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Free Will Baptists

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of the

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when convened in

Pell City, Alabama

NOVEMBER 7-9, 1968

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FLORENCE CHURCH
FLORENCE, ALABAMA
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**General Officers of the Alabama State Association
For the Year 1968-1969**

Moderator	Rev. John Edwards
	1217 Bruce Street, Dothan, Alabama 36301
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Willie Justice
	701 Branch Street, Florence, Alabama
Clerk	Rev. Ray W. Ritch
	724 12th Ave. West, Birmingham, Alabama 35204
Assistant Clerk	Mr. Ivan I. Stewart
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Ministers and Deacons Conference

Moderator	Rev. A. J. Lambert
	2306 Avenue G, Ensley, Alabama 35218
Assistant Moderator	Rev. James Walden
	Box 553, Guin, Alabama
Clerk	Rev. Ray W. Ritch
	724 12th Ave. West, Birmingham, Alabama 35204
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Executive Committee

Rev. Jerome E. Goodwin	Route 2, Trussville, Ala.
Rev. M. H. Hollis	P. O. Box 263, Vernon, Alabama
Rev. W. G. Palmer	Route 1, Box 287, Castleberry, Ala.
Rev. F. L. Thomas	Route 1, Cullman, Ala.
Mr. Johnie R. Wiggins	Route 1, Box 239, Pell City, Ala.

BOARDS

General—Mr. Clyde Hood, Birmingham District Assn.; Rev. Jerome Goodwin, Cahaba River Assn.; Mr. H. W. Grice, East Alabama Assn.; Rev. Gerald Baxley, Florida State Line Assn.; Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Jasper Assn.; Rev. G. W. Palmer, Liberty No. 1 Assn.; Mr. Johnie Wiggins, Liberty No. 2 Assn.; Rev. Howard Simmons, Mississippi State Line Assn.; Rev. F. L. Thomas, North Alabama Assn.; Rev. Gordon Hart, Progressive Assn.; Rev. Thomas Kirkland, Southeastern Assn.; Rev. M. H. Hollis, Vernon Assn.

Missions—Rev. John Edwards, Secretary and Treasurer (1970), 1217 Bruce St., Dothan, Ala.; Mr. W. L. Turner (1969), Vernon, Alabama; Rev. James Walden (1971), Box 553, Guin, Alabama; Rev. J. B. Ledlow (1972), 1601 17th Ave., Phenix City, Alabama; Rev. F. L. Thomas (1973), Route 1, Cullman, Alabama; Rev. Willie Justice (1974), 701 Branch Street, Florence, Alabama; Rev. E. R. Mayo (1975), Route 2, Ashville, Alabama.

Christian Education—Mr. William H. Atkinson (1969), Winfield, Alabama; Rev. A. J. Looper (1970), 54 Twin Street, Sylacauga, Alabama; Rev. Billy Sharpston (1971), Route 3, Box 71-A, Hartselle, Alabama; Rev. Thurman Murphy (1972), 2317 18th Avenue, Northport, Alabama; Rev. James Pittman (1973), Route 2, Guin, Alabama.

Superannuation—Mrs. W. G. Palmer (1969), Route 1, Castleberry, Alabama; Mr. Paul Jones (1970), Route 2, Faulkville, Alabama; Mrs. W. H. Ryland (1971), 901 Ridge Place, Birmingham, Alabama; Rev. Walter Jones (1972), 2011 2nd Ave., Phenix City, Alabama; Rev. Louie Bates (1973), Box 74, Alden, Alabama.

Trustees of Children's Home—Rev. C. M. Byrd, Perdido, Alabama; Mr. Wilson Connell; Rev. James Franklin, 430 N. Orange, Eufaula, Alabama; Mr. Coleman Holmes, Route 2, Hartselle, Alabama; Rev. Arthur Issac, Sealey Mineral Wells, Cottonwood, Alabama 36320; Rev. J. L. Jones, 107 Forrest Avenue, Luverne, Alabama 36049; Rev. A. J. Lambert, 2306 Ave. G, Ensley, Alabama 35218; Rev. Edward Puckett, Greenwood Springs, Mississippi; Mr. Uless Partain, Route 1, Jasper, Alabama; Mr. Frankie Simpkins, 600 N. 29th St., Pell City, Alabama 36125; Rev. Billy Ray Smith, Box 669, Hamilton, Alabama; Rev. Duey Thomas, Route 2, Box 75, Northport, Alabama 35476; Mr. Frank Tomlinson, Box 248, Leeds, Alabama; Rev. Curtiss Gay, Hartsfield, Georgia; Rev. W. E. George, Route 1, Bonifay Florida; Rev. Roland Rutledge, Tchudie Road, Amory, Mississippi.

State Reporter—Rev. William E. Atkinson, P. O. Box 724, Winfield, Ala.

MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED

Birmingham District Association—

Rev. Ira L. Hanks, 324 Lullaby Lane, Birmingham, Alabama.

Cahaba River Association—

Rev. Jerome E. Goodwin, Route 2, Trussville, Alabama; Rev. Frank Stewart, P. O. Box 243, Graysville, Alabama; Rev. J. D. Wales, 4428 10th Ave. N., Birmingham, Alabama; Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr., 400 N. 25th St., Leeds, Alabama; Rev. Ernest Walker, Rt. 2, Box 147, Trussville, Alabama; Rev. M. D. Harper, Rt. 1, Montevallo, Alabama; Rev. J. J. Staab, 2314 N. 33rd Ave., Birmingham, Alabama; Rev. C. O. Goodwin, 712 N. Ledbetter Ave., Anniston, Alabama; Rev. Amon Edge, Leeds, Alabama; Rev. A. J. Looper, 54 Twin St., Sylacauga, Alabama; Rev. Jesse Lee Ward, 2104 10th Place, Birmingham, Alabama; Rev. Jack L. Rollins, 920 Meehan Ave., Birmingham, Alabama; Rev. E. V. Reaid, Rt. 1, Box 210, Dora, Alabama; Rev. A. D. Lynn, Route 1, Vandiver, Alabama; Rev. W. H. Ryland, 901 Ridge Place, Birmingham, Alabama.

East Alabama Association—

Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, 2106 17th Ave., Phenix City, Alabama; Rev. Walter E. Jones, 2011 Second Ave., Phenix City, Alabama; Rev. Donald Grice, 804 W. Pine St., Sylacauga, Alabama.

Florida State Line Association—

Rev. Bill George, Route 1, Bonifay, Florida; Rev. Hermon C. Calloway, 120 Donna Dr., Dothan, Alabama; Rev. John Edwards, 1217 Bruce St., Dothan, Alabama; Rev. Gerald Baxley, Route 1, Midland City, Alabama; Rev. Arthur Issac, Cottonwood, Alabama.

Jasper Association—

Rev. Clifford Holland, P. O. Box 457, Red Bay, Alabama; Rev. James F.

