. Irene Palmer, Rt. 1, Castleberry, Alabama

Miss Mamie L. Palmer, Rt. 1, Castleberry, Alabama

#### **Liberty No. 2 Association**

Mr. Johnnie R. Wiggins, Rt. 1, Box 239, Pell City, Alabama

Mrs. Mary Jo Barber, Rt. 1, Box 290, Pell City, Alabama

Mr. O. D. Simskins, Pell City, Ala.

Mrs. M. S. Jones, 507 Pearl St., Talladega, Alabama

#### **Mississippi State Line Association**

Mrs. C. R. Templeton, Rt. 3, Box 122, Hamilton, Alabama

Mrs. Julia Terrel, Hamilton, Ala.

Jessie Howell, Hamilton, Alabama

#### **North Alabama Association**

Mrs. Paul Jones, Rt. 2, Falkville, Alabama

Mrs. R. P. Ritch, Madison, Alabama

Mr. Harry Bradshaw, 3909 McVay St. S. W., Huntsville, Alabama

Mrs. Ethel Henry, Rt. 3, Hartselle, Alabama

#### **Progressive Association**

Mrs. A. J. Lambert, 942 Temple Ave., Fayette, Alabama

Mrs. Louie Bates, Box 74, Alden Ala.

Mrs. A. M. Wallace, Fayette, Ala.

Mrs. J. S. Yerby, Fayette, Alabama



## PROCEEDINGS

### THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 10, 1966

#### 21st Session of Ministers and Deacons Conference

The twenty-first session of the Ministers and Deacons Conference opened with congregational singing under the direction of Rev. M. H. Hollis with Sis. Rollins at the piano and Sis. Justice at the organ.

The morning devotional was brought by Rev. Bill McCuin using Matt. 4; Luke 22:54. Prayer by the speaker.

Rev. Willie Justice welcomed the conference. The response was given by Bro. Ivan Stewart.

The theme of the conference being "Workers together with God."

The moderator, Rev. Jack Rollins, brought a brief message using 2 Cor. 6:1. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. and Sis. Ivan Stewart sang "I Am Healed by His Stripes."

Rev. M. H. Hollis brought a wonderful message on "Unity Against Sin" using Eph. 6:11. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Hollis led in singing "Amazing Grace."

Rev. J. M. Dutton brought a wonderful message on "Unity in the Church" using Exodus 14:13. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Hollis led the congregation in singing "Send the Light." Bro. and Sis. Stewart sang "It's Not an Easy Road."

Rev. John Edwards brought an inspiring message on "Unity with the Preacher" using Psalms 133. Prayer by the speaker. We were dismissed for lunch by Rev. W. H. Ryland.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 10, 1966

After a wonderful lunch which was enjoyed by all we convened with Bro. Hollis leading "Heavenly Sunlight" with Sis. Rollins at the piano and Sis. Justice at the organ. Rev. J. D. Wales brought the devotional using Jude 3.

Rev. Walter Jones brought a wonderful message on "Unity in Giving" using Malachi 3:8-10; John 10:11-18. Bro. Hollis led the congregation in singing "Satisfied with Jesus." Rev. James Walden brought a wonderful message on "Unity in Missions" using Matt. 28:18. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Hollis led the congregation in singing "I Love to Tell the Story."

Rev. James Walden was elected as moderator for the next two years. Rev. Louie Bates was elected as assistant moderator. There was 148 to register for the ministers and deacons conference. The meeting was adjourned in prayer by Bro. M. H. Hollis.

### THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 10, 1966

#### 47th Session of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists— Rev. O. Z. Johnson presiding.

The 47th session of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists opened with the congregation singing "We're Marching to Zion" and "Heavenly Sunshine" with Sis. June Britnell at the piano and Sis. Shirley Justice at the

organ. Rev. A. J. Looper brought the devotional using Prov. 3:5-6. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Edward Britnell gave the welcome address. Bro. Milton Crowson gave the response.

The clerk of the Association, Rev. Ray Ritch, called the association to order and introduced the officers of the association. The moderator appointed some committees. (See committee report).

Bro. Atkinson led in the offertory prayer. The choir from the host church sang "How Great Thou Art."

Rev. Jack Parmore brought the evening message on the "Devil's Strategy" using Matt. 16:18; Eph. 6:10; St. John 15:18 and others. Prayer by the speaker. After the soul inspiring message Bro. Hollingshead led in singing "Take the Name of Jesus With You." We were dismissed by Bro. Bill McCuin.

### FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 11, 1966

The morning session opened with Bro. Hollingshead leading "He Keeps Me Singing" with Sis. Dot Smith at the piano. Bro. Hollingshead led the congregation in singing "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story." Bro. William Atkins brought the scripture thoughts using Ezk. 7:23. Prayer by the speaker.

The moderator brought his message using Joshua 1:2-9. Bro. Atkinson brought our attention to some of the by-laws. Bro. Atkinson appointed the committees. The seating of the standing delegates. Recognition of the visitors.

Partial report of the credential committee. Item 1 carried; Item 2 carried; Item 3 carried.

Move and second to adopt the program flexibly.

Rev. Paul Ketterman gave a report of the Bible College which was received as information.

