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For the Year 1967-1968**

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Rev. Billy Sharpston	Route 2, Box 71-A, Hartselle, Alabama
Rev. E. R. Mayo	Route 2, Ashville, Alabama
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Rev. W. G. Palmer, Rt. 1, Box 287, Castleberry, Alabama
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Mrs. A. J. Looper, 54 Twin St., Sylacauga, Alabama
Mrs. H. A. McSpadden, 529 King Road, Gardendale, Alabama
Mrs. Jack Rollins, 920 Meehan Ave., Birmingham, Alabama
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Vernon, Alabama
Mrs. Avis Graves, Vernon, Alabama
Mr. Clyde Motes, Vernon, Alabama

Aliceville Church

Mrs. J. L. Lavender, Aliceville, Ala.

Shiloh Church

Mrs. V. L. Latham, Route 5, Gordo,
Alabama

PROCEEDINGS**THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 9, 1967****22nd Session of Ministers and Deacons Conference**

The Twenty Second Session of the Ministers and Deacons Conference opened with the congregation singing under the direction of Rev. E. B. Ledlow with Sis. Rollins at the piano. Bro. Roy Johnson led in prayer. The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Richard Bowers using Phil. 2:5. Rev. B. T. Alexander welcomed the conference to the Pleasant Grove Church. Rev. Louie Bates gave the response. Bro. Ledlow led the congregation in singing "To God be the Glory." The moderator, Rev. James Walden, brought a brief message using the eighth chapter of Deut. Prayer by the speaker. Sis. Davis sang "Who Am I."

Bro. A. J. Looper brought a message on "Such a Time of Riots" using Lam. 4:11-17. Prayer by the speaker. Rev. Billy Sharpston led in prayer before bringing the message on "Such a Time of Immorality" using 2 Cor. 6:14-17. Bro. E. B. Ledlow led the congregation in singing "We Have an Anchor." Bro. W. H. Ryland spoke for a few minutes about his book which he has for sale.

Bro. G. C. Lawrence brought the morning message on "Such a Time of Powerless Churches" using Rev. 6:1-8. Prayer by the speaker. We were dismissed for lunch by Bro. Jimmy Howell.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 9, 1967

After a wonderful lunch which was enjoyed by all, we convened with Bro. Ledlow leading the singing with Sis. Rollins at the piano and Sis. Davis at the organ. Rev. F. L. Thomas brought the devotion using James 5:16 and Acts 12:5, 7, 12, 16. Bro. and Sis. Ivan Stewart sang "Little is Much." Rev. Gordon Hart brought the message on "Such A Time of False Cults" using Matt. 24: 3-5; 1 John 2:18-19. Prayer by the speaker.

After prayer by the speaker, Bro. E. R. Mayo brought a message on "Such A Time of Perishing Multitudes" using Gen. 6:5-8. Bro. Huckaby spoke for a few minutes about National Superannuation. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "Amazing Grace." Bro. William Atkinson dismissed in prayer.

THURSDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 9, 1967**48th Session of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists—
Rev. W. G. Palmer, presiding.**

The 48th Session of the Alabama State Association convened with Bro. Ledlow leading "At the Cross" with Sis. Rollins at the piano and Sis. Davis at the organ. The Ladies Quartet from Forestdale Church sang "So Many Reasons". Bro. Junior Aldridge brought the devotion using Mark 14:3-8. Prayer by the speaker. There was a special by a group of men who sang "Heaven." Bro. Leon Crowley gave the welcome address. Bro. Willie Justice gave the response. The clerk of the Association, Rev. Ray W. Ritch, called the Association to order and introduced the moderator, Rev. John Edwards. The moderator appointed the credentials committee. Bro. Nathan Davis led the offertory prayer. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "He Brought Me Out." Bro. and Sis. Wade Walden sang "A Wonderful Saviour."