Walden, Box 553, Guin, Alabama; Rev. Ray W. Ritch, 724 12th Ave. West, Birmingham, Alabama; Rev. Louie Bates, Box 74, Alden, Alabama; Rev. P. P. Barnes, Graysville, Alabama; Rev. Billy R. Smith, Hamilton, Alabama; Rev. James Pittman, Route 2, Guin, Alabama; Rev. Ambers Aldridge, Jr., Route 2, Guin, Alabama; Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Route 1, Guin, Alabama; Rev. William E. Atkinson, P. O. Box 724, Winfield, Alabama.

Liberty No. 1 Association—

Rev. W. G. Palmer, Route 1, Box 287, Castleberry, Alabama; Rev. C. M. Byrd, Perdido, Alabama.

Liberty No. 2 Association—

Rev. J. T. Windsor, Pell City, Alabama; Rev. John A. Haisten, 406 N. 26th St., Pell City, Alabama; Rev. Wade Walton, Route 1, Box 239, Pell City, Alabama; Rev. Paul R. Davis, 19 N. 30th, Pell City, Alabama; Rev. Leroy Smith, 516 29th St., Pell City, Alabama; Rev. Mark Edge, Ragland, Alabama; Rev. Allen Higginbottom, Anniston, Alabama; Rev. E. R. Mayo, Route 2, Ashville, Alabama; Rev. Cleo Elder, Box 85, Talladega, Alabama; Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Route 1, Ashville, Alabama; Rev. O. E. Dollar, Pell City, Alabama; Rev. H. A. O'Donnell, Route 1, Ashville, Alabama; Rev. Floyd C. Barber, Route 1, Box 260, Pell City, Alabama; Rev. Alfred Ledlow, Route 1, Ashville, Alabama.

North Alabama Association—

Rev. F. L. Thomas, Route 1, Cullman, Alabama; Rev. Billy Sharpston, Route 3, Box 71-A, Hartselle, Alabama.

Progressive Association—

Rev. Thurman Murphy, 2317 18th Avenue, Northport, Alabama; Rev. Richard Bowers, Route 1, Box 66-A, Samantha, Alabama; Rev. Gordon W. Hart, P. O. Box 245, Townley, Alabama; Rev. William Baird, 942 Temple Ave., Fayette, Alabama; Rev. Jerry Edgil, Box 681, Sulligent, Alabama; Rev. Woodrow Messex, P. O. Box 869, Jasper, Alabama; Rev. Louie Burl Nix, Box 36, Eldridge, Alabama; Rev. Hughes Ellis, 504 Greene Ave., Cordova, Alabama; Rev. Willie Justice, 701 Branch St., Florence, Alabama; Rev. J. M. Cobb, 1212 College Ave., Russellville, Alabama; Rev. Carlton Lambert, Box 8, Eldridge, Alabama; Rev. Jimmy Aldridge, Missionary to the Ivory Coast; Rev. A. J. Lambert, 2306 Ave. G, Ensley, Alabama.

Southeastern Association—

Rev. Thomas M. Kirkland, P. O. Drawer K, Ashford, Alabama; Rev. James M. Franklin, 430 N. Orange, Eufaula, Alabama.

Vernon Association—

Rev. M. H. Hollis, Box 263, Vernon, Alabama; Rev. Robert D. Franks, Belk, Alabama; Rev. Roy Barnes, Route 1, Vernon, Alabama; Rev. Dewey Thomas, Route 2, Box 75, Northport, Alabama; Rev. B. T. Alexander, Box 23, Pleasant Grove, Alabama.

First Church, Reform, Alabama—

Rev. Carl R. Johnson, Route 1, Box 128, Reform, Alabama.

Shiloh Church—

Rev. J. L. Lavender, 1707 3rd Ave., N.W., Aliceville, Alabama.

Decatur Mission—

Rev. E. B. Ledlow, 1303 15th Ave. S.E., Decatur, Alabama 35601.

Visiting Ministers—

Rev. E. Norman Brush, 2500 7th Ave. N., Pell City, Alabama, Bible Methodist; Rev. Hudspeth, Pell City, Alabama, Church of God; Rev. Bob Shockey, 6655 Upton Lane, Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. Nolan K. Holland, 503 Tanglewood, Gadsden, Alabama.

DEACONS WHO REGISTERED

Cahaba River Association—

Mr. Joe Kimbrough, 4525 N. 73 St., Birmingham, Alabama; Mr. Curtis Lee Brake, 608 Osceola Circle, Fairfield, Alabama; Mr. Dennis Feltman, 608 Robinson Drive, Birmingham, Alabama; Mr. Chester E. Isbell, Route 1, Box 384-E; Mr. Roy Kuykendall, Route 1, Box 316, Graysville, Alabama; Mr. Howard Schultz, Route 1, Box 200, Adamsville, Alabama; Mr. Charles Boothe, 705 Finley Ave., Birmingham, Alabama; Mr. Paul D. Crane, 417 Robin Road, Birmingham, Alabama; Mr. James E. Harris, Route 1, Box 352, Adamsville, Alabama; Mr. Virgil Aycock, Route 1, Empire, Alabama; Mr. E. E. Minor, 2300 1st Ave. N., Leeds, Alabama; Mr. Chester Wydeman, Route 1, Sterrett, Alabama; Mr. Frank Tomlinson, Box 248, Leeds, Alabama.

Florida State Line Association—

Mr. Bobby Kennedy, Route 1, Ashford, Alabama.

Jasper Association—

Mr. Ross White, Route 2, Red Bay, Alabama.

Liberty No. 1 Association—

Mr. Tony Downey, P. O. Box 91, Perdido, Alabama; Mr. Ivan I. Stewart, P. O. Box 116, Perdido, Alabama.

Liberty No. 2 Association—

Mr. Max E. Mayo, Route 2, Ohatelee, Alabama; Mr. Calvin F. Barber, 2805 5th Ave. N., Pell City, Alabama; Mr. O. D. Simpkins, Pell City, Alabama; Mr. Samford Kimberly, 705 28 St. N., Pell City, Alabama; Mr. Arlie L. Mitchell, Jr., Route 1, Box 352, Pell City, Alabama; Mr. D. West, 410 30th St. N., Pell City, Alabama; Mr. Frank Simpkins, 600 N. 29th St., Pell City, Alabama; Mr. J. R. Johnson, 506 Geard Ave., Gadsden, Alabama; Mr. Rodger Presley, P. O. Box 323; Mr. Johnie R. Wiggins, Route 1, Box 239, Pell City, Alabama.

Progressive Association—

Mr. W. A. Rawls, 1728 27th St., Ensley, Alabama; Mr. Charles E. Davis, 900 Buena Vista, Muscle Shoals, Alabama; Mr. A. M. Wallace, Route 6, Fayette, Alabama; Mr. David Kent, Box 8, Eldridge, Alabama; Mr. William L. Martin, Box 424-D, Adamsville, Alabama.

