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#### THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 7, 1974

29th Session of the Ministers and Deacons Meeting.

The twenty-nineth session of the Ministers and Deacons Meeting opened with Bro. R. P. Ritch leading the congreation in singing "Wonderful Story of Love" with Sis. Stewart at the piano and Sis. Milling at the organ. Bro. Charles Davis brought the morning devotion using Romans 7.

Bro. William Baird gave the welcome address. Bro. Walter Jones gave

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### THURSDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 7, 1974

We convened with the Praisemen singing "Because He Lives". Bro. Capps led in singing "Saved Saved" with Sis. Britnell at the organ and Sis. Holland at the piano. Bro. Capps led in singing "When We All Get to Heaven" and "There is Power in the Blood. Bro. Bob Srocky led in prayer. Bro. Tom Malone gave the welcome address. Bro. R. E. Tilley gave the response using Ps. 95:1-6. Bro. R. W. Ritch called the association into session and introduced the officers. Bro. Smith appointed the credentials committee. Bro. Billy Sharpston, Bro. J. L. Lavender and Bro. Steve Nichols. Tre Praisemen sang "The Lovely Name of Jesus", Hallelujah Square" and "Look For Me at Jesus Feet". Bro. Smith led in the offertory prayer. Sis. Holland played "Redemption Draweth Nigh" while the offering was received. The offering was \$142.47. Bro. W. B. Hughes brought the keynote message using Galations 6:12-18; Romans 3:24-26 and Cor. 6:14-17. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Capps led in singing "Just As I Am". Bro. H. A. Pitts dismissed in prayer.

the response using Matt. 17:1-4. Bro James Pittman brought the Moderators message using 2Tim. 3:1-5 and Romans 1:16.

Bro. and Sis. Ivan Stewart sang "I Should Have Been Crucified".

Bro. Jack Paramore brought the message on "The Commission to Evangelize" using I Cor. 1:17-31. Prayer by the speaker.

Bro. Ritch led in singing "All For Jesus" with Sis. Rollins at the piano and Sis. Milling at the organ. Bro. Ritch led in singing "He Hideth My Soul" and "I Gave My Life For Thee". Bro. and Sis. Ledlow sang "Something Worth Living For" and "He Did It All For Me".

Bro. George I. Stitt brought the morning message using 2 Kings 7:1-9. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Malone gave some instructions on the eating arrangements for lunch. Bro. J. D. O'Donnell dismissed in prayer and asked the blessing on the food.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 7, 1974

After a wonderful lunch which was enjoyel by all we convened with Bro. Ritch leading "My Redeemer" and "ALL Hail The Power" with Sis. Rollins at the piano and Sis. Milling at the organ. Bro. Steve Johnson brought the afternoon devotion using Romans 1:16-17 and 3:21-26.

Dr. L. C. Johnson brought the message on "The Commission to Edify using Matt. 28:1920. Prayer by the speaker.

Election of officers for the next two years. Moderator - Rev. W. B. Hughes. Assistant Moderator - Rev. Woodrow Matthews. Move and second that item 6 of the Constitution of the Ministers and Deacons Meeting be deleted. Carried. Registered for Ministers and Deacons Meeting - Ministers 58; Deacons 16; Delegates 38 and Visitors 66 for a total of 178.

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell gave a talk about raising money to pay off the debt on the National Office Building. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Wil-

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#### FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 8, 1974

We convened with Bro. R. P. Ritch leading in singing "Saved By the Blood" with Sis. Rollins at the piano and Sis. Milling at the organ. Bro. Walter Jones led in prayer. Bro. Carl Smith brought the morning devotion using Matt. 28:19-20. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Billy Ray Smith brought the moderator's message using I Cor. 1:10. Prayer by the speaker. Standing delegates seated. Credential Committee report by Bro. Bill Sharpston. Accepted. Reading of Delegates by Bro. Ray Ritch and delegates seated.

Bro. Bob Shocky gave the report of the National Home Missions which was received as information.

Bro. Eugene Workman gave the report of the National Executive Office which was received as information.

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell gave the report of the National Sunday School which was received as information.

Bro. Harold Critcher gave the report of the National Foreign Missions Department which was received as information.

Bro. Roger Milling dismissed in prayer.