Bro. Hollingshead led the congregation in singing "Win Them One by One."

Rev. Robert Hill gave a report from the Masters Men which was received as information.

Report of the Foreign Mission by Rev. Reford Wilson which was received as information.

After a short intermission we convened back with Bro. Hollingshead leading "Love Lifted Me" with Sis. Rollins at the piano. We sang "Deeper Deeper."

Rev. Billy Ray Smith brought the morning message using Acts 27:1-21. Prayer by the speaker. The message was enjoyed by all. We were dismissed for lunch by Rev. P. P. Barnes.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 11, 1966

After a very delicious lunch we convened with Bro. Hollingshead leading us in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and "Blessed Be The Name." Bro. Chester O'Donnell brought the devotion using Rev. 20:1, 21-22. Prayer by the speaker.

Rev. E. B. Ledlow gave the report of the Board of Christian Education. Bro. Charles Hollingshead supplemented the report. Report accepted.

Bro. Ray Ritch gave the report of the General Board. Item 1. The chair declared that this item need not be adopted as it was only a report of the



proceedings of the meeting of the general board. Item 2 carried. Item 3 carried; Item 4 carried; Item 5 tabled; Item 6 carried.

Sis. Maude Fowler gave the report of the State Woman's Auxiliary convention.

Sis. W. H. Ryland gave the report of the Board of Superannuation. Bro. Walter Jones led in prayer in honor of Rev. R. H. Howard and Rev. C. R. Allen who had passed on during the past year.

Sis. Ryland read the proposed constitution and by-laws of the Superannuation Board. They were tabled.

Bro. John Edwards gave the report of the State Missions Board. Bro. Edwards read the proposed constitution and by-laws of the Mission Board. They were tabled.

Bro. Hollingshead led the congregation in singing "I Love to Tell the Story."

Bro. E. B. Ledlow gave a report on the work in Montgomery which was received as information.

Rev. Carlton Lambert gave the report of the Children's Home. Bro. Hollingshead led the congregation in singing "Glory to His Name."

Rev. Billy Melvin gave a report from the National Executive department which was received as information.

Rev. Roger Reeds gave a report from the National Sunday School board which was received as information.

Report of the Executive Committee. Item 1 carried. Item 2 carried.

Move and second that the money from each Sunday School and C.T.S. be sent to the secretary of the board of Christian Education.

Bro. Hollingshead led in singing "For God so Loved the World."

Report of the National C.T.S. Board by Mr. Samuel Johnson which was received as information.

Report of Laymen's Breakfast by Bro. Travis Carter which was received as information. Bro. Hollingshead led in singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds." Dismissed by Bro. Howard Simmons.

#### FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 11, 1966

We convened with Bro. E. B. Ledlow leading "Standing on the Promises" and "We Have An Anchor" with Sis. Smith at the piano and Sis Justice at the organ. Bro. Hughes Ellis brought the scripture thoughts using Luke 5:4. Prayer by the speaker. The Quartet from the Florence Church sang "When I Kneel to Pray." Bro. Atkinson led in prayer for the offering. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "When We All Get to Heaven." Sis. Helen Holland sang "The Great Judgement Morning." The Quartet sang "Do You Know My Jesus."

Rev. Randy Cox brought the evening message using Acts 1:8-12. His text being "The Commission and His Coming." Prayer by the speaker. Everyone enjoyed the message very much. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "Have Thine Own Way." We were dismissed by Bro. Tom Johnson.

#### SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 12, 1966

We convened with Bro. Hollis leading in singing "Trust and Obey" and "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Rev. Theodore Norred brought scripture thoughts using 1 Peter 4:12. Prayer by the speaker.

Report of appreciation committee.

Report of auditing committee.

Report of association clerk.

Rev. W. G. Palmer gave the report of the Trustees of the Children's Home. Item 1 carried. Item 2 carried. Item 3 carried.

Bro. Hollis led in singing "At The Cross." Report of the Nominating Committee. Move and second to take the constitution of the State Superannuation Board off the table. Constitution adopted. Move and second to take the constitution of the Board of Home Missions off the table. Constitution adopted. Move and second to take item 5 of the General Board off the table. Item 5 adopted. Move and second that we print the constitutions of the board of Christian Education and Mission Board and remember that there is a change to be made in the constitution of the State Minutes. Move and second to elect the Executive Board.

Report of the Registration Committee. Election of officers. Rev. John Edwards was elected as moderator. Rev. Willie Justice was elected as assistant moderator. Rev. Ray Ritch was elected as clerk. Rev. Milton Crowson was elected as assistant clerk.

Move and second that the body rise in appreciation of the officers of the association. Bro. Willie Justice gave a report on the food fund.

Move and second that the constitutions of the boards be printed in the minutes one time only. We were dismissed for a short intermission.

We convened back with Bro. Hollis leading "Jesus Saves" and "At Calvary."

Rev. R. P. Ritch led in prayer before bringing a soul-inspiring message on "Gray Hairs are Upon Him" using Hosea 7:8-9.

Delegates to the National Association. Bro. Ivan Stewart, Bro. and Sis. Bob Kennedy, Bro. James S. Melton and Bro. Harry Bradshaw.

Move and second to adjourn. Dismissed by Bro. E. R. Mayo.

## REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—(1) We your executive committee recommend that we accept the invitation to go to Pleasant Grove in 1967. (2) We recommend that this body give to the Christian Board of Education One Hundred and Fifty dollars (\$150.00) due to lack of funds in this work.

H. M. Hollis

Ivan Stewart

Louie Bates

A. H. Barnett

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE—We your appreciation committee, speaking for each church represented in this State Association wish to express our deep appreciation and humble thanks for the beautiful building we were allowed to meet in, the gracious hospitality and friendliness shown to us by the First Free Will Baptist Church of Florence, Alabama, during this 47th session of the Alabama State Association.

Rev. Billy Sharpston

Mrs. Louie Bates

Mrs. Ivan Stewart



**CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**—(1) We the Credential Committee, have examined the letters of 11 district Associations and have found them in order. (2) We have examined the letter from Mt. Moriah Church and recommend that they be accepted into this body as the association to which they belong did not represent. We have also examined the letter from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Sulligent and find it in order. (3) We have examined the letter from the North Alabama Association and find it in order. We recommend that this association be accepted into this body.

Rev. Joe B. Ledlow  
Rev. J. M. Dutton  
Rev. B. T. Alexander  
Rev. W. H. Ryland  
Rev. William Atkins

**AUDITING COMMITTEE**—(1) We your Auditing Committee, have examined the books of the Association Clerk and found them in order. (2) We your Auditing Committee have examined the books of the Board of Superannuation and found them in order. (3) We your Auditing Committee have examined the books of the Board of Christian Education and found them in order.

A. J. Lambert  
Shelly Fowler  
Ross White

**REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**—The following registered for the Association: Ministers 54; Deacons 27; Delegates 50; and Visitors 164 for a total of 296.

Sharon Brewer  
Sue White  
Betty Capps

#### REPORT OF CLERK TREASURER

##### GENERAL FUND—

###### RECEIVED:

Brought Forward	\$ 545.43
Associational Fees	1,070.00
Ministers and Deacons Fees	120.00
Dothan Church (Food Fund)	206.90
Davis Chapel	12.04

Total \$1,954.06

###### PAID OUT:

Officers of State Association	\$ 125.00
Houston Printing Company	308.38
Dr. Robert Picirilli	61.00
Rev. Rufus Coffey	10.00
National Foreign Missions (Expense)	51.00
Office Supply Mart	4.02
Rev. Milton Gann	20.20

Rev. William Atkinson (Expense to Nashville)	35.00
Printing of Programs	39.75
Mailing of Programs	18.25
Rev. Willie Justice (Food Fund)	206.59
National Association (Fees)	90.00
Executive Committee	18.00
Bank Charge	1.23

Total	\$ 988.42
Balance in General Fund	\$ 965.64

##### COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AND DESIGNATED FUNDS—

###### RECEIVED:

Offering at State Association	\$ 117.92
Mrs. W. A. Murphy	3.00
Semirah Springs	6.00
Opelika Church	321.80
Holmes Church	150.49
White Rock Church	624.33
Luverne Church	231.60
Pine Grove Church	36.00
Center Point Church	107.31
Offering for Montgomery Church	128.00
Brought Forward	80.55

Total \$1,806.96

###### PAID OUT:

National Home Missions	\$ 30.10
National Foreign Missions	46.58
Bible College	39.08
National Superannuation	23.58
National Association	793.29
State Home Missions	139.95
State Superannuation	139.95
State Children's Home	209.92
Montgomery Church	128.00
Office Fund	139.95

Total	\$1,690.40
Balance in Fund	\$ 116.60

##### OFFICE FUND—

###### RECEIVED:

Brought Forward	\$ 24.05
From Cooperative Program	139.95

Total \$ 164.00

###### PAID OUT:

G. E. S. (Briefcase)	\$ 21.07
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Sears (Adding Machine) .....	85.43
Stamps .....	10.00
Postage (For mailing Minutes) .....	23.15
Total .....	\$ 139.65
Balance in Office Fund .....	\$ 24.35

# REPORT OF ALABAMA STATE SUPERANNUATION TREASURER

## RECEIVED:

East Birmingham .....	\$ 107.19
North Birmingham .....	77.43
Mt. Olive .....	83.29
Fairview, Trussville .....	110.00
Oak Grove, Fieldstown .....	17.37
Forestdale, Birmingham .....	180.08
St. James, Phenix City .....	60.85
Shady Grove, Adamsville .....	125.61
Winfield .....	101.34
Brilliant .....	10.50
Free Waters, Winfield .....	9.00
Unity, Sylacauga .....	78.78
Pine Grove, Perdido .....	7.00
Montgomery .....	8.64
Vernon .....	63.75
Springfield, Vernon .....	91.70
Semirah Springs, Atmore .....	16.00
Cordova .....	111.11
Pleasant Grove, Ashville .....	8.64
Florence .....	128.36
Graysville .....	67.82
Davis Chapel, Sterrett .....	32.28
Hanks Memorial .....	60.53
Ala. State Association .....	161.74
Florida-Alabama State Line Association .....	166.41
Guin .....	91.76
Russelville .....	16.25
Macedonia, Millport .....	18.54
Samson, Kingston .....	12.00
South Highland, Muscle Shoals .....	17.27
Ensley .....	16.39
Free Will Chapel, Vernon .....	10.00
Northport .....	5.00
Union Hill, Vandiver .....	2.00
Appleton, Castleberry .....	20.00
New Liberty, Fayette .....	25.00
New Harmony, Cottonwood .....	10.00
Mt. Pleasant, Sprott .....	32.00
Belk .....	60.00
Cedar Creek .....	35.00