Vernon Association—

Mr. W. L. Turner, Vernon, Alabama; Mr. Dewey Jordan, Route 1, Vernon, Alabama.

Shiloh Church—

Mr. Raiford Shepherd, Gordo, Alabama.

DELEGATES WHO REGISTERED

Birmingham District Association—

Mrs. Crola Smith, Route 1, Lawley, Alabama.

Cahaba River Association—

Mrs. Joe Kimbrough, 4525 73rd St. N., Birmingham, Alabama; Mr. G. L. Ellis, 2311 34th Ave. N., Birmingham, Alabama; Mr. P. A. Nichols, P. O. Box 4162, Birmingham, Alabama; Mrs. Billie Rollins, 920 Meehan Ave., Birmingham, Alabama; Mrs. Curtis L. Brake, 608 Osceola Circle, Fairfield, Alabama; Mrs. Jerome Goodwin, Route 2 Box 429-A, Trussville, Alabama; Mrs. Margie Isbell, Route 1, Leeds, Alabama; Mr. Paul Ratcliff, Route 1, Empire, Alabama; Mrs. June Crouch, Route 1, Box 352, Adamsville, Alabama; Mrs. Gladys Reeves, Graysville, Alabama; Mrs. W. H. Ryland, 901 Ridge Place, Birmingham, Alabama; Mrs. James E. Harris, Route 1, Box 352, Graysville, Alabama; Mrs. Loreta Johnson, Route 1, Empire, Alabama; Annette Tomlinson, Leeds, Alabama.

East Alabama Association—

Mrs. Clyde Ratchford, 39 Lakeside Drive, Childersburg, Alabama; Mrs. Minnie Brooks, Morris Ave., Sylacauga, Alabama; Mrs. Linda Finch, Route 4, Box 414, Sylacauga, Alabama; Mrs. Joe B. Ledlow, 2106 17th Ave., Phenix City, Alabama; Mrs. Lizzie Davis, 3004 Apache Drive, Columbus, Ga.; Mrs. Fannie Whitehurst, 1007 35th St., Phenix City, Alabama.

Florida State Line Association—

Mrs. Shirley Kennedy, Route 1, Ashford, Alabama; Mrs. A. F. Isaac, Sealy Mineral Wells, Cottonwood, Alabama; Mrs. Herman C. Calloway, 120 Donna Drive, Dothan, Alabama; Mrs. Mary Smith, Route 3, Dothan, Alabama; Rodney Fowler, Route 3, Dothan, Alabama.

Jasper Association—

Mrs. Evelyn Bevis, Route 6, Box 8, Jasper, Alabama; Mrs. Dixie Atkinson, P. O. Box 724, Winfield, Alabama; Mrs. James Walden, Box 553, Guin, Alabama; Mrs. Pearl Barnes, Graysville, Alabama; Mrs. Louie Bates Box 74, Alden, Alabama; Mrs. Ida Lee Aldridge, Route 2, Guin, Alabama.

Liberty No. 1 Association—

Mrs. J. T. Long, Box 23, McDavid, Florida; Mrs. W. G. Palmer, Route 1, Box 287, Castleberry, Alabama; Mrs. Esther Cain, Route 2, Castleberry, Alabama; Miss Mamie L. Palmer, Route 1, Box 287, Castleberry, Alabama; Mrs. Ivan Stewart, P. O. Box 116, Perdido, Alabama; Mrs. Aubrey Ashcraft, 519 E. Popular St., Atmore, Alabama; Mr. James H. Henry, Route 4, Box 88, Brewton, Alabama.

Liberty No. 2 Association—

Mrs. Eunice Davis, 811 Hobson Ave., Talladega, Alabama; Mr. Herman Dollar, Pell City, Alabama; Mrs. Floyd Barber, Pell City, Alabama; Mr. Bobby Endfinger, 3018 30th St. N., Pell City, Alabama; Mrs. Minnie Johnson, 506

Grant Ave. E., Gadsden, Alabama; Mrs. Alfred Ledlow, Ashville, Alabama; Mr. Arthur Ritch, Pell City, Alabama.

North Alabama Association—

Mrs. Myrna Montgomery, Route 2, Box 23, Madison, Alabama; Mrs. Helen Lowery, Route 3, Madison, Alabama; Mrs. Jane Atkins, Route 1, Box 298-C, Hanceville, Alabama; Mr. Marion Atkins, Route 1, Hanceville, Alabama; Mrs. Marion Atkins, Route 1, Hanceville, Alabama.

Progressive Association—

Mrs. A. J. Lambert 2306 Ave. G, Ensley, Alabama; Mrs. Thurmon Murphy, 2317 18th Ave., Northport, Alabama; Mrs. Richard Bowers, Route 1, Samantha, Alabama; Mrs. A. M. Wallace, Fayette, Alabama; Mrs. W. T. Lowe, Gardendale, Alabama; Mrs. Charles Davis, 900 Buena Vista, Muscle Shoals, Alabama; Mrs. Carol Edgil, Sulligent, Alabama.

Vernon Association—

Mr. Clyde Motes, Vernon, Alabama; Mrs. Clyde Motes, Vernon, Alabama; Mrs. Robert Franks, Box 42, Belk, Alabama; Mrs. E. W. Graves, Vernon, Alabama; Mrs. S. Y. Shelton, Route 2, Vernon, Alabama; Mrs. W. L. Turner, Vernon, Alabama.

Southeastern Association—

Mrs. Eloise Commander, Box 11, Ariton, Alabama; Mrs. Rosa Adkinson, Ariton, Alabama; Mrs. Kate Palmer, Clopton, Alabama; Mrs. Claude Adkinson, Ariton, Alabama.

Reform Church—

Mrs. Lawrence Carpenter, Reform, Alabama.

Shiloh Church—

Mr. Vester Lewis Latham, Gordo, Alabama.

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 7, 1968

23rd Session of Ministers and Deacons Conference

The Twenty Third Session of the Ministers and Deacons Conference opened with the congregation singing under the direction of Mr. Arthur Ritch with Sis. Rollins at the piano. Bro. Floyd Barber led in prayer. Bro. Arthur Ritch led the congregation in singing "Well Done My Child." The morning devotion was brought by Bro. Johnnie Wiggins using Psalms 133:1.

