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of

*Free Will Baptists*



Minutes 1969



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of the  
**FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION**  
of the  
**ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION**

when convened in

**Florence, Alabama**

NOVEMBER 6-8, 1969

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**1970 SESSION**

**WINFIELD CHURCH**

**WINFIELD, ALABAMA**

**NOVEMBER 5-7, 1970**  
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**General Officers of the Alabama State Association  
For the Year 1969-1970**

Moderator ..... Rev. John Edwards  
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Assistant Moderator ..... Rev. Willie Justice  
Route 8, Box 104, Florence, Alabama  
Clerk ..... Rev. Ray W. Ritch  
724 12th Ave. West, Birmingham, Alabama 35204  
Assistant Clerk ..... Mr. Ivan I. Stewart  
P. O. Box 116, Perdido, Alabama 36562

**MINISTERS AND DEACONS MEETING**

Moderator ..... Rev. A. J. Lambert  
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Assistant Moderator ..... Rev. James Walden  
Box 553, Guin, Alabama  
Clerk ..... Rev. Ray W. Ritch  
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**Executive Committee**

Rev. Jerome E. Goodwin ..... Rt. 3, Box 423-A, Leeds, Ala. 35094  
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. Walter Jagers, Progressive Assn.; Rev. Thomas Kirkland, Southeastern Assn.; Rev. M. H. Hollis, Vernon Assn.

**Missions**—Rev. John Edwards, Secretary and Treasurer (1970), 1704 Landau Ct., Dothan, Ala.; Rev. James Walden, (1971) Box 553, Guin, Ala.; Rev. J. B. Ledlow (1972), 1601 17th Ave., Phenix City, Ala.; Rev. F. L. Thomas, (1973), Route 1, Cullman, Ala.; Rev. Willie Justice (1974), Route 8, Box 104, Florence, Ala.; Rev. E. R. Mayo (1975), Route 2, Ashville, Ala.; Rev. W. G. Palmer (1976), Route 1, Box 287, Castleberry, Ala.

**Christian Education**—Rev. A. J. Looper (1970), 54 Twin St., Sylacauga, Ala.; Rev. Robert Franks (1971), Belk, Alabama; Rev. Thurman Murphy (1972), 2317 18th Avenue, Northport, Alabama; Rev. James Pittman (1973), Route 2, Guin, Alabama; Mr. Ivan Stewart (1974), P. O. Box 116, Perdido, Alabama.

**Retirement and Insurance**—Mr. Paul Jones (1970), Route 2, Faulkville, Alabama; Mrs. W. H. Ryland (1971), 901 Ridge Place, Birmingham, Alabama; Rev. Walter Jones (1972), 2011 2nd Avenue, Phenix City, Alabama; Rev. Louie Bates (1973), Box 74, Alden, Alabama; Mrs. W. G. Palmer (1974), Route 1, Castleberry, Alabama.

**Trustees of Children's Home**—Mr. N. W. Carden, Route 1, Flomaton, Ala.; Mr. Wilson Connell; Rev. James Franklin, 430 N. Orange, Eufaula, Alabama; Mr. Coleman Holmes, Route 2, Hartselle, Alabama; Rev. Arthur Issac, P. O. Box 148, Slocomb, Alabama; Mr. D. L. Milling, 1016 12th Ave., Phenix City, Alabama; Rev. A. J. Lambert, 2306 Ave. G., Ensley, Alabama 35218; Rev. Edward Puckett, Greenwood Springs, Mississippi; Mr. Clyde Hood, Route 2, Box 130-A, Jasper, Alabama; Mr. Frankie Simpkins, 600 N. 29th St., Pell City, Alabama; Rev. Billy Ray Smith, Box 669, Hamilton, Alabama; Rev. Duey Thomas, Route 2, Box 75, Northport, Alabama; Mr. Frank Tomlinson, Box 248, Leeds, Alabama; Rev. Curtiss Gay, Hartsfield, Georgia; Rev. W. E. George, Route 1, Bonifay, Florida; Rev. Melvin Worthington, 504 9th Ave., Amory, Mississippi 38821.

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

**MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED**

**Cahaba River Association—**

Rev. Kirby J. Godwin, 913 6th S. W. Birmingham, Alabama; Rev. Jerome E. Goodwin, Route 3, Box 429-A, Leeds, Alabama; Rev. C. O. Goodwin, 712 N. Ledbetter Ave., Anniston, Alabama; Rev. M. D. Harper, Route 1, Montevallo, Alabama; Rev. Glenn Hood, 1332 McMillon Ave., S. W., Birmingham, Alabama; Rev. A. J. Looper, 54 Twin St., Sylacauga, Alabama; Rev. W. H. Ryland, 901 Ridge Place, Birmingham, Alabama; Rev. J. D. Wales, 4428 10th Ave. N., Birmingham, Alabama; Rev. Jimmy G. Youngblood, 102 Robert E. Lee St., Leeds, Alabama.

**East Alabama Association—**

Rev. Donald Grice, 804 West Pine St., Sylacauga, Alabama; Rev. Walter E. Jones, 2011 2nd Ave., Phenix City, Alabama; Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, 2106 17th Ave., Phenix City, Alabama; Rev. Paul Weaver, 3810 Robbins Road, Montgomery, Alabama.

**Florida State Line Association—**

Rev. Herman C. Calloway, 120 Donna Drive, Dothan, Alabama; Rev. John A. Edwards, 1704 Landau Court, Dothan, Alabama 36301; Rev. Arthur Isaac, P. O. Box 148, Slocomb, Alabama.

**Jasper Association—**

Rev. Ambers Aldridge, Route 2, Guin, Alabama; Rev. William E. Atkinson, P. O. Box 724, Winfield, Alabama; Rev. Pearl Barnes, P. O. Box 263, Graysville, Alabama; Rev. Clifford Holland, P. O. Box 457, Red Bay, Alabama; Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Brilliant, Alabama; Rev. Chess Odom, Carbon Hill, Alabama; Rev. William Pate, Route 2, Carbon Hill, Alabama; Rev. James A. Pittman, Route 2, Box 222, Guin, Alabama; Rev. Ray W. Ritch, 724 12th Ave.



West, Birmingham, Alabama; Rev. Billy R. Smith, Box 669, Hamilton, Alabama; Rev. James F. Walden, Box 553, Guin, Alabama.

**Liberty No. 1 Association—**

Rev. Aubrey H. Ashcraft, P. O. Box 45, Perdido, Alabama; Rev. W. G. Palmer, Route 1, Box 287, Castleberry, Alabama.

**Liberty No. 2 Association—**

Rev. E. R. Mayo, Route 2, Ashville, Alabama; Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Route 1, Ashville, Alabama.

**Mississippi State Line Association—**

Rev. William L. Atkins, Route 2, Guin, Alabama; Rev. Howard Simmons, Hamilton, Alabama.

**North Alabama Association—**

Rev. E. B. Ledlow, 809 Westwood Drive S.W., Decatur, Alabama; Rev. F. L. Thomas, Route 1, Cullman, Alabama; Rev. Herbert M. Wilkerson, Route 3, Box 71-A, Hartselle, Alabama.

**Progressive Association—**

Rev. William Baird, 942 N. Temple, Fayette, Alabama; Rev. Louie Bates, Box 74, Alden, Alabama; Rev. Richard Bowers, Route 1, Box 66-A, Samantha, Alabama; Rev. J. M. Cobb, 1212 College Ave., Russellville, Alabama; Rev. Jerry Edgil, Box 681, Sulligent, Alabama; Rev. Hughes Ellis, 504 Green Ave., Cordova, Alabama; Rev. Walter D. Jagers, Drawer F, Townley, Alabama; Rev. Willie Justice, Route 8, Box 104, Florence, Alabama; Rev. Walter D. Koheley, 501 E. 22nd St., Jasper, Alabama; Rev. A. J. Lambert, 2306 Ave. G, Ensley, Alabama; Rev. Carlton Lambert, Box 8, Eldridge, Alabama; Rev. Thurman Murphy, 2317 18th Ave., Northport, Alabama; Rev. L. B. Nix, Box 36, Eldridge, Alabama; Rev. Roland Rutledge, 537 King Road, Birmingham, Alabama.

**Southeastern Association—**

Rev. Thomas M. Kirkland, P. O. Drawer K, Ashford, Alabama.

**Vernon Association—**

Rev. Frank Collin, Guin, Alabama; Rev. Robert D. Franks, Box 42, Belk, Alabama; Rev. M. H. Hollis, P. O. Box 263, Vernon, Alabama; Rev. Ottis Parmer, Beaverton, Alabama; Rev. Dewey Thomas, Route 2, Box 75, Northport, Alabama; Rev. Billy Sharpston, P. O. Box 582, Vernon, Alabama; Rev. Tillis Walley, Route 2, Vernon, Alabama.

