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**ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION**

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# **GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEARS 1973-1974**

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717 West Cedar Cone Circle, Birmingham, Alabama 35214

Assistant Clerk ..... Mr. Ivan I. Stewart  
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## **MINISTERS AND DEACONS MEETING**

Moderator ..... Rev. James Pittman  
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Assistant Moderator ..... Rev. Jerry Edgil  
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## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Rev. Walter Jones ..... 2011 2nd Avenue, Phenix City, Alabama

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

Rev. John Pettis .....

Rev. Jack Rollins ..... 920 Meehan Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama

Rev. R. E. Tilley ..... Route 1, Ethelsville, Alabama

## **BOARDS**

**General**—Rev. H. W. Cashatt, Birmingham District; Rev. Jack Rollins, Cahaba River Assn.; Rev. Walter E. Jones, East Alabama Assn.; Rev. John Pettis, Florida State Line Assn.; Rev. Pearl P. Barnes, Jasper Assn.; Mr. Ivan I. Stewart, Liberty No. 1 Assn.; Mr. Johnnie R. Wiggins, Liberty No. 2 Assn.; Mr. Paul Jones, North Alabama Assn.; Rev. Edward Puckett, Mississippi State Line Assn.; Rev. Steve Nichols, Progressive Assn.; Rev. L. V. Pinson, Southern Union Assn.; Rev. Ralph Bell, Southeastern Assn.; Mr. Lord Turner, Vernon Assn.; Rev. R. E. Tilley, Mt. Moriah Assn.

**Missions**—Rev. James Walden, Secretary and Treasurer (1978), Box 553, Guin, Alabama; Rev. M. H. Hollis (1974), Route 2, Vernon, Alabama; Rev. Larry Nix, Route 3, Box 688-A, Leeds, Alabama; Rev. W. G. Palmer (1976), Route 1, Box 287, Castleberry, Alabama; Mr. Bobby Sargent (1977), 1109 10th St., Jasper, Alabama; Rev. Dean Dobbs (1979), 1509 East Main St., Dothan, Alabama; Rev. Walter E. Jones (1980), 2011 2nd Ave., Phenix City, Alabama.

**Christian Education**—Mr. Ivan I. Stewart (1974), P. O. Box 116, Perdido, Alabama; Rev. Jerome E. Goodwin (1975), Route 2, Box 399-A, Pell City,

Alabama; Rev. Ken Walker (1976), 901 Rowell St., Mobile, Alabama; Rev. Jerry Edgil (1977), 4102 Vassie Drive, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Rev. William Baird (1978), 1624 Old Jackson Road, Florence, Alabama.

**Retirement and Insurance**—Mrs. W. G. Palmer (1974), Route 1, Box 287 Castleberry, Alabama; Rev. Gerald Baxley (1975), 102 Williams Drive, Midland City, Alabama; Mrs. W. H. Ryland (1976), 901 Ridge Place, Birmingham, Alabama; Rev. O. Z. Johnson (1977), 804 East Pine St., Sylacauga, Alabama; Rev. Louie Bates (1978), P. O. Box 12, Graysville, Alabama.

**Trustees of Children's Home**—Mr. Troy Aaron; Mr. Frank Tomlinson, Box 242, Leeds, Alabama; Rev. R. W. Milling, 503 3rd Street, Phenix City, Alabama; Rev. John Pettis, Route 2, Slocumb, Alabama; Rev. Floyd Barber, P. O. Box 457, Red Bay, Alabama; Rev. N. W. Carden, Route 1, Flomaton, Alabama; Mr. Frankie Simpkins, 600 N. 29th St., Pell City, Alabama; Mr. Charles Cockran; Mr. Coleman Holmes, Route 2, Hartselle, Alabama; Rev. A. J. Lambert, Route 6, Box 149, Jasper, Alabama; Rev. Gerald Baxley, 102 Williams Drive, Midland City, Alabama; Mr. Pascal Yerby, Route 1, Vernon, Alabama; Rev. Woodrow A. Wilkinson, Route 2, Box 224, Baker, Florida; Mr. Wilson Connell; Rev. Curtis Gay, Hartsfield, Georgia; Rev. W. E. George, Route 1, Bonifay, Florida; Rev. Fred Hawkins, 504 9th Ave., Amory, Miss.

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

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

## **MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED**

**Cahaba River Association**—Rev. James Bussey, Route 11, Box 516, Cullman, Alabama; Rev. Jerome E. Goodwin, Route 2, Box 399-A, Pell City, Alabama; Rev. L. B. Hallmark, 2804 Rose Arbor Circle, Birmingham, Alabama; Rev. M. D. Harper, 2902 N. Brand, Selma, Alabama; Rev. Glenn A. Hood, 113 13th Ave. N.W., Birmingham, Alabama; Rev. Larry D. Nix, Route 3, Box 688-A, Leeds, Alabama; Rev. Albert L. Pickett, Route 1, Marvel, Alabama; Rev. Jack L. Rollins, 920 Meehan Ave., Birmingham, Alabama; Rev. J. J. Staab, Route 1, Box 1129, Leeds, Alabama; Rev. Frank Stewart, P. O. Box 243, Graysville, Alabama; Rev. J. D. Wales, 4416 10th Ave. N., Birmingham, Ala.

**East Alabama Association**—Rev. J. M. Goode, 3810 Robbins Road, Montgomery, Alabama; Rev. O. Z. Johnson, 804 West Pine, Sylacauga, Alabama; Rev. Walter E. Jones, 2011 2nd Ave., Phenix City, Alabama; Rev. Huey Lacy, 2106 17th Ave., Phenix City, Alabama; Rev. Rodger W. Milling, 520 30th St., Phenix City, Alabama; Rev. Alton J. Sellers, Route 3, Box 343-A, Phenix City, Alabama; Rev. George Stitt, P. O. Box 2462, Opelika, Alabama.

**Florida State Line Association**—Rev. Herman Calloway, 120 Donna Drive, Dothan, Alabama; Rev. Dean Dobbs, 1704 Landau Court, Dothan, Alabama; Rev. Kenneth Driggers, Route 1, Midland City, Alabama; Rev. Thomas M. Kirkland, P. O. Drawer K, Ashford, Alabama; Rev. E. R. Mayo, 305 South Main, Enterprise, Alabama; Rev. Bobby Peters, Route 2, Hartford, Alabama.



