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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Rev. L. V. Pinson 3015 Boulder Ave., Pensacola, Florida

Rev. John Pettis Route 2, Slocomb, Alabama

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Christian Education—Rev. James Pittman (1973), 608 East State St., Muscle Shoals, Alabama; Mr. Ivan I. Stewart (1974), P. O. Box 116, Perdido,

Alabama; Rev. Jerome E. Goodwin (1975), Route 2, Box 399A, Pell City, Alabama; Rev. Ken Walker (1976), 901 Rowell Street, Mobile, Alabama; Rev. Jerry Edgil (1977), 4102 Vassie Drive, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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

National Association General Board Member—Rev. James Walden, Box 553, Guin, Alabama.

MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED

Cahaba River Association—Rev. B. T. Alexander, P. O. Box 23, Pleasant Grove, Alabama; Rev. Jerome E. Goodwin, Route 2, Box 399A, Pell City, Alabama; Rev. Maxwell Harper, Selma, Alabama; Rev. Glenn A. Hood, 113 13th Ave. N.W., Birmingham, Alabama; Rev. Larry D. Nix, Route 3, Box 688A, Leeds, Alabama; Rev. E. R. Mayo, Route 2, Box 611, Adamsville, Alabama; Rev. Wayne McDaniel, 54 Twin St., Sylacauga, Alabama; Rev. Jack Rollins, 920 Meehan Ave., Birmingham, Alabama; Rev. Frank Stewart, P. O. Box 243, Graysville, Alabama; Rev. J. D. Wales, 4416 10th Ave. N., Birmingham, Alabama.

East Alabama Association—Rev. J. M. Goode, 3810 Robbins Road, Montgomery, Alabama; Rev. Sanford Hale, 104 17th Place, Opelika, Alabama; Rev. G. T. Holliman, 2001-B 20th Court, Phenix City, Alabama; Rev. Walter E. Jones, 2011 2nd Ave., Phenix City, Alabama; Rev. Huey Lacy, 1914 Second Ave., Opelika, Alabama; Rev. R. W. Milling, 502 30th St., Phenix City, Alabama; Rev. Warren Wyatt, Route 3, Box 227, Phenix City, Alabama.

Florida State Line Association—Rev. Aubrey Beaunen, DeFuniak Springs, Florida; Rev. Herman Calloway, 120 Donna Drive, Dothan, Alabama; Rev. Bobby Parker, Route 1, Dothan, Alabama; Rev. Bobby Ned Peters, Route 2, Box 118, Newton, Alabama; Rev. John Pettis, Route 2, Slocomb, Alabama; Rev. Robert L. Shockey, 1704 Landau Court, Dothan, Alabama; Rev. Madison H. Taylor, 222 Reid Drive, Dothan, Alabama.

Jasper Association—Rev. Ambers Aldridge, Jr., Brilliant, Alabama; Rev. William E. Atkinson, P. O. Box 724, Winfield, Alabama; Rev. Floyd C. Barber, P. O. Box 457, Red Bay, Alabama; Rev. Pearl P. Barnes, Graysville, Alabama; Rev. J. M. Cobb, Route 3, Phil Campbell, Alabama; Rev. Dave Franks, Guin, Alabama; Rev. O. Z. Johnson, P. O. Box 35, Brilliant, Alabama; Rev. E. A. Riggs, Route 2, Guin, Alabama; Rev. Billy R. Smith, Box 669, Hamilton, Alabama; Rev. James Walden, Box 553, Guin, Alabama.

Liberty No. 1 Association—Rev. Paul M. Bailey Route 1, Box 125-A, Daphne, Alabama; Rev. W. G. Palmer, Route 1, Box 287, Castleberry, Alabama.

Mt. Moriah Association—Rev. J. L. Lavender, Route 2, Box 71A, Aliceville, Alabama; Rev. Byron M. Meyer, 4014 6th St. E., Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Rev. R. E. Tilley, Ethelsville, Alabama; Rev. Hubert Tilley.

North Alabama Association—Rev. A. J. Looper, Route 3, Box 66, Hartselle, Alabama; Rev. Ray W. Ritch, 724 12th Court West, Birmingham, Alabama.

Progressive Association—Rev. Louie Bates, Box 12, Graysville, Alabama; Rev. Levy Corey, Route 1, Box 65A, Russellville, Alabama; Rev. Dwight Fletcher, 2306 Ave. G, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama; Rev. Clifford Holland, 504 Green Ave., Cordova, Alabama; Rev. A. J. Lambert, Route 6, Box 149, Jasper, Alabama; Rev. Carlton Lambert, Box 8, Eldridge, Alabama; Rev. Steve Nichols, 918 Temple Ave., Fayette, Alabama; Rev. James Pittman, 608 East Main St., Muscle Shoals, Alabama; Rev. W. H. Ryland, 901 Ridge Place, Birmingham, Alabama.

Southeastern Association—Rev. Charles B. Craddock, 511 Madias Ave., Dothan, Alabama; Rev. Donald Grice, 120 Hill Crest Drive, Eufaula, Alabama; Rev. Thomas Kirkland, P. O. Drawer K, Ashford, Alabama.

Southern Union Association—Rev. L. V. Pinson, 3015 Boulder Ave., Pensacola, Florida; Rev. Woodrow A. Wilkinson, Route 2, Box 224, Baker, Florida.

Vernon Association—Rev. William Baird, Belk, Alabama; Rev. Robert D. Franks, Box 473, Vernon, Alabama; Rev. M. H. Hollis, Route 2, Vernon, Alabama; Rev. Jerry Edgil, 12 Crescent Lane, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Mission Work Mobile—Rev. Kenneth M. Walker, 901 Rowell St., Mobile, Alabama.