Cowarts Creek, Dothan .....	6.00
Laodecia, Hanceville .....	4.00
Mrs. W. A. Murphy, Atmore .....	3.00

TOTAL .....	\$2,269.93
Brought forward from last year .....	\$ 608.94
GRAND TOTAL .....	\$2,878.87

## PAID OUT:

Rev. S. F. Lee .....	\$ 125.00
Rev. C. R. Allen .....	65.00
Rev. Eugene Brooks .....	135.00
Mrs. Ruby Nobles .....	125.00
Mrs. Maude Quick .....	125.00
Mrs. Annie Franks .....	125.00
Mrs. M. E. Carpenter .....	125.00
Mrs. Rufus Hyman .....	125.00
Rev. R. H. Howard .....	55.00
Rev. Jessie Moyers .....	90.00
Mrs. R. H. Howard .....	70.00
Mrs. C. R. Allen .....	60.00
Bank Charges .....	1.55
Cards Mailed Out .....	10.00
Tithe to National Superannuation Board .....	227.00

TOTAL PAID OUT .....	\$1,463.55
BALANCE ON HAND .....	\$1,415.32

## Recommendations of the Alabama State Superannuation Board—

(1) We recommend that we pay \$15.00 per month to the ones on payroll except in December then we pay \$20.00. (2) We recommend that each church receive a special offering on Father's Day for Superannuation. (3) We recommend that this body stand in a moment of silent prayer in honor of Rev. R. H. Howard and Rev. C. R. Allen who have gone on to meet their eternal reward since we met last year. That Bro. Jones close our prayer. (4) Whereas there is a need for a constitution and by-laws to govern our superannuation board, we recommend that this Alabama State Association adopt the constitution and by-laws which have been drawn up by the superannuation board.

Rev. Walter Jones  
Rev. James Walden  
Mrs. Grady Palmer  
Mrs. Verla Ryland



SOCIALATIONS		No. of Churches	No. of Membership	New Members	Lost Members	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Sunday Schools	No. of Members	C. T. S.	No. of Members	Women's Auxiliaries	No. of Members	Prayer Meetings	Paid Pastors	Paid Evangelists	Building and Repair	Literature	Advertising- Radio Programs, 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	7	447	37	7	17	3	14	7	319	1	32	1	15	5	\$ 1,148.81	457.50	6,605.42	420.97		1,151.66		13,367.29				659.35					892.47	40,118.60			
CAHABA RIVER	17	1303	110	38	39	1	74	17	1100	10	344	8	87	15	26,522.99	2,435.47	44,878.34	2,182.16		115.83		76,134.79	107.31	1,510.56	1,759.73	278.37	4,614.70	991.88			9,262.55	364,418.00	22,500.00	3	
EAST ALABAMA	7	614	118	27	9	2	23	7	506	6	252	5	61	6	10,546.50	676.64	4,560.69	1,687.16			3,831.24	10,727.80	32,030.63	1,019.82	888.01	761.46	137.47	1,243.59	169.71	120.00	297.79	5,158.90	124,000.00	33,000.00	3
FLA. STATE LINE	20	2204	95	121	10		67	19	1146	13	584	5	105	15	24,623.07	2,766.43	17,760.60	3,634.76	437.62	3,757.62	10,111.75	63,092.22	3,428.33	194.52	1,103.99	75.35	399.36	42.86	659.78	45.00	5,949.19	299,750.00	10,000.00	1	
JASPER	28	3280	182	72	27		120	27	1863	8	460	6	107	19	36,350.01	3,226.75		1,400.00				40,976.76		1,737.42	929.41	976.50	2,651.14	375.00			6,669.47	260,000.00	55,000.00	6	
LIBERTY NO. 1	7	503	28	7	8	2	22	7	291	6	232	5	53	6	5,912.27	425.00	3,838.02	717.96		2,634.92	35.00	13,563.17	104.00	98.00	78.95	154.00	584.11	65.10	105.00		1,245.16	77,000.00	3,000.00	1	
LIBERTY NO. 2	8	618	53	25	29	10	39	8	400	1	37	4	17	1	6,898.11	697.50	26,255.33	948.60		1,271.50	1,952.77	38,023.90		186.00	284.04	111.49	1,327.32	6.48	71.26	173.00	2,069.59	130,500.00			
MISS. STATE LINE	20	1460	83	15	21		69	18	789	2					12,586.99	1,655.89	6,264.01	823.62				21,300.51		13.44	244.35		431.93				6,622.22	107,000.00			
NORTH ALABAMA	5	362			6	10	5	5	260	5	110	5	38	5	7,080.00	450.00	375.00	824.86			1,367.60	10,097.46		312.77	340.03	218.77	239.09	37.00			1,087.66	43,500.00	12,000.00	1	
PROGRESSIVE	13	1730	201	39	23	5	47	13	882	12	367	7	71	12	38,301.69	2,589.92	30,710.27	3,772.14	295.27	39.65	26,034.29	101,748.23		3,478.46	2,446.65	2,500.34	2,491.95	368.81		2,447.04	13,733.25	479,900.00	37,000.00	4	
SOUTHEASTERN	13	1139	88	30	8	1	59	13	536	5	133	9	112	7	12,871.97	1,628.69	9,171.41	1,319.07	41.30	2,751.96		32,172.36	210.45	15.00	330.80	40.00	211.34	60.00	290.95	30.00	1,447.77	136,500.00	10,000.00	2	
VERNON	15	1538	69	24	22	5	45	15	750	7	225	1	22	2	13,852.92	1,747.11	4,653.30	394.48	100.00		7,873.14	28,620.95		426.40	829.14		1,210.78	211.88	325.00	75.00	3,078.20	357,014.00	17,000.00	2	
MT. MORIAH CHURCH	1	89			1		4	1	45	1	20			1	1,671.00	152.00		100.00			75.00	2,998.00			81.00		280.00				361.00	15,000.00			
SULLY CHURCH	1	90			1		5	1	61	1	35	1	8	1	2,880.00	250.00	193.00	212.99			135.49	3,671.48			50.00	134.38	237.00				435.38	25,000.00			
TOTAL	162	15377	1064	405	221	29	598	158	8948	78	2831	57	696	95	\$201,246.33	19,158.90	155,265.39	18,438.77	874.19	15,554.38	58,312.84	477,797.75	4,869.91	8,874.58	9,239.55	4,626.67	16,581.66	2,328.72	1,571.99	3,067.83	52,039.81	2,459,700.60	199,500.00	23	