Bro. E. R. Mayo welcomed the conference to the Friendship Church. Bro. Holland gave the response. Bro. Louie Bates brought the moderators message using Matt. 26:41. The Perdido Quartet sang "He Touched Me" and "He's A Friend I Can Tell My Troubles To." Bro. E. B. Ledlow led the congregation in singing "Victory in Jesus." Bro. Jerome Goodwin brought the message "It Is Built on the Right Foundation" using 1 Cor. 3:9-11. Prayer by the speaker after a message which was enjoyed by all. Bro. E. B. Ledlow led in singing "I Shall Not Be Moved." Bro. C. M. Byrd brought the message "It Is Right In It's Message" using Luke 4:16-20. Prayer by the speaker after a wonderful

message which was enjoyed by all. Bro. E. B. Ledlow led in singing "Love Lifted Me." The Perdido Quartet sang "Without Him" and "I'm His."

Bro. Carlton Lambert brought the morning message "It Is Right in It's Purpose" using Eph. 2:20-22; Col. 1:18; Eph. 4:11-15 which was enjoyed by all. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "Praise Him Praise Him." Bro. John Edwards dismissed in prayer.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 7, 1968

After a wonderful lunch which was enjoyed by all, we convened with Bro. E. B. Ledlow leading the singing with Sis. Rollins at the piano. Bro. Malone Cobb led in prayer. Bro. Ray Ritch sang "Take My Hand Precious Lord." Bro. Billy Sharpston brought the afternoon devotion using Luke 5:1-15. Prayer by the speaker. The Perdido Quartet sang "Heaven Will Surely Shine." Bro. James Pittman brought the message "It Is Right in it's Moral Standards" using Isaiah 5:20-23. Prayer by the speaker.

Bro. Ledlow led in singing "Higher and Higher." Bro. Thomas Kirkland brought the message "It Is Right in it's Faith," using Hebrews 11:1-6 and Rev. 14:1-5. Prayer by the speaker after a wonderful message which was enjoyed by all. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "Onward Christian Soldiers." There was a total of 168 registered for the conference. Bro. A. J. Lambert was elected moderator and Bro. James Walden was elected as assistant moderator. Bro. Alfred Ledlow dismissed in prayer.

THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 7, 1968

49th Session of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists—
Rev. W. H. Ryland, presiding.

We convened with Bro. Ledlow leading the singing and Sis. Rollins at the piano. Bro. Gerald Baxley led in prayer. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "I Know He Heard My Prayer." Bro. F. L. Thomas brought the devotion using Romans 8:14. Prayer by the speaker. Sis. Brake sang "He Is There." Bro. E. R. Mayo gave the welcome address. Bro. Willie Justice gave the response. Bro. Ray Ritch called the 49th Session to order and introduced the officers. Bro. Billy Ray Smith led the offertory prayer. The offering was \$78.83. The Perdido Quartet sang "I Can Do So Little Lord For Thee."

Bro. Jack Rollins brought the evening message using Col. 1:9-18, "The Preeminence of God." After a soul stirring message prayer by the speaker. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "Amazing Grace." The moderator appointed the credentials committee. Bro. Bill George dismissed in prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 8, 1968

We convened with Bro. Ledlow leading "Just Over in the Glory Land" with Sis. Rollins at the piano. Bro. Wells led in prayer. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "Living By Faith." Bro. A. J. Lambert brought the morning devotion using 2 Tim. 2:15-21. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "At Calvary." Bro. John Edwards brought the moderator's message using Eph. 5:25-27. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "Heavenly Sunlight." Recognition of visitors.

Partial report of Credential Committee. Item 1. Passed. See reports. Move and second to seat the delegates from the Vernon Association pending their letter being sent to the clerk.

Report of National Association Executive Secretary received as information. We were dismissed for a short intermission by Bro. Jim Franklin.

We convened back with Bro. Ledlow leading "Power in the Blood." Bro. Ritch called the roll of delegates. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "When We All Get to Heaven." Bro. Joe Ledlow led in prayer. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "I've Got That Old Time Religion in my Heart." A Quartet from Cullman sang "Have You Really Been A Friend To Him." The Perdido Duet sang "It Was Love." Bro. Bob Shockey brought the morning message using 2 Tim. 1:13; 2:2; 2:15; 4:2. After a wonderful message prayer by the speaker, Bro. M. H. Hollis dismissed in prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 8, 1968

After a wonderful lunch which was enjoyed by all we convened with Bro. Ledlow leading "When He Calls I'll Fly Away" with Sis. Rollins at the piano. Bro. Carlton Lambert led in prayer. Bro. Walter Jones brought the devotion using John 11:39. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There." Report of the Board of Christian Education. Report of General Board. Item 1 Passed. Item 2, Tabled. Item 3, Tabled. Item 4, Tabled. Item 5, Passed. Item 6, Tabled. Item 7, Tabled. Move and second that the Moderator appoint two men to go to Nashville to the special meeting and the association pay their expenses. Those appointed are Rev. Willie Justice and Rev. James Walden. Move and second that we go on record as supporting our Treatise as is. Move and second that the moderator wait until tomorrow to appoint the committee. Report of the Children's Home. Move and second that the report be accepted and a rising vote of thanks to Bro. Palmer for his 18 years on the board.

Report of Laymans Breakfast. 96 attended.

Report of Superannuation Board.

Report of Missions Board was received as information.

Report of National Home Missions by Rev. Shockey was received as information.

Report of National Sunday School Board was received as information. We were dismissed.

FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 8, 1968

We convened with Bro. Ledlow leading in singing "The Lily of the Valley" with Sis. Rollins at the piano. Prayer by Bro. A. J. Looper. Bro. Roy Barnes led in singing "Amazing Grace." Bro. Ritch sang "I've Been In Sight Of Home" and "Leading Me." Bro. Joe B. Ledlow brought the devotion using Matt. 5:13-20; 2 Cor. 6:1-10. The Wiggins family sang "One More Valley" while the offering was received. The Perdido Trio sang "I Know I'll Feel at Home." Bro. Carlton Lambert sang "Ready" and "How Great Thou Art." Bro. Jimmy Aldridge brought a wonderful message using Eph. 2:2; 2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 6:12. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "I'll Go Where You Want Me To." Move and second that our offering go to the Jimmy Aldridge account. The offering was \$116.01. Bro. Carl Johnson dismissed in prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 9, 1968

We convened with Bro. Ledlow leading "I'm Going That Way" with Sis. Rollins at the piano. Bro. J. L. Lavender led in prayer. Bro. Ledlow led in

singing "I'll Fly Away." Devotion by Bro. Lavender using Psalms 90:1.

Report of National C. T. S. Board which was received as information.

Report of Auditing Committee. Item 1, Passed. Item 2, Passed. Item 3, Passed. Item 4, Passed. Item 5, Passed.

Report of the Appreciation Committee.

Report of the Associational Clerk

Report of the Children's Home Trustees. Item 1, Passed. Item 2, Passed.

The delegates to the National Association are: Mrs. Billie Rollins, Mrs. Marie Goodwin, Mrs. Dixie Atkinson, Mrs. Eva Franklin and Mrs. Lillie Bates.

Move and second that the items be taken off the table. Item 4, Passed. Item 6, Passed. Item 7, Passed.