**Jones Chapel Church—**

Rev. James Pauley, Route 2, Box 137-B, Florence, Alabama.

**Reform Church—**

Rev. Carl R. Johnson, General Delivery, Reform, Alabama.

**Shiloh Church—**

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

**Visiting Ministers—**

Rev. Rufus Coffey, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. Earl Dixon,

Cloverdale, Alabama; Rev. O. L. Fields, Mississippi; Rev. Virgil H. Gean, Route 1, Cloverdale, Alabama; Rev. Bill George, Route 1, Bonifay, Florida; Rev. J. B. Harper, Cypress, Tennessee; Rev. Herman Hersey, Box 326, Garner, North Carolina; Rev. Paul J. Ketterman, 3606 West End Ave., Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. H. C. Killen, Sr., 910 Kendrick St., Florence, Alabama; Rev. W. O. Miller, Hamilton, Alabama; Rev. Theodore Norred, Route 5, Florence, Alabama; Rev. R. P. Ritch, 1019 Shady St., Columbus, Mississippi; Rev. N. R. Smith, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. Robert L. Shockey, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. J. Reford Wilson, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. L. Royal.

**DEACONS WHO REGISTERED**

**Cahaba River Association—**

Mr. Charles Boothe, 705 Finley Ave., Birmingham, Alabama; Mr. James Harris, Route 1, Box 352, Adamsville, Alabama; Mr. H. A. McSpadden, 529 King Road, Gardendale, Alabama; Mr. Albert L. Pickett, Route 1, Marvel, Alabama; Mr. Clarence Pickett, Route 1, Marvel, Alabama; Mr. Frank Tomlinson, Box 248, Leeds, Alabama; Mr. Amos Smith, Route 1, Box 193-A, Cropwell, Alabama.

**East Alabama Association—**

Mr. H. W. Grice, Route 1, Box 507-XL, Sylacauga, Alabama.

**Florida State Line Association—**

Mr. Larry Hall, Route 1, Dothan, Alabama; Mr. Bobby Kennedy, Route 1, Ashford, Alabama.

**Jasper Association—**

Mr. Lowell Franks, Route 2, Guin, Alabama.

**Liberty No. 1 Association—**

Mr. Rodger D. Presley, P. O. Box 323, Perdido, Alabama; Mr. Ivan I. Stewart, P. O. Box 116, Perdido, Alabama; Mr. Bradley E. White, Route 1, Box 71, Perdido, Alabama.

**Liberty No. 2 Association—**

Mr. Calvin F. Barber, 2805 5th Ave. North, Pell City, Alabama; Mr. Johnie R. Wiggins, Route 1, Box 239, Pell City, Alabama.

**Mississippi State Line Association—**

Mr. Delbert L. Dobbs, Route 2, Guin, Alabama; Mr. James M. Howell, Hamilton, Alabama.

**North Alabama Association—**

Mr. Paul Jones, Route 2, Falkville, Alabama; Mr. U. G. Lowery, Route 2, Madison, Alabama.

**Progressive Association—**

Mr. Charles Davis, 900 Buna Vista, Muscle Shoals, Alabama; Mr. David Kent, Eldridge, Alabama; Mr. P. W. Kimbrough, Route 7, Russellville, Alabama; Mr. James S. Melton, Route 1, Killen, Alabama; Mr. Robert Murphy, 325 Baldwin, Florence, Alabama; Mr. Grady B. Randolph, Box 83, Russellville, Alabama.



**Vernon Association—**

Mr. Eris Wilson, Vernon, Alabama; Mr. Pascal Yerby, Vernon, Alabama.

**DELEGATES WHO REGISTERED****Cahaba River Association—**

Mrs. Charles Boothe, 705 Finley Ave., Birmingham, Alabama; Mrs. Alice Gamble, 4140 51st Ave. N., Birmingham, Alabama; Mrs. Jerome Goodwin, Route 3, Box 429-A, Leeds, Alabama; Mr. Herman Hayes, Route 3, Sylacauga, Alabama; Mr. Steve Kimbrough, 4525 73 St., N. Birmingham, Alabama; Mrs. H. A. McSpadden, 529 King Road, Gardendale, Alabama; Mrs. W. H. Ryland, 901 Ridge Place, Birmingham, Alabama; Mrs. A. D. Smith, Route 1, Box 193-A, Cropwell, Alabama; Mrs. Betty Youngblood, 102 Robert E. Lee, Leeds, Alabama.

**East Alabama Association—**

Mr. James Earl Allen, Route 5, Box 728, Phenix City, Alabama; Mrs. Lizza Davis, 3004 Apache Drive, Columbus, Georgia; Mrs. H. W. Grice, Route 1, Box 507 X-1, Sylacauga, Alabama; Mrs. Joe B. Ledlow, 2106 17th Ave., Phenix City, Alabama; Mr. D. L. Milling, 1016 12th Ave., Phenix City, Alabama; Mrs. Fannie Whitehurst, 1613 Dudley Ave., Columbus, Georgia.

**Florida State Line Association—**

Mrs. Herman Calloway, 120 Donna Drive, Dothan, Alabama; Mrs. Maude Fowler, Route 3, Dothan, Alabama; Mr. Rodney Fowler, Route 3, Dothan, Alabama; Mrs. Margaret Hall, Route 1, Dothan, Alabama; Mrs. A. F. Isaac, Box 148, Slocumb, Alabama; Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Route 1, Ashford, Alabama.

**Jasper Association—**

Mrs. Dixie Atkinson, P. O. Box 724, Winfield, Alabama; Mrs. Mirtie Atkinson, Route 1, Guin, Alabama; Mrs. Pearl Barnes, P. O. Box 263, Graysville, Alabama; Mrs. Faye Franks, Route 2, Guin, Alabama; Mrs. Hattie Hunter, Route 2, Carbon Hill, Alabama; Mrs. Ann Pate, Route 2, Carbon Hill, Alabama; Mrs. Dora Roberts, Route 2, Carbon Hill, Alabama; Mrs. Billy R. Smith, Hamilton, Alabama; Mrs. Hellen E. Tittle, Route 2, Box 80-A, Carbon Hill, Alabama; Mrs. M. F. Whitman, Brilliant, Alabama.

**Liberty No. 1 Association—**

Mrs. Agnes Ashcraft, P. O. Box 45, Perdido, Alabama; Mrs. Virgie Cain, Route 5, Brewton, Alabama; Mr. James H. Henry, Route 4, Box 88, Brewton, Alabama; Mrs. Carolyn Henry, Route 4, Brewton, Alabama; Miss Mamie L. Palmer, Route 1, Castleberry, Alabama; Mrs. W. G. Palmer, Route 1, Box 287, Castleberry, Alabama; Carolyn Ann Stewart, Route 1, Box 247, Perdido, Alabama; Mrs. Ivan Stewart, P. O. Box 116, Perdido, Alabama.

**Liberty No. 2 Association—**

Mrs. Calvin F. Barber, 2805 5th Ave. N., Pell City, Alabama; Mr. Bobby Endfinger, 3018 30th St. N., Pell City, Alabama.

**Mississippi State Line Association—**

Mrs. Verda Dobbs, Route 2, Hamilton, Alabama; Jessie Howell, Hamilton, Alabama; Mrs. Loudene Simmons, Route 1, Hamilton, Alabama.

**North Alabama Association—**

Mrs. Leola Alexander, Hanceville, Alabama; Jane Atkins, Route 1, Box 298-C, Hanceville, Alabama; Mr. Marion, Route 1, Hanceville, Alabama; Winnif Atkins, Route 1, Box 298-C, Hanceville, Alabama; Mrs. Alice Barkley, Route 2, Madison, Alabama.

**Progressive Association—**

Mrs. William O. Baird, 942 N. Temple, Fayette, Alabama; Mrs. Louie Bates, Box 74, Alden, Alabama; Mrs. A. J. Lambert, 2306 Ave. G, Ensley, Alabama; Mrs. Carlton Lambert, Box 8, Eldridge, Alabama; Mrs. Ruby Roper, Box 83, Eldridge, Alabama.

**Vernon Association—**

Mrs. A. F. Barnes, Vernon, Alabama; Lonie Faye Franks, P. O. Box 42, Belk, Alabama; Mrs. E. W. Graves, Route 3, Box 690, Vernon, Alabama; Mr. Clyde Motes, Vernon, Alabama; Mrs. Clyde Motes, Vernon, Alabama; Mrs. S. Y. Shelton, Route 2, Box 128, Vernon, Alabama; Mrs. W. L. Turner, Vernon, Alabama.