## CONSTITUTION OF THE SUPERANNUATION BOARD OF THE ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

### — Preamble —

Whereas, the establishment of a Superannuation Board has become the accepted obligation of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptist, and the administration has been assigned, by constitutional provision, to the State Board of Superannuation: therefore, be this Constitution established as a basis of government of this Benefit throughout the State Association.

### ARTICLE 1

This Board shall adhere to democratic principles in its organization and management. It shall elect its own officers, choose its seat of administration, and prosecute the purpose for which it was constituted.

### ARTICLE 2

A strict account of all funds received and disbursements made shall be kept in the administrative office, and detailed reports of same shall be made annually to the Alabama State Association. The Secretary, Treasurer shall be charged with the duties of the administrative office.

### ARTICLE 3

All expenses essential to the administration of this office shall be approved by the Board and paid out of the general fund.

### ARTICLE 4

This Board of Superannuation of the State Association of Free Will Baptist in Alabama, shall consist of five members as provided in the Constitution of said State Association 1-5 year terms 1 coming off each year.

### ARTICLE 5

It shall be the purpose of this Board to organize and unify all superannuation work throughout the State Association.

### ARTICLE 6

There shall be an annual allocation and payment made of 10% of all general funds received to the National Superannuation Board for the maintenance of the Minister's Protection Benefit. Benevolent gifts and pensions shall be paid monthly.

### ARTICLE 7

This Constitution may be amended, or revised, by a two-thirds vote of the members at any annual session of this Alabama State Association.

### — By-Laws —

Section 1. The Officers of the Board of the Alabama State Superannuation of Free Will Baptist shall be a Chairman, Assistant Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, and an Executive Committee. These shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Board. If, However, the Board, for any cause, shall fail to convene in any given session, all officers shall be retained until the next

annual meeting. The office of Secretary-Treasurer may be filled by any member of the Board, or by anyone the Board chooses. The two offices combined shall bear the title "Secretary-Treasurer." The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, the Secretary-Treasurer and one additional member of the Board.

Section 2. The Chairman and Assistant Chairman shall perform the usual duties of such officers. The Secretary-Treasurer shall have charge of the work of the administrative office with all the administrative expenses being approved by the Board.

The Executive Committee shall be charged with the direction of the work of the Board of Superannuation, not otherwise provided for, between the meetings of the Board. It shall make a complete report of its work and achievements at each session of the Board. It shall have the power to fill any vacancy on the committee that may be found necessary between the meetings of the Board.

Section 3. There shall be an annual meeting of this Alabama State Superannuation Board at such a time and place as the Board or its Executive Committee shall determine. A general report, financial and otherwise, covering all phases of the work done and promotional plans to be launched, shall be reviewed and approved for subsequent adoption by the Alabama State Association. Special meetings for business only may be called at any time by the Executive Committee or the Chairman of the Board. Any members of the Board who may not be able to attend a stated meeting in person shall represent by proxies bearing written authority, it being understood that proxy representation shall be restricted to a minority of the Board members and that such representatives shall be approved by the majority of the members in attendance at the particular meeting. A majority of the duly qualified members of this Board at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — The Board of Christian Education has had a years activity as of this State Association. This year has been a good one for your Board of Christian Education. We have experienced enthusiastic cooperation from many of our people from over the state.

We have experienced good progress during this. We had a wonderful Youth Rally at Northport, Alabama, in the Free Will Baptist Church there. Great response to this meeting was evident as almost 500 youth and adults attended the Friday evening services. The church would not hold them. We had a wonderful time. Of course the snow and weather hampered the Saturday morning service.