**Jasper Association**—Rev. Ambers Aldridge, Route 1, Brilliant, Alabama; Rev. William E. Atkinson, P. O. Box 724, Winfield, Alabama; Rev. Floyd C. Barber, P. O. Box 457, Red Bay, Alabama; Rev. Dennis Haygood, P. O. Box 202, Phil Campbell, Alabama; Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Route 2, Box 222, Guin, Alabama; Rev. Johnny Sexton, Route 2, Guin, Alabama; Rev. Billy R. Smith, Box 669, Hamilton, Alabama; Rev. James Walden, Box 553, Guin, Alabama.

**Liberty No. 1 Association**—Rev. W. G. Palmer, Route 1, Box 287, Castleberry, Alabama.

**Liberty No. 2 Association**—Rev. Paul R. Davis, Pell City, Alabama; Rev. Larry R. Johnson, 43 Ashville Road, Leeds, Alabama; Rev. Lester McMahan, 3018 9th Ave. N., Pell City, Alabama; Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Route 1, Ashville, Alabama.

**Mt. Moriah Association**—Rev. J. M. Cobb, Route 2, Ethelsville, Alabama; Rev. B. M. Meyer, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Rev. Dewey Thomas, Route 2, Northport, Alabama; Rev. Douglas Tilley, 7 Arrowood; Rev. R. E. Tilley, Route 1, Ethelsville, Alabama.

**North Alabama Association**—Rev. John Edwards, 809 Westwood Drive S.W., Decatur, Alabama; Rev. Phil Kimbrough, Route 3, Box 66, Hartselle, Alabama; Rev. Ray W. Ritch, 717 West Cedar Cove Circle, Birmingham, Ala.

**Progressive Association**—Rev. William O. Baird, 1624 Old Jackson Road, Florence, Alabama; Rev. Louie Bates, Box 12, Graysville, Alabama; Rev. Dwight E. Fletcher, 2306 Avenue G, Ensley, Alabama; Rev. Walter D. Jagers, Box F, Townley, Alabama; Rev. A. J. Lambert, Route 6, Box 149, Jasper, Alabama; Rev. Carlton Lambert, Box 8, Eldridge, Alabama; Rev. Tom Malone, 165 Chaparrol Drive, Florence, Alabama; Rev. Glenn Monday, 501 E. 22nd Street, Jasper, Alabama; Rev. Steve Nichols, 918 Temple Ave., Fayette, Alabama; Rev. James A. Pittman, 608 East State St., Muscle Shoals, Alabama; Rev. Harold Pitts, 2600 15th Ave., Northport, Alabama; Rev. E. A. Riggs, Route 1, Box 68-E, Russellville, Alabama; Rev. W. H. Ryland, 901 Ridge Place, Birmingham, Alabama.

**Southeastern Association**—Rev. Gerald Baxley, 102 Williams Drive, Midland City, Alabama; Rev. Thomas C. Coxwell, Route 2, Box 263, Abbeville, Alabama.

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

**Vernon Association**—Rev. Robert D. Franks, 102 No. 46th Ave., Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. M. H. Hollis, Route 2, Vernon, Alabama; Rev. Thomas M. Scott, Route 2, Vernon, Alabama; Rev. Billy Sharpston, P. O. Box 582, Vernon, Alabama.

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

**Visiting Ministers**—Rev. Jerry W. Edgil, 4102 Vassie Drive, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Rev. R. P. Ritch, 403 3rd Ave. S.E., Leeds, Alabama; Dr. Joe Ange,

Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. Rufus Coffey, Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. R. B. Crawford, Ashland City, Tennessee; Rev. O. L. Fields, Route 2, Box 47-B, Columbus, Mississippi; Rev. J. L. Lavender, Route 2, Leary, Georgia; Rev. E. B. Ledlow, 753 Greymont Drive, Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. J. D. O'Donnell, 3840 Valley Ridge, Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. Roy Thomas, Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. Herman Hersey, Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. Don Robirds, Nashville, Tennessee.

## DEACONS WHO REGISTERED

**Cahaba River Association**—Mr. Roy L. Hodgins, Sprott, Alabama; Mr. Frank Tomlinson, Route 3, Leeds, Alabama.

**Florida State Line Association**—Mr. Bobby Kennedy, Route 1, Ashford, Alabama.

**Jasper Association**—Mr. Lonnie McDaniel, Nauvoo, Alabama.

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

**Mt. Moriah Association**—Mr. Marlin Buckhalter, Route 2, Gordo, Alabama; Mr. Charles R. Dean, Route 1, Box 263, Brookwood, Alabama; Mr. Lester B. Koon, Route 1, Gordo, Alabama; Mr. Buddy Montgomery, Route 1, Samantha, Alabama.

**North Alabama Association**—Mr. Coleman Holmes, Route 3, Hartselle, Alabama; Mr. Paul M. Jones, Route 2, Faikville, Alabama; Mr. Otes Lowery, 304 Church St., Madison, Alabama.

**Progressive Association**—Mr. W. A. Rawls, 1728 27th Street, Ensley, Alabama; Mr. Bobby J. Sargent, 1109 10th St., Jasper, Alabama; Mr. A. M. Wallace, Route 6, Fayette, Alabama.

**Vernon Association**—Mr. Bedford Hester, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Mr. Dewey G. Jordan, Route 1, Vernon, Alabama; Mr. Paul Jordan, Route 2, Box 22, Cottondale, Alabama; Mr. J. H. Thompson, 36 Fairmont Drive, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Mr. W. L. Turner, Vernon, Alabama.

## DELEGATES WHO REGISTERED

**Cahaba River Association**—Mr. Curtis L. Brake, 608 Osceola Circle, Fairfield, Alabama; Mrs. Jeanette Harper, Selma, Alabama; Mrs. Alice Hood, 113 13th Ave. N.W., Birmingham, Alabama; Mr. Steve W. Johnson, 1025 Cherrybrook Circle, Birmingham, Alabama; Mr. Paul A. Nichols, P. O. Box 4162, Birmingham, Alabama; Mrs. Mary Nix, Route 3, Box 688-A, Leeds, Alabama; Mrs. Jack Rollins, 920 Meehan Ave., Birmingham, Alabama; Mrs. J. J. Staab, Route 1, Box 1129, Leeds, Alabama.