After a short intermission we convened back with Bro. Dwight Fletcher leading "Standing on the Promises" with Sis. Rollins at the piano and Sis. Milling at the organ. Bro. M. H. Hollis led in prayer. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Stand Up For Jesus". Bro. Steve Johnson sang "Remind Me Dear Lord". Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Bringing in the Sheaves".

Bro. Walter Jaggers brought the morning message using Mal. 3:5-18 and Matt. 23:8-12. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "I Am thine O Lord". Bro. Dean Dobbs dismissed in prayer and asked the blessing on the food.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 8, 1974

After a wonderful lunch we convened with Bro. Fletcher leading in singing "The Solid Rock" with Sis. Rollins at the piano and Sis. Milling at the organ. Bro. James Walden led in prayer. Bro. B. M. Meyer brought the afternoon devotion using Matt. 28:19-20. Prayer by the speaker.

Bro. Tom Malone gave the report of the Free Will Baptist Bible College which was received as information.

Sis. Barbara Fletcher gave the report of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

Bro. Carlton Lambert gave the report of the Chillren's Home.

Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Senl the Light".

Sis. W. H. Ryland gave the report of the Board of Retirement and Insurance.

Bro. W. G. Palmer gave the report of the State Home Missions.

Bro. Ken Walker gave the report of the Board of Christian Education.

Report of the association clerk by Bro. Ray Ritch. Bro. Fletcher led in singing "Have Faith in God."

Report of the General Board was given by Bro. Ray Ritch which was

received item by item. Move and second that the Executive Committee of the State Association work toward preparing a plan of inviting the National Association to come to Alabama in 1979.

Bro. Smith gave a talk concerning the book store.

Report of the National Board of Retirement and Insurance which was received as information. Move and second to invite the 1979 of the National Association to come to Alabama.

### FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 8, 1974

We convened with Bro. Capps leading in singing "Stand Up For Jesus" with Sis. Holland at the piano and Sis. Britnell at the organ. Bro. Capps led in singing "Jesus Saves". Bro. David Issac led in prayer. Bro. Capps led in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms".

A trio from the Florence Church sang "I Beiieve For Me He Died" and "What A Lovely Name".

Bro. William Baird led in the offeratory prayer. Sis. Holland played "Jesus Took Care of it All" while an offering of \$103.55 was received. Bro. Capps led in singing "At Calvery". Bro. Steve Johnson sang "If That Isn't Love".

Bro. John Edwards brought the evening message using Mark 5:19-20; I Cor. 1:25. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Capps led in singing "Just As I Am". Bro. Thomas Coxwell dismissed in prayer.

### SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 9, 1974

Move and second to give our outgoing Moderator and Assistant Moderator a rising vote of thanks for a job well done. Move and second to adjourn the business session. Bro. E. R. Mayo dismissed in prayer.

After a short intermission we convened with Bro. Ray Ritch leading "When We All Get to Heaven" with Sis. Ledlow at the piano and Sis. Milling at the organ. Bro. Floyd Barber led in prayer. Bro. Ritch led in singing "I Am Thine O Lord". Bro. and Sis. Ledlow sang "There'll Be One Eternal Day in God's Tomorrow" and "I Will Serve Thee."

Bro. Ivan Stewart dismissed in prayer.

We convened with Bro. E. B. Ledlow leading "To God Be The Glory" with Sis. Rollins at the piano and Sis. Milling at the organ. Bro. Louie Bates led in prayer. Bro. Ledlow led in singing "Victory In Jesus". Bro. E. R. Mayo brought the morning devotion using I Cor. 3:9 and Matt. 28:19-20.

Bro. Jonathan Thigpin gave the report of the National C. T. S. Board was received as information.

Sis. Shirley Kennedy gave the report of the Auditing committee.

The Appreciaton committee report was read by Bro. Ray Ritch.

Bro. Roger Milling gave the Trustees of the Children's Home report.

Delegates to the National Association. Bro. Steve Johnson, Bro. Bobby Kennedy, Bro. W. A. Rawls, Sis. Gerald Baxley and Bro. Loyd Olsan.

Report of the Nominating Committee and the election of officers.

Bro. J. M. Goode brought the morning message using Eph. 6:10-17. Praver by the speaker. Bro. Jack Rollins dismissed in prayer and asked the blessing on the food.

Registered for the Association - Ministers - 78; Deacons - 25; Delegates - 77 and Visitors 150 for a total of 330.