Move and second that the constitution of the Board of Christian Education be changed to read 8 cents per mile.

Move and second that the Missions Board Constitution be changed to read 8 cents per mile.

Move and second that the Superannuation Board Constitution be changed to read 8 cents per mile.

Move and second that \$500.00 be given to the Board of Christian Education. The move was amended to read that after the expenses of the two men going to Nashville are paid we give the Christian Board of Education \$500.00.

Move and second that we meet with Florence next year.

Report of Nominating Committee. A move and second that we leave off the part of the nominating committee report concerning the general officers and they be elected from the floor was defeated. Move and second that we receive the report of the nominating committee.

Move and second that the Executive Committee study the constitution.

Move and second that the Nominating Committee recommend the general officers along with the other board members.

Move and second that we accept Liberty No. 1 recommendation that Bro. C. M. Byrd replace Bro. W. G. Palmer on the Children's Home Board of Trustees. Southeastern Association. James Franklin, Mt. Morriah, Wilson Cornell.

Move and second that the business session of the State Association be adjourned. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "I want to Know More About my Lord." Bro. Jack Rollins led in prayer. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "An Old Account Was Settled." Bro. Ray Ritch sang "Leading Me." Bro. Ray Ritch brought the message using Mark 3:22-26; Psalm 133:1; Luke 11:17. Move and second that the clerk write a letter to the Armory in appreciation for everything. Bro. Dewey Thomas dismissed in prayer.

REPORTS

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE—1. We the Credential Committee have examined the letters from 11 District Associations and find them in order except the one from the Progressive Association which has not sent it's fee. 2. We have examined the letters from the following churches and find them in order: Reform Church, Pleasant Hill, Mt. Morriah, and Shiloh which we

recommend that they be seated as the Association to which they did belong did not represent.

Rev. J. L. Lavender
Rev. Gerald Baxley
Rev. W. G. Palmer

AUDITING COMMITTEE—1. We have examined the Clerk's records of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists for the period November 11, 1967 to November 7, 1968. In our opinion the statements of receipts and disbursements are correct. 2. 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, 1968. 3. We have examined the records of the Free Will Baptist Board of Christian Education for the 12-month period ended October 31, 1968. In our opinion the statements of receipts and disbursements are correct. 4. We have examined the records of the Alabama State Mission Board of Free Will Baptists for the 12-month period ended October 31, 1968. In our opinion the statements of receipts and disbursements are correct. 5. We have examined the records of the Free Will Baptist Superannuation Board for the 12-month period ended October 31, 1968. In our opinion the statements of receipts and disbursements are correct.

Mrs. Ivan Stewart
Mrs. William E. Atkinson
Mrs. Bobby Kennedy

FREEWILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME Eldridge, Alabama

SUPERINTENDENTS CASH REPORT October 1, 1967 through September 30, 1968

	Checking Acct.	Foster Club Fund	Reserve Fund	Misc. Fund	Special Account
BALANCE OCT. 1, 1967	\$ 752.82	\$2,792.28	\$170.55	\$ 295.54	\$1,039.49
ADDITIONS THIS PERIOD					
Contributions	53,388.82	1,070.25		1,569.83	
Social Security—					
Support Payments	7,355.50				
Sales and Farm Income	2,274.49				
Interest Earned		75.76			
TOTAL CASH	\$63,771.63	\$3,938.29	\$170.55	\$1,865.37	\$1,039.49
DISBURSEMENTS THIS PERIOD					
Salaries and					
Payroll Taxes	\$18,358.64				
Food	8,644.16				
Clothing	1,662.95				
Office Expense	2,041.31				
Electricity	1,760.48				
Telephone	788.56				
Heat	1,784.91				

Household Supplies	2,911.78			
Education	2,576.73	1,800.00	510.00	
Medical	779.80			
Hardware-Maintenance	3,834.84			
Gas and Oil	1,284.57			
Vehicle Maintenance	1,351.49			
Farm Expense	3,331.95			
Dues	32.50			
Insurance	1,446.20			
Janitor and Laundry	1,045.72			
Extra Help	524.85			
Board Members Expense	629.00			
National Association	341.56			
Travel	116.00			
Purchase of Fixed Assets	3,665.74		883.65	
Audit	75.00			
Returned Checks	12.00			
Debt Reduction	2,040.00			
Other Expenses	1,235.99		444.65	
Total Disbursements	\$62,276.73	\$1,800.00	\$1,838.30	
Balance Sept. 30, 1968	\$ 1,494.90	\$2,138.29	\$170.55	\$ 27.07
				\$1,039.49

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
Eldridge, Alabama

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED:

Dr. Gaines W. Keith, M. D.	\$ 700.00
Dr. Jerry Files, Dentist	350.00
Dr. Frederic Rosemore, Optometrist	25.00
Doctors Clinic, Winfield	50.00
Dr. Robert J. Schlitt	100.00
Dr. Benjamin Myer	40.00
TOTAL	\$1,265.00

FARM:

Garden Vegetables	\$ 500.00
Corn (600 bu. at \$1.10 per bu.)	660.00
Frozen and Canned Foods	200.00
Milk (3,500 gal. at 75c per gal.)	2,625.00
Pork (1,750 lbs. at 35c per lb.)	612.50
Hay (900 bales at 65c per bale)	585.00
Beef (5,000 lbs. at 55c per lb.)	2,750.00
GROSS PROFIT	\$7,932.50
LESS EXPENSE	\$3,331.95
NET PROFIT	\$4,600.55

ASSETS

1. Property and Building—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; one pond consisting of two 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	\$222,000.00
2. Furnishings in two story brick building in Eldridge, Ala.	21,000.00
3. Farm Equipment, barns, crop, livestock	22,000.00
4. Laundry Building and Equipment	7,000.00
5. Filtering System for Water	3,000.00
TOTAL	\$275,000.00

This assessment is based on the replacement cost of the above items. The change in the above figures from last years assessments have been derived by taking the cost of fixed assets added this year and deducting estimated depreciation.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow." This past year was a blessing as far as our Youth Activities were concerned. We have much to be thankful for the Youth of our State Free Will Baptist work are moving forward.

The youth rally in January of this year was a great success. The Bible College Quartet in singing and Rev. Milton Worthington in speaking was a blessing to all. We feel that a greater interest is being shown in the Youth Rally in January.

We have further blessings to be thankful for also. The State TNT conference in June at the Russellville Free Will Baptist Church was a real inspiration. To see those kids work at doing their part to win ought to make all of us proud.

More and more Young People are taking part in the contests. I believe one thing is very important, and that is the need to back our youth all the way in these rallies, so you as parents, and the Church can be a real factor of getting them interested. Total attendance for Youth Rally in January—339. Total for TNT Conference in June—200. There are plans to move the meeting to central location. The Whitley Hotel in Montgomery has been chosen by the Board.