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DEACONS WHO REGISTERED

Birmingham District Association—Mr. A. H. Barnett, Alton, Alabama.

Cahaba River Association—Mr. Charles B. Boothe, 705 Finley Ave., Birmingham, Alabama; Mr. Frank Tomlinson, Route 3, Box 465, Leeds, Alabama.

East Alabama Association—Mr. Ralph E. Clawson, 1506 48th St., Phenix City, Alabama; Mr. O. A. Gibson, 914 N. R.R. St., Phenix City, Alabama; Mr. H. W. Grice, Route 1, Box 507XL, Sylacauga, Alabama; Mr. S. E. Hawkins, 3450 Dundale Road, Montgomery, Alabama; Mr. Charlie O. Jones, 1819 1st Ave., Phenix City, Alabama; Mr. Herbert A. Jones, 3635 Miller Road, Columbus, Georgia; Mr. J. D. Keeter, 208 Wright Road, Phenix City, Alabama; Mr. Carlton E. Killingsworth, Route 4, Box 215, Phenix City, Alabama; Mr. E. B. Killingsworth, Route 4, Box 202, Phenix City, Alabama; Mr. J. M. King, 1219 23rd Court, Phenix City, Alabama; Mr. Otis Lynn, 2502 2nd Ave., Opelika, Alabama; Mr. J. A. Richburg, Route 1, Box 130 B, Pittsview, Phenix City, Alabama; Mr. S. B. Shimmon, 1304 7th Ave., Phenix City, Alabama.

Florida State Line Association—Mr. Bobby Kennedy, Route 1, Ashford, Alabama; Mr. Lewis Mallory, Route 1, Ashford, Alabama; Mr. R. L. Tice, 1204 Richard Road, Dothan, Alabama.

Jasper Association—Mr. Jim Hunter, Route 2, Carbon Hill, Alabama.

Liberty No. 1 Association—Mr. Ivan I. Stewart, P. O. Box 116, Perdido, Alabama.

Mt. Moriah Association—Mr. James L. Lancaster, Route 2, Ethelsville, Alabama.

North Alabama Association—Mr. Otis Lowery, 304 Church St., Madison, Alabama.

Progressive Association—Mr. W. A. Rawls, 1728 27th St., Birmingham, Alabama; Mr. A. M. Wallace, Route 6, Fayette, Alabama.

Vernon Association—Mr. Paul Jordan, Route 2, Box 22, Cottondale, Alabama; Mr. Bobby J. Sargent, Route 3, Box 210, Cottondale, Alabama; Mr. W. L. Turner, Vernon, Alabama.

DELEGATES WHO REGISTERED

Birmingham District Association—Mrs. A. H. Barnett, P. O. Box 306, Alton, Alabama.

Cahaba River Association—Mr. Harold Roper, P. O. Box 114, Kimberly, Alabama; Mrs. Tommie Boothe, 705 Finley Ave., Birmingham, Alabama; Mrs. Jeanette Harper, Selma, Alabama; Mrs. Mary Nix, Route 3, Box 688A, Leeds, Alabama; Mrs. Jack Rollins, 920 Meehan Ave., Birmingham, Alabama; Mrs. Jerome Goodwin, Route 2, Box 399A, Pell City, Alabama.

East Alabama Association—Mr. Grady M. McClain, 1042 Rosewood Drive, Columbus, Georgia; Mrs. Patricia Milling, 502 30th St., Phenix City, Alabama; Mrs. Ida Mae Hawkins, 3450 Dundale Road, Montgomery, Alabama; Mrs. J. M. Goode, 3810 Robbins Road, Montgomery, Alabama.

Florida State Line Association—Mrs. Shirley Kennedy, Route 1, Ashford, Alabama; Mrs. Elsie Morris, 703 Bateman St., Slocumb, Alabama; Mrs. Vera Bolin, Route 1, Slocumb, Alabama.

Jasper Association—Mr. Raymond Nipper, Brilliant, Alabama; Mrs. Dixie Atkinson, Winfield, Alabama; Mrs. Hattie Hunter, Route 2, Carbon Hill, Alabama; Mrs. Ida Lee Aldridge, Brilliant, Alabama; Mrs. Alice Barnes, P. O. Box 263, Graysville, Alabama; Mrs. James F. Walden, Box 553, Guin, Alabama; Mrs. Dorothy Smith, P. O. Box 669, Hamilton, Alabama.

Liberty No. 1 Association—Mrs. Ivan I. Stewart, P. O. Box 116, Perdido, Alabama; Mrs. Hazel Bailey, Route 1, Box 125-A, Daphne, Alabama; Mrs. Hester Cooper, Route 2, Box 176, Castleberry, Alabama; Miss Mamie L. Palmer, Route 1, Castleberry, Alabama; Mrs. W. G. Palmer, Route 1, Box 287, Castleberry, Alabama; Mr. James H. Henry, Route 4, Box 88, Brewton, Alabama; Mr. T. E. Bell, Route 4, Brewton, Alabama.

Mt. Moriah Association—Mrs. Vaudine Lancaster, Route 2, Ethelsville, Alabama; Miss Teresa Junkin, Reform, Alabama; Mrs. Lillie Mae Carpenter, Reform, Alabama.

North Alabama Association—Mrs. Myrna Montgomery, Route 2, Box 23, Madison, Alabama; Mrs. Margie Lowery, 304 Church St., Madison, Alabama; Mrs. Alice Barkley, Route 2, Madison, Alabama.

Progressive Association—Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Route 6, Box 149, Jasper, Alabama; Mrs. Cris Corey, Route 1, Box 65A, Russellville, Alabama; Mrs. W. H. Ryland, 901 Ridge Place, Birmingham, Alabama; Mrs. A. M. Wallace, Fayette, Alabama; Mrs. Betty Lambert, Box 8, Eldridge, Alabama.