Rev. Hughes Ellis was introduced by Bro. Edwards. Bro. Ellis brought the evening message on "The Darling of Your Heart" using Gen. 22: 1-18. Prayer by the speaker. After the soul stirring message Bro. Ledlow led the invitational hymn "Have Thine Own Way," with Sis Rollins at the piano and Sis. Davis at the organ. Bro. Willie Justice dismissed in prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 10, 1967

Opened with singing "Love Lifted Me," led by Bro. Ledlow with Sis. Davis at the organ and Sis. Rollins at the piano. Rev. Willie Justice presiding. Rev. O. Z. Johnson led in prayer. Rev. Herman Calloway brought the morning devotional using Romans 8:19. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "Onward Christian Soldiers."

The moderator, Bro. John Edwards, brought his message using Esther 4:14. Prayer by the speaker. 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.

Seating of the delegates. Appointment of the committees.

Report of the Foreign Mission by Rev. Henry Van Kluyve which was received as information.

After a short intermission we convened back with Bro. Ledlow leading "Sunlight" with Sis. Stewart at the piano and Sis. Davis at the organ. Bro. Walter Jones led in prayer. A Quartet of some men sang "What a Saviour."

Bro. Louie Bates brought the morning message using Romans 14:11-12, "Giving an Account to God." Bro. Ledlow led in singing "Pass Me Not." We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. William E. Atkinson.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 10, 1967

After a delicious lunch we convened with Bro. Ledlow leading "He Lives" with Sis Rollins at the piano and Sis. Davis at the organ. Bro. James Bussey brought the devotion using Eph. 5:1-5. Prayer by the speaker.

Report of the Sunday School and C. T. S. convention which was received as information.

Report of the Womens Auxiliary Convention. Report accepted.

Bro. Ray Ritch gave the report of the General Board. Item 1, Tabled. Item 2, Carried. Item 3, Tabled. Item 4, Carried. Item 5, Carried. Item 6, Tabled.

Report of the Bible College by Dr. L. C. Johnson which was received as information.

Report of the Children's Home. Move and second to accept the report and give a rising vote of thanks to the staff at the home.

Report of the Superannuation Board.

Report of Laymens Breakfast by Bro. Travis Carter.

Report of State Missions Board. Move and seconded that the place of Bro. Barber be declared vacant.

Move and second that in Section 2, Article 2, the word Home should be deleted and tabled.

Report of National Executive Department by Rev. Rufus Coffey which was received as information.

Report of National Home Missions which was received as information.

Report of Sunday School Board by Rev. Roger C. Reeds which was received as information.

Report of National C. T. S. Board which was received as information. Dismissed by Rev. Dave Franks.

FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 10, 1967

We convened with Bro. Ledlow leading "Crown Him" with Sis. Rollins at the piano and Sis. Davis at the organ. Bro. Jack Rollins led in prayer. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "When we all Get to Heaven." Sis. Betty Davis sang "Win the Lost." The evening devotion was brought by Rev. Floyd Barber using 1 Thes. 4:13-17. Prayer by Rev. R. P. Ritch. Sis. Jean sang "Let Me Touch Him." Bro. Hughes Ellis gave the offertory prayer. Sis. Janet Rollins played a piano solo while the offering was received. The offering was \$64.81. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "I Am Thine." Bro. Carlton Lambert sang "Blessed Redeemer."

Dr. L. C. Johnson brought the evening message using Mark 4:3-20. Prayer by the speaker. We were dismissed by Rev. Rufus Coffey.

SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 11, 1967

We convened with Bro. Ledlow leading "Higher Ground," with Sis. Rollins at the piano. Bro. Pearl Barnes led in prayer. Bro. R. P. Ritch led in singing "How Firm a Foundation." Rev. Jimmy Youngblood brought the morning devotion using Rev. 3:7-11.

Report of National Association which was received as information.

Report of Auditing Committee. Carried.

Report of Appreciation Committee. Carried. Amended to give a rising vote of thanks to host church.

Report of Nominating Committee.

Report of Association Clerk.

Report of the Executive Committee. Item 1. Carried. Association to meet at Friendship in Pell City next year. Item 2. Carried. Item 3. Carried.

Report of Trustees of Children's Home.

Named delegates to the National Association in Oklahoma City in 1968. Sis. Gordon Hart, Sis. William Atkinson, Sis. Betty Howell, Sis. Jack Rollins and Sis. Harry Bradshaw.