**Mt. Moriah Church—**

Mr. Dan Turnipseed, Route 2, Ethelsville, Alabama.

**First Church Reform—**

Mrs. Lillie Mae Carpenter, Reform, Alabama.

**PROCEEDINGS****THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 6, 1969****24th Session of Ministers and Deacons Meeting**

The Twenty-fourth Session of the Ministers and Deacons Meeting opened with the congregation singing "We're Marching to Zion" under the direction of Rev. A. J. Lambert with Sis. Ivan Stewart at the piano and Sis. Willie Justice at the organ. Bro. Walter Jagers brought the morning devotion using Isaiah 42: 8-12. Prayer by the speaker.

Bro. Willie Justice welcomed the meeting to the Florence Church. Bro. James Walden gave the response. Bro. A. J. Lambert brought the moderators message using 1 Tim. 3:1-16. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "Standing on the Promises." Bro. Joe B. Ledlow brought the message on "Christ the Uttermost in Creation" using John 1:1-10; Eph. 3:9; Prov. 8:22-30 and Heb. 1:1-2. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. J. M. Cobb brought the message on "Christ the Uttermost in Man's Physical Need," using Heb. 7:25; 2 Cor. 9:8. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Ledlow led the congregation in singing "I Am Resolved." Bro. Carlton Lambert sang "The Stranger of Gallie" with Sis. Justice at the organ. Bro. Thurman Murphy brought the message "Christ the Uttermost in Man's Spiritual Need" using 1 Tim. 4:8-10; Acts 20:28; Deut. 16:16 and Heb. 10:24-25. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "We're Marching to Zion." Bro. Royal dismissed in prayer.

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 6, 1969**

After a wonderful lunch which was enjoyed by all we convened with Bro. Ledlow leading the singing with Sis. Stewart at the piano and Sis.



Justice at the organ. Bro. and Sis. Stewart sang "Wherever He Leads I'll Go." Bro. J. D. Wales brought the devotion using Luke 18:15. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Paul A. Davis brought the message on "Christ the Uttermost as our Intercessor" using Heb. 7:25-28; Heb. 5:1-10 and Heb. 7:1-3. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "He Lives." Bro. Carlton Lambert sang "The Ninety and Nine." Bro. W. G. Palmer brought the message on "Christ the Uttermost in Building Our Eternal Home" using John 14:1-3; Eph. 2:3; Roman 8:1-4; Acts 4:12 and Matt. 20:28.

Move and second that the moderators pay be raised from \$15.00 to \$30.00. Move and second that the Assistant Moderator be paid \$10.00. Move and second that the ministers and deacons meeting adjourn. Bro. James Walden dismissed in prayer.

#### **THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 6, 1969.**

**50th Session of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists—  
Rev. Jerome Goodwin, presiding.**

We convened with Bro. Ledlow leading "Onward Christian Soldiers" with Sis. Stewart at the piano and Sis. Justice at the organ. Bro. Jerome Goodwin led in prayer. Bro. William Baird brought the devotion using Phil. 4:4. Sis. Baird sang "Win the Lost at Any Cost." Bro. Willie Justice gave the welcome address. Bro. M. H. Hollis gave the response. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "At the Cross." Bro. Ray Ritch called the 50th session to order and introduced the officers of the association. The moderator recognized the visitors. Bro. Edwards appointed the credentials committee. Bro. Murphy gave the offertory prayer. An offering of \$70.94 was received. Bro. Herman Hershey played a piano solo "O Happy Day." Bro. Hershey gave a talk about the board of Retirement and Insurance. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "At Calvary." Bro. Rufus Coffey gave a talk about the work of the Executive department. Bro. Coffey brought the keynote message using Ex. 24:12; 32:1-5; 32:15-20-26; 30-32. "The Sin of Singing Saints." We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Paul Ketterman.

#### **FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 7, 1969**

We opened with Bro. E. B. Ledlow leading "He Keeps Me Singing" with Sis. Stewart at the piano. Bro. R. P. Ritch led in prayer. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "Amazing Grace." Bro. Dewey Thomas brought the morning devotion using Eph. 2:8 and John 15:16. Bro. Carlton Lambert sang "How Great Thou Art." Bro. John Edwards brought the moderator's message using Psalms 104:1.

Recognition of visitors and seating of the standing delegates.

Report of the Credential Committee. (See reports).

Report of the Executive Committee. Move and second to place the proposed changes of the constitution on the table. Appointment of committees.

Report of Foreign Missions by Rev. Reford Wilson was received as information. We were dismissed for a short intermission by Rev. James Walden.

We convened back with Bro. Ledlow leading "There is Power in the Blood." Bro. Hughes Ellis led in prayer. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "He Lives." "When We All Get to Heaven" and "The Lily of the Valley." Bro. Ray Ritch sang "There's A Hand I Can See Leading Me." Bro. Robert Shockey brought

the morning message using 1 Cor. 1:17-31. Prayer by the speaker. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Paul Ketterman.

#### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 7, 1969**

After a wonderful lunch which was enjoyed by all we convened with Bro. E. B. Ledlow leading "Higher Ground" with Sis. Stewart at the piano and Sis. Justice at the organ. Bro. Chester O'Donnell brought the devotion using Matt. 16:13-17 and 1 Cor. 3:1-9. Prayer by the speaker.

Report of the National Sunday School Board which was received as information.

Report of Sunday School and C. T. S. Convention.

Report of Free Will Baptist Bible College by Rev. Paul Ketterman which was received as information.

Report of National C. T. S. Board by Mr. Fred Green which was received as information.

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

Report of Children's Home by Rev. Carlton Lambert.

Report of State Missions by Rev. Willie Justice.

Report of the board of Retirement and Insurance by Rev. Walter Jones.

Move and second that the State Association give the church in Montgomery \$100.00.

Report of the Association clerk by Rev. Ray Ritch.

Report of the General Board. Item 1 passed. Item 2 passed. Item 3 passed.

Move and second that the State Association give \$100.00 to help build the Superintendent a home at the Children's Home.

We were dismissed by Rev. Clifford Holland.

#### **FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 7, 1969**

We convened with Bro. Justice leading "There Is Power In the Blood" with Sis. Stewart at the piano and Sis. Justice at the organ. Bro. Norred led in prayer. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "Nothing but the Blood." Move and second that the offering of Thursday night and Friday night be given to the church at Montgomery. Prayer for the offering by Rev. Willie Justice. An offering of \$130.00 was received. The Florence trio sang "Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul." Bro. Ledlow led in singing "I Would Not Be Denied." Rev. Kirby J. Godwin sang "Beneath The Cross of Jesus."

Rev. James Pauley brought the evening message using Psa. 119:18; 129; Eph. 6:17. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "I Need Thee Every Hour." We were dismissed by Rev. Donald Grice.

#### **SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 8, 1969**

We convened singing "Heavenly Sunlight." Rev. W. H. Ryland led in prayer. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "I Know Whom I Have Believed." Rev. Thomas Kirkland brought the morning devotion using Dan. 2:26-28.

Report of the Auditing Committee.

Report of the Appreciation Committee.

Children's Home Trustees Report by Rev. Billy R. Smith.

Name delegates to the National Association. Mrs. Ivan Stewart, Mrs. Aubrey Ashcraft, Mrs. William Atkinson, Mrs. A. J. Lambert and Mr. David



Kent. Alternates: Mr. Ivan Stewart, Mrs. E. B. Ledlow, Mr. W. L. Turner and Mrs. Betty Lambert.

Report of the Registration Committee

Report of the Food Fund.

Move and second that we go to Winfield pending a formal invitation.

Report of the Nominating Committee.

Move and second that the clerk check into the rates of flying to Fresno.

Dismissed for a short recess by Bro. Carl Johnson.

We convened back with Bro. Ledlow leading "Ring The Bells of Heaven" with Sis. Stewart at the piano and Sis. Justice at the organ. Bro. A. J. Looper led in prayer. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "Blessed Assurance." Sis. William Baird and Bro. Ray Ritch sang "I've Been to Calvary." Bro. Ledlow led in singing "Grace Greater Than Our Sin." Bro. and Sis. Ledlow sang "Take Up Thy Cross."

Rev. O. Z. Johnson brought the morning message using Neh. 8:1-6; Neh. 9:1-3; Acts 2:32-47 and Acts 8:26-39. Prayer by the speaker.

Move and second that the man recommend by the State of Mississippi be elected to the Trustee Board of the Children's Home.

Move and second to adjourn. Prayer by Rev. Louie Bates.

We were dismissed singing "Amazing Grace."

## REPORTS

**APPRECIATION COMMITTEE**—We your appreciation committee wish to express our appreciation to the host church for their wonderful hospitality and fellowship which has been enjoyed by all.