Following is the financial report for this past year:

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1967-68

General Fund Receipts — January Youth Rally

Balance brought forward—	
Transferred to New Treasurer	\$272.14
Balance brought forward, 1-26-68	\$183.43
Deposit 1-25-68	25.00
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	\$208.43
Money from Churches	\$ 60.00
Offering at Youth Rally	90.62
Balance 1-27-68	58.51
Deposit money received	150.62
Check received 2-20-68	5.00
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	214.13
Amount received for Rally	\$180.62
General Fund receipts June TNT Conference—	
Dues from Churches and Association 6-3-68	\$ 46.50
Deposit 6-10-68	146.29
Money for TNT Conference	15.00
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Total received for TNT	\$207.79
Total general fund receipts (1967-68)	\$660.55
Total general fund disbursements (1967-68)	\$515.57
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Balance in Bank — October 31, 1968	\$144.98

(PROPOSED CONSTITUTION)

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Article I

Name—This organization shall be known as the Board of Christian Education of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Article II

Purpose—The purpose of the Board of Christian Education shall be to promote Christian youth activities through the State Youth Rally, and State TNT Rally, and other meeting deemed necessary by this board within the frame work of Alabama Free Will Baptists.

Article III

Time of Meeting—Section 1. The Alabama State Youth Rally shall be held annually on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in January.

Section 2. The State Teach-N-Train Rally shall be held annually on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in June.

Article IV

Section 1.—Board Members: The Board of Christian Education shall consist of five members with one term expiring each year. This member shall be eligible for re-election.

Section 2.—Officers: The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer shall be elected annually by the Board of Christian Education. They shall be eligible to succeed themselves.

Section 3—Each Board member shall be paid eight (8) cents per mile as traveling expense to board meetings. Other expenses shall be paid at the direction of the Board of Christian Education.

Section 4.—Any board member who does not satisfactorily fulfill his obligation may be removed from the board at any regular session of the State Association.

Article V

Section 1—Finance: The work of this Board shall be financed by a \$5.00 fee for each church representing at the State Youth Rally and State TNT Rally. Offerings shall be received at the Youth Rally and TNT Rally for rally expenses as deemed necessary by this board.

Section 2.—There will be a \$2.00 fee for each contestant competing at the Teach-N-Train Rally. This fee must be paid by the District Association before any contestant can compete in the contests.

Article VI

Amendments: This constitution may be amended at any regular session of the State Association by a two-thirds vote of members present provided that the amendment is presented in writing.

REPORT OF ALABAMA STATE SUPERANNUATION BOARD

(November 1, 1967 to October 31, 1968)

RECEIVED:

East Birmingham	\$ 140.89
North Birmingham	59.38
Forestdale	229.79
Forestdale Auxiliary	24.00
Fairview, Trussville	65.00
Oak Grove, Gardendale	2.55
South Highland, Muscle Shoals	88.27
Shady Grove, Adamsville	64.84
Mt. Olive, Guin	80.67
Winfield	87.22
Guin	162.37
Vernon	82.98
St. James, Phenix City	27.60
Appleton, Brewton	111.56
Unity, Sylacauga	62.12
Springfield, Vernon	133.66
Leodica, Hanceville	12.00
Cordova	140.48
Graysville	86.00
Pine Grove, Perdido	29.00
Graysville Auxiliary	10.00
Florence	169.78
Davis Chapel, Sterrett	15.32

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	106.20	1,048.36	81.20	113.00		1,716.16	60,800.00		
Cahaba River	2,671.96	5,699.05	697.49	600.00	90.00	13,196.33	395,718.00	25,500.00	3
East Alabama	234.49	1,625.01	241.10	140.00	678.06	5,492.85	205,000.00	40,000.00	4
Florida State Line	1,763.43	614.79	5.00		70.00	10,112.93	344,700.00	10,000.00	1
Jasper	1,807.29	2,961.64	560.25	264.75	261.47	10,053.77	417,454.00	66,000.00	6
Liberty No. 1	196.46	889.11	204.00	433.65		2,632.04	93,500.00	3,000.00	1
Liberty No. 2		1,285.76		125.00	1,147.47	2,962.32	81,100.00		
Mississippi State Line		599.46		221.25		1,106.42	125,463.00		
North Alabama	233.89	432.79	34.00		292.00	2,149.29	47,000.00	12,500.00	1
Progressive	2,862.00	2,817.00	423.00		1,448.00	15,090.00	431,000.00	69,200.09	6
Southeastern	82.31	463.12		255.00	674.25	2,172.17	236,300.00	22,000.00	2
Vernon	199.28	1,292.99				3,401.92	357,500.00		
Mt. Moriah Church		453.00				632.00	9,500.00		
Pleasant Hill Church		121.00				121.00			
Reform Church									
Shiloh Church		130.08				221.83	30,000.00		
TOTAL	10,157.31	20,433.16	2,246.04	2,152.65	4,661.25	71,061.03	2,835,035.00	248,200.00	24

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	503	15	31	35		16	9	355			1	11	3	7,991.43
Cahaba River	18	1,338	74	146	47	2	81	18	1,207	12	419	15	149	4	36,525.15
East Alabama	8	889	31	139	20	9	26	8	588	8	352	5	69	8	18,170.54
Florida State Line	19	2,320	70	121	12		75	19	1,052	18	580	5	110	17	27,529.53
Jasper	28	3,286			35	4	129	26	1,756	13	607	6	95	13	54,706.33
Liberty No. 1	7	505	59	53	8	1	24	7	292	6	214	5	67	6	6,806.44
Liberty No. 2	9	537	5	73	30	6	33	9	346	2	101	3	21	1	8,416.48
Mississippi State Line	19	1,370	36	99	19		60	17	847	4	89	1	20	4	17,594.39
North Alabama	5	441			7	1	13	5	281	3	162	4	62	5	5,849.27
Progressive	14	1,554		196	20	4	57	14	1,554	10	509	11		14	45,148.00
Southeastern	14	1,120	36	81	12	9	56	14	670	7	235	9	126	10	20,802.89
Vernon	16	1,704	18	93	25	7		16	937	8	379	3	40		22,965.10
Mt. Moriah Church	1	92		1			4	1	45	1	20			1	1,638.00
Pleasant Hill Church	1	92	1	4			3	1	45					1	760.62
Reform Church	1	38		6				1	44					1	
Shiloh Church	1	153	4				6	1	88					1	2,185.53
TOTAL	170	15,942	349	1,043	270	43	583	166	10,107	92	3,667	68	770	89	277,089.70