The items of business on the table were taken off the table and disposed of. Bro. Uless Partain was elected to fill Bro. J. C. Hoods place on the Board of Trustees of the Children's Home. Move and second to adjourn the business session to convene back for the worship service.

After a short intermission we convened back with Bro. Ledlow leading "Jesus Saves," with Sis Jack Rollins at the piano and Sis. Janet Rollins at the organ. Bro. A. J. Lambert led in prayer. Bro. Ray Ritch sang "There's A Hand Leading Me." Bro. and Sis. Ivan Stewart sang "I Don't Regret."

Rev. Dave Franks brought the morning message using Acts 16:6-10. Prayer by the speaker. We gave \$65.25. Bro. E. R. Mayo dismissed in prayer.

REPORTS

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE—1. We the credential committee have examined the letters of 12 District Associations and have found them in order. 2. We have examined the letters from Shiloh and Mt. Moriah Church of the Mt. Moriah association and recommend that they be in this body as the association to which they belong did not represent. 3. We have received a \$5.00 fee from the following churches of the Mt. Moriah association. Macedonia, Glen Echo, Pleasant Hill, Aliceville and Reform. We recommend that they be seated in this body as the association of which they are a member did not represent.

Rev. Billy R. Smith
Rev. O. Z. Johnson
Rev. A. J. Looper

AUDITING COMMITTEE—1. We have examined the records of the Free Will Baptist Superannuation Board for the 12-month period ended October 31, 1967. In our opinion the statements of receipts and disbursements are correct. 2. We have examined the records of the Free Will Baptist Board of Christian Education for the 12-month period ended October 31, 1967. In our opinion the statements of receipts and disbursements are correct. 3. We find the Children's Home Financial Report, as audited by Black and Black, Public Accountants, Jasper, Alabama to be a complete account of receipts and disbursements of a 12-month period ended September 30, 1967. 4. We have examined the records of the Alabama State Home Mission Board of Free Will Baptists for the 12-month period ended November 9, 1967. In our opinion the statements of receipts and disbursements are correct. 5. We have examined the Clerk's Records of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists for the period October 25, 1966 to October 10, 1967. In our opinion the statements of receipts and disbursements are correct.

Mrs. Ivan Stewart
Mrs. William E. Atkinson
Mr. David Kent

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE—We the Appreciation Committee, in behalf of the convention wish to thank the host church for the privilege of meeting in their beautiful new building, for the fine hospitality, warm welcome and the delicious food. To the speakers on the program for the spiritual food and information we received here.

Mrs. Louie Bates
Mrs. Harry Bradshaw
Mrs. Gordon Hart

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Greetings in the name of our lovely Lord. Your Board of Christian Education had a very good year this past year. We are happy to report that we feel our activities were very blessed of the Lord and of course successful. We praise Him for this.

We promoted one Youth Rally at Northport, Alabama on January 27th and 28th this year, which was well attended and enjoyed by our people. We had a very good program and we are looking forward to another one this year. We also promoted a Teach and Train Conference in June this year in the Blue Gray Room of the Whitley Hotel in Montgomery, Alabama. This

conference was well attended and we thought a good program. We feel that it was the best yet. It had plenty of variety and spiritual depth. Those attending seemed to enjoy this conference.

For the opening service we were honored with the presence of the Honorable Governor Lurleen B. Wallace. She spoke on "Youth's Place in Alabama's Future." We had very good singing and the CTS Contests were simply wonderful and exciting. We also had a panel on Teen Interests which was enjoyed by all. Rev. Billy Melvin of Nashville, was our guest speaker. He brought some wonderful and inspiring messages.

We trust that this year your Board of Christian Education can offer you a better program than the past year. Please pray for your board as they work and plan for the future.

Here is the financial report:

Brought forward from 1965-66 year	\$ 1.88
Money received	787.79
Total	\$789.67
Money spent	\$517.68
Total in Treasury	\$271.99

Charles O. Hollingshead
William H. Atkinson
Bill McCuin
Larry Austin
E. B. Ledlow

CHILDREN'S HOME TRUSTEE—The Trustees held board meetings at the Free Will Baptist Childrens Home on the following dates in 1967. Jan. 21, April 22, July 22 and Oct. 21. All were a time of good fellowship and harmony from the entire board. The Oct. meeting was our annual barbecue for the members and their families which was enjoyed by all. Our hearts were overjoyed for the wonderful response by the State of Georgia in their Harvest Day offering—12 truck loads.