Mrs. W. G. Palmer

Mrs. A. J. Lambert

Mrs. H. W. Grice

**AUDITING COMMITTEE**—We the Auditing Committee make the following report: 1. We have examined the Clerk's records of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists for the period November 7, 1968 to October 13, 1969. 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, 1969. 3. We have examined the records of the Free Will Baptist Board of Christian Education for the 12-month period ended October 31, 1969. 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, 1969. 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, 1969. In our opinion the statements of receipts and disbursements are correct. 5. We have examined the records of the Free Will Baptists Board of Retirement and Insurance for the 12-month period ended October 31, 1969. In our opinion the statements of receipts and disbursements are correct.

Mrs. Bobby Kennedy

Mrs. Jerome Goodwin

Mrs. C. B. Boothe

**CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**—1. We the credential committee have examined the letters from 12 District Associations and find them in order. 2. We have examined the letters from the following churches and find them in order: Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Church, First Free Will Baptist Church, Reform, and Jones Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. We recommend that they be seated as the association to which they belong does not belong to the state association.

Rev. A. J. Looper

Rev. W. G. Palmer

Rev. Hughes Ellis

**TRUSTEES OF CHILDREN'S HOME**—1. We would like to report that a lot of progress has been made at the home in the last few years. (A) Home in good shape. (B) Have an outstanding Superintendent and Staff at the Home. (C) Trustees have been working well together for the good of the home. 2. Ways you have helped in the success of the home. (A) Prayer, financial support; General Fund and Foster Parent Fund. (B) By sending concerned and dedicated trustees. 3. Ways you can help. (A) Trying to keep your trustee longer than one year. (B) Supporting our projects in your church and local associations. 4. Current project on which you may help (A) Building the Superintendent a home.

—Rev. Bill R. Smith

**GENERAL BOARD**—1. We recommend that the proposed changes in the Constitution of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists be adopted.

2. We recommend that the name of the Superannuation Board be changed to the Board of Retirement and Insurance.

3. We recommend that the Trustees of the Children's Home be given the power to build the Superintendent a home at Eldridge.

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

The Board of Christian Education would like to make the following report. The Alabama State Youth Rally met January 24 and 25, 1969 in the State Room of the Whitley Hotel in Montgomery. Rev. Jackie Williams, of Warren, Arkansas, was the guest speaker. He spoke on the theme "The Christian's Calling." Registered attendance was 305.

The Alabama State Teach and Train Rally met June 6 and 7, 1969 in the Blue-Gray Room of the Whitley Hotel in Montgomery. Rev. James Pauley, pastor of Jones Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, was the guest speaker. He spoke on the theme "What The World Needs Now." Registered attendance was 297. Competition was good and the enthusiasm was high. Of those who represented Alabama in St. Louis at the National Association competition Tina Hughes of Florence won first place in the Herald declamation competition, and the Tic Tac Toe team from Hamilton won third place.

The 1970 State Youth Rally will meet January 23 and 24 in the Blue-Gray Room of the Whitley Hotel in Montgomery. Rev. Tom Malone will be the guest speaker. The State Teach and Train Rally will meet June 12 and 13, 1970 in the Blue-Gray Room of the Whitley Hotel also. The Board of Christian Education encourages the continuous enthusiastic support of the Free Will Baptists of Alabama.



Following is the financial report for the year 1968-69:

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Balance brought forward .....                   | \$159.98        |
| Gift from State Association .....               | 500.00          |
| Dues and Offerings from State Youth Rally ..... | 168.05          |
| Dues and Offerings from State TNT Rally .....   | 334.27          |
| <b>Total Receipts .....</b>                     | <b>1,162.30</b> |
| Disbursements .....                             | 795.59          |
| <b>Balance November 4, 1969 .....</b>           | <b>366.71</b>   |

Thurmon Murphy, Chairman  
 Billy Sharpston  
 Rev. A. J. Looper  
 James Pittman  
 Bill Atkinson

### REPORT OF CLERK TREASURER

#### RECEIVED GENERAL FUND:

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Brought Forward .....            | \$1,381.31        |
| Associational Fees .....         | 300.00            |
| Ministers and Deacons Fees ..... | 172.00            |
| Food Fund .....                  | 420.48            |
| <b>Total Received .....</b>      | <b>\$2,273.79</b> |

#### PAID OUT GENERAL FUND:

|                                      |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Officers of State Association .....  | \$ 175.00         |
| Traveling Expense .....              | 79.28             |
| Houston Printing .....               | 450.61            |
| National Association Fees .....      | 85.00             |
| Friendship Church .....              | 587.09            |
| Help at State Association .....      | 40.00             |
| Board of Christian Education .....   | 500.00            |
| <b>Total Paid Out .....</b>          | <b>\$1,916.98</b> |
| <b>Balance in General Fund .....</b> | <b>\$ 356.81</b>  |

#### RECEIVED COOPERATIVE PLAN:

|                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| East Side Church, Tuscaloosa .....   | \$ 595.92 |
| St. Marks Church, Phenix City .....  | 105.00    |
| First Church, Decatur .....          | 514.43    |
| Roy Barnes .....                     | 12.00     |
| M. H. Hollis .....                   | 10.00     |
| New Prospect Church .....            | 83.37     |
| Florida State Line Association ..... | 4,319.99  |
| Offering at State Association .....  | 194.84    |
| Opelika Church .....                 | 760.02    |
| White Rock Church .....              | 95.66     |
| Friendship Church .....              | 457.86    |
| Holmes Church .....                  | 110.25    |
| Johnnie Wiggins .....                | 45.00     |

|                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Southeastern Association ..... | 57.57             |
| <b>Total Received .....</b>    | <b>\$7,361.91</b> |

#### PAID OUT COOPERATIVE PLAN:

|                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| National Association .....      | \$3,720.32        |
| Children's Home .....           | 1,015.02          |
| State Superannuation .....      | 676.35            |
| State Missions .....            | 676.35            |
| National Foreign Missions ..... | 497.52            |
| National Home Missions .....    | 75.00             |
| St. Marks Church .....          | 25.00             |
| Office Fund .....               | 696.35            |
| <b>Total Paid Out .....</b>     | <b>\$7,361.91</b> |

#### RECEIVED OFFICE FUND:

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Brought Forward .....       | \$ 235.58        |
| Cooperative Plan .....      | 696.35           |
| <b>Total Received .....</b> | <b>\$ 931.93</b> |

#### PAID OUT OFFICE FUND:

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Postage .....                              | \$ 17.70         |
| Sears (Supplies) .....                     | 6.20             |
| Telephone .....                            | 66.81            |
| Traveling Expense of Executive Board ..... | 300.24           |
| Bank Charge .....                          | 1.69             |
| Garden State Florist .....                 | 11.50            |
| Instant Copies .....                       | 44.59            |
| Greyhound Bus Lines .....                  | 2.55             |
| <b>Total Paid Out .....</b>                | <b>\$ 451.28</b> |
| <b>Balance in Office Fund .....</b>        | <b>\$ 480.65</b> |

### FREEWILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Eldridge, Alabama

#### CASH REPORT

October 1, 1968 through September 30, 1969

|                         | Checking<br>Account | Foster<br>Club<br>Fund | Reserve<br>Fund | Misc.<br>Fund | Special<br>Account | College<br>Fund |
|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| BAL. OCTOBER 1, 1968    | 1494.90             | 2138.29                | 170.55          | 27.07         | 1039.49            |                 |
| ADDITIONS THIS PERIOD:  |                     |                        |                 |               |                    |                 |
| Contributions           | 56209.50            | 1458.24                |                 | 1166.24       |                    | 1395.60         |
| Social Security-Support | 7853.10             |                        |                 |               |                    |                 |
| Sales                   | 1487.28             |                        |                 |               |                    |                 |
| Interest Earned         |                     | 98.20                  |                 |               |                    |                 |
| TOTAL CASH              | 67044.78            | 3694.73                | 170.55          | 1193.31       | 1039.49            | 1395.60         |