Southeastern Association—Mrs. Aletha Deese, Route 2, Newton, Alabama.

Southern Union Association—Ranee Rigby, 5814 Dallas Ave., Pensacola, Florida.

Vernon Association—Mrs. Docia Turner, Vernon, Alabama; Mrs. Clyde Motes, Box 351, Vernon, Alabama; Mr. Clyde Motes, Box 351, Vernon, Alabama; Mrs. Robert D. Franks, P. O. Box 473, Vernon, Alabama.

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 9, 1972

27th Session of Ministers and Deacons Meeting

The twenty-seventh session of the Ministers and Deacons Meeting opened with Bro. Fletcher leading the congregation in singing "At Calvary" with Sis. Milling at the piano. Bro. P. P. Barnes led in prayer. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "The Solid Rock." Bro. Malone Cobb brought the morning devotion using Prov. 15:3; Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Walter Jones gave the welcome address. Response by Bro. J. D. Wales.

Bro. James Walden brought the Moderators message using 2 Cor. 4:1-7.

Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Tell Me The Story of Jesus" with Sis. Milling at the piano. Bro. and Sis. Stewart sang "Where Ever He Leads I'll Go."

Bro. L. V. Pinson brought the message on "The Ministry of Preaching" using Gal. 1:10-16; 2 Cor. 4:1-7; Romans 10:1.

Bro. William Baird brought the message on "The Ministry of Prayer" using Acts 6:4; Acts 20:28. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer" with Sis. Stewart at the piano. Bro. Eustace Riggs led in prayer.

Bro. Levy Corey brought the message on "The Ministry of Study" using 2 Tim. 2:15; Eccl. 12:12; 2 Tim. 2:2, 8, 14, 17-18. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Tom Holliman dismissed in prayer.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 9, 1972

After a wonderful lunch which was enjoyed by all we convened back with Bro. Fletcher leading "He Brought Me Out" with Sis. Stewart at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Jack Rollins. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Praise Him Praise Him." Bro. W. G. Palmer brought the devotion using Ps. 122:1-9. Prayer by the speaker.

Bro. John Pettis brought the message on "The Ministry of Soul Winning" using Acts 5:42. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Kneel At The Cross" with Sis. Stewart at the piano.

Bro. R. P. Ritch brought the message on "The Ministry of Overseeing" using I Tim. 3:1-7; John 10:4.

Bro. James Pittman was elected as Moderator. Bro. Jerry Edgil was elected as Assistant Moderator. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Rescue The Perishing" with Sis. Stewart at the piano. Bro. Jerry Edgil dismissed with prayer.

THURSDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 9, 1972

We convened with Bro. Fletcher leading "Saved by the Blood" with Sis. Milling at the piano and Sis. Stewart at the organ. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "There is Power in the Blood." Bro. Dave Franks led in prayer.

Bro. Frank Roberts gave the welcome address. Response by Bro. R. W. Milling.

Association called to order by Bro. Ray W. Ritch who introduced the officers of the association. Bro. Grice appointed the Credential Committee. Bro. Steve Nichols. Bro. Maxwell Harper and Bro. Roger Millings. Bro. A. J. Lambert led the offertory prayer. Sis. Milling and Sis. Stewart played "Breathe on Me" as the offering of \$97.41 was received. Bro. Ray Ritch sang "Leading Me." Bro. Carlton Lambert sang "How Great Thou Art."

Bro. A. J. Looper brought the keynote message "What Jesus Saw in the Cup" using Heb. 2:9; Matt. 26:39-42. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Grice led in prayer. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Amazing Grace." Bro. Dave Franks dismissed in prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 10, 1972

Bro. Jerome Goodwin opened the morning session leading in prayer.

Bro. Fletcher led in singing "He Brought Me Out" with Sis Stewart at the piano. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Heavenly Sunlight." Bro. Wayne McDaniel brought the morning devotion using Luke 5:4-5. Prayer by the speaker.

Bro. Donald Grice brought the Moderators message using Heb. 11:37-40; 12:1-3. Prayer by the speaker. Report of the Credential Committee was accepted and the delegates seated. Visitors and corresponding delegates were seated. Committees were appointed.

Report of the Foreign Missions by Bro. Reford Wilson which was received as information.

Report of the National Executive Office by Bro. Rufus Coffey which was received as information.

Report of State Sunday School and C.T.S. Convention by Bro. James Pittman.

Bro. Fletcher led in singing "He Lives" with Sis. Stewart at the piano. Bro. W. H. Ryland dismissed for a short intermission.

We reconvened with Bro. Fletcher leading "The Haven of Rest" with Sis. Stewart at the piano. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Joy Unspeakable." Bro. Steve Nichols sang "Fill My Cup Lord."

Bro. Glenn Hood brought the morning message using Matt. 9:20-22; 1 Peter 2:23; John 5:40; Mark 7:21-23; 1 Cor. 1:23-24. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Just As I Am." Bro. Stanley Outlaw dismissed in prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 10, 1972

We convened with Bro. Steve Nichols leading "When We All Get To Heaven" with Sis. Stewart at the organ and Sis. Milling at the piano. Bro. A. J. Lambert led in prayer.

Bro. J. M. Goode brought the devotion using James 1:22; Job 13:15.

Report of State Woman's Auxiliary Convention by Sis. Bobby Kennedy.

Report of Free Will Baptist Bible College by Bro. Stanley Outlaw which was received as information.

Report of the Children's Home by Bro. Carlton Lambert.

Report of the Board of Retirement and Insurance by Sis. W. H. Ryland.