The board has made much progress in the last year in its manner of operation. The one thing especially being the appointing of a planning committee to outline and plan the goals to be reached in the future and how this is to be accomplished.

1. We recommend that the budget for 1968 be set at \$55,000.00.

2. We recommend that this State Association send a letter of commendation to the State Moderator and board member Mr. Curtis Gay of the State of Georgia for their support to the home this year.

GENERAL BOARD—The General Board met with Bro. Ryland leading in prayer. We offer the following recommendations:

Item 1. Section 2, Article 4—Should be changed to read as follows: The Superannuation Board shall consist of five members 1—5 year terms 1 coming off each year. When vacancies occur the body shall elect.

Item 2—We recommend that two offerings be received and be given to the building fund of the Bible College.

Item 3. We recommend that Section 5, Article 1 be changed to read. The secretary shall be paid (\$100.00) one hundred dollars.

Item 4—We received the report of the Board of Christian Education by Rev. E. B. Ledlow and accepted his resignation.

Item 5—We recommend that a study commission be appointed to see if it is feasible to put a promotional man on the field and they be paid 5 cents per mile for expense. Rev. Billy Sharpston, Rev. Willie Justice and Rev. Thurman Murphy.

Item 6—We recommend that in Section 2, Article 5 the word Home be deleted.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE—The following registered for the Association: Ministers 66; Deacons 33; Delegates 70; and visitors 119 for a total of 288.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE—We the Placement Committee recommend that the Alabama State Association hold its next session at the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Pell City on November 7-9, 1968.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—The Executive Committee recommends the following resolution: That we go on record as being opposed to such groups as the Bordermen, and other questionable groups entertaining our young people at our National Youth Activities.

Whereas the above named groups represent the Hippies, Beatniks and other worldly groups. We request that the clerk send a copy of this to members of the national association general board, members of the National CTS Board and the Director of the CTS Department. And that the State member of the National Association General Board bring this to special attention at the next meeting.

The Executive Committee recommends that the State Association consider the 1971 Session of the National Association be held at Birmingham.

REPORT OF ALABAMA STATE SUPERANNUATION BOARD TREASURER

RECEIVED:

East Birmingham	\$ 124.88
North Birmingham	36.29
Forestdale	195.86
Forestdale Auxiliary	22.00
Fairview, Trussville	85.00
Winfield	46.05
St. James, Phenix City	63.04
Mt. Olive, Winfield	67.33
Guin	174.45
Oak Grove, Fieldstown	12.31
Pleasant Grove, Ashville	6.73
Shady Grove, Adamsville	56.32
Pine Grove, Perdido	7.00
Montgomery	15.79
Appleton, Brewton	68.00
Laodecia, Hanceville	9.00
Springfield, Vernon	157.21

Florence	116.50
Cordova	131.90
Cordova Auxiliary	14.14
Vernon	68.81
Davis Chapel, Sterrett	18.81
Davis Chapel Auxiliary	4.50
Hanks Memorial, Alton	78.65
South Highland, Muscle Shoals	56.66
Brilliant	7.00
Florida State Line Association	230.19
Alabama State Association	141.18
Unity, Sylacauga	62.86
Graysville	47.07
Pleasant Hill, Jasper	12.00
Mt. Pleasant, Sprott	30.00
Sara Crawford Auxiliary, Northport	5.00
Union Grove, Evergreen	21.00
Friendship, Flomaton	15.40
Cedar Grove, Jasper	17.90
Rocket City, Huntsville	13.67
Russellville	14.76
Belk	60.00

TOTAL	\$2,315.26
Brought forward from October 31, 1966	\$1,415.32
GRAND TOTAL	\$3,730.58

PAID OUT:

Rev. S. F. Lee	\$ 185.00
Rev. Eugene Brooks	185.00
Rev. Jessie Moyers	185.00
Mrs. C. R. Allen	185.00
Mrs. Ruby Nobles	185.00
Mrs. Maude Quick	185.00
Mrs. R. H. Howard	185.00
Mrs. M. E. Carpenter	185.00
Mrs. Annie Franks	185.00
Mrs. Rufus Hyman	185.00
Office Expense	18.80
Bank Charges	6.89
Tithe to National Superannuation	231.60
Total Paid Out	\$2,107.29
Balance in Treasury	\$1,623.29

OCTOBER 30, 1967

Freewill Baptist Children's Home
Eldridge, Alabama

Dear Sirs:

We have examined the records of the Freewill Baptist Children's Home for

the twelve months period ended September 30, 1967. 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 Freewill Baptist Children's Home for the twelve months period ended September 30, 1967.

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

FREEWILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Eldridge, Alabama

SUPERINTENDENT'S CASH REPORT

October 1, 1966 Through September 30, 1967

CASH BAL. SEPT. 30, 1966	\$	150.52	\$		\$170.55	\$	271.57	\$1,389.49
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ADDITIONS THIS PERIOD

Contributions	\$45,895.01	\$3,548.57	\$		\$2,958.62
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Social Security—

Support Payments	\$	5,314.40
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Sales	\$	859.27
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Interest Earned	\$	43.71
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Total Additions	\$52,068.68	\$3,592.28	\$170.55	\$2,958.62	\$1,389.49
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Total Cash to Account for	\$52,219.20	\$3,592.28	\$170.55	\$3,230.19	\$1,389.49
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DISBURSEMENTS THIS PERIOD

Salaries and

Payroll Taxes	\$16,534.69
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Food	8,323.78
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Clothing	1,345.70
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Education	1,556.92
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Medical Expense	511.97
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Household Supplies	1,670.06
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Janitorial Supplies	754.45
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Electricity	1,297.74
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Butane Gas and Coal	1,299.28
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Telephone	818.12
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Pest Control	137.00
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Hardware-Maintenance	5,934.42
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Gas and Oil	1,105.58
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Vehicle Maintenance	1,269.30
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Farm Expenses	1,726.31
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Office Expense	1,188.57
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Insurance	800.32
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350.00

Gifts-Allowances	800.00
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Board Members Expense	914.79
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Audit	75.00
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Debt Reduction	1,900.00
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Purchase of Fixed Assets	1,312.21	2,934.65
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Other Expenses	935.17
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Returned Checks	55.00
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Total Disbursements	\$51,466.38	\$	800.00	\$2,934.65	\$	350.00
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Cash Bal. Sept. 30, 1967	752.82	2,792.28	170.55	295.54	1,039.49
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Total Cash Accounted For	\$52,219.20	\$3,592.28	\$170.55	\$3,230.19	\$1,389.49
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FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Eldridge, Alabama

THINGS DONATED for Period: October 1, 1966-September 30, 1967

Alabama	\$10,392.56
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Georgia	2,331.71
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Florida	949.05
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Mississippi	1,259.50
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Arkansas	265.61
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Tennessee	154.00
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Illinois	4.00
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Texas	30.00
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North Carolina	15.00
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Missouri	6.00
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TOTAL	\$15,407.43
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED:

Dr. Gaines W. Keith, M.D.	\$	600.00
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Dr. Jerry Files, Dentist		350.00
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Dr. Frederic Rosemore, Optometrist		100.00
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Doctors Clinic, Winfield		100.00
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TOTAL	\$	1,150.00
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FARM:

Garden Vegetables	\$	500.00
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Corn (800 bu. at \$1.20 per bu.)		960.00
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Frozen Foods		350.00
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Milk (3,500 gal. at 75c per gal.)		2,625.00
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Pork (3,000 lbs. dressed at 50c per lb.)		1,500.00
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Canned Foods (700 qts. at 40c per qt.)		280.00
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Hay (1,000 bales at 65c per bale)		650.00
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GROSS PROFIT	\$	6,865.00
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Less Expense		1,726.31
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NET PROFIT	\$	5,138.69
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ASSOCIATIONS	Paid Evangelists	Building & Repair	Literature	Advertising—Radio Programs, Etc.	Miscellaneous	Other	Total Local Expenditures	Cooperative Plan	Foreign Missions	National, State, Local Home Missions
Birmingham District	778.90	2,550.73	468.36	101.53	1,953.47	585.17	12,270.99		78.65	233.65
Cahaba River	2,603.20	14,601.28	3,980.94		1,022.54	7,252.50	63,683.60		1,785.32	1,760.16
East Alabama	1,008.62	13,255.71	2,193.59			20,893.54	49,443.58	1,466.95	681.90	721.25
Florida State Line	3,345.70	23,785.07	4,255.96			13,771.47	72,653.20	3,612.95	575.29	609.08
Jasper	3,929.58	11,332.73	3,220.21		1,527.33	6,602.38	64,248.12	122.78	1,531.72	902.48
Liberty No. 1	485.00	7,365.89	910.96		2,953.87		17,904.27		125.00	355.44
Liberty No. 2	362.83	2,362.60	678.53		4,653.54	1,168.61	14,421.66		16.05	397.88
Mississippi State Line	2,225.16	7,354.49	1,272.41		841.83		25,289.63		221.26	111.04
North Alabama	500.00	1,762.54	980.00		485.90		11,228.44		312.77	296.60
Progressive	2,989.50	5,984.55	3,990.50	310.00	1,232.91	52,360.23	110,107.24		3,528.25	2,153.54
Southeastern	1,949.36	4,700.80	1,674.01	116.42	3,076.28	365.94	25,724.99	215.94	318.30	153.17
Vernon	1,914.00	14,224.00	494.00	780.00	3,100.00		41,566.00		1,837.00	1,638.00
Mt. Moriah Church	120.00						2,172.37			81.41
Shiloh Church	196.00									
TOTAL	22,407.85	109,280.39	24,119.47	1,307.95	20,847.67	102,999.84	546,706.93	5,418.62	9,174.51	9,413.70

ASSOCIATIONS	No. of Churches	No. of Membership	Lost Members	New Members	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Sunday Schools	No. of Members	C. T. S.	No. of Members	Woman's Auxiliaries	No. of Members	Prayer Meetings	Paid Pastors
Birmingham District	9	516	15	34	16		15	9	286	1	25	2	27	7	5,832.83
Cahaba River	19	1,449	89	182	39	5	81	19	1,237	12	471	14	137	4	34,223.14
East Alabama	9	801	42	146	15	4	27	9	502	8	275	6	82	9	16,044.06
Florida State Line	20	2,383	79	94	12	7	76	13	1,191	16	582	5	104	11	27,495.00
Jasper	28	2,909	79	244	32	9	117	26	1,704	13	670	6	101	13	37,635.89
Liberty No. 1	7	512	14	18	10		25	7	261	6	199	5	56	6	6,188.55
Liberty No. 2	7	511	29	57	24	12	33	7	311	1	65	3	15	7	3,195.55
Mississippi State Line	19	1,407	38	62	17		64	16	827	3	89	1	20	3	13,595.74
North Alabama	5	359	15	51	6	1	11	5	291	2	143	3	61	3	7,500.00
Progressive	13	1,757	51	176	20	8	52	13	1,339	12	545	10	129	13	43,239.55
Southeastern	13	1,117	30	37	12		65	13	651	5	189	9	105	10	13,842.18
Vernon	15	1,665	36	82	18	5	65	15	880	7	273	1	22	2	21,054.00
Mt. Moriah Church	1	92	1	1	1		4	1		1				1	1,727.00
Shiloh Church	1	161	3	3	1			1	92					1	1,976.37
TOTAL	166	15,699	521	1,187	223	51	635	154	9,572	87	3,525	65	859	90	233,549.86

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 acres 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 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, livestock 20,000.00
 4. Laundry Building and Equipment 7,000.00
 5. Filtering System for Water 3,000.00

\$270,000.00

TOTAL

This assessment is based on the replacement cost of the above items.