## DISBURSEMENTS THIS PERIOD:

|                           |          |         |        |         |        |
|---------------------------|----------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| Salaries and Payroll Tax  | 20385.25 |         |        |         |        |
| Food Costs                | 11166.86 |         |        |         |        |
| Shoes and Clothing        | 2346.25  |         |        |         |        |
| Household Expenses        | 2312.13  |         |        |         |        |
| Education and Allowances  | 1814.71  | 1200.00 | 680.00 | 550.00  |        |
| Medical                   | 1148.77  |         |        |         |        |
| Utilities and Heat        | 5279.30  |         |        |         |        |
| Office                    | 1378.06  |         |        |         |        |
| Hardware & Maintenance    | 7651.81  |         |        |         |        |
| Vehicle Gas, Oil          | 1565.42  |         |        |         |        |
| Vehicle Maintenance       | 1290.97  |         |        |         |        |
| Pest Control              | 95.00    |         |        |         |        |
| Farm Expenses             | 2913.04  |         | 200.00 |         |        |
| Debt Reduction-Interest   | 1694.50  |         |        |         |        |
| Travel & Board Members    | 1164.60  |         |        |         |        |
| New Equipment             | 532.80   |         |        |         |        |
| Choir Tour-TNT Rally      | 647.96   |         |        |         |        |
| Audit                     | 105.00   |         |        |         |        |
| Records                   | 444.65   |         |        |         |        |
| Tools                     | 539.65   |         |        |         |        |
| Insurance                 | 1027.00  |         |        |         |        |
| Returned Checks           | 27.52    |         |        |         |        |
| Other Expenses            | 639.04   |         |        |         |        |
| Transfer to Building Fund |          |         |        | 1039.49 |        |
| Total Disbursements       | 66170.29 | 1200.00 | 880.00 | 1039.49 | 550.00 |
| Balance Sept. 30, 1969    | 874.49   | 2494.73 | 170.55 | 313.31  | 845.60 |

**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**  
**Eldridge, Alabama 35554**

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED,

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Dr. Gaines Keith, M.D. and Dr. Bruce Russell, M.D. | \$ 750.00         |
| Dr. Jerry Files, Dentist                           | 350.00            |
| Dr. Aubrey L. Sewell, M.D.                         | 50.00             |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>\$1,150.00</b> |

## FARM:

|                                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Garden Vegetables                 | \$ 600.00         |
| Corn (800 bu. at \$1.25 per bu.)  | 1,000.00          |
| Frozen and Canned Foods           | 170.00            |
| Milk (3,000 gal. at 75c per gal.) | 2,250.00          |
| Pork (1,800 lb. at 40c per lb.)   | 720.00            |
| Hay (1,000 bales at 65c per bale) | 650.00            |
| Beef (2,720 lb. at 55c per lb.)   | 1,496.00          |
| Sales                             | 709.73            |
| <b>GROSS PROFIT</b>               | <b>\$7,595.73</b> |

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| LESS EXPENSE      | \$3,113.04        |
| <b>NET PROFIT</b> | <b>\$4,482.69</b> |

## ALABAMA

October 1, 1968 — September 30, 1969

|              | Cash               | Commodities        |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| October      | \$ 3,725.70        | \$ 970.18          |
| November     | 1,417.21           | 992.42             |
| December     | 8,131.91           | 12,546.49          |
| January      | 2,741.68           | 140.00             |
| February     | 1,560.86           | 144.79             |
| March        | 2,544.22           | 213.50             |
| April        | 2,523.44           | 651.74             |
| May          | 1,745.75           | 314.38             |
| June         | 2,207.69           | 195.50             |
| July         | 3,002.11           | 275.80             |
| August       | 3,130.42           | 205.26             |
| September    | 4,253.57           | 303.30             |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$34,440.34</b> | <b>\$16,953.36</b> |

## 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 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 one hog parlor, but they are included in the farm assessment. Two hundred (200) acres of land south of Eldridge. Eighty (80) acres under fence with forty (40) acres having been cleared and sowed in permanent pasture grass; one pond consisting of one and a half acre under water; one pond consisting of two acres under water; seven acres in cultivation. The rest of the two hundred acre tract is in woods. Eighty (80) acres of mineral rights in Red Mill Community. Two small lots in Townly, Alabama.

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| The replacement of the above has been assessed at                   | \$210,000.00        |
| 2. Furnishings in the two-story brick building in Eldridge, Alabama | 20,500.00           |
| 3. Farm equipment, barns, crop, livestock                           | 24,000.00           |
| 4. Laundry Building and equipment                                   | 7,000.00            |
| 5. Filtering System for Water                                       | 3,000.00            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$264,500.00</b> |

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 adding the cost of fixed assets added this year and deducting estimated depreciation from the total. We sold the two lots and two buildings in Jasper for \$14,250.00. This money was placed in the Building Fund Treasury.



| 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    | 76.49     | 1,057.62        | 76.49          | 54.00                  | 20.00    | 1,497.58                   | 69,000.00                |                             |                   |
| Cahaba River           | 199.40    | 5,767.69        | 917.95         | 1,154.43               | 1,597.81 | 14,333.64                  | 537,500.00               | 16,000.00                   | 3                 |
| East Alabama           | 175.05    | 1,970.04        | 189.00         | 266.57                 | 747.47   | 5,419.83                   | 225,000.00               | 40,000.00                   | 4                 |
| Florida State Line     | 189.42    | 1,374.93        |                |                        | 877.05   | 9,322.45                   | 237,400.00               | 16,000.00                   | 2                 |
| Jasper                 | 2,471.73  | 3,512.93        | 977.77         | 248.68                 | 316.38   | 13,361.87                  | 492,000.00               | 70,000.00                   | 6                 |
| Liberty No. 1          | 211.39    | 867.23          | 401.39         | 712.53                 | 64.00    | 3,577.38                   | 93,500.00                | 3,000.00                    | 1                 |
| Liberty No. 2          |           | 795.58          |                | 145.00                 | 70.00    | 1,585.33                   | 128,000.00               |                             |                   |
| Mississippi State Line |           | 631.76          |                | 257.21                 |          | 1,133.54                   | 146,820.52               |                             |                   |
| North Alabama          | 538.71    | 369.62          | 17.00          | 15.00                  | 15.00    | 2,446.13                   | 58,000.00                | 10,000.00                   | 1                 |
| Progressive            | 3,066.35  | 1,825.13        | 426.04         | 171.80                 | 1,458.33 | 15,159.47                  | 429,000.00               | 78,000.00                   | 8                 |
| Southeastern           | 83.22     | 216.50          |                | 418.95                 | 342.50   | 1,740.42                   | 256,500.00               | 17,000.00                   | 2                 |
| Vernon                 | 739.83    | 1,425.06        |                |                        |          | 3,801.23                   | 403,500.00               |                             |                   |
| Jones Chapel Church    |           |                 |                |                        |          | 120.00                     | 15,000.00                |                             |                   |
| Mt. Moriah Church      |           | 425.00          |                |                        |          | 525.00                     | 20,000.00                |                             |                   |
| Reform Church          |           | 75.00           |                |                        |          | 214.10                     | 15,000.00                | 10,000.00                   | 1                 |
| Shiloh Church          |           | 265.19          |                |                        |          | 284.19                     | 30,000.00                |                             |                   |
| Total                  | 7,751.59  | 20,579.28       | 3,005.64       | 3,444.17               | 5,508.54 | 74,522.16                  | 3,156,220.52             | 260,000.00                  | 28                |

| ASSOCIATIONS           | No. of Churches | No. of Members | 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    | 10              | 580            | 24           | 49          | 16                 | 17                 | 18               | 10             | 405            |          |                | 1                   | 11             | 6               | 7,882.71     |
| Cahaba River           | 21              | 1,529          | 55           | 238         | 51                 | 6                  | 94               | 21             | 1,397          | 13       | 519            | 16                  | 191            | 19              | 38,486.46    |
| East Alabama           | 8               | 953            | 19           | 97          | 17                 | 4                  | 29               | 8              | 596            | 8        | 404            | 5                   | 67             | 8               | 20,895.08    |
| Florida State Line     | 19              | 2,284          | 109          | 116         | 13                 |                    | 63               | 17             | 1,130          | 15       | 582            | 6                   | 82             | 10              | 33,441.10    |
| Jasper                 | 28              | 3,341          |              |             | 31                 | 2                  | 127              | 26             | 2,027          | 13       | 807            | 6                   | 119            | 13              | 69,969.59    |
| Liberty No. 1          | 8               | 438            | 26           | 57          | 14                 |                    | 26               | 8              | 365            | 6        | 198            | 6                   | 71             | 7               | 9,819.28     |
| Liberty No. 2          | 9               | 573            | 71           | 46          | 32                 | 7                  | 33               | 9              | 369            | 3        | 89             | 3                   | 21             | 7               | 9,631.51     |
| Mississippi State Line | 19              | 1,387          | 36           | 86          | 20                 |                    | 68               | 17             | 868            | 4        | 175            | 1                   | 20             | 4               | 20,593.29    |
| North Alabama          | 6               | 529            |              |             | 7                  | 1                  | 14               | 6              | 393            | 4        | 125            | 4                   | 70             | 2               | 7,611.61     |
| Progressive            | 14              | 1,978          | 210          | 290         | 22                 | 6                  | 62               | 14             | 1,978          | 12       | 666            | 9                   | 128            | 13              | 53,414.22    |
| Southeastern           | 15              | 1,189          | 21           | 81          | 16                 |                    | 63               | 15             | 617            | 9        | 259            | 9                   | 113            | 12              | 21,432.89    |
| Vernon                 | 15              | 1,652          | 30           | 71          | 23                 |                    | 57               | 15             | 1,020          | 7        | 243            | 3                   | 35             |                 | 24,669.99    |
| Jones Chapel Church    | 1               | 41             |              | 17          | 1                  |                    | 2                | 1              | 50             | 1        | 15             | 1                   | 12             | 1               | 1,725.00     |
| Mt. Moriah Church      | 1               | 93             |              | 2           |                    |                    | 4                | 1              | 45             | 1        | 20             |                     |                |                 | 1,617.00     |
| Reform Church          | 1               | 57             |              | 19          | 1                  |                    | 3                | 1              | 60             | 1        | 50             | 1                   | 12             | 1               | 1,225.00     |
| Shiloh Church          | 1               | 156            | 4            | 4           |                    |                    | 6                | 1              | 77             |          |                |                     |                |                 | 2,300.75     |
| TOTAL,                 | 176             | 16,780         | 605          | 1,173       | 264                | 43                 | 669              | 170            | 11,397         | 97       | 4,152          | 71                  | 952            | 103             | 324,715.48   |