Report of the State Missions Board by Bro. E. R. Mayo.

Report of the National Home Missions Board by Bro. Ken Walker which was received as information.

Report of the National Sunday School Board by Bro. Harold Harrison which was received as information.

Report of the Association Clerk by Bro. Ray Ritch.

Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Kneel At The Cross" with Sis. Stewart at the piano.

Report of the General Board by Bro. Ray Ritch.

Report of the committee appointed last year by Bro. E. R. Mayo.

Move and second that item 1 of the General Board report of last year be taken off the table.

Move and second to adjourn. Prayer by Bro. Malone Cobb.

FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 10, 1972

We convened with Bro. Fletcher leading "The Banner of the Cross" with Sis. Stewart at the organ and Sis. Milling at the piano. Prayer by Bro. E. R. Mayo. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "I Am Resolved."

Bro. James Pittman presented Bro. Dave Franks and Bro. Ken Walker checks for \$2,848.70 each. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Joy Unspeakable."

Sis. Teresa Junkin sang "Pick Up The Broken Pieces."

Miss Becky Milling sang "I've Got A Mansion."

Bro. and Sis. Stewart sang "I Saw The Face Of Jesus."

Bro. Stanley Outlaw brought the evening message using Numbers 20:1-13; James 3:1; Ezk. 33:7-9; 1 Tim. 4:12; 1 Sam. 2:17 and 24; Matt. 23:13 and 15 and 33; 2 Peter 2:1; 1 Cor. 3: 5-8 and 12-15. Prayer by the speaker.

Bro. J. D. Wales led the offertory prayer. Sis. Stewart and Sis. Milling played "Face to Face" as the offering was received. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Amazing Grace." Bro. Huey Lacy dismissed us in prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 11, 1972

We convened with Bro. Fletcher leading "Jesus Saves" with Sis. Milling at the piano and Sis. Stewart at the organ. Bro. Glen Hood led in prayer. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "All That Thrills My Soul."

Bro. Dave Franks brought the morning devotion using 1 Cor. 16:9. Bro. Bobby Parker led in prayer.

Report of the National C.T.S. Board by Bro. Ray Ritch which was received as information.

Report of the Auditing Committee by Bro. Bob Shockey.

Report of the Appreciation Committee by Bro. Thomas Kirkland.

Report of Children's Home Trustees by Bro. Billy Ray Smith.

Bro. Billy Ray Smith gave a report on his book store which was received as information.

Name delegates to the National Association. Bro. Bobby Kennedy. Sis. A. M. Wallace, Bro. S. E. Hawkins, Sis. Jerome Goodwin and Bro. Lord Turner.

Election of officers.

Move and second to change the giving of the Cooperative Plan. See Reports.

Move and second to go to East Side Church in Tuscaloosa next year.

Move and second to give the moderator a rising vote of thanks for his service. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "All Hail The Power." Move and second to dismiss the business session. We were dismissed for a short intermission in alter prayer by Bro. Donald Grice.

We convened back with Bro. Fletcher leading "Bringing In The Sheaves" with Sis. Milling at the piano and Sis. Stewart at the organ. Bro. J. D. Wales led in prayer. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Standing On The Promises," and

"To God Be The Glory." A special song by the children of Bro. and Sis. Milling.

Bro. Grice led in a short testimony service. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Victory In Jesus."

Bro. Herman Calloway brought the morning message using Acts 13:2; John 16:13-14; Rev. 2:10. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Breathe On Me." Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Kennedy.

REPORTS

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE—

We the appreciation committee, on the behalf of everyone present, wish to express our deepest appreciation and sincere thanks, especially to Bro. Walter Jones and the St. James Free Will Baptist Church for the wonderful welcome, and the manner in which they have entertained the entire State body during this session of the association. For the long and hard efforts in preparing such wonderful meals. For every effort in making everything so enjoyable for us. We give you a rising vote of thanks.

To the entire staff of officers for planning such a wonderful convention program.

To each speaker and those who participated in the program and the wonderful messages that lifted our souls.

Our appreciation to each of you and may God richly bless you.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas M. Kirkland
Mrs. A. M. Wallace
Morencia Palmer

AUDITING COMMITTEE—

We the Auditing Committee have examined and checked the following five (5) Alabama Free Will Baptists financial reports.

- (1) The Clerks records and bank statements for the period of November 2, 1971 through November 1, 1972;
- (2) The Board of Christian Education records for the 12 month period ended November 1, 1972;
- (3) The Alabama State Home Mission Board records of receipts and disbursements for the 12 month period ended October 31, 1972;
- (4) The records of Retirement and Insurance for the 12 month period ended October 31, 1972;
- (5) The Children's Home financial report has been examined as audited by J. E. Black, public accountant, Jasper, Alabama and found in order with the exception of the cash reports and other funds which will appear in the minutes as exhibit B to be mailed to the state clerk at a later date with verification.

In our opinion the statements of receipts and disbursements are all correct.

Rev. Bob Shockey
Mrs. Ivan Stewart
Mrs. Jerome Goodwin

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE—

We the Credentials Committee have found the letters from the following associations to be in order: East Alabama, Cahaba River, North Alabama, Mississippi State Line, Progressive, Southern Union, Southeastern, Vernon, Florida State Line, Jasper, Birmingham District, Liberty No. 1, and Liberty No. 2.

We also recommend that Mt. Moriah be reinstated and seat all delegates.
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—

The Board of Christian Education makes the following report:

The Alabama State Youth Rally met January 21 and 22, 1972 at Northport Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Robert Shockey was the featured speaker.