**East Alabama Association**—Mr. James Allen, Route 5, Box 9, Phenix City, Alabama; Mrs. Erma Brown, Route 2, Box 296, Sylacauga, Alabama; Mr. James Brown, Route 2, Box 296, Sylacauga, Alabama; Mrs. Lizzie Davis, 3004 Apache Drive, Columbus, Georgia; Mrs. Pat Milling, 502 30th Street, Phenix City, Alabama; Mr. Ronald H. Olson, 2156 Lamore Drive, Columbus, Georgia;



Mr. Lester Thornton, 4500 14th Court, Phenix City, Alabama; Mrs. Fannie Whitehurst, 2013 2nd Ave., Phenix City, Alabama.

**Florida State Line Association**—Mrs. Mary B. Calloway, 120 Donna Drive, Dothan, Alabama; Mrs. Shirley Kennedy, Route 1, Ashford, Alabama; Mrs. Alma Mayo, 305 South Main Street, Enterprise, Alabama; Mrs. Jackie Peters, Route 2, Hartford, Alabama.

**Jasper Association**—Mrs. Dixie Atkinson, P. O. Box 724, Winfield, Alabama; Mrs. Helen Boshell, Route 2, Carbon Hill, Alabama; Mrs. Judy Haygood, P. O. Box 202; Mrs. Blanche Matthews, Guin, Alabama; Mrs. Johnny Sexton, Route 2, Guin, Alabama; Mrs. Billy R. Smith, P. O. Box 669, Hamilton, Alabama; Mrs. Vina Walden, Box 553, Guin, Alabama.

**Liberty No. 1 Association**—Mrs. Esther Cain, Route 2, Box 139-A, Castleberry, Alabama; Mrs. Sylvia Cain, Route 4, Box 80, Brewton, Alabama; Mrs. Minnie Pearl Case, Route 4, Brewton, Alabama; Miss Mamie L. Palmer, Route 1, Castleberry, Alabama; Mrs. W. G. Palmer, Route 1, Castleberry, Alabama; Mrs. Ivan Stewart, P. O. Box 116, Perdido, Alabama.

**Liberty No. 2 Association**—Mrs. Karen Johnson, 743 Ashville Road, Pell City, Alabama; Mr. Arthur Ritch, 706 28th Street N., Pell City, Alabama; Mr. Hardy Rich, 601 30th Street N., Pell City, Alabama.

**North Alabama Association**—Mrs. Alice Barkley, Route 2, Madison, Alabama; Mrs. Mildred Kimbrough, Route 3, Hartselle, Alabama; Mrs. Margie Lowery, Madison, Alabama.

**Progressive Association**—Mrs. Louie Bates, Box 12, Graysville, Alabama; Hershel Beard, Route 5, Russellville, Alabama; Mrs. Evelyn Duckworth, Route 6, Fayette, Alabama; Mrs. E. Dwight Fletcher, 2306 Ave. G., Ensley, Alabama; Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Route 6, Box 149, Jasper, Alabama; Mrs. W. H. Ryland, 901 Ridge Place, Birmingham, Alabama; Mrs. A. M. Wallace, Fayette, Ala.

**Southeastern Association**—Mrs. Gerald Baxley, 102 Williams Drive, Midland City, Alabama.

**Southern Union Association**—Mrs. L. V. Pinson, 3015 Boulder Ave., Pensacola, Florida; Mrs. Naomi Wilkinson, Baker, Florida.

**Vernon Association**—Mr. Pete Cicero, 3923 6th Street, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Mr. Albert Lee Christian, Route 2, Vernon, Alabama; Mrs. Louise Couch, Route 2, Vernon, Alabama; Mrs. Robert Franks, P. O. Box 473, Vernon, Alabama; Mrs. E. W. Graves, Vernon, Alabama; Mrs. Sue Hester, Route 2, Vernon, Alabama; Mrs. Julia Hudson, Box 226, Vernon, Alabama; Mr. Larry W. Hudson, Vernon, Alabama; Mrs. Ora Jordan, Route 1, Box 228, Vernon, Alabama; Mr. R. A. Miller, 4401 Highpoint Drive, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Mrs. Ida B. Perkins, Fayette, Alabama; Mrs. Paulette Scott, Route 2, Vernon, Alabama; Mrs. S. Y. Shelton, Vernon, Alabama; Mrs. W. L. Turner, Vernon, Alabama.

**Mt. Moriah Church**—Mr. Roy Plymon, Box 117, McShan, Alabama.

**Reform Church**—Mrs. Lawrence Carpenter, Reform, Alabama.

**Shiloh Church**—F. J. Cunningham, Route 2, Kennedy, Alabama.

## — PROCEEDINGS —

### THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 8, 1973

#### 28th Session of the Ministers and Deacons Meeting

The twenty-eighth session of the Ministers and Deacons Meeting opened with Bro. Fletcher leading the congregation in singing "Wonderful Peace" with Sis. Rollins at the piano and Sis. Milling at the organ. Bro. Walter Jones led in prayer. Bro. Bobby Sargent brought the morning devotion using Acts 9:6.

Bro. J. H. Thompson gave the welcome address. Bro. L. V. Pinson gave the response to the welcome. Bro. James Pittman brought the moderator's message using Acts 6:1-7. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Stand Up For Jesus."

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell brought the message on "The Office of the Deacon" using Acts 6:1-7. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Faith is the Victory" and "The Solid Rock."

Bro. Herman Hersey gave a report on the National Retirement and Insurance which was received as information. Bro. Hersey played a piano solo "When They Ring Those Golden Bells." Bro. Fletcher led in singing "He Brought Me Out" with Sis. Rollins at the piano and Sis. Milling at the organ.