#### - REPORTS -

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE -

- 1. We recommend that a standing vote of thanks be given the host church for the hospitality shown this 55th session of the Alabama State Association.
- 2. That a standing vote of thanks be given the officers of this session for their outstanding service during this session.

Woodrow Matthews Dennis Haggood Phil Kimbrough

#### AUDITING COMMITTEE

We the Auditing Committee have examined and checked the following five Alabama Free Will Baptists Financial reports.

- 1. The Records of Retirement and Insurance for a periid ended November 1, 1974.
- 2. The Board of Christian Education records for the 12 month period ended November 1, 1974.
- 3. The records of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home for the 12 month period ended August 31, 1974 as audited by Blackston and Duncan.
- 4. The clerks records for the period of October 23, 1973 to October 9, 1974 as audited by Weinberg, Ward and Beam.
- 5 The Alabama State Home Missions Boards check book for a period of March 18, 1974 to October 31, 1974.

To the best of our knowledge all records that was available to the Committee was in order, however due to the Home Mission Boards treasurer forgetting his books we recommended that their books be audited for a 2 year period at the State Association next year.

> Rev. E. B. Ledlow Mrs. Bobby Kennedy Rev. Roger Millings

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We your Credential 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; 1st Church of Reform and Mt. Moriah. We have found these letters to be in order and after the delegates have been properly identified

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they be seated.

## COOPERATIVE PLAN -

10% Office Fund

The State Youth Rally met Friday and Saturday, January 18th and 19th of 1974 at the Whitley Hotel in Montgomery. Raymond Coffee of Free Will Baptist Bible College was the featured speaker. A good representation from all over the state was present with about 500 people in attendance.

The State Teach and Train Rally met Friday and Saturday, June 7th and 8th of 1974 at the Fultondale Free Will Baptist in Birmingham. There appeared to be more young people and churches involved in the competition this year than in the last several years. More churches throughout the state are urged to encourage participation in these youth activities. There were some difficulties in judging our competition in the Music & Arts activities, but we hope that next year we wll have a better understanding in this area. As best as we can discern, there is no real interest on a state level for a state youth camp. There was some interest in a state promotional man and a

state book - store. It would seem that there is considerable interest for youth camp work on a district level. In this respect there is some real activity in progress in N.W. Alabama and the Birmingham area.

Probable dates for the 1975 State Youth Rally will be Friday and Saturday, January 17th and 18th of 1975. Probable dates for the State Teach And Train Rally will be Friday and Saturday, June 6th and 7th, 1975.

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Billy Sharpston J. L. Lavender Steve Nichols

The Cooperative Plan is to be divided in the following way: 45% National Association 15% Chidren's Home 10% Christian Education 10% State Missions 10% Retirement and Insurance

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NOVEMBER 7 - 9, 1974

The Board of Christian Education makes the following report:

The following is the financial report for the year 1973 - 1974.

prought forward	\$	569.79
uring the year	1	,208.07
ount to account for	1	,777.86
penditures		946.83

Respectfully Submitted, Ivan Stewart Jerome Goodwin Jerry Edgil William Baird Sec. Treasurer Kenneth Walker, chairman

EXHIBIT "A"

### FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Eldridge, Alabama

### CASH REPORT - GENERAL FUND

### September 1, 1973 through August 31, 1974

					College Fo	ster Club	Rese	rve
BEGINNING BALANCE September 1, 1973		\$ 773.50	N	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fu	nd .00
Additions This Period:			BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 342.88	\$362.18	\$2,202.82	Ψ	
Contributions	\$91,978.18		Add:	005 10		1,865.00		
Social Security and Support Payments	4,939.83		Contributions	887.43	18.32	101.99		
		0100 502 94	Interest Earned		10.52		-	
Sales—Coupon Redemption	3,675.23	\$100,593.24		\$1,230.31	\$380.50	\$4,169.81	\$	.00
TOTAL CASH		\$101,366.74	TOTAL CASH	\$1,230.31				
			Deduct:		\$ .00	\$ .00	\$	.00
EXPENDITURES: THIS PERIOD:		1.00	Transfer Of Other Funds	\$ .00 540.00	4			
Salaries and Taxes	\$33,588.04	·	Camp Costs Building Maintenance	500.00				
Food Costs	13,537.85		Allowance			1,700.00		
		1000	Postage Expense			75.00		
Clothing	2,131.67		I Ustage Emperado	2 <u></u>		\$1,775.00	\$	.00
Medical	1,597.07		TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$1,040.00	\$ .00	\$1,115.00	Ψ	
Household Expenses	5,061.68				0000 50	\$2,394.81	\$	.00
Education	2,822.24		ENDING BALANCE	\$ 190.31	\$380.50	\$2,354.01	-	
Heat	3,905.67						-	
Electricity	3,026.63					-		
Vehicle Maintenance	3,678.55							
Gas, Oil	2,129.41		CASH CONT	DIBUTIONS	FOR ALAB	AMA		
Hardware, Maintenance	8,260.91		CASH CONT	the second s				
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Insurance	1,546.50		September, 1973				4,	723.3
Board Members Expense	1,260.66		September, 1973 October, 1973				4,	379.32
Debt Reduction, Interest	3,276.86		November, 1973	*******			16,	708.4
Accounting	536.00		November, 1973 December, 1973 January, 1974				6,	045.7
Recreation Expense	211.50		January, 1974				3	,319.1
Fire Prevention	488.80		rebruary, 1974				2	,423.7
Gifts	744.60		March, 1974				3	,106.9
Dues	30.00		April, 1974				3	,737.3
Transfers To Other Funds	700.00	\$ 98 190 38	May, 1974				2	,509.7
Transfers to Other Funds	100.00	\$ 98,190.38	June, 1974				3	,678.2
Ending Balance August 31, 1974		\$ 3,176.36	March, 1974 April, 1974 May, 1974 June, 1974 July, 1974 August, 1974				4	,072.5
			TOTAL:				A 50	3,327.9

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# EXHIBIT "B"

# FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME Eldridge, Alabama

# Cash Reports Other Funds September 1, 1973 through August 31, 1974

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#### FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

#### THINGS DONATED

#### from

### September 1, 1973 - August 31, 1974

ALABAMA \$	29,585.19
GEORGIA	7,863.09
FLORIDA	3,084.50
MISSISSIPPI	1,154.00
TENNESSEE	65.00
OKLAHOMA	30.00
ARKANSAS	55.00
NORTH CAROLINA	60.00
MISSOURI	60.00
ARIZONA	35.00
TOTAL: \$	41,991.78

### FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Professional Services Rendered:	
Dr. Gaines Keith, M.D. \$	750.00
Dr. Jerry Files, Dentist	75.0
TOTAL: \$	825.00

#### FARM:

Garden Vegetables	\$	500.00
Corn (300 bu. @ \$3.00 per bu.)		900.00
Frozen and Canned Food		250.00
Pork Sales	5	2,780.81
Beef (for the tables 2,588 lbs. @ \$1.20 per lb.)		3,069.60
Gross Profit		7,500.41
Less Expense		
	-	-
NET PROFIT	\$2	2,756.53

#### NET PROFIT

### ASSOCIATIONAL CLERK -

### GENERAL FUND

RECEIVED:	
Brought Forward	\$ 976.43
Fees	920.00
Ministers and Deacons Fees	160.00
Offerings at State Association	203.70
Food Fund	1,071.50
Layman's Breakfast Tickets	192.50
TOTAL	\$3,524.13

PAID OUT: Officers of Sta Food Fund Rev. Ray Rite Houston Print North Alabam National Asso Mr. Charles Ramada Inn Alabama Stat

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PAID OUT: National As Children's H Retirement Christian E State Missio Office Fund

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	\$	276.00
tate Association	- 17.	616.50
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tch (Travel Expense)		507.15
nting Company		5.00
ma Association (Refund)		90.00
ociation (Fees)		20.00
Gross		171.00
(Layman's Breakfast)		363.70
te Missions	-	
	\$	2,124.35
	\$	1,399.78

# COOPERATIVE PLAN

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Rev. R. E. Tilley (Travel Expense)	34.50
Rev. Billy Ray Smith (Travel Expense)	21.00
Rev. Jack Collins (Travel Expense)	25.40
Bonanza Restaurant (Executive Board Luncheon)	26.39
TOTAL	\$ 653.03
BALANCE	\$1,444.16

#### GENERAL BOARD:

The General Board met on November 7, 1974 at 3 P. M. and made the following recommendations.