The State Teach and Train Rally met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Northport June 10 and 11, 1972. Bro. Keith Keneman, layman from Virginia conducted several Teach-N-Train classes and was the featured speaker. Participation in the C.T.S. competition was low. We trust that many more of our Churches and Associations will participate in the competitive activities this year.

The 1973 State Youth Rally will meet January 19 and 20. The TNT Rally will meet June 8 and 9. The location of these meetings will be announced when the programs are mailed.

In 1971 the Board of Christian Education sponsored a walk-a-thon for the purpose of creating a student loan fund at Free Will Baptist Bible College for Alabama students. The total amount of money raised in this project was \$5,482.80. This exceeded our goal of \$5,000.00 by \$482.80.

This year, 1972, the Board of Christian Education sponsored a Miles-For-Missions Walk with the proceeds divided between Home and Foreign Missions. Money raised to date totals \$5,697.40.

The following is the financial report for the year 1971-72.

Balance brought forward	\$ 227.89
Deposits during year	\$11,113.00
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Total amount to account for	\$11,340.89
Total expenditures	\$ 5,614.08
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Bank balance — November 1, 1972	\$ 5,726.81

COOPERATIVE PLAN—

The Cooperative Plan is to be divided in the following way:

- 45% National Association
- 15% Children's Home

10% Christian Education
10% State Missions
10% Retirement and Insurance
10% Office Fund

CHILDREN'S HOME TRUSTEE'S REPORT—

Everything is going well at the home. I'd like to publicly express my appreciation to Bro. Lambert and the rest of the staff for a job well done in spite of a shortage of help. They have worked long and hard to keep everything going as well as it has.

(1) A good bit of work has been done on our building this year. It is shaping up real good and is in the best condition it has been in in the 11 years I've been on the board.

(2) The Superintendent's Home is completed and paid for and is certainly an asset to the Home and Free Will Baptist in Alabama.

(3) I'd like to remind you of our annual fall harvest drive coming up on Thanksgiving week, November 19th through 25th. This is very important to the Home in supplying some extra things needed, and I urge each church to participate and help make it a great success this year. A list of things needed has been furnished to your trustee and you can obtain a copy from him to help you in this drive.

BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE—

We the Board of Retirement and Insurance recommend that:

(1) We give the ones on payroll \$25.00 extra this Christmas besides the regular monthly check of \$15.00 totaling \$40.00 each for December then \$15.00 each month.

(2) We move that the congregation stand in a moment of silent prayer in memory of the two deceased members, Bro. Eugene Brooks and Br. A. L. Warren.

REPORT OF BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE TREASURER — NOVEMBER, 1972

RECEIVED:		Florence	211.14
Forestdale Church	\$ 453.78	Unity, Sylacauga	58.00
Forestdale Auxiliary	24.00	Vernon	90.25
East Birmingham	204.27	Laodicia, Hanceville	8.00
Fairview, Leeds	60.00	Friendship, Flomanton	80.19
Shady Grove, Adamsville	394.44	Ensley	146.04
Hamilton	96.00	Cordova	191.78
Winfield	135.20	Cannon, Atmore	8.31
Cedron Grove, Carbon Hill	60.00	Fultondale	25.98
Pleasant Grove, Ashville	18.36	Guin	708.91
Davis Chapel, Sterrett	21.00	Belk	60.00
Mt. Olive, Guin	138.66	Graysville Church	93.00

Graysville Auxiliary	5.00	Total received	\$5,019.42
Mt. Pleasant, Sprott	53.32	Brought forward from '71	5,097.72
Hanks Memorial	127.97		
Liberty No. 1 Assn.	279.55	Grand Total	\$10,117.14
Ala. State Assn.	963.79	Paid Out	3,555.48
Maple Grove, Madison	100.00		
Interest on savings	202.43	Balance in Treasury	\$ 6,561.66

PAID OUT:

Rev. S. F. Lee	\$ 190.00	Mrs. Ruby Nobles	190.00
Rev. J. W. Arnett	190.00	Mrs. C. R. Allen	190.00
Rev. B. A. Hale	190.00	Mrs. Rufus Hyman	190.00
Rev. Amon Edge	190.00	Mrs. R. H. Howard	190.00
Rev. Eugene Sanford	205.00	Mrs. Annie Franks	190.00
Rev. Leroy Smith	190.00	Mrs. Bertha Marlow	205.00
Rev. A. L. Warren	175.00	Tithe to Nat. Board	502.00
Rev. Eugene Brooks	85.00	Bank Charges	12.48
Rev. A. J. Lambert	75.00	Stamps & Envelopes	16.00
Mrs. M. E. Carpenter	190.00		
Mrs. Maude Quick	190.00	Total Paid Out	\$3,555.48

—Verla Ryland, Treasurer

EXHIBIT "A"

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME Eldridge, Alabama

CASH REPORT — GENERAL FUND October 1, 1971 through September 30, 1972

BEGINNING BALANCE OCTOBER 1, 1971		\$ 673.77
Additions This Period:		
Contributions	\$69333.30	
Social Security and Support Payments	8196.30	
Sales-Coupon Redemption	5425.06	
Transfer from Other Funds	1000.00	83954.75
TOTAL CASH		\$84628.52
EXPENDITURES THIS PERIOD		
Salaries and Taxes	\$27225.97	
Food Costs	12231.67	
Clothing	1853.22	
Medical	1565.32	
Household Expense	4824.59	
Education	4086.16	
Heat	3136.20	
Electricity	2777.29	
Vehicle Maintenance	2444.69	

Gas, Oil	1953.12	
Hardware, Maintenance	8709.89	
Office Expense	3526.13	
Telephone	1416.66	
Farm Expenses	2799.74	
Pest Conrol	45.00	
Insurance	1723.00	
Board Members Expenses	1347.20	
Debt Reductions, Interest	1400.00	
Accounting	125.00	
Transfer to Other Funds	164.50	
Refunds	102.40	
Returned Checks	140.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		83597.75
ENDING BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 1972		\$1030.77