Bro. Jack Rollins brought the morning message using Matt. 11:2-6. Prayer by the speaker. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. James Walden.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 8, 1973

After a wonderful lunch which everyone enjoyed we convened with Bro. Fletcher leading in singing "Revive Us Again" with Sis. Rollins at the piano and Sis. Milling at the organ. Prayer by Bro. Hogan. Bro. W. A. Rawls brought the afternoon devotion using Acts 9. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. and Sis. Ledlow sang "I Am Free."

Dr. Joe Ange brought the message on "The Office of the Minister" using Ezek. 22:30; 1 Tim. 3:1-7; Heb. 13:17; 1 Peter 5:1. Prayer by the speaker. As there was no business we were dismissed in prayer by Bro. M. H. Hollis.

Registered for Ministers and Deacons Meeting—Ministers 57; Deacons 18; Delegates 40 and Visitors 54.

### THURSDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 8, 1973

We convened with Bro. Fletcher leading in singing "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" with Sis. Rollins at the piano and Sis. Milling at the organ. Bro. Ralph Bell led in prayer. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "To God be the Glory." Bro. B. M. Meyers brought the welcome address. Bro. Walter Jones gave the response to the welcome. The Frazier Sisters from the Jasper church sang "O What A Happy Day" and "The Lighthouse."

Bro. Ray W. Ritch called the fifty-fourth session of the Alabama State



Association of Free Will Baptists into session and introduced the officers. Bro. Smith appointed the credentials committee of Bro. A. J. Lambert, Bro. Floyd Barber and Bro. O. Z. Johnson. Bro. Roger Milling gave the offertory prayer. Bro. Herman Hershey played "Oh Happy Day" as the offering was received. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Victory In Jesus." The choir from the Northport church sang "Win The Lost" and "All For Jesus."

Bro. H. A. Pitts brought the keynote message using Phil. 4:1-7. Prayer by the speaker. Prayer by Bro. Rufus Coffey. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Mundi. Thursday night offering was \$97.90.

#### FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 9, 1973

We convened with Bro. Fletcher leading in singing "Make Me A Channel of Blessing" with Sis. Rollins at the piano and Sis. Milling at the organ. Bro. James Walden led in prayer. Bro. Johnny Sexton brought the morning devotion using Acts 17:22-23. Prayer by the speaker.

Bro. Smith brought the moderators message using Phil. 1:27-30. Prayer by the speaker.

Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Heavenly Sunlight." Standing delegates were seated at this time. Report of the Credentials Committee was accepted and the delegates seated. Roll call of the delegates to see who were present. Visitors and corresponding delegates were seated. Committees were appointed.

Report of the Foreign Missions department by Bro. Don Robirds which was received as information.

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

Bro. Malone Cobb dismissed for a short intermission. We convened with Bro. Kenneth Driggers leading "There Is Power In The Blood" with Sis. Rollins at the piano and Sis. Millings at the organ. Bro. Billy Sharpston led in prayer. Bro. Driggers led in singing "Amazing Grace." Bro. and Sis. Roy Thomas sang "I Can Almost See The Lights Of Home."

Bro. Dwight Fletcher brought the morning message using Romans 14:11-12; 1 Cor. 3:10-11. Prayer by the speaker. We were dismissed for lunch by Bro. W. H. Ryland.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 9, 1973

We convened with Bro. Fletcher leading "Will Jesus Find Us Watching" with Sis. Rollins at the piano and Sis. Milling at the organ. Bro. John Edwards led in prayer. Bro. R. E. Tilley brought the afternoon devotion using 2 Thes. 2:1-3. Prayer by the speaker.

Report of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention by Sis. Hood.

Report of the Free Will Baptist Bible College by Bro. Joe Ange which was received as information.

Report of the National Home Mission by Bro. Roy Thomas which was received as information.

Report of the National Sunday School Board by Bro. J. D. O'Donnell which was received as information.

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

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

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

Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Stand Up For Jesus."

Report of the Association Clerk by Bro. Ray Ritch.

General Board report by Bro. Ray Ritch.

Report of the Nominating Committee by Bro. William Atkinson.

Report of the work at Mobile by Bro. Ken Walker.

Report of the work at Enterprise by Bro. E. R. Mayo.

Report of the work at Decatur by Bro. John Edwards.

Bro. W. H. Ryland gave a report on the retirement retreat.

Report of the Board of Christian Education by Bro. James Pittman.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. H. A. Pitts.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 9, 1973

We convened with Bro. Fletcher leading "Follow I Will Follow Thee" with Sis. Rollins at the piano and Sis. Milling at the organ. Bro. Kenneth Driggers led in prayer. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone." The Ritch family sang "He Hideth My Soul." Bro. Fletcher led in a short testimony service. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Sweet By and By." Bro. Glenn Hood gave the offertory prayer. Bro. Steve Johnson sang "These Hands of Mine." Bro. and Sis. Roy Thomas sang "The Lord Is My Shepherd."

Bro. Dean Dobbs brought the evening message using 2 Peter 3:10-14. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Wonderful Peace." Bro. Herman Calloway dismissed us in prayer. The Friday night offering was \$105.80.

#### SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 10, 1973

We convened with Bro. Fletcher leading "Victory In Jesus" with Sis. Rollins at the piano and Sis. Milling at the organ. Bro. Robert Franfs led in prayer. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "I Gave My Life For Thee." Bro. John Edwards brought the morning devotion using Eph. 2:1-10. Prayer by the speaker.

Report of the State Mission Board by Bro. W. G. Palmer.

Report of the Auditing Committee by Bro. Ray Ritch.



Report of the Appreciation Committee by Bro. Ray Ritch. Rising vote of thanks to the host church.

Report of the Trustees of the Children's Home by Bro. Roger Milling.

Delegates to the National Association: Bro. Steve Johnson, Sis. Pat Milling, Sis. Jack Rollins, Sis. Louie Bates and Bro. Bobby Kennedy. Alternates: Sis. Dwight Fletcher, Sis. Herman Calloway, Sis. Jerome Goodwin and Sis. Bobby Kennedy. Total registered 290.

Constitutional change from 8 cents per mile to ten cents pre mile passed. Ministers and Deacons fee be dropped was passed.