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	806.52	6,351.81	466.12		1,311.02		16,926.90		81.20	286.20
Cahaba River	2,316.47	17,783.70	3,665.45		380.83		60,671.60		1,664.48	1,773.35
East Alabama	1,606.08	10,041.30	2,297.90		5,474.27	7,997.16	45,537.25	1,602.59	574.14	397.46
Florida State Line	3,319.98	18,853.93	4,703.06		19,087.81		73,494.31	5,303.44	562.02	1,794.25
Jasper	4,894.83	74,761.03	4,799.34			15,903.60	155,065.13	114.14	2,529.35	1,554.88
Liberty No. 1	720.00	9,535.32	1,372.19	27.14	3,531.26	636.89	22,629.24		173.45	735.37
Liberty No. 2	593.25	4,364.18	1,364.78		3,050.78	1,950.83	19,740.30		42.82	361.27
Mississippi State Line	2,249.84	12,068.58	1,380.99		777.53		34,071.33		171.21	114.50
North Alabama	565.00	2,593.54	981.79			967.59	10,957.19	159.91	643.90	352.80
Progressive	4,019.00	37,686.00	4,721.00	40.00			91,614.00		5,588.00	1,952.00
Southeastern	1,619.28	29,541.79	2,357.33	10.80	4,203.68	2,288.04	60,823.81	205.42	123.19	368.88
Vernon	2,103.79	18,001.75	1,773.52	3,160.02	2,700.02	2,162.68	52,866.88	905.81	393.28	610.56
Mt. Moriah Church	140.00	1,200.00	175.00		215.00		3,368.00			179.00
Pleasant Hill Church					233.55		994.17			
Reform Church										
Shiloh Church	185.00	5,500.00	132.02		325.72		8,328.27			91.75
TOTAL	25,139.04	248,282.93	30,190.49	3,237.96	41,291.47	31,906.79	657,138.38	8,291.31	12,527.04	10,572.27

Montgomery	5.25
Union Grove, Evergreen	26.08
Friendship, Pollard	7.00
Alabama State Association	240.22
Florida State Line Association	120.91
Hanks Memorial	81.20
Cannon, Brewton	5.00
Hamilton Church and Auxiliary since May	53.43
Maple Grove, Madison	25.00
Mt. Pleasant, Marion	34.00
Cedrom Grove, Carbon Hill	8.10
Belk, Fayette	60.00

TOTAL RECEIVED	\$2,551.67
Interest on \$1,000 from Bank	54.26
Brought forward Nov. 1, 1967	1,623.29

GRAND TOTAL \$4,229.22

PAID OUT:

Rev. S. F. Lee	\$ 185.00
Rev. Eugene Brooks	185.00
Rev. Jesse A. Moyers	110.00
Mrs. Jesse A. Moyers	75.00
Rev. J. W. Arnett	185.00
Mrs. M. E. Carpenter	185.00
Mrs. Maude Quick	185.00
Mrs. Ruby Nobles	185.00
Mrs. R. H. Howard	185.00
Mrs. C. R. Allen	185.00
Mrs. Rufus Hyman	185.00
Mrs. Annie Franks	75.00
Rev. B. A. Hale	75.00
Rev. Amon E. Edge	260.60
National Superannuation Board (tithe)	13.90
Bank Charge	10.00
Stamps	

Total Paid Out	\$2,469.50
Balance in Treasury	\$1,759.72

—Verla Ryland, Sec. & Treas.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE—We the Appreciation Committee in behalf of the Alabama State Association wish to express our thanks to the host church for the pleasure and privilege of meeting in their beautiful building. We appreciate the generous hospitality, the delicious food and the warm welcome that has been shown to each one. We are especially appreciative to the program committee for the tremendous program that has been planned. To the speakers on the program we say thank you for the way in which you have fed our hearts during these days. We recommend that this body rise to

it's feet to express it's appreciation to this church for helping make this a very successful State Association.

Rev. Clifford Holland
Mrs. Louie Bates
Mrs. Billy Bowers

GENERAL BOARD—1. We recommend that the Proposed Constitution of the Board of Education be adopted.

Item 2. We recommend that the State Association hire a full time promotional man. Did not pass.

Item 3. We recommend that the executive committee talk to a man about filling the post of the promotional man. Did not pass.

Item 4. We recommend that the following be inserted in the constitution of the Trustees of the Children's Home in the section concerning members of the Board. If any local Association fail to belong to the State Association but 2 or more of their churches belong that they be allowed a Trustee.

Item 5. We recommend that item 19 of the By-Laws be changed to read, A program committee for the Association be composed of Moderator, Clerk, Executive Committee and Moderator of the Ministers and Deacons Conference.

Item 6. We recommend that in Section 5, Article 1, where it says, Board members shall be paid (5) five cents per mile as traveling expense to special called meetings. Be changed to read (8) eight cents per mile.

Item 7. We recommend that if any of the board want to change their mileage that they can.

REPORT OF CLERK TREASURER

GENERAL FUND—

RECEIVED:

Brought Forward	\$ 377.81
Associational Fees	1,330.00
Ministers and Deacons Fees	135.00
Food Fund	429.09

Total Received \$2,271.90

PAID OUT:

Pleasant Grove	\$ 65.00
Officers of State Association	175.00
Traveling Expense	127.26
Houston Printing Co.	316.00
National Association Fees	85.00
Bible College	122.33

Total Paid Out 890.59

Balance in General Fund \$1,381.31

COOPERATIVE FUND—

RECEIVED:

Florida State Line Association	\$ 863.68
Holmes Church	135.42
St. Mark Church	60.00

White Rock Church	667.12
Southeastern Association	60.00
Opelika Church	616.06
Pine Grove Church	33.00
Offering at State Association	127.67
Donation for Dave Franks	143.25

Total Received \$2,706.20

PAID OUT:

Bible College	\$ 137.67
National Association	1,321.25
National Foreign Missions	166.25
Children's Home	360.37
State Missions	240.22
State Superannuation	240.22
Office Fund	240.22

Total Paid Out \$2,706.20

Balance in Fund 0

OFFICE FUND—

RECEIVED:

Brought Forward	\$ 92.04
Cooperative Fund	240.22
Total Received	\$ 332.26

PAID OUT:

Postage	\$ 23.70
AAA Motor Lines	4.00
Sears (Supplies)	10.00
Instant Copies	25.44
Ray Ritch Traveling Expense	5.75
Bank Charge	.74
Children's Home	22.88
Miller's Drug (Supplies)	4.17

Total Paid Out \$ 96.68

Balance 235.58

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE—The following registered for the Association: Ministers 79; Deacons 35; Delegates 70; and Visitors 136 for a total of 320.

STATE WOMANS AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Theme: "So Send I You."