—Carlton Lambert, Superintendent

REPORT OF CLERK TREASURER

GENERAL FUND—

RECEIVED:

Brought Forward	\$ 965.64
Associational Fees	260.00
Ministers and Deacons Fees	112.00
Florence Church (Food Fund)	208.66
Union Chapel Church (Food Fund)	10.00
Sulligent Church (Food Fund)	5.00
Winfield Church Refund	3.00
TOTAL	\$1,564.30

TOTAL

PAID OUT:

Florence Church (Food Fund)	\$ 5.00
Rev. Jack Parmore	24.40
Rev. Robert C. Hill	24.40
Rev. Randy Cox	24.40
Rev. Jack Rollins	15.00
Rev. John Edwards	124.48
Rev. Milton Crowson	15.00
Rev. E. R. Mayo	6.40
Rev. Billy Sharpston	8.90
Rev. James Walden	8.70
Pleasant Grove Church (Food Fund)	218.66
Rev. William Atkinson	30.00
Rev. Ray Ritch	65.65

ASSOCIATIONS	Education	Children's Home	Superannuation	Associational Projects	Other	Total Outside Expenditures	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage Property	No. of Parsonages
Birmingham District		978.16	78.65	59.00	25.00	151.40	17,000.00		
Cahaba River	340.05	5,336.49	687.39	1,489.74	1,162.42	1,453.01	50,618.60		
East Alabama	388.34	1,271.59	187.17	120.00	511.19	12,561.57	369,718.00	23,500.00	3
Florida State Line	953.43	315.38	20.00	677.92	10.20	5,507.09	200,500.00	40,000.00	4
Jasper	1,733.80	2,592.19	449.44	185.00	2,797.03	6,774.25	318,200.00	10,000.00	1
Liberty No. 1	154.00	689.71	100.40	105.00	186.00	10,314.44	309,500.00	58,000.00	7
Liberty No. 2		1,378.31	8.89	35.00	134.62	1,715.55	92,300.00	3,000.00	1
Mississippi State Line		442.17		211.65		1,970.75	79,500.00		
North Alabama	329.36	142.67	16.66			986.12	111,122.00		
Progressive	7,572.84	3,283.11	527.79		896.84	1,098.06	47,500.00	12,000.00	1
Southeastern	250.00	347.30		300.00	651.61	17,962.37	617,400.00	80,000.00	7
Vernon	1,273.00	183.00		160.00		2,236.36	205,500.00	20,000.00	2
Mt. Moriah Church		265.00				3,258.00	409,000.00	28,000.00	4
Shiloh Church		151.40				346.41	15,000.00		
TOTAL	12,994.82	17,376.48	2,076.30	3,343.31	6,374.91	66,335.38	2,842,858.60	274,500.00	30

Board of Christian Education	163.00
Houston Printing Co.	52.50
Houston Printing Co.	315.00
National Association Fees	85.00
TOTAL	\$1,186.49
Balance in General Fund	\$ 377.81
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AND DESIGNATED FUNDS—	
RECEIVED:	
Brought Forward	\$ 116.60
Opelika Church	391.40
White Rock Church	592.97
Luverne Church	97.43
Holmes Church	165.94
St. Mark Church	55.00
Pine Grove Church	24.00
Offering at State Association	97.30
TOTAL	\$1,540.64
PAID OUT:	
Children's Home	\$ 220.69
State Superannuation	141.18
National Association	794.57
Bible College	24.46
National Home Missions	19.46
National Foreign Missions	19.00
National Superannuation	19.46
State Missions	141.18
Office Fund	141.18
TOTAL	\$1,540.64
Balance in Fund	0
OFFICE FUND—	
RECEIVED:	
Brought Forward	\$ 24.35
From Cooperative Program	141.18
TOTAL	\$ 165.53
PAID OUT:	
Sears Supplies	\$ 2.47
Sears (Cash refund for mailing minutes)	20.00
Cash (For Stamps)	5.00
P. C. White Truck Line	3.65
Instant Copies	16.83
Superior Photo	10.55
Southern Bell (Telephone Calls)	13.59
Bank Charge	1.40
TOTAL	\$ 73.49

Balance in Fund	\$ 92.04
FOOD FUND—	
Total Received	\$ 604.66
Paid Out	529.34
Balance	\$ 75.32

ALABAMA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

THEME:

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 2, 1967

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

Opening Song: "Glory To His Name"

Prayer: Mrs. A. J. Lambert

Welcome Address: Mrs. E. B. Ledlow

Response: Mrs. William Atkinson

Recognition of Ministers, Delegates, and Visitors

President, Mrs. Charles Hollingshead, called the Convention to order, opening remarks and speaking briefly from 2 Cor. 12-9.