State Association will meet with the Florence Church next year. Move and second that the Board of Christian Education meet with the Local Associations and bring something back next year. Move and second to adjourn the business session for this year. Bro. Steve Johnson dismissed in prayer.

After a short intermission we convened with Bro. Fletcher leading "Send The Light" with Sis. Rollins at the piano and Sis. Milling at the organ. Bro. Floyd Barber led in prayer. Becky Milling sang "Try Me Lord." Teresa Junkin sang "He Looked Beyond My Faults." Bro. Ray Ritch sang "Till The Storm Passes By."

Bro. Louie Bates brought the morning message using 2 Tim. 1:12; 2 Cor. 5:17; and 1 John 4:13. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "When We All Get To Heaven." Bro. Thomas Scott dismissed in prayer.

## — R E P O R T S —

### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE—

We the members of the appreciation committee recommend a standing vote of thanks to the host church for all their hospitality and also a standing vote of thanks to the officers of our association for the fine job of officiating the 54th session of the Alabama State Association.

Tom Malone  
Shirley Kennedy  
Vina Walden

### AUDITING COMMITTEE—

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

- (1) The records of Retirement and Insurance for the 12-month period ended November 1, 1973.
- (2) The Board of Christian Education records for the 12-month period ended November 1, 1973.
- (3) The records of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home for the 11-month period ended August 31, 1973, as audited by J. H. Sillavan, CPA, Jasper, Alabama and all is reported in order.
- (4) The Alabama State Home Mission Board records of receipts and disbursements for the 12-month period ended October 31, 1973.
- (5) The Clerk's records and bank statements for the period of November 1, 1972 through October 20, 1973.

To the best of our knowledge these 5 accounts are in order; however due to the numerable accounts kept by the clerk, and the work involved in auditing these accounts we entertain a motion that the clerk's ledger and accounts be audited by a public accountant (if in the clerk's opinion the fee is reasonable). We further recommend that all other accounts present a final bank statement and canceled checks with reports next year.

Rev. E. A. Riggs  
Rev. Ambers Aldridge  
Rev. William Baird

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE—

We your Credentials Committee have examined the letters from the following associations: Birmingham District, Cahaba River, East Alabama, Florida State Line, Jasper, Liberty No. 1, Liberty No. 2, North Alabama, Progressive, Southeastern, Southern Union and Vernon and the following local churches: Shiloh, First Church of Reform, Brookwood and Mt. Moriah. We have found these letters to be in order and after the delegates have been properly identified they be seated.

Rev. A. J. Lambert  
Rev. Floyd Barber  
Rev. O. Z. Johnson

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—

The Board of Christian Education makes the following report:

The State Youth Rally met January 19 and 20, 1973 at Forestdale Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. Jonathan Thigpen was the featured speaker.

The State Teach and Train Rally met at the Dothan Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. Clifford Holland, Cordova pastor conducted several Teach and Train sessions on the Church Bus Ministry. Bro. Ken Driggers preached. There was better than usual participation in the competitive activities. Churches throughout the state are urged to encourage participation in these activities.

The 1974 State Youth Rally will meet January 18 and 19. The TNT Rally will meet June 7 and 8. The location of these meetings will be announced when the programs are mailed.

The Board of Christian Education met June 29 at Eldridge, Alabama to consider the Board activities for the next year and to investigate the possibility of developing an Alabama State Youth Camp.

The following is the financial report for the year 1972-1973:

Balance brought forward	\$5,726.81
Income during year	1,551.86
Total amount to account for	\$7,278.67
Total Expenditures	\$6,701.68
Bank Balance — November 1, 1973	\$ 576.99



## 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 at the home is going real well. We are thankful for the privilege of serving on the board. We appreciate each of the board members, and their efforts. We regret the loss of some of them who are being replaced, but we are looking forward to working with the new members during the coming year. Bro. Smith, chairman has served for 12 years.

1. We have had 4 regular meetings since the state association last year. We hope and pray that the decisions we made and will make are in the will of the Lord.

2. The home is looking real good both from a physical, material and spiritual standpoint.

3. We are thankful for Bro. Lambert and all the staff for the excellent work they are doing. Children are being won to the Lord, as well as cared for materially.

4. The Alabama Harvest Drive will be the week of November 25 through December 1. We hope each one will work to make this the best ever. Bro. Lambert will get a list of things they need most to your trustee and he will work with you on this drive.

### EXHIBIT "A"

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

#### CASH REPORT GENERAL FUND October 1, 1972 through August 31, 1973

BEGINNING BALANCE OCTOBER 1, 1972		\$ 1,030.77
Additions This Period:		
Contributions	\$75,344.87	
Social Security and Support Payments	5,338.90	
Sales-Coupon Redemption	3,907.70	
Transfers from Other Funds	1,500.00	86,091.47
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>		<b>\$87,122.24</b>
 EXPENDITURES THIS PERIOD:		
Salaries and Taxes	\$28,869.79	
Food Costs	13,100.15	
Clothing	2,595.86	

Medical	2,765.52	
Household Expenses	4,925.90	
Education	2,820.63	
Heat	2,205.89	
Electricity	2,777.96	
Vehicle Maintenance	3,246.47	
Gas, Oil	2,207.59	
Hardware, Maintenance	5,810.46	
Office Expense	2,173.94	
Telephone	1,746.67	
Farm Expense	5,265.12	
Pest Control	40.00	
Insurance	1,273.00	
Board Members Expenses	1,249.71	
Debt Reduction, Interest	1,200.00	
Accounting	150.00	
Recreation Expense	478.27	
Fire Prevention	1,445.81	86,348.74
		<b>\$ 773.50</b>

ENDING BALANCE AUGUST 31, 1973

### EXHIBIT "B"

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

#### CASH REPORTS — OTHER FUNDS October 1, 1972 through August 31, 1973

	— FUND —			
	Miscellaneous	College	Foster Club	Reserve
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 845.65	\$346.60	\$3588.00	\$170.55
Add:				
Contributions	2037.21		1238.00	
Interest Earned		15.58	136.82	
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	<b>\$2882.86</b>	<b>\$362.18</b>	<b>\$4962.82</b>	<b>\$170.55</b>
Deduct:				
Transfer of Other Funds	\$ 800.00		\$ 700.00	
Camp Costs	825.00			
Building Maintenance	914.98			
Account Closed (Transferred to First Federal of Jasper)				170.55
Allowance			\$2000.00	
Postage Expense			60.00	
<b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS</b>	<b>\$2539.98</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$2760.00</b>	<b>\$170.55</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 342.88</b>	<b>\$362.18</b>	<b>\$2202.82</b>	<b>\$</b>