EXHIBIT "B"

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME Eldridge, Alabama

CASH REPORTS — OTHER FUNDS

October 1, 1971 through September 30, 1972

	Miscellaneous Fund	College Fund	Foster Club Fund	Reserve Fund
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$687.50	\$1216.32	\$3399.31	\$170.55
ADD:				
Contributions	6401.09	73.00	1935.00	
Refund on Expenses	90.00			
Interest Earned		57.28	148.69	
Transfer of Funds	99.50		65.00	
TOTAL CASH	\$7278.09	\$1346.60	\$5548.00	\$170.55
DEDUCT:				
Allowances	\$ 194.36	\$	\$1960.00	\$
Camp Costs	545.00			
Transfer of Funds		1000.00		
Building Maintenance	4485.08			
Farm Expense	208.00			
Food Costs	1000.00			
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$6432.44	\$1000.00	\$1960.00	\$
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 845.65	\$ 346.60	\$3588.00	\$170.55

SCHEDULE 4

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN' HOME Eldridge, Alabama

BANK RECONCILIATIONS

IN ACCOUNT WITH	Oct. 1, 1971	Sept. 30, 1972
BANK OF CARBON HILL		
COLLEGE CLUB FUND		
BALANCE PER BANK	\$ 1216.32	\$ 346.60
These are actual balances.		
FOSTER CLUB FUND		
BALANCE PER BANK	\$3399.31	\$3588.00
These are actual balances.		
RESERVE FUND		
BALANCE PER BANK	\$ 170.55	\$ 170.55
These are actual balances		

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Professional Services Rendered

Dr. Gaines Keith, M. D.	\$ 750.00
Dr. Jerry Files, Dentist	100.00
Dr. Aubrey Files, M. D.	50.00
TOTAL	\$ 900.00

FARM

Garden Vegetables	\$ 350.00
Corn (300 bu. at \$1.20 per bu.)	360.00
Frozen and Canned Foods	90.00
Pork Sales	3,471.66
Hay (1,000 bales at 70c per bale)	700.00
Beef (For table—4,307 lbs. at 75c per lb.)	3,230.25
Beef Sales	1,206.89
Gross Profit	9,408.80
Less Expense	2,799.74
Net Profit	\$6,609.06

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 and the Superintendent's Home. There are also some other structures on this property; one corn crib; one dairy barn; one equipment shed; 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 and forty (40) acres having been cleared and sowed in

ASSOCIATIONS									
Birmingham District	1,918.22								
Cahaba River	5,189.00	1,508.00	3,720.00	105.00	2,758.13	65,000.00			
East Alabama	2,153.95	58.50	249.97	231.50	5,860.67	295,000.00	43,000.00		7
Florida State Line	1,909.07		351.23	349.42	18,959.59	593,650.00	64,676.00		4
Jasper	5,445.12	1,510.37	437.00	3,795.55	28,213.34	670,000.00	94,500.00		5
Liberty No. 1	856.52	368.05	1,259.38	282.50	4,230.30	133,000.00	3,000.00		7
Liberty No. 2	1,059.59	15.84	40.00		1,518.63	147,000.00	20,000.00		1
Mississippi State Line	1,612.28		351.24	90.00	2,053.52	202,639.34			1
Mt. Moriah	2,493.64			90.00	5,978.21				
North Alabama	736.66	227.34			4,100.45	275,000.00	61,000.00		3
Progressive	3,590.02	505.52	376.50	1,880.45	16,883.02	514,000.00	126,000.00		10
Southeastern	1,189.05		468.83	487.29	4,268.14	291,000.00	45,000.00		3
Southern Union	193.69		131.62		595.19	53,000.00			
Vernon	2,575.96	204.04	166.00	990.75	9,776.70	337,000.00	85,000.00		4
TOTAL	30,922.77	4,397.66	7,902.77	8,302.46	126,460.89	4,496,289.34	610,430.00		45

permanent pasture grass; one pond consisting of one and a half acres 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.

The replacement of the above has been assessed at \$245,000.00

2. Furnishings in the two-story brick building in Eldridge	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

TOTAL \$299,500.00

HOME MISSIONS

Do we believe in Missions? Almost immediately everyone will say a big yes; but lets let the facts answer that question. There is only one mission project going at this present time—Mobile—and we are proud of the Mobile project and the fine job Brother Walker is doing. (Be sure to be present and hear his report.)

Three things are essential for a good Home Mission Program:

1. A Good Missionary.
2. A Place and People to Work With.
3. Money to back and support the work.

1. The Missionary — 1. The man is the key to any work. 2. The Missionary must be in the upper class as a Christian. Dedicated and have a definite call of God to Mission Work, and willing to work hard and long for the Glory of God.

2. Place and People — 1. People are everywhere. Many large cities in Alabama have no Free Will Baptist Church. Many are unsaved. 2. The place is also a matter to be selected by much prayer and only to be undertaken under the direction of the Holy Spirit leading.

3. Financing the Program — 1. Financing the Missionary. 2. Financing small churches in the first stages of growth.

Financing the Missionary is taken care of by gifts from individuals and churches. At present we receive enough to support approximately one Missionary full time. This support must be increased.

We need money to loan small churches in the first stages of growth. Then when the Mission Church pays this back to the Mission Board it can be re-loaned to other churches. The interest rate can be held down to lighten the burden on the Mission Church. The Mission Board would hold security on property of Mission Church until loan is paid in full.