At the T.N.T. Conference in Phenix City, in June this year, we experienced another great meeting. How the Lord did bless! We had something close to 200 in attendance at this conference. The services were wonderful. The contests (Declamation, Bible Bowl, Tic Tac Toe, Sword Drill, etc.) were thrillers. Youth from the different churches took part in this. How they challenged our hearts as we watched them in these contests. Awards were given to those who won. The worship services were real good and many rsponded.

The Board of Christian Education needs your prayers. This is a tremendous



undertaking. Our youth are the growing church and we must reach them with Bible centered activity and training.

Charles Hollingshead  
Bill McCuin  
James Walden  
Larry Austin  
E. B. Ledlow

#### MONEY RECEIVED:

Alabama State S. S. and C.T.S. Convention	\$462.59
Offering at Youth Rally	60.12
Money Left from Buying Food for Rally	56.58
Offering at T.N.T. Conference	39.49
Offering from Ministers & Laymen	9.00

TOTAL RECEIVED \$627.78

#### MONEY SPENT:

Expense of Board members (expense of meetings)	\$ 90.53
Rev. Charles Hollingshead (Reimbursements)	120.53
Church Training Service, Nashville (supplies)	103.43
Jack-Bilt Corporation (stick-on-badges)	87.50
Earl's Printing Company	97.65
Free Will Baptist Bible College (gift)	25.00
Jean Pittman (Expense of Trio to sing for Rally)	16.64
E. B. Ledlow (Reimbursements)	12.21
Northport Free Will Baptist Church (paper)	6.69
FWB Children's Home (postage and mailing)	16.00
Gospel Film Co. (Film)	30.78
Lee's Drug Co. (Film and developing)	4.28
Central Jr. High School (Use of school auditorium)	14.00
Peoples Bank and Trust Co. (service charges)	.66

TOTAL SPENT \$625.90

Balance in Treasury \$ 1.88

GENERAL BOARD — Item 1. The chair declared that this item need not be adopted as it was only a report of the meeting of the General board. Item 2. We recommend that we continue the same as before with our sessions. Item 3. We recommend that we pay the visiting speakers 6c per mile and \$10.00 honorarium. Item 4. We recommend that the clerk send a letter of regret to Mt. Moriah Association and express a wish that they represent in 1967. Item 5. We recommend that in Section 4, Article 1 the word independent be dropped and the word local inserted. Item 6. We recommend that we receive offerings the same as last year with the money to go the same as last year.

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

#### THINGS DONATED:

Alabama \$11,971.19

Georgia	756.65
Florida	1,035.81
Mississippi	1,022.07
North Carolina	53.07
Arkansas	136.00
Texas	29.50
Missouri	101.00
Illinois	100.00

TOTAL \$15,205.22

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED:

Dr. Gaines W. Keith, M. D.	\$ 600.00
Dr. Jerry Files, Dentist	350.00
Dr. Frederic Rosemore, Optometrist	100.00
Dr. Bruce Karrh, M. D.	50.00

TOTAL \$1,100.00

#### FARM:

Garden Vegetables	\$ 875.00
Corn (1,350 bu. at \$1.40 per bu.)	1,890.00
Frozen Foods	500.00
Milk (3,700 at 75c per gal.)	2,775.00
Pork (3,500 lbs. dressed at 55c lb.)	1,925.00
Canned Foods (1,720 qts. at 40c qt.)	688.00
Beef (700 lbs. dressed at 65c lb.)	455.00
Hay (900 bales at 65c per bale)	585.00

GROSS PROFIT \$9,693.00

Less Expense \$2,914.72

NET PROFIT \$6,778.28

#### ASSETS

1. Property and Buildings — Nineteen and one-half 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 having been cleared and sowed in permanent pasture grass; one pond consisting of one and a half acre under water. Twenty acres in cultivation. The rest of the two hundred 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. Two small lots in Townley, Alabama.

The replacement cost of the above has been assessed at \$220,000.00

2. Furnishings in two story brick building in Eldridge \$ 20,000.00

3. 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

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S CASH REPORT**

October 1, 1965 Through September 30, 1966

	Checking Account	Reserve Fund	Misc. Fund	Total
CASH BALANCE SEPT. 30, 1965	\$ 423.11	\$170.55	\$ 272.51	\$ 866.17
ADDITIONS THIS PERIOD				
Contributions	\$38,393.10		\$ 991.06	\$39,384.25
Social Security-Support Payments	5,690.50			5,690.50
Sales	416.00			416.00
Total Additions	\$44,499.69		\$ 991.06	\$45,490.75
TOTAL CASH TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$44,922.80	\$170.55	\$1,263.57	\$46,356.92
DISBURSEMENTS THIS PERIOD				
Salaries and Payroll Tax	\$15,465.92			\$15,465.92
Food	7,332.78			7,332.78
Clothing	730.84			730.84
Office Expense	1,123.08			1,123.08
Hardware-Maintenance	2,693.90			2,693.90
Gas and Oil	971.52			971.52
Butane Gas	690.61			690.61
Coal	917.30			917.30
Pest Control	105.00			105.00
Electricity	1,064.74			1,064.74
Telephone	850.22			850.22
Medical	671.55			671.55
Vehicle Maintenance	1,037.50			1,037.50
Household Supplies	1,987.96			1,987.96
Education	1,907.32		277.00	2,184.32
Farm	2,914.72			2,914.72
Gifts	92.00			92.00
Insurance	1,159.96			1,159.96
Board Members Expenses	619.50			619.50
Janitorial Supplies	468.13			468.13
Debt Reduction	1,600.00			1,600.00
Audit	75.00			75.00
Other Expenses	292.72			292.72