# TOTAL CASH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE STATE OF ALABAMA

October 1, 1972 - August 31, 1973

## ALABAMA

October, 1972	\$ 4,116.57
November, 1972	4,656.76
December, 1972	14,331.53
January, 1973	4,209.77
February, 1973	3,060.72
March, 1973	2,537.03
April, 1973	3,227.28
May, 1973	4,518.92
June, 1973	2,252.56
July, 1973	3,851.67
August, 1973	4,196.23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50,959.04</b>

## THINGS DONATED FOR PERIOD

October 1, 1972 - August 31, 1973

Alabama	\$21,977.68
Georgia	7,864.89
Florida	3,530.10
Mississippi	1,460.59
Michigan	1,000.00
Arkansas	32.00
Texas	137.50
New Mexico	81.00
Tennessee	80.00
Oklahoma	62.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$36,226.16</b>

## FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

### Professional Services Rendered:

Dr. Gaines Keith, M. D.	\$ 750.00
Dr. Jerry Files, Dentist	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 850.00</b>

### FARM:

Garden Vegetables	\$ 500.00
Corn (200 bu. at \$1.50 per bu.)	300.00
Frozen and Canned Food	250.00
Pork Sales	3,261.62
Beef (for the tables 2,113 lbs. at \$1.00 per lb.)	2,113.00

Gross Profit	\$6,424.62
Less Expense	5,265.12
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>\$1,159.50</b>

## ASSOCIATIONAL CLERK—

## GENERAL FUND

### RECEIVED:

Brought Forward	\$1,052.47
Fees	990.00
Ministers and Deacons Fees	162.00
Offerings at State Association	157.34
Food Fund	827.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,188.81</b>

### PAID OUT:

Officers of State Association	\$ 256.00
Food Fund	607.04
State Paper	600.00
Rev. Billy Ray Smith (Travel Expense)	56.00
Bible College	78.67
Home Missions	78.67
Houston Printing Company	441.00
National Association (Fees)	95.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,912.38</b>

Balance	\$ 976.43
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## COOPERATIVE PLAN

### RECEIVED:

Opelika Church	\$ 626.01
Holmes Church	100.00
White Rock Church	982.84
Florida State Line Association	6,218.66
St. Marks Church	63.51
New Prospect Church	217.27
Laodecia Church	476.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,685.00</b>

### PAID OUT:

State Missions	\$ 908.05
Retirement and Insurance	911.63
Cooperative Plan of Support	3,861.70
Children's Home	1,287.30
Board of Christian Education	858.16
Office Fund	858.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,685.00</b>

## OFFICE FUND

### RECEIVED:

Brought Forward	\$1,289.49
Cooperative Fund	858.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,147.65</b>



ASSOCIATIONS	Literature	Other	Total Local Expenditures	Cooperative Plan	Foreign Missions	National, State & Local Home Missions	Education	Children's Home	Retirement & Insurance
Birmingham District	921.45	3,880.80	26,690.47					1,178.13	
Cahaba River	7,834.99		96,111.21		4,610.21	4,645.34	680.96	4,435.35	1,979.43
East Alabama	2,843.82	33,024.83	168,893.14	1,888.05	601.92	604.63	337.18	1,537.14	78.35
Florida State Line	10,094.97	49,581.09	144,610.75	10,958.97	3,145.57	1,381.08	1,346.48	1,096.34	
Jasper	11,389.13	80,423.15	360,194.33		5,140.97	4,826.11	4,717.52	5,355.21	1,485.37
Liberty No. 1	2,086.18	9,006.32	48,479.72		431.58	2,151.65	407.27	829.80	407.27
Liberty No. 2	1,531.64	4,604.60	21,828.20			606.08		1,426.80	28.48
Mississippi State Line	2,494.81	9,003.25	82,470.68					1,239.33	
North Alabama	1,459.14	10,093.25	33,840.46	433.43	899.87	1,078.26	1,245.75	747.11	104.00
Progressive	9,643.00	64,927.92	192,785.33		5,209.02	3,712.94	4,081.72	4,227.46	400.31
Southeastern	3,691.65	22,899.43	96,335.59	317.27	938.57	1,251.02	680.35	857.72	
Southern Union	466.41	72.95	10,414.68		381.93	582.61	19.32	228.96	
Vernon	5,562.07	23,179.14	131,027.89		2,086.15	884.46	1,280.24	2,136.33	233.84
Mt. Moriah Church	375.00	1,380.00	6,504.00		31.00	220.00		420.00	
Reform Church	212.00	200.00	1,362.00						
Shiloh Church	141.81		6,599.81			306.50		158.53	
Total	60,748.07	312,276.60	1,428,148.26	13,597.72	23,466.79	22,250.68	14,796.79	25,874.21	4,717.05