Appointment of Committees:

Hymn: "There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood"

Special Song: The Ledlow's: "Dear Jesus Abide With Me"

Message: Miss Mary Ellen Rice: "Broken Things That God Uses for His Glory" — Matt. 28-20 Acts 1-8.

Offering: Prayer

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Opening Song: "He Keeps Me Singing"

Prayer: Bro. William Atkinson

Panel Quiz: Mary Edna Cook, Director

Report of Committees:

Credential: We the Credential Committee make the following report:

(Partial Report)

Dues

Offering

Total

M. S. C.

Appreciation: We the Appreciation Committee in behalf of the Convention, Wish to thank you, the host church, for the fine hospitality and warm welcome, also for the spiritual blessings we have received by worshipping in your midst.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Smith

Joan Sanders

Emma Jean Mallory

M. S. C.

Registration: We the Registration Committee make the following report:

Delegates

Ministers	18
Visitors	78
Total	116

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Ledlow
Jackie Tisdale

M. S. C. item by item

Resolution: We the Resolution Committee make the following report:

Be it resolved:

1. Each District be allowed one delegate per local auxiliary plus the district President.
2. Each district Secretary send in a report two weeks before the State Convention to the State Secretary and that her mailing address, along with all the State Officers addresses be printed in the State Minutes.
3. The State Secretary compile these reports and have copies made to give out at the State Convention.
4. The project for this year be that each local Auxiliary contribute a certain amount of money towards the furnishing of items needed for the New Bible College Expansion Program.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. William Atkinson
Mrs. Mary Edna Cook
Mrs. A. J. Lambert
Mrs. E. B. Ledlow
Mrs. Clifford Holland

M. S. C.

Nomination:

Replacement for President

Personal Service

Field Worker

Stewardship Prayer

President _____ Mrs. Mary Edna Cook
Personal Service _____ Mrs. Ross White
Field Worker _____ Mrs. Annette Tomblinson
Stewardship Prayer _____ Mrs. Willie Justice

Delegates to National Convention:

Mrs. Jack Rollins, Mrs. E. B. Ledlow, Mrs. William Atkinson, Mrs. Martha Crowston, Mrs. Mable Melton, Mrs. James Walden.

M. S. C. that President add others at Convention.

Announcements

Benediction: Bro. Carlton Lambert

Mrs. Laura Hollingshead, President
Mrs. Maude Fowler, Secretary

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President — Mrs. Mary Edna Cook, Route 4, Box 89A, Dothan, Ala. 36301
Vice President — Mrs. E. B. Ledlow, 3810 Robbin Road, Montgomery, Ala.
Sec.-Treas. — Mrs. Maude Fowler, Route 3, Box 98, Dothan, Ala. 36301
Field Worker — Mrs. Annette Tomblinson, Leeds, Alabama

Personal Service — Mrs. Ross White, Route 2, Red Bay, Alabama
Stewardship Prayer — Mrs. Willie Justice, 701 Branch St., Florence, Alabama
Study Course — Mrs. A. J. Lambert, 942 Temple Ave., Fayette, Alabama
Mission — Mrs. William Atkinson, P. O. Box 724, Winfield, 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 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 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 (5) members 1-5 year teams. One coming off each year. When vacancies occur the body shall elect.

Section 2—Article 5—All members of the 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 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 or 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—A Church or Association who wishes to become a part of this body, shall present a formal request, giving statistics of such. Church or Association, 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 (\$100.00) one hundred 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 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) 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-thirds 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.

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and Meeting Dates**
Community Church
Harpersville, Ala.
September 6 & 7, 1968
Cahaba River Youth Camp
Route 1, Sterrett, Ala.
October 3-5, 1968
St. Mark Church
Phenix City, Ala.
August 10, 1968

Canaan Church
Rt. 4, Brewton, Ala.
October 11 & 12, 1968
Wattsville Church
August 16 & 17, 1968

Florence Church
August 22-24, 1968

Friendship Church
Pell City, Ala.
Nov. 7-9, 1968