Purchase of Equipment 615.00 615.00  
Legal Fee 100.00 100.00

Total Disbursements \$44,772.28 \$ 992.00 \$45,764.28  
Cash in Bank Sept. 30, 1966 \$ 150.52 \$170.55 \$ 271.57 \$ 592.64

TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTED FOR \$44,922.80 \$170.55 \$1,263.57 \$46,356.92

TRUSTEES OF CHILDREN'S HOME — Item 1. We recommend that the clerk of the association send the names and addresses of the board members to Bro. Carlton Lambert. Item 2. We recommend that a letter of commendation be sent to the moderators of the states of Georgia, Florida and Mississippi for their support of the home by the clerk of this association. Item 3. We recommend that the suggested budget be raised to \$45,000.00 per year.

FOOD FUND—  
Total Received ..... \$674.37  
Paid Out ..... 465.72  
Balance ..... \$208.65

MISSION BOARD — The Associational year began in November, 1965, with a net deposit of \$100.00 brought forward from the past year. There was a collection of \$2,296.36 from the various churches throughout the state making a total of \$2,396.36 for expending on the different works in Alabama as follows:

E. B. Ledlow ..... \$1,992.67  
Travel Expense of Mission Board ..... 52.40  
Postage ..... 81.00  
Paper, Envelopes and Mailing Help ..... 164.29  
Telephone Calls ..... 6.50  
TOTAL EXPENDED ..... \$2,296.36

This leaves a balance of \$100.00 on deposit at the Citizens Bank in Winfield, Alabama.

The Home Mission Board met in Montgomery on April 16, 1966, and was called to order by Chairman Rev. John Edwards with prayer by Bro. Willie Justice. Bro. E. B. Ledlow reported on the work in Montgomery and the progress of work there. He then excused himself and the various members discussed continuing Bro. Ledlow's contract for another 12 months to end in May of 1967. At that time the local church would be expected to assume a larger part of the support and the Home Mission Board would begin at other places as the Lord directs. A group at Center Point has petitioned for any assistance possible. In the past year the Secretary has sent out two mailings. One consisted of approximately 1200 letters and one about 1700. The collections through the Secretary's office increased over \$1,000.00 in the past year. Everyone is encouraged to support Home Missions. Also, if anyone is aware of any area wishing to begin work, please advise the Home Mission Board. While convened at Florence the Constitution and by-laws was presented to the board by Bro. Edwards. The Board moved to present said constitution to the Association for adoption. The future plans in Alabama was discussed.



It was moved and accepted to adopt the Project 30 plan. Mobile was discussed as the next move to be accepted by the Home Mission Board. The work at Decatur was also discussed.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION BOARD

### ARTICLE 1 — NAME

The name of this Board shall be the Alabama Free Will Baptist Mission Board.

### ARTICLE 2 — PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of this Board shall be to promote a vital Missionary Program throughout the State of Alabama.

Section 2. The Board shall concentrate its efforts primarily in Cities and areas where there is not a Free Will Baptist Church.

Section 3. The Mission Board shall work in conjunction with the National Mission Board in promoting our Mission Program.

### ARTICLE 3 — BOARD MEMBERS

Section 1. The Alabama Free Will Baptist Mission Board shall consist of seven members with one member's time expiring each year. This member shall be eligible for re-election.

Section 2. The Mission Board shall appoint a person in each Association that is affiliated with the State Association to work with the Board in promoting Missions in their Associations. This person may be recommended by the local Association.

Section 3. No two Board members shall be elected from the same Association.

Section 4. The Chairman and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected every year. They shall be elected by the Mission Board. They shall be eligible to succeed themselves.

Section 5. Each Board member shall be paid five (5) cents per mile as traveling expense to special called meetings. Any other expense encumbered shall be paid at the discretion of the Mission Board.

Section 6. Any Board member who does not satisfactorily fulfill his obligations may be removed from the Board at any regular Session of the State Association.

### ARTICLE 4 — FINANCE

Section 1. The Board shall solicit funds from the Associations, Churches, and Individuals by means of Newsletters, itinerate work, Mission Conferences and any other legitimate means.

### ARTICLES 5 — MISSIONARIES

Section 1. The Board shall hire a person or persons to serve as our State Missionaries for the purpose of establishing new Churches in our State.

Section 2. The Board shall choose the field in which the Missionary will work.

Section 3. The Missionary shall make a monthly report to the Chairman of the Board.

Section 4. The Missionary's salary shall be determined by the Board.

Section 5. The length of service in any given field shall be determined by the Board.

### ARTICLE 6 — AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at any regular session of the State Association by the majority vote of members present provided that the amendment is presented in writing.