| 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    | 1,026.51         | 3,576.90          | 565.78     |                                  | 2,247.82      |            | 15,299.72                |                  | 76.49            | 136.49                               |
| Cahaba River           | 3,899.71         | 14,769.18         | 4,290.92   |                                  |               |            | 61,426.27                |                  | 2,721.23         | 1,971.13                             |
| East Alabama           | 1,836.69         | 9,484.72          | 2,351.97   |                                  |               | 18,402.00  | 52,970.47                | 1,154.31         | 561.43           | 315.96                               |
| Florida State Line     | 4,055.71         | 19,871.48         | 4,923.09   |                                  |               | 22,328.02  | 84,619.40                | 4,806.48         | 910.23           | 1,164.34                             |
| Jasper                 | 5,823.18         | 110,690.63        | 6,087.00   |                                  |               | 30,356.45  | 222,926.85               | 132.52           | 3,699.89         | 2,001.97                             |
| Liberty No. 1          | 797.91           | 11,448.66         | 1,482.64   | 10.28                            | 5,755.43      | 532.82     | 29,847.02                |                  | 503.98           | 816.86                               |
| Liberty No. 2          | 842.55           | 3,028.62          | 538.52     |                                  | 3,148.91      | 2,355.79   | 19,545.90                | 214.26           | 75.00            | 285.49                               |
| Mississippi State Line | 2,314.07         | 8,279.05          | 1,683.22   |                                  | 1,235.95      |            | 34,105.88                |                  |                  | 244.57                               |
| North Alabama          | 409.00           | 842.56            | 1,059.45   |                                  |               | 4,061.00   | 13,983.62                | 214.36           | 647.39           | 629.05                               |
| Progressive            | 4,099.83         | 32,554.69         | 6,596.01   |                                  |               | 30,659.64  | 127,324.39               |                  | 6,239.82         | 1,972.00                             |
| Southeastern           | 2,175.82         | 35,241.08         | 2,466.58   |                                  | 3,489.36      | 2,300.91   | 67,106.64                | 268.93           | 179.26           | 231.06                               |
| Vernon                 | 2,182.96         | 10,296.95         | 2,424.18   |                                  | 2,243.74      | 6,298.66   | 48,116.48                | 764.19           | 451.26           | 420.89                               |
| Jones Chapel Church    | 355.00           | 7,000.00          | 150.00     |                                  |               |            | 9,230.00                 |                  | 120.00           |                                      |
| Mt. Moriah Church      | 112.50           |                   | 100.00     |                                  | 200.00        |            | 2,029.50                 |                  |                  | 100.00                               |
| Reform Church          | 125.00           | 441.42            | 675.71     |                                  | 275.86        |            | 2,742.99                 |                  | 89.10            | 50.00                                |
| Shiloh Church          | 190.00           | 6,903.98          | 106.96     |                                  |               |            | 9,501.69                 |                  |                  | 19.00                                |
| Total                  | 30,246.44        | 274,429.93        | 35,502.03  | 10.28                            | 18,597.07     | 117,295.29 | 800,796.52               | 7,555.05         | 16,275.08        | 10,402.81                            |

## ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION BOARD YEARLY TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS: NOVEMBER 1, 1968 — OCTOBER 31, 1969

|                               |           |                               |            |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Alabama State Association     | \$ 676.35 | David Q. Kent—Eldridge        | 5.00       |
| Appleton—Castleberry          | 130.00    | Leodica—Hanceville            | 12.00      |
| Ala. State Woman's Aux.       | 500.00    | Mt. Zion—Pell City            | 60.00      |
| Lydia Ammons—Midland City     | 5.00      | Mt. Zion Woman's Aux.         | 15.00      |
| Bonita Park—Trussville        | 55.00     | Memorial—Empire               | 50.00      |
| Brilliant—Brilliant           | 24.00     | Doyle Miller—Dothan           | 152.00     |
| Belk—Belk                     | 60.00     | Mt. Pleasant—Brilliant        | 285.00     |
| Canaan—Brewton                | 42.00     | Mount Moriah—Reform           | 116.94     |
| Cordova—Cordova               | 299.33    | E. C. Mims—Geneva             | 10.00      |
| Cowarts Creek                 | 219.00    | North Alabama Association     | 77.67      |
| Sarah Crawford Aux. Northport | 12.00     | New Hope—Midland City         | 34.97      |
| Cedrom Grove—Carbon Hill      | 10.00     | Pleasant Hill—Blountsville    | 115.42     |
| Cahaba River Association      | 29.50     | Pine Grove—Perdido            | 56.00      |
| Travis Ray Carter—Winfield    | 25.00     | Mrs. Maudie Quick—Cullman     | 12.00      |
| Cedar Creek Woman's Aux.      | 10.50     | Russellville—Russellville     | 5.00       |
| Mrs. Lizzie Davis—Columbus    | 1.00      | Russellville Woman's Aux.     | 10.00      |
| East Birmingham—B'ham.        | 25.00     | Range—Flomation               | 4.00       |
| Fairview—Trussville           | 75.00     | Red Bay—Red Bay               | 36.38      |
| Fayette—Fayette               | 205.91    | Shady Grove—Adamsville        | 145.61     |
| Friendship—Pell City          | 70.00     | St. Marks—Phenix City         | 50.00      |
| Forestdale—Birmingham         | 324.25    | St. James—Phenix City         | 70.25      |
| Forestdale Woman's Aux.       | 36.00     | South Highland—Muscle Shoals  | 84.51      |
| First Church, Sylacauga       | 140.00    | Sulphur Springs—Samantha      | 165.00     |
| First Church, Dothan          | 126.35    | Sulphur Springs Woman's Aux.  | 27.48      |
| First Church, Talladega       | 10.00     | Mrs. Nancy Self—Brilliant     | 22.00      |
| First Church, Opelika         | 13.20     | Southeastern Association      | 5.00       |
| Free Water—Guin               | 15.00     | Springfield—Vernon            | 68.83      |
| Free Will Baptist Youth Camp  | 80.00     | Shiloh—Gardo                  | 19.00      |
| Florida State Line Assn.      | 308.16    | Townley—Townley               | 72.21      |
| Guin—Guin                     | 396.18    | Mrs. C. R. Templeton—Hamilton | 1.00       |
| Guiding Light—Pell City       | 40.00     | Union Grove—Castleberry       | 74.13      |
| Graysville—Graysville         | 105.00    | Unity—Childersburg            | 79.97      |
| Hamilton—Hamilton             | 121.90    | Union—Ashford                 | 37.26      |
| Hanks Memorial—Alton          | 76.46     | Vernon—Vernon                 | 87.01      |
| Rev. O. Z. Johnson—Guin       | 5.00      | Winfield—Winfield             | 200.18     |
| Jasper Association            | 37.84     | Total Receipts                | \$6,576.75 |

## DISBURSEMENTS

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| National Home Missions (E. B. Ledlow Account)    | \$2,416.00 |
| National Home Missions (Larry Powell Account)    | 106.56     |
| Mrs. Bobby Kennedy (Mailing out monthly reports) | 140.80     |
| Rev. Willie Justice (Postage & Phone Calls)      | 61.15      |
| First Free Will Baptist Church Montgomery        | 700.00     |
| Hudson-Crine (Folding Machine)                   | 262.50     |
| Board Members Expense                            | 59.20      |
| U. S. Postmaster (Mailing permits & postage)     | 167.75     |