1. That the offerings be divided between the Children's Home and State Home Missions.

2. That Bro. J. M. Goode bring the message on Saturday in place of Bro. W. A. Wilkinson.

3. That the State Association pay the expense of the Ministers and Deacons Meeting out of the General Fund.

4. That we accept the invitation of Liberty No. 1 Association to meet next year at Brewton, Alabama.

5. That a letter be written to Bro. Rufus Coffey by our clerk asking for the reasons that the National Association was not recommended to come to Birmingham in 1977.

#### **REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS**

#### PRAISE FOR PROGRESS:

We praise the Lord for his wonnerful blessings in our Missions effort here in Alabama. All three Missions are doing good. God has given us choice property at a reasonable price on the bypass in Enterprise, Alabama. Mobile is debt free and hoping to get a building proyram in the near future. Decatur is looking much better for this next year.

#### BOARD SETS BUDGET:

The Home Missions Board met (all members present) in Decatur on October 14th. In addition to other important items adopted, two very important decisions were unanimously voted in. No. 1 - A budget be adopted and set at \$40,000.00 per year. No. 2 - That key men be selected in each District Association to help in raising the budget. This money be prorated to each Association according to the size of the Association and amount given by the Association in last year's minutes.

All money sent for Alabama State Home Missions should be sent to:

Mr. Bobby Sargent 1109 10th Street Jasper, Alabama

Money sent to National Home Missions does not come back to Alabama. Please be sure your money gets where you want it to go. Remember your Missionaries and your Missions Board in your prayers. We wish to thank all for their kind cooperation and support given the mission work this past year.

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# HOW TO SEND IN SUPPORT:

Respectfully submitted, Rev. W. G. Palmer, Chairman.

# ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS

### 1109 10TH STREET

## JASPER, ALABAMA 35501

NDS OWNED BY ALABAMA HOME MISSIONS	\$ 210	00.00
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CASH RECEIVED	\$26,7	79.06
CASH FOR YEAR		

# TOTAL PAID OUT FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1973 THROUGH OCT. 31, 1974:

neth Walker Account (Mobile Mission) \$ 9660.8	5
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n A. Edwards Account (Decatur Mission) \$11207.5	4
rial Service	0
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vel Expense Bd. Members 397.7	0
PAID OUT	31,199.61
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SERVING CHRIST THROUGH MISSIONS IN MOBILE, ENTERPRISE. DECATUR:

YOUR BOARD MEMBERS ARE:

Bro. Walter Jones Bro. Larry Nix Bro. Dean Dobbs Bro. Hank Hollis Bro. Grady Palmer, Chairman Bro. Bobby Sergent, Sec. & Treasurer

Bro. James Waldon

REPORT	OF	RETIREMENT	AND	INSURANCE	NOVEMBER	1974

RECEIVED:				
Belview, Leeds \$	100.00	Total Received	\$	5,323.09
Cedrom Grove, Carbon Hill	55.00	Interest on Savings		382.03
East Birmingham	239.07		-	
Ensley	74.87	Total Received this year	\$	5,705.12
Florence	303.12	Brought Forward	\$	8,887.87
Forestdale Church	805.751	Grand Total	\$1	14,592.99
Forestdale Auxiliary	28.00	PAID OUT:		
Hamilton	131.20	Rev. S. F. Lee	\$	325.00
Mt. Olive, Guin	167.44	Rev. J. W. Arnett		325.00
Shady Grove. Adamsville	286.21	Rev. B. A. Hale		125.00
Winfield	144.00	Rev. Eugene Sanforl	2	325.00
Davis Chapel, Leeds	18.00	Rev. Leroy Smith	-	325.00
Fultondale	158.78	Rev. A. J. Lambert		325.00
Dovertown	115.21	Rev. Lee Estill		325.00
Pleasant Grove, Ashville	21.52	Mrs. M. E. Carpenter		325.00
Vernon	241.01	Mrs. Maude Quick	-	325.00
Guin	565.29	Mrs. Ruby Nobles		325.00
Cordova	223.28	Mrs. C. R. Allen	6	325.00
Hanks Memorial	176.43	Mrs. Rufus Hyman		325.00
Unity, Sylacauga	30.00	Mrs. R. H. Howard		325.00
Maple Grove, Madison	100.00	Mrs. Bertha Marlow	2	325.00
Laodecia, Hanceville	10.00	Mrs. B. A. Hale		75.00
Mt. Pleasant, Marion	60.00	Tithe to National Board		570.40
Graysville Auxiliary	10.00	Bank Charges	-	21.31
Belk, Fayette	60.00	Office Expense		23.66
Liberty No. 1 Association	482.34		-	
Alabama State Association	645.18	Total Paid Out	\$	5,029.05
		Balance		

We regret to inform you that our Bro. and Sis. B. A. Hale went to be with the Lord during the past year. Let us stand in a moment of silent pray er with Bro. Ray Ritch concluding the prayer.