WHAT YOUR MISSION BOARD WANTS

1. Every Free Will Baptist and Church get behind your Home Mission Board with prayers and money.
2. We want to be able to have a minimum of three Missionaries working at all times.

3. We want \$100,000 in our Loan Fund. Let's build our own church and denomination into a self supporting work to the Honor and Glory of God.

Our Board is in harmony on these proposals and we will pledge to watch over this business for you on a sound and legitimate basis. Will you help us do the best possible job?

—Rev. W. G. Palmer, Chairman

MOBILE MISSION REPORT

State Association Phenix City, Alabama

November 10, 1972

The work in Mobile continues to grow. Looking back over the past year I am able to report the following:

In February we had "Project Mobile" that was basically an information campaign. Still, one was saved and a lot of seed sown. Then March became our best month in attendance to that date.

In March we secured 2½ acres of property at 1251 Navco Road. With it came a 7 room cottage. The price was \$15,000.00. We had \$3,000, the Board lent us \$4,500, and we assumed an existing note for the rest, payable at \$150 per month. The lady, from whom we purchased the property, tithes of each monthly payment to the Mission. We have reworked the building and now have a chapel and six classrooms, air conditioned. The Mission just recently paid the Board \$1,000 on the loan.

In July we had our first D.V.B. School that averaged in the thirties. Also, in this month we entered the State Mission's Walk-A-Thon and raised nearly \$600.00.

In September, we were given 11 ten-foot pews to fill our chapel. That is some story in itself. Along with the pews came 34 slat-back chairs and a lecturn stand.

Besides these material blessings, God is saving souls and adding to the membership of the Mission. At present we have 40 charter-members. They will be so called until we organize into an official church.

Our fellowship is friendly and fervent. Our attendance was at its best in October, averaging 60 in Sunday School and 59 in the morning worship. We hope we can maintain that growth.

The Missionary and his family are grateful for the faithful support of Alabama Free Will Baptists. You are sharing in a ministry of souls in Mobile. A recently converted couple (he had a Methodist background, she was Catholic) is making one of the finest Christian families I know.

There are a few prayer items. Pray with us about

1. Our Revival with Rev. Hughes Ellis, Nov. 13-19.
2. A music director for the Mission.
3. Further ministry among the Catholics.
4. Growth spiritually and numerically.

Remaining

Yours because HIS.

Kenneth M. Walker, Mobile Mission

ASSOCIATIONAL CLERK

GENERAL FUND

RECEIVED:

Brought Forward	\$1001.38
Ministers and Deacons Fees	151.00
Offerings at State Association	171.79
Associational Fees	815.00
Food Fund	566.52
Layman's Breakfast	115.00

TOTAL \$2820.69

PAID OUT:

Layman's Breakfast	\$ 119.75
Officers of State Association	276.00
Food Fund	714.30
Rev. Hughes Ellis (Travel Expense)	64.40
Foreign Missions	34.92
Bible College	34.92
Home Missions	34.93
National Association (Fees)	90.00
Houston Printing Company	399.00

TOTAL \$1768.22

BALANCE \$1052.47

COOPERATIVE PLAN

RECEIVED:

East Side Church	\$ 985.00
New Prospect Church	176.18
St. Marks Church	55.00
Florida State Line Association	6560.88
White Rock Church	1200.28
Opelika Church	560.57
Holmes Church	100.00

TOTAL \$9637.91

PAID OUT:

National Association	\$5300.85
Children's Home	1498.95
State Missions	963.79
Retirement and Insurance	963.79
Office Fund	910.53

TOTAL \$9637.91

OFFICE FUND

RECEIVED:

Brought Forward	\$ 778.49
Cooperative Plan	910.51
TOTAL	\$1689.00

PAID OUT:

Bank Charge	1.91
Instant Copies	41.72
Oscue Roberts (Rubber Stamps)	8.48
South Central Bell	29.51
Rev. Ray Ritch	138.18
Postmaster	19.88
Town and Country Motel Expense for Executive Board	37.95
Rev. J. D. Wales (Expense)	24.00
Rev. James Walden (Expense)	42.72
Rev. Donald Grice (Expense)	6.40
Mr. H. W. Grice (Expense)	16.00
Mr. Ivan Stewart (Expense)	32.80
TOTAL	\$ 399.53
BALANCE	\$1289.47

GENERAL BOARD

The General Board met on November 9, 1972 with Bro. Donald Grice leading in prayer.

We recommend the following:

1. That we receive two offerings and that the offerings be divided between Home Missions and the Bible College.
 2. That we recommend to the State Association that we finance another issue of the State Paper and encourage the churches to support this paper.
- Bro. Jerry Edgil dismissed in prayer.

STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

THEME: "WITH GOD" — Mark 10:27

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 6, 1972

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

Appoint Credentials Committee.

Congregational singing.

Devotion: Mrs. Bobby Howell — Scripture, I Cor. 1:9.

Welcome: Mrs. Jack Rollins.

Response: Mrs. Aletha Deese.

Recognition of State Officers present: Mrs. Roper and Mrs. Goodwin.

Recognition of Ministers: Rev. Joe Hass, Rev. Thomas Scott, Rev. Robert Shockey, Rev. Jack Rollins, Rev. Charles Craddock and Rev. A. J. Lambert.

Credentials Committee Report — M.S.C.

We the Credentials Committee have examined the letters and have founds them in order and recommend the seating of the delegates from the following districts: State Line, East Alabama, Jasper, Progressive, Southeastern and Cahaba River. We ask each District Secretary to please list the name of local churches with Auxiliaries and the name of their President and her address.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Kennedy
Carol Reese
Wilma Davis

Appointing of Committees.

Congregation singing.

Skit — Forestdale F.W.B. Church.