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|---|------------|
| Houston Printing Company (Envelopes & printing)         | 189.05     |
| Rev. E. B. Ledlow (Money to go to National Association) | 100.00     |
| Bank Charge   | 1.84       |
| Total   | \$4,204.85 |
| Balance in bank November 1, 1968                        | \$1,368.35 |
| Money received from Nov. 1, 1968 to Oct. 31, 1969       | 6,576.75   |
| Total to account for                                    | 7,945.10   |
| Paid out from Nov. 1, 1968 to Oct. 31, 1969             | 4,204.85   |
| Balance in bank November 1, 1969                        | \$3,740.25 |

## REPORT OF BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE TREASURER

NOVEMBER 1, 1968 - OCTOBER 31, 1969

### RECEIVED:

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| North Birmingham              | \$ 65.30 |
| East Birmingham               | 159.53   |
| Forestdale                    | 239.01   |
| Forestdale Auxiliary          | 24.00    |
| Shady Grove                   | 101.63   |
| Fairview, Trussville          | 60.00    |
| Guin                          | 396.18   |
| Winfield                      | 133.36   |
| South Highland, Muscle Shoals | 42.26    |
| Mt. Olive, Winfield           | 113.53   |
| St. James, Phenix City        | 44.71    |
| Pine Grove, Perdido           | 62.00    |
| Hamilton                      | 94.26    |
| Cannon, Brewton               | 31.30    |
| Semirah Springs, Uriah        | 9.00     |
| Vernon                        | 87.01    |
| Cedrom Grove, Carbon Hill     | 44.82    |
| Union Grove, Castleberry      | 74.13    |
| Laodicea, Hanceville          | 12.00    |
| Springfield, Vernon           | 111.77   |
| Cordova                       | 149.47   |
| Unity, Sylacauga              | 79.97    |
| Davis Chapel, Sterrett        | 23.97    |
| Range                         | 24.00    |
| Graysville                    | 105.00   |
| Graysville Auxiliary          | 15.00    |
| Florence                      | 144.27   |
| Appleton, Brewton             | 125.00   |
| Alabama State Association     | 676.35   |
| Hanks Memorial, Alton         | 76.46    |
| Friendship, Flomation         | 24.00    |
| Range                         | 12.00    |
| Atmore First Church           | 24.00    |
| Russellville                  | 39.16    |
| Belk                          | 60.00    |

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Maple Grove, Madison             | 100.00     |
| Mt. Pleasant, Sprott             | 40.00      |
| Total Amount Received            | \$3,624.45 |
| Brought Forward November 1, 1968 | \$1,759.72 |
| Interest from Bank               | \$ 60.54   |
| GRAND TOTAL                      | \$5,444.71 |

### PAID OUT:

|                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Rev. S. F. Lee                       | \$185.00   |
| Rev. Eugene Brooks                   | 185.00     |
| Rev. J. W. Arnett                    | 185.00     |
| Rev. B. A. Hale                      | 185.00     |
| Rev. Ammon Edge                      | 185.00     |
| Rev. A. L. Warren                    | 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                    | 185.00     |
| Brenda Moyers                        | 185.00     |
| National Board of Superannuation     | 261.20     |
| Bank Charges                         | 20.74      |
| Office Expenses, Stamps, Cards, Etc. | 21.00      |
| Total Paid Out                       | \$2,892.94 |
| Balance in Treasury November 1, 1969 | \$2,551.77 |

—Verla Ryland, Treasurer

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**—The executive committee met in Montgomery on September 20, 1969 to plan the program for the State Association. Bro. Jerome Goodwin led in prayer. We then proceeded to plan the program. Move and second that the theme be "Christ the Uttermost." We then discussed who to get to preach and decided on them. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Ivan Stewart.

**FOOD FUND**—Money received 1969 session of the State Association \$714.88.

**REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**—The following registered for the Association: Ministers 77; Deacons 28; Delegates 63; and Visitors 141 for a total of 309.

## ALABAMA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

THEME: "A World In Hungry"

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 6, 1969

The Alabama State Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened with First Free Will Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama  
Opening song: "Break Thou The Bread of Life" — "Sunlight"



Prayer: Mrs. W. H. Ryland  
 Appoint Credential Committee: Mrs. Ryland, Mrs. Adkinson, Mrs. Holland,  
 and Mrs. Fowler  
 Devotion: Mrs. Carolyn Bowers — Scripture: St. John 5:30  
 Recognition of Ministers and Officers  
 Appointment of Committees  
 Offering and Prayer  
 Special Music  
 Song: "Victory In Jesus"  
 Message: Mrs. Janie Aldridge — Prayer: Mrs. Aldridge  
 Credential Committee Report — MSC

We the Credential Committee have examined the letters and dues and have found them all in order except for incomplete reports. Lets all stress in our local and district Auxiliaries to fill them out complete.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mrs. Ryland, Chairman  
 Mrs. Atkinson  
 Mrs. Holland  
 Mrs. Fowler

Dismissal Prayer for lunch: Mrs. Mary Edna Cook

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Song: "I Am Thine O Lord"  
 Prayer: Mrs. William Atkinson  
 Skit: Winfield Auxiliary — "An Ounce of Prevention"  
 Special singing: Mt. Zion Trio — "Until Then" — "Heaven Came Down and  
 Glory Filled My Soul"  
 Report of Committees—

#### I. Finance Committee:

We the Finance Committee submit the following:

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Per Capita dues received  | \$589.25 |
| State Project for Decatur | 394.00   |
| Offering at Convention    | 15.32    |

|       |          |
|-------|----------|
| Total | \$998.57 |
|-------|----------|

1. We recommend that we give \$100.00 to the Jimmy Aldridge Account.
2. We recommend that we give the offering today to Brother Ledlow and that the State Auxiliary Convention bring up to \$500.00 for the Decatur Mission — MSC.

#### II. Nomination Committee:

We the Nomination Committee make the following nominations:  
 Vice President: Mrs. Pearl Schuttz — MSC.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mrs. A. J. Lambert  
 Mrs. Betty Whitehurst  
 Mrs. H. A. McSpadden

#### III. Executive Committee:

We resolve:

1. That we print our own programs for next year.
2. That we have as our State Project the Dan and Margaret Merkhhs Account and that our goal be \$100.00 from each district to be brought to the Convention.
3. We would like to ask each district secretary to be more thorough on filling out their reports — MSC.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mrs. Mary E. Cook  
 Mrs. William Atkinson  
 Mrs. Maude Fowler

#### IV. Treasurer's Report:

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Brought forward                         | \$150.00 |
| Dues                                    | 516.00   |
| State Project (Bible College Furniture) | 99.50    |
| Offering at Convention                  | 33.05    |
| Week of Prayer Offering                 | 50.48    |
| Foreign Missions                        | 13.98    |
| Co-Laborer                              | 2.47     |
| Total                                   | \$866.28 |

#### EXPENDITURES:

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Alabama State W.A.C. Speaker     | \$ 75.00 |
| Free Will Baptist Bible College  | 99.50    |
| State Minute Dues                | 15.00    |
| Dues to National W.A. Convention | 387.00   |
| Telephone Calls                  | 10.00    |
| Total                            | \$586.60 |
| Income                           | \$866.28 |
| Expenditures                     | 586.50   |

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|----------------------|----------|
| June 6, 1969 Balance | \$279.78 |
|----------------------|----------|

MSC to receive this report.

Standard of Achievement Chart:

Mt. Olive — Jasper Association  
 Winfield — Jasper Association  
 Red Bay — Jasper Association  
 White Rock — East Alabama Association

Delegates to National Convention:

Mrs. Dixie Atkinson, Mrs. Mary Edna Cook, Mrs. Helen Holland, Mrs. Hazel Dorrough, Mrs. Marie Goodwin, Mrs. Jack Rollins, Mrs. James Walden.

#### V. Registration Committee:

|           |    |
|-----------|----|
| Delegates | 16 |
| Visitors  | 59 |
| Total     | 75 |



## 1968-1969 OFFICERS

President—Mrs. Mary E. Cook, Rt. 6, Box 326, Dothan, Ala. 36301  
Vice President—Mrs. Pearl Shuttz  
Secretary & Treasurer—Mrs. Maude Fowler, Rt. 3, Box 98, Dothan, Ala. 36301  
Field Worker—Mrs. William Atkinson, P. O. Box 724, Winfield, Ala.  
Prayer—Mrs. Willie Justice, 701 Branch St., Florence, Ala.  
Study Course—Mrs. Geraldine Cox, Rt. 4, Box 157, Dothan, Ala. 36301  
Personal Service—Mrs. Jerome Goodwin, Rt. 2, Box 429-A Trussville, Ala.  
Missions—Mrs. Jack Rollins, 920 Meehan St., Birmingham, Ala.  
Announcements  
Benediction — Mrs. Smith

President: Mrs. Mary Edna Cook  
Secretary: Mrs. Maude Fowler

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

### ARTICLE I — NAME

Section 1 — This body shall be known as the "Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists."