#### ALABAMA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION THEME: "FILLED TO OVERFLOW" - John 7:38 May 4, 1974

The Alabama State Woman's Auxiliary Conventioned convened with St. James Free Will Baptist Church of Phenix City, Alabama.

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Mrs. Frank Tomlinson directed the singing accompanied by Mrs. Ken-

neth Driggers. Prayer: Rev. Dwight Fletcher Called to order by the President, Mrs. Glen Hood Rev. Walter Jones led in prayer. Appointment of Credentials Committee Welcome: Mrs. Dorothy Jones - St. James Church Response: Mrs. Shirley Kennedy Devotion: Mrs. Naomi Olsan - Montgomery Church - John 4:11 Offering - Prayer: Rev. Glen Hood Song Prayer Retreat Announcement

# **Report of Credentials Committee**

We the Credentials Comm. 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 Ala., Southeastern and State Line.

Appointing of Committees Skit: "Notions" by Ladies of St. James Church Ladies Kitchen Band by Bussellwoods Church Song: Mrs. Naomi Olsan; Do You Really Care? Message: Mrs. Janie Aldridge; Ivory Coast, Africa Dismissed for lunch: Brother Sellers

Congregational singing Prayer: Frank Tomlinson Special Song: Mrs. Barbara Fletcher - The Family of God Report of Committees **Registration Committee MSC** We the Registration Committee report the following: State Officers Delegates ..... Visitors ..... Ministers .....

Total

### Resolutions Committee - MSC

Respectfully submitted, Geraldine Cox Pat Milling Polly Roberson

### Afternoon Session

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Respectfully submitted, Gladys Clawson Dorothy Jones

We the Resolution Committee make the following report:

1. We meet with the Winfield Church of Jasper District.

2. We resolve that our Convention Dues be \$1.25 due to increase in National for 1975.

3. We give the host church and District a rising vote of thanks for their

wonderful hospitality.

Respectfully submitted, Shirley Kennedy Dora Johnson Naomi Olson

## Nominating Committee - MSC

We. the Nominating Committee, wish to submit the following slate of officers: V. President \_\_\_\_\_ Barbara Fletcher Secretary & Treas. \_\_\_\_\_ Geraldine Cox Field Worker \_\_\_\_\_ Annette Tomlinson Respectfully submitted, Mary Edna Cook Mrs. Harold Pitts Annette Tomlinson Finance Committee - MSC We the Finance Committee submit the following: Offering \_\_\_\_\_ 105.85 TOTAL \$1320.52 We recommend the following: 1. We pay Speaker (Janie Aldridge) 2. State Project (Combs Emergency Relief) \$100.00 3. Printing of minutes 551.67 4. President 20.00 5. Secretary 10.00 6. Janice Banks — Speaker for Retreat 10.00 7. Postage for Retreat 150.00 8. Petty Cash Fund 7.20 9. Retreat Expense — Janice & Brenda 20.00 14.00

> Respectfully submitted, Barbara Fletcher Kathleen Gillian Lovie Jaggers Bessie Carr

Award Banner - State Line District

Appoint Delegates to National Association - Naomi Olson, Pat Milling, Gladys Thompson, Barbara Fletcher, Phyllis Parker, Shirley Kennedy, Pam Driggers, Lovie Jaggers, Mrs. E. R. Mayo & Mary Edna Cook.

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Presented material for dresses to Janie Aldidge.

Installation Service and Prayer - Mrs. Patsy Howell Announcements

Dismissal Prayer: Mrs. Geraldine Cox

Mrs. Alice Hood - President Mrs. Geraldine Cox - Ser. & Treas.

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.