## STATE WOMANS AUXILIARY CONVENTION

THEME — "Who Will Go For Us." Isa. 6:8

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 9, 1966

The Alabama State Womans Auxiliary Convention convened with St. James Free Will Baptist Church of Phenix City, Alabama.

Opening Song — "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

Prayer — Bro. Tom Willey.

Welcome Address — Bro. Walter Jones, Host Pastor

Response — Mrs. Charles Hollingshead.

Recognition of ministers, delegates and visitors. Called to order by the president, Mrs. William Atkinson.

Letters received and read. Appointment of committees.

Song — "Breathe on Me."

Message — Mrs. Tom Willey, "Can God Plan a Table in the Wilderness?"

Psalms 78:19 and John 6.

Offering. Dismissal prayer by Bro. A. J. Lambert.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Opening song — "He Keeps Me Singing."

Prayer by Bro. Lambert.

Panel discussion — The local auxiliary's responsibility to missions, Mrs.

Tom Willey director. Game—Tic-Tac-Toe.

Report of committees.

Credential Committee: We the credential committee find the following Districts in order for delegates to be seated. Jasper, Progressive, Southeastern, East Alabama, Cahaba River and State Line. MSC to accept this report.

Mrs. E. B. Ledlow

Mrs. Peggy Hill

Mrs. Rufus Hyman

Resolution Committee: We the Resolution Committee, make the following report, be it resolved: 1. That each District be allowed one delegate per local auxiliary plus the district president. 2. That each district secretary send in reports two weeks before the State Convention, on the report blanks found in Co-Labour. B. That State Secretary compile these reports and have copies



made to give out at State Convention. 3. Propose that we take the field of Panama as our yearly project with emphasis on the support or needed supplies of Lucio Ballart, a Cuban Missionary who will be sent to Panama by the Foreign Mission Board. If Mr. Ballart is unable to leave Cuba during this year, the funds will be used for chapels or any definite need in that country for the promotion of the work.

Laura Hollingshead  
Verla Ryland  
Mrs. A. M. Wallace

M.S.C. to receive this report and adopt item by item. Amendment to item 2, District Secretary send report to State Secretary ten days in advance of State meeting all using the original report slips.

FINANCE COMMITTEE—We the Finance Committee, make the following report. Total received at convention: \$413.51.

Mrs. Maude Fowler  
Mrs. Willodean Edgil  
Mrs. A. J. Lambert

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE—We the appreciation Committee in behalf of the Convention, wish to thank the host church for the fine hospitality and warm welcome and delicious food, also for the spiritual food we have received here.

Mrs. Mary Smith  
Mrs. Elsie Morris  
Mrs. Sarah Mays

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE—We the Registration Committee wish to report the following.

Delegates .....	19
Visitors .....	29
Ministers .....	10
	—
Total .....	58

Mrs. Laura Hollingshead  
Miss Wanda Jones  
Paulette Grimes

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—We your Nomination Committee submit the following as officers for the ensuing year, with any nomination from the floor:

President .....	Mrs. Laura Hollingshead
Vice President .....	Mrs. E. B. Ledlow
Recording Secretary and Treasurer .....	Mrs. Maude Fowler
Field worker .....	Mrs. K. V. Shutes
Stewardship Prayer .....	Mrs. Ralph Bell
Study Course Chairman .....	Mrs. A. J. Lambert
Mission Chairman .....	Mrs. William Atkinson
Personal Service Evangelism Chairman .....	Mrs. Peggy Hill

Mrs. Ralph Bell  
Mrs. H. A. McSpadden  
Mrs. Levy Corey  
Mrs. Fannie Wyatt

M.S.C. that we elect these officers. Delegates to the National Convention in July. Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Mrs. E. B. Ledlow, Mrs. K. V. Shutes and Mrs. Charles Hollingshead.

Report of Achievement Chart Committee. 1st place winner—State Line Convention. 2nd place winner—Jasper Convention.

Announcements.

Installation service — Mrs. William Atkinson.  
President — Mrs. William Atkinson  
Secretary Pro-tem — Mrs. Maude Fowler  
Benediction — Bro. Tom Willey.

## 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 the 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 state 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 local 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 five (5) 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—Article 1—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.

Section 6—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.

Section 6—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.

Section 6—Article 4—Meetings. The State Association of Free Will Baptists 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.

Section 6—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 seat 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 Credentials 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 first 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 BAPTIST

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:

1. NAME—This shall be known as the Alabama Ministers' and Deacons' meeting.

2. We adopt the Treatise of Faith and Practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptists as our standard.

3. 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.



4. 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.

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

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

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. All elected officers shall serve two years. All appointed officers and committees one year.

10. 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.

11. 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 moderators permission, but shall have no voice.

7. All members of the body are expected to be present throughout the session unless excused by moderator.

8. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one officer or committeeman if his nomination is elected.

9. The Moderator must not allow any discussion to be carried on in an unchristian spirit.

10. The person who desires to speak must first arise and address the Moderator and when recognized shall proceed.

11. The vote on any question must be counted upon request of one-fifth of members present.

12. No members shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes, nor twice on the same subject unless given permission by the Moderator.

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

#### 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 Savior 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.



# ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

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