Section 2 — Seal—This Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists and its constituents adopt the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in faith and practice.

### ARTICLE II — OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Section 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 on Thursday afternoon of the Ministers and Deacons Meeting). These officers being elected every two years with election coming on even years. Other officers being appointed as the Moderator may need or desire and shall serve at the direction of the Moderator.

Section 2 — The Moderator shall have charge of all the business sessions of the State Association. It shall be his duty to see that all business is carried on in a Christ like manner and a way pleasing to God. The Moderator is the chairman of the General Board and the Executive Committee. The Moderator is an ex-officio member of all boards. The Moderator shall have the power to call the executive committee into session when needed.

Section 3 — The Assistant Moderator shall serve the moderator during the sitting of the State Association. If the moderator is unable to attend the State meeting then the assistant moderator shall serve as moderator.

Section 4 — The Clerk shall call the session to order and introduce the officers. The clerk shall keep a record of all business transacted during the sitting of the State Association. He shall prepare the minutes for publication and see that the minutes are printed. The clerk shall keep a record of all finances that come in and from where. He shall keep a record of all disbursements made and report same to the State Association. The clerk shall serve as secretary of the executive committee and keep a record of their meetings.

Section 5 — The Assistant Clerk shall assist the clerk in keeping a record of the business during the State Association. In the absence of the clerk the assistant clerk shall assume the duties of the clerk until the body meets to elect a clerk.

Section 6 — The Executive Committee shall be composed of five (5) members elected from the General board. The Executive Committee is the official body of the State Association when not in session. The executive committee shall transact any business that may arise when the State Associa-

tion is not in session. The executive committee along with the moderator, clerk and moderator of the ministers and deacons meeting shall plan the program for the State Association each year. If no one asks for the State Association then the executive committee shall find a place for the State Association to meet.

Section 7 — There shall not be less than seven (7) members on the Board of Trustees of the Children's Home. 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 two or more of their churches belong that they be allowed a trustee.

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

These members of said board shall be elected by the Alabama State Association.

Section 8 — The General Board shall be composed of one member from each District Association. If any local association fails to belong but two (2) or more of their churches belong that they be allowed a board member.

Section 9 — The Board of Retirement and Insurance shall consist of five (5) members with 1-5 year terms with one term expiring each year.

Section 10 — The Mission Board shall consist of seven (7) members with 1-7 year terms with one term expiring each year.

Section 11—The Board of Christian Education shall consist of five (5) members with 1-5 year terms with one term expiring each year.

Section 12 — The expiration dates of all board members are to be printed in the minutes.

### ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP

Section 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 each District Association or Church. One delegate for each church of each association which is a member of this body.

Section 2 — 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 by letter and dues with one delegate.

### ARTICLE IV — FINANCE

Section 1 — Each District Association shall send the sum of five (5) dollars per church affiliated with that Association.

Section 2 — Each minister and deacon shall pay the sum of one (1) dollar registration fee to help carry on the expenses of the State Association.

Section 3 — The fee of each local church representing independently shall be the sum of five (5) dollars.

Section 4 — The clerk shall be paid one hundred thirty six (136.00) dollars, Assistant clerk twenty five (25.00) dollars, Moderator fifty (50.00) dollars, and Assistant moderator twenty (20.00) dollars.

Section 5 — Board members shall be paid eight (8) cents per mile traveling expense plus lodging and food to special called meetings. All other expenditures not specified shall be made at the direction of the body.

### ARTICLE V — DISCIPLINE

Section 1 — The local church is an independent body, so far as relates to its government, the transaction of its business, the choice of its officers and the discipline of its members.

Section 2 — 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 3 — 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 committee whose report shall be voted on without discussion.

#### ARTICLE VI — MEETINGS

Section 1 — 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.

#### ARTICLE VII — AMENDMENTS

Section 1 — 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-thirds vote of all members present.

4. That we receive the letters and seat the delegates on the strength of the Credentials 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 a

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. 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.

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

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

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

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 one (1.00) dollar registration fee to help pay for the record being printed in the minutes.

7. The Secretary shall be paid five (5.00) dollars for preserving the record of each meeting. The Moderator shall be paid thirty (30.00) dollars, Assistant Moderator ten (10.00) dollars for service rendered.

8. DISCIPLINE—The Ministers and Deacons Meeting 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 Meeting. 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 Meeting 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' MEETING

1. The Clerk or Assistant Clerk or the senior minister in years may call the meeting to order and shall have charge until the 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 vote.

7. All members of the body are expected to be present throughout the session unless excused by the 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 member 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 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 as it is in Heaven.

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

### ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

| Associations           | Moderators  | Clerks   | Place of Meetings and Dates                                 |
|------------------------|---|--|---|
| Birmingham District    | Rev. T. E. Yarbrough<br>1719 Dement Ave.<br>Fultondale, Ala.        | Mrs. Betty Gibson<br>P. O. Box 182<br>Vincent, Ala. 35178              | Hanks Memorial<br>Alton, Ala.<br>Sept. 4, 5, 1970           |
| Cahaba River           | Rev. Jimmy Youngblood<br>102 Robert E. Lee St.<br>Leeds, Ala. 36094 | P. A. Nichols<br>P. O. Box 4162<br>Birmingham, Ala. 35206              | Cahaba River Youth Camp<br>Sterrett, Ala.<br>Oct. 1-3, 1970 |
| East Alabama           | Rev. Huey Lacy<br>1914 2nd Ave.<br>Opelika, Ala. 36801              | Mrs. Guynette Barnett<br>600 6th Ave. S.W.<br>Childersburg, Ala. 35044 |   |
| Florida State Line     | Rev. John Edwards<br>1509 East Main St.<br>Dothan, Ala. 36301       | Mrs. Bobby Kennedy<br>Route 1<br>Ashford, Ala. 36312                   |   |
| Jasper                 | Rev. O. Z. Johnson<br>Brilliant, Ala. 35548                         | Rev. William E. Atkinson<br>P. O. Box 724<br>Winfield, Ala. 35594      | Brilliant, Oct. 2, 1970<br>Poplar Log, Oct. 3, 1970         |
| Liberty No. 1          | Rev. N. W. Carden<br>Route 1<br>Flomaton, Ala. 36441                | Mrs. Ivan I. Stewart<br>P. O. Box 116<br>Perdido, Ala. 36562           | Pine Grove<br>Oct. 9-10, 1970                               |
| Liberty No. 2          | Rev. E. R. Mayo<br>Route 2<br>Ashville, Ala.                        | Rev. Paul R. Davis<br>19 N. 30th St.<br>Pell City, Ala. 35125          |   |
| Mississippi State Line | Rev. Gurlie Roberts<br>Hamilton, Ala.                               | Mr. J. C. Hood<br>Route 1<br>Hackleburg, Ala. 35564                    |   |



# ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY — Cont'd.

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|---------------|---|---|---|
| North Alabama | Rev. F. L. Thomas<br>Route 1<br>Cullman, Ala. 35055           | Mr. Paul M. Jones<br>Route 2, Box 8<br>Falkville, Ala. 35622    | Ladocia Church<br>Oct. 31, 1970                         |
| Progressive   | Rev. Hughes Ellis<br>507 Green Ave.<br>Cordova, Ala.          | Mrs. Richard Bowers<br>Route 1<br>Samantha, Ala.                | Fayette Church<br>August 27-29, 1970                    |
| Southeastern  | Rev. Jim Franklin<br>430 Orange St.<br>Eufaula, Ala. 36027    | Mrs. Aletha Deese<br>Route 2<br>Newton, Ala.                    | New Prospect, Oct. 16, 1970<br>Evergreen, Oct. 17, 1970 |
| Vernon        | Rev. Dewey Thomas<br>Route 2, Box 75<br>Northport, Ala. 35476 | Derrell R. Wheeler<br>Route 1, Box 124<br>Vernon, Ala. 35592    | Springfield<br>Oct. 17, 1970                            |
| Alabama State | Rev. John Edwards<br>1509 East Main St.<br>Dothan, Ala. 36301 | Rev. Ray W. Ritch<br>724 12th Ave. W.<br>Birmingham, Ala. 35204 | Nov. 5-7, 1970<br>Winfield Church                       |