Dismissed for recess — Rev. Joe Haas.

After recess the Convention resumed with congregation singing.

Prayer by Rev. Robert Shockey.

Offering — Prayer by Rev. Charles Craddock.

Special singing — Duet from Mt. Zion F.W.B. Church.

Message — Mrs. Barbara Haas—Scripture: Rom. 8:37, Mark 10:27; John 14:27, 20:21 and II Cor. 1:11.

Dismissed for lunch — Mrs. Charles Craddock.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregation singing.

Prayer — Mrs. Annette Tomlinson.

Special singing — Duet from Mt. Zion F.W.B. Church.

Devotion — Mrs. Cheryl Nichols.

Question and Answer Time — Rev. and Mrs. Haas.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

I. RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:

We the Resolution Committee make the following report:

1. We resolve that the State Convention meet in the Southern part of the state one year and the Northern part the next year.
 2. We resolve that we give the host church a rising vote of appreciation.
- Motion seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Althea Deese
Mrs. Nell Grissom
Mrs. Patsy Howell

II. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Executive Committee recommends that our project money, \$400.00 be given to the account of The Haas Family. M.S.C.

III. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

We the Finance Committee make the following report:

We recommend the following:

1. We give our speaker \$100.00.
2. Printing of minutes \$15.00.
3. We give the Children's Home \$50.00. M.S.C.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Elsie Hale
Mrs. Ruby Dickinson
Mrs. Bobby Kennedy

IV. NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

We the Nominating Committee wish to submit the following slate of officers:

President Mrs. Alice Hood
Vice President Mrs. Pat Milling
Secretary & Treasurer Mrs. Geraldine Cox
Field Worker Mrs. Ruby Roper
Motion seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Annette Tomlinson
Mrs. Martha Clements
Mrs. Pat Milling

M.S.C. to elect all officers at one time.

Installation Service and prayer — Mrs. Charles Craddock.

Next years convention will be at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Dothan, Alabama. The convention will be the first Saturday in May, 1973.

Delegates to National Convention: Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Mrs. Dora Johnson, Mrs. Jerome Goodwin, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy and Mrs. Mary Edna Cook.

Dismissal Prayer — Rev. Thomas Scott.

Mrs. Aileen Craddock, President
Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Acting
Secretary & Treasurer

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 Association 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 "Yea's 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	Places of Meetings and Dates
Birmingham District	Rev. George Davis Route One Box 215-A Sterrett, Alabama	Mr. James R. Chapman Route One Box 150-A Thorsby, Ala.	
Cahaba River	Rev. E. R. Mayo Route 2 Box 611 Adamsville, Ala.	Mr. P. A. Nichols P. O. Box 4162 Birmingham, Ala.	Cahaba River Youth Camp Route 1 Sterrett, Alabama October 6, 1973
East Alabama	Rev. Roger Milling 502 30th St. Phenix City, Ala.	Mrs. Guynette Barnett 600 6th Ave. S.W. Childersburg, Ala.	
Florida State Line	Rev. John Pettis Route 2 Slocumb, Ala.	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy Route 1 Ashford, Ala.	New Hope Church October 12, 1973 Union Springs Church October 13, 1973
Jasper	Rev. Billy Ray Smith Box 669 Hamilton, Ala.	Rev. William Atkinson P. O. Box 724 Winfield, Ala.	
Liberty No. 1	Rev. C. B. Baggett Route 1 Box 212-A Castleberry, Ala.	Mrs. Ivan I. Stewart P. O. Box 116 Perdido, Ala.	Appleton Church Route 1 Brewton, Alabama October 12 & 13, 1973
Liberty No. 2	Rev. Marion Jones 507 Pearl St. Talladega, Ala.	Rev. Chester O'Donnell Route 1 Ashville, Alabama	Liberty No. 2 Camp Ground 3 Miles North of Pell City Highway 231 August 17 & 18, 1973

Mississippi State Line	Rev. Gurlie Roberts Detroit, Ala.	Rev. J. C. Hood Route 1 Hackleburg, Alabama	Cobb Town Church October 12, 1973 Fairview Church October 13, 1973
Mount Moriah	Rev. J. H. Tilley 17 Howton Sub. Div. Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Rev. R. E. Tilley Route 1 Ethelsville, Ala.	
North Alabama	Rev. A. J. Looper Route 3 Box 66 Hartselle, Ala.	Mrs. Myrna Montgomery Route 2 Box 23 Madison, Ala.	Cedar Creek Church Hartselle, Alabama October 12 & 13, 1973
Progressive	Rev. Steve Nichols 906 Temple Ave. Fayette, Ala.	Mrs. Dwight Fletcher 2306 Ave. G, Ensley Birmingham, Ala.	Townley Church August 23, 24, & 25, 1973
Southeastern	Rev. Paul Mallory Route 2 Headland, Ala.	Mrs. Aletha Deese Route 2 Box 97 Newton, Ala.	Union Church, Oct. 19, 1973 Abbeville, Route 1 Holmes Church, Oct. 20, '73 Ariton, Route 1
Southern Union	Rev. W. A. Wilkinson Route 2 Box 224 Baker, Florida	Mrs. Marcia Dotson Route 1 Box 215-A Baker, Fla.	Shady Hill Church 12 Miles S. Andalusia September 21, 1973
Vernon	Rev. M. H. Hollis Vernon, Ala.	Mr. Raphael Yerby P. O. Box 83 Fayette, Alabama	Belk Church Belk, Alabama October 20, 1973
Alabama State	Rev. Billy Ray Smith Box 699 Hamilton, Ala.	Rev. Ray W. Ritch 724 12th Court West Birmingham, Ala.	East Side Church 12 Crescent Lane Tuscaloosa, Alabama