Section 1 — The officers of the State Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk - Treasurer, Assistant Clerk, General Board and Executive Committee. The Exeuctive 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 the 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 Clesk 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 is 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 miniters 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

#### CONSTITUTION OF THE ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF

#### FREE WILL BAPTISTS

#### ARTICLE 1 - NAME

#### ARTICLE 2 - OFFICERS AND BOARDS

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privilege of recommending not less than one nor more than two members

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 3 - 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 as-

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 4 - Finance

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

Section 2 — The fee of each local church representing independently shall be the sum of five (5) dollars.

Section 3 — 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 4 - 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 5 - 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

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

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 exexecutive committee whose report shall be voted on without discussion.

# ARTICLE 6 - 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.

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.

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 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.

#### ARTICLE 7 — AMENDMENTS

#### BY - LAWS

15. The "Yeahs 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 — 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.

7. 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.

8. All elected officers shall serve two years. All appointed officers and committees one year.

9. 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.

10. This Constitution may be altered at any regular meeting by a twothirds 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

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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 - thirds vote any decision of the moderator may be overrul-

5. This meeting shall sit with open doors unless it goes into a committee

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 nominated more than one officer or com-

mitteeman if his nomination is elected. 9. The Moderator must not allow any discussion to be carried on in an

10. The person who desires to speak must first arise and address the Mod-

erator and when recognized shall proceed. 11. The vote on any quetion must be counted upon request of one - fifth

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

## 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 anoth-

er 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 apperance 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 faithfull 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 know-

ledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ". We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its

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

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

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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Birmingham District	Rev Cana D.	Clerks	Discrete
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Cahaba River	Don T 1 7 110	Alton, Ala. 35015	
	920 Meehan Ave. Birmingham, Ala. 35214	Mr. Paul A. Nichols 5216 67th Street N. Birminoham Al. 2000	Cahaba River Youth Camp Route 1
East Alabama	Rev. Roger Milling	514111, AIA. 35206	Sterrett, Ala. October 4, 1975
	502 30th Street Phenix City, Al. 36867	Mrs. Patricia Milling 502 30th Street	
Florida State Line	Rev Dar N 11	Fnenix City, Al. 36867	
	1509 East Main Street Dothan, Ala. 36301	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy Route 1 Ashford, Ala. 36312	
Jasper	Dan D C T		
	Route 1 Bankston Al. 25540	Rev. William E. Atkinson P. O. Box 724	Gum Springs Church
Liberty No. 1	Rev. C. B. Raccott	Winfield, Ala. 35594	New Oak Croning October 4, 1975
	Route 1 Castleberry, Ala. 36432	Mrs. Ivan I. Stewart P. O. Box 116 Perdido Al. 36560	Canaan Church Route 4
Liberty No. 2			Brewton, Ala. October 10-11 1075
	rev. Altred Ledlow	Rev. Chester O'Donnell Route 1 Ashville, Ala. 35953	Liberty No. 2 Camp Ground 3 mi. north of Pell City
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Moderators	Clerks	Places of Meetings
Rev. Hubert Gardner Hamilton, Ala. 35570	Rev. J. C. Hood Hackleburg, Ala. 35564	
Rev. John Edwards 809 Westwood Drive S. E. Decatur, Ala. 35601	Mr. Harold Goode 711 Barclift St. Hartselle, Ala. 35640	
Rev. Walter Jaggers 504 Green Ave. Cordova, Ala. 35550	Mrs. Bobby J. Sargent 1109 10th Street Jasper, Ala. 35501	
Rev. Clarence Culpepper 109 Nancy Ross Drive Eufaula, Ala. 36027	Mrs. Aletha Deese Route 2 Box 97 Newton, Ala. 36352	
Rev. W. A. Wilkinson Route 2 Box 300 Baker, Fla. 32531	Mrs. Ann Walker Route 3 Box 22 Pensacola, Fla. 32503	
Rev. Billy Ray Smith P. O. Box 8905 Belk, Ala. 35545	Mr. Raphael H. Yerby P. O. Box 83 Fayette, Ala. 35555	
Rev. Jack Rollins 920 Meehan Ave. Birmingham, Ala. 35214 Phone 798-1508	Rev. Ray W. Ritch 717 W. Cedar Cone Circle Birmingham, Ala. 35214 Phone 798-5416	National Guard Armory Brewton, Alabama Nov. 6, 7 & 8, 1975

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