## ASSOCIATIONS

	No. of Churches	No. of Members	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Sunday Schools	No. of Members	C. T. S.	No. of Members	Woman's Auxiliaries	No. of Members	Paid Pastors	Paid Evangelists	Building & Repair
Birmingham District	11	625	19		22	11	1,000					9,564.43	1,000.00	11,323.79
Cahaba River	22	2,057	44	5	79	22	1,725		635		166	66,447.51	3,841.04	17,987.67
East Alabama	8	1,288	14	3	33	8	512	8	301	8	76	22,798.34	2,057.36	108,168.79
Florida State Line	21	2,645	21	6	72	21	1,509	20	852		171	41,623.84	4,852.22	38,458.63
Jasper	28	3,907	33		119	28	2,422	14	906	6	105	102,068.49	8,736.99	157,576.57
Liberty No. 1	8	565	10		19	8	384	6	257	6	73	19,576.86	1,121.22	16,689.14
Liberty No. 2	8	431	21	6	29	8	421		50			7,081.36	1,059.50	7,551.10
Mississippi State Line	18	1,593	27		67	18	1,065					51,039.00	2,825.33	17,108.42
North Alabama	4	398	5		13	4	293	3	70	3	38	17,645.28	906.35	3,736.44
Progressive	16	2,107	24	12	48	16	1,235		528		115	66,156.66	7,533.36	44,524.39
Southeastern	13	1,174	12	1	60	13	629		282		134	38,114.33	3,608.82	28,022.36
Southern Union	5	230	5		12	5	127	1	36	2	24	5,231.73	345.00	4,298.59
Vernon	14	1,746	21	6	66	14	1,056	7	316		9	54,142.00	4,308.35	43,722.23
Mt. Moriah Church	1	91	1	1	4	1	50	1	30			4,584.00	165.00	
Reform Church	1	58			3	1	40	1	30	1	8	860.00	90.00	
Shiloh Church	1	159	1	1	6	1	38					4,250.00	284.00	1,924.00
TOTAL	180	19,074	258	41	652	180	12,506	61	4,293	26	919	511,183.83	42,734.54	501,092.12



# PAID OUT:

South Central Bell .....	\$ 66.53
Rev. Ray Ritch (Expense) .....	89.12
Instant Copies .....	15.85
Ziegler Ray Printing .....	107.06
Children's Home (postage for mailing programs) .....	52.86
Seban, Inc. ....	55.62
Birmingham Typewriter (Supplies) .....	8.11
Postmaster (postage) .....	26.35
Rev. Walter Jones (Expense) .....	32.32
Rev. Billy Ray Smith (Expense) .....	14.40
Rev. Thomas Kirkland (Expense) .....	31.18
Rev. L. V. Pinson (Expense) .....	48.98
Ramada Inn (Expense for Executive Board) .....	33.96
Houston Printing Company .....	27.14
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$ 609.48</b>
<b>Balance</b> .....	<b>\$1,538.17</b>

## GENERAL BOARD

The General Board met on November 8, 1973 with Bro. Carlton Lambert leading in prayer.

We recommend the following:

1. That the offerings be divided among the three (3) Home Mission projects in Alabama.
2. That we invite the National Association to come to Birmingham in 1977.
3. That the Clerk be allowed ten percent (10%) of the office fund for his expense.
4. That Section 5 of Article 4 be changed to read ten (10) cents per mile.
5. That the Ministers and Deacons charge be dropped and what has been paid this year be given to Home Missions.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. John Edwards.

## BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE

1. We ask each District Association or Quarterly Meeting give Bro. Herman Hersey at least 30 minutes on their program sometime during the next year to explain the program of Retirement and Insurance. Making contact with him in advance to see if he is available.

2. We offer a resolution when our ministers or their dependents who are eligible to receive monthly benefits from our board, that as long as they remain Free Will Baptist, that they draw this compensation.

3. We recommend that we give each one on our rolls \$50.00 in December and \$25.00 in all the other months.

## REPORT OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE TREASURER NOVEMBER 1973

### RECEIVED:

Belview, Leeds .....	\$ 85.00
Cedrom Grove, Carbon Hill .....	60.00
Davis Chapel, Pell City .....	27.00
East Birmingham .....	229.47
Fairview, Leeds .....	60.00
Florence .....	349.68
Forestdale Church .....	602.97
Forestdale Auxiliary .....	24.00
Fultondale .....	183.94
Hamilton .....	126.27
Hanks Memorial, Alton .....	153.16
Mt. Olive, Guin .....	154.32
Shady Grove, Adamsville .....	521.62
Unity, Sylacauga .....	20.00
Winfield .....	214.58
Pleasant Grove, Ashville .....	36.20
Belk .....	60.00
Guin .....	673.34
Laodecia, Hanceville .....	2.00
Cordova .....	265.35
Friendship, Flomaton .....	75.85
Graysville .....	214.56
Mt. Pleasant, Sprott .....	48.78
Vernon .....	167.20
Maple Grove, Madison .....	100.00
Dovertown, Cordova .....	15.91
Ensley .....	51.70
Liberty No. 1 Association .....	331.42
Ala. State Association .....	911.63
Interest on Savings .....	272.65

Total Received .....	\$6,038.60
Brought forward .....	\$6,561.66
<b>Grand Total</b> .....	<b>\$12,600.26</b>
<b>Total Paid Out</b> .....	<b>\$ 3,712.39</b>
<b>Balance in Treasury</b> .....	<b>\$ 8,887.87</b>

### PAID OUT:

Rev. S. F. Lee .....	\$205.00
Rev. J. W. Arnett .....	205.00
Rev. B. A. Hale .....	205.00
Rev. Amon Edge .....	205.00
Rev. Eugene Sanford .....	205.00
Rev. Leroy Smith .....	205.00
Rev. A. J. Lambert .....	205.00
Mrs. M. E. Carpenter .....	205.00
Mrs. Maude Quick .....	205.00
Mrs. Ruby Nobles .....	205.00
Mrs. C. R. Allen .....	205.00
Mrs. Rufus Hyman .....	205.00
Mrs. R. H. Howard .....	205.00
Mrs. Annie Franks .....	205.00
Mrs. Bertha Marlow .....	205.00
Tithe to National Board .....	603.86
Office Expense .....	18.39
Bank Charges .....	15.14
<b>Total Paid Out</b> .....	<b>\$3,712.39</b>

—Verla Ryland, Sec. and Treas.

## ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSIONS YEARLY TREASURER'S REPORT

### TOTAL RECEIVED FROM NOV., 1972 - OCT., 1973:

November, 1972 .....	\$ 4,841.06
December, 1972 .....	578.01
January, 1973 .....	874.44
February, 1973 .....	666.02
March, 1973 .....	918.92
April, 1973 .....	925.78
May, 1973 .....	1,434.67
June, 1973 .....	677.50
July, 1973 .....	1,128.76
August, 1973 .....	2,147.64



September, 1973 .....	2,168.30
October, 1973 .....	1,986.87
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED .....</b>	<b>\$18,347.97</b>

DISBURSEMENTS: NOV. 1, 1972 - OCT. 31, 1973:

Office Supplies .....	\$ 36.78
Ken Walker (exp. and ins.) .....	1,012.16
Board Members travel expense .....	704.08
Mobile .....	2,848.70
Board Members lodging .....	71.23
Secretary help .....	220.00
Printing check books .....	13.00
Decatur Church — Loan .....	250.00
National Home Missions .....	10,900.00
Montgomery FWB Church .....	20.00
1st FWB Montgomery — Loan .....	500.00
Printing .....	69.85
Postage .....	111.23
1st FWB Decatur, Bonds .....	2,100.00
Decatur Church .....	8.62
Rev. Walden, reimbursed .....	2.25
E. R. Mayo (exp. and ins.) .....	216.00
<b>TOTAL PAID OUT .....</b>	<b>\$19,083.90</b>

**BALANCE SHEET**

Balance in bank November 1, 1972 .....	\$ 1,812.73
Money received from Nov. 1, 1972 - Oct. 31, 1973 .....	\$18,347.97
<b>Total to account for .....</b>	<b>\$20,160.70</b>
Disbursements from Nov. 1, 1972 - Oct. 31, 1973 .....	\$19,083.90
<b>Balance in checking account November 1, 1973 .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,076.80</b>

**SAVINGS ACCOUNT:**

on hand November 1, 1972 .....	\$5,000.00
Interest .....	474.65

<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$5,474.65</b>
Transferred to checking account .....	2,200.00

Balance on hand November 1, 1973 .....	\$3,274.65
Total on hand in checking account November 1, 1973 .....	\$1,076.80
Total on hand in savings account November 1, 1973 .....	\$3,274.65
Total on hand in Church Bonds November 1, 1973 .....	\$2,100.00

**STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION**  
**THEME: "PROCLAIM HIS NAME"**  
**SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 5, 1973**

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

Call to order by the President, Mrs. Alice Hood

Congregational singing

Prayer: Libby Willoughly

Appoint Credentials Committee

Welcome: Mrs. Patsy Howell

Presentation of gifts to President, Secretary and Speaker—  
 Mrs. Shirley Kennedy

Response: Mrs. Pat Milling

Devotion: Rev. Larry Russell — Scripture: Matthew 9:35-38

Recognition of Ministers

Credentials Committee Report

We the Credentials Committee have examined the letters and dues and have found them in order and recommend the seating of the delegates from the following districts: Jasper, Progressive, Cahaba River, East Alabama, Southeastern and State Line. MSC.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Geraldine Cox  
 Marie Goodwin  
 Polly Roberson  
 Mrs. J. M. Goode  
 Mrs. Johnny Parsons

Appointing of Committees

Congregation singing

Skit: "Woman's Auxiliary in Fashions" by State Line District

Rev. Kenneth reported on the work in Mobile, Alabama.

Message — Mrs. Brenda Spruill — Scripture II Corinthians 4:5-6

Prayer: Rev. Dwight Fletcher

Offering — Offertory prayer by Rev. Robert Roberson

Rev. Russell told of the work he would be doing in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Dismissed for Lunch: Rev. Robert Shockey.



## AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregation singing

Prayer: Frank Tomlinson

Special Singing: Rev. and Mrs. Dwight Fletcher

Delegates to National Convention: Mary Edna Cook, Martha Clements, Marie Goodwin, Barbara Fletcher, Mrs. Pearl Goode, Agnes Carpenter, Wylene Cutchen, Tessie Glover, Shirley Kennedy, Mrs. E. R. Mayo, Mrs. Ralph Bell, Sara Nell Pynes, Mrs. Billie Rollins, Mrs. Johnny Parsons and Pat Milling.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT—

We the Finance Committee submit the following:

Per Capita dues received .....	\$ 564.00
State Project .....	477.00
Offering .....	83.91
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$1124.91</b>

We recommend the following:

We give the Speaker .....	\$ 60.00
Printing of Minutes .....	15.00
State Project (Bus for Louisiana) .....	500.00
Gift for Miss Laura Bell Barnard .....	10.00
General Fund for WNAC .....	10.00

Motion seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley Kennedy, Chairman  
Mrs. Dwight Fletcher  
Mrs. Blondell Hartzog  
Geraldine Cox

Congregational singing

### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT—

We the Resolutions Committee make the following report:

1. We resolve that we give the district with the highest percentage of members present a banner; starting with this year. The banner to be made up as soon as possible and sent to winning district. The winning district can decide where to keep the banner such as individual churches or one location.

Amendment to No. 1: To exclude host district from banner starting next year.

2. We resolve that each District in alphabetical order be responsible for placing the convention beginning next year with East Alabama. The District

entertaining it the following year notify the convention at the annual session where it will be held.

East Alabama — 1974

Jasper — 1975

Progressive — 1976

Southeastern — 1977

State Line — 1978

Cahaba River — 1979

3. We resolve that our State Project be alternated yearly between Home and Foreign Missions; beginning this year with Home Missions.

4. We resolve that we pay our President and Secretary \$10.00 each; beginning with this session.

5. We resolve that we give our host church a rising vote of thanks for the delicious lunch and their wonderful hospitality. MSC.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Jack Rollins—Chairman  
Mildred Snell  
Maude Pippin  
Aletha Deese

### Announcements

### REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT—

We the Registration Committee report the following:

State Officers .....	4
Delegates .....	29
Visitors .....	78
Ministers .....	12
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>123</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Annette Weed  
Mrs. Betty Shockey

Dismissal Prayer: Rev. E. R. Mayo.

Mrs. Alice Hood, President  
Mrs. Geraldine Cox, Sec. & Treas.

We assembled outside and our picture was taken beside a bus with Brother Russell.

Mrs. Alice Hood, President  
113 13th Ave. N. W.  
Birmingham, Ala. 36215

Mrs. Geraldine Cox, Sec. & Treas.  
Route 4, Box 157  
Dothan, Alabama 36301

The 1974 State Woman's Auxiliary Convention will be held at the St. James Free Will Baptist Church, 2009 Second Ave., Phenix City, Ala. 36867.



**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. *T. N. 10*

Section 5 — Board members shall be paid ten (10) 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.



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