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 7, 1968

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

Opening song—"He Keeps Me Singing"

Prayer—Mrs. Mary Edna Cook

Song—"The Lily of the Valley"

Welcome and Remarks—Psalms 46:10—Mrs. Cook
 Recognize State Officers—They reported Credentials Committee appointed.
 Prayer—Mrs. Carlton Lambert
 Devotion—Mrs. Gordon Hart—John 20:19-21
 Special in Song—Rev. Carlton Lambert—"So Send I You"
 Prayer—Mrs. Eunice Edwards
 Song—"Stand Up For Jesus"
 Recognition of Ministers, Visitors, and Auxiliary Members
 Credentials Committee Report—M.S.C.

We your Credentials Committee have examined the reports received and find the reports, proper dues and number of allowed delegates as follows:

State Line District	5 allowed— 4 present
East Alabama	4 allowed— 0 present
Progressive	7 allowed— 7 present
Cahaba River	12 allowed—11 present
Jasper	6 allowed— 1 present
Southeastern	9 allowed— 0 present

—Mrs. Shirley Justice, Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Mrs. Jerome Goodwin

Appointment of Committees
 Special Music—Children's Home
 Offering—Prayer—Mrs. A. J. Lambert
 Message—Mrs. Eunice Edwards
 Even So Send I You—Mark 16:20—John 13:12-15
 Dismissed in prayer—Bro. Atkinson

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Special Music—Children's Home
 Skit—"Absentee Deputy"—Dothan Church—Mrs. Elaine Brown and Mrs. Bobby Cook.
 Petition to State Convention from North Alabama Con. with report and dues sent later—M.S.C.
 Petition to State Convention from Cove Springs Church—M.S.C.
 Treasurer's Report—M.S.C.
 Committee Reports—

Finance Committee—We your Finance Committee, submit the following:

Per capita dues received	\$516.00
State project (Bible College furnishings)	99.50
Offering	33.05
Week of Prayer offering	50.48
Foreign Mission	13.98
Co-Laborer	2.47
Total Received	\$715.48

1. We recommend that we give \$15.00 to State Association for printing minutes.
2. We recommend that we pay Mrs. Eunice Edwards \$75.00.

Mrs. Geraldine Cox
 Mrs. Carolyn Bowers
 Mrs. Jack Rollins

Registration Committee—We the Registration Committee submit the following:

Ministers	18
Delegates	29
State Officers	4
Visitors	151
Total	202

Respectfully submitted,
 Dolores Holt
 Kay Hargett
 Carolyn Powell

Resolution Committee—We your Resolution Committee make the following report: Be it resolved—

That we retain resolution numbers 1, 2 and 3 from last years report which are as follows:

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 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. That the project for this year be Decatur Mission and that each district

Auxiliary convention be responsible for sending to the State Auxiliary Convention the sum of \$100.00.

Respectfully submitted,
 Mrs. Mary Edna Cook
 Mrs. Shirley Justice
 Mrs. William Atkinson
 Mrs. A. J. Lambert

Standard of Achievement—We your Committee on Standard of Achievement find 6 Auxiliaries having reached an A-1 Standard and in order to receive certificates. These Auxiliaries are: Guin, Jasper District; Mt. Olive, Winfield, Shady Grove, Florence, Progressive; Russellville.

Mrs. Shirley Justice
 Mrs. Dorothy Kimbrough
 Mrs. Grady Hallis

Nomination Committee—We the Nomination Committee make the following report:

— OFFICERS —

President	Mrs. Mary Edna Cook
Vice President	Mrs. Gordon Hart
Secretary and Treasurer	Mrs. Maude Fowler
Field Worker	Mrs. William Atkinson
Stewardship	Mrs. Willie Justice
Study Course	Mrs. Geraldine Cox
Personal Service	Mrs. Jerome Goodwin
Missions	Mrs. Jack Rollins

Delegates to National Convention—

Mrs. Larry Austin, Mrs. Gordon Hart, Mrs. A. L. Parker, Mrs. Jerome Goodwin, Mrs. Mable Milton, Mrs. Jack Rollins, Mrs. Doyle Miller, Mrs. Louie Bates, Mrs. Billy Sharpston.

Installation—Mrs. Edwards

Announcements

Benediction—Mrs. Mary Edna Cook

Mrs. Mary E. Cook, President

Mrs. Maude Fowler, Sec. & Treas.

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. If any local association fails to belong to the State Association but 2 or more of their churches belong that they be allowed a trustee. 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 terms. 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 the 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 (8) eight 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 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 this 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 for the Association be composed of Moderator, Clerk, Executive Committee and Moderator of the Ministers and Deacons Conference.

20. No District Association, Quarterly Meeting or Local Church shall become a member of this body without having adopted the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in faith and practice.

21. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

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

PREAMBLE: In order to promote fellowship, better understanding, greater cooperation and greater vision among the Ministers and Deacons of Alabama, we do ordain and establish this Constitution:

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

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

Associations	Moderators	Clerks	Places of Meetings and Dates
Birmingham District	Rev. Jessie Drummond Route 11, Box 730 Birmingham, Alabama	Mrs. Betty Gibson P. O. Box 182 Vincent, Ala. 35178	Pleasant Hill Chuurch Jasper, Ala. Sept. 5-6, 1969
Cahaba River	Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr. 400 N. 25th St. Leeds, Alabama 35094	Mr. P. A. Nichols P. O. Box 4162 Birmingham, Ala. 35206	Cahaba River Youth Camp Rt. 1, Sterrett, Ala. Oct. 2-3-4, 1969
East Alabama	Rev. Walter E. Jones 2011 2nd Ave. Phenix City, Ala. 36867	Mrs. Guynette Barnett 600 6th Ave. Childersburg, Ala. 35044	Opelika Church Opelika, Ala. August 9, 1969
Florida State Line	Rev. John Edwards 1217 Bruce St. Dothan, Ala. 36301	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy Route 1 Ashford, Ala. 36312	New Hope Church Midland City—Oct. 10, 1969 Panther Creek Church—Slocomb Oct. 11, 1969
Jasper	Rev. Billy R. Smith Hamilton, Ala. 35570	Rev. William E. Atkinson P. O. Box 724 Winfield, Ala. 35594	Pocahuntas Church Oct. 3, 1969 Gum Springs Church Oct. 4, 1969
Liberty No. 1	Rev. W. G. Palmer Rt. 1, Box 287 Castleberry, Ala. 36432	Mrs. Ivan I. Stewart P. O. Box 116 Perdido, Ala. 36562	Semirah Springs Church Rt. 1, Uriah, Ala. Oct. 10-11, 1969
Liberty No. 2	Rev. J. T. Windsor Pell City, Ala.	Rev. Chester O'Donnell Route 1 Ashville, Ala. 35953	Guiding Light Church Pell City, Ala. Aug. 15-16, 1969
Mississippi State Line	Rev. William Atkins Route 2 Guin, Alabama	Mr. J. C. Hood Route 1 Hackleburg, Ala. 35564	Pleasant Site Church Oct. 10, 1969 Oak Grove Church—Oct. 11, 1969

knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

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

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

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

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

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