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Proceedings

THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 6, 1980

35th Session of the Ministers and Deacons Meeting.

The Thirty-fifth session of the Ministers and Deacons meeting opened with Bro. Steve Johnson leading "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" with Sis. Gwen Stewart at the piano. Bro. William Baird led in prayer. Bro. Johnson led in singing "His Way With Thee".

Bro. Bill Creel brought the scripture reading and prayer using Neh. 4:6. Welcome by Bro. Glenn Hood. The response was given by Bro. R. P. Ritch. Bro. Johnson led in

singing "My Hope Is Built".

Bro. Woodrow Matthews brought the moderators message using Matt. 16:18-19.

Bro. and Sis. Ledlow sang "What A Sunrise".

Bro. H. A. Pitts brought the message on "The Foundation" using Isaiah 28:1-16; 20; 1 Cor. 3:10-11; Daniel 2:44-45; Gen. 22; Ex. 20; Luke 23; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Heb. 13:8; Prayer by the speaker. We were dismissed for a short intermission by Bro. Lamar Cox.

We convened back with Bro. Johnson leading "Stand Up For Jesus" with Sis. Stewart at the piano and Sis. Pugh at the organ. We were led in prayer by Bro. Milton Gann. Bro. Johnson led in singing "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" and "Amazing Grace".

Bro. Thomas Scott brought the message on "The Fellowship" using Acts 2:41-47; Prayer by the speaker. Phil. 2:1; 2 Cor. 13:14; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 1 Cor. 1:9; Col. 1:18; 1 Peter 4:13; Romans 8:17; Matt. 19:28. Prayer by the speaker. We were dismissed in prayer and the giving of thanks for lunch by Bro. Ken Driggers.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 6, 1980

After a wonderful lunch which was enjoyed by all we convened with Bro. Johnson leading "When We All Get To Heaven" and "Rescue The Perishing" with Sis. Stewart at the piano and Sis. Pugh at the organ. Scripture reading and prayer by Bro. E. M. McDaniel using Psa. 133.

Bro. Jeff Turnbough brought the message on "The Field" using Matt. 16:18; Acts

1:8; John 4:35. Prayer by the speaker.

Bro. Matthews led the offertory prayer. Sis. Pugh and Sis. Stewart played "Footsteps Of Jesue" while the offering was received. The offering was \$146.61.

Bro. William Atkinson gave the report of the National Retirement and Insurance which was received as information.

Move and second that item 6 of the Constitution of the Ministers and Deacons Meeting be changed to read \$15.00 for the clerk.

Bro. Woodrow Matthews was elected as Moderator and Bro. R. P. Ritch was elected as Assistant Moderator. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bryan Meyers.

THURSDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 6, 1980

We convened with Bro. Johnson leading "Love Lifted Me" with Sis. Stewart at the piano and Sis. Pugh at the organ. Bro. Ronald Creech led in prayer. Bro. Johnson led in singing "Living By Faith". Bro. Glenn gave the welcome address. Bro. Louie Bates gave the response.

Bro. Ray Ritch called the session to order and introduced the officers. Bro. John Edwards appointed the credentials committee. Bro. Johnson led in singing "I Am Thine O Lord". Bro. Bobby Peters led the offertory prayer. Sis. Stewart and Sis. Pugh played "Near The Cross" while the offering was received. The offering was \$117.47.

The choir from Forestdale Church sang "All I Need", "Beulah Land" and "Jesus Loves Me". The Johnson Brothers Quartet from Forestdale Church sang "Thank You

For The Valley" and "To Many Times".

Bro. Jack Rollins brought the keynote message using 2 Cor. 5:10-20; Rev. 22:12:1 Cor. 3:8; Matt. 6:20; 1 Cor. 3:11-15; Prov. 9:10 and Psa. 7:11. Prayer by the speaker We were dismissed by Bro. Richard Cordell.

FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 7, 1980

We convened with Bro. Johnson leading "Redeemed" and "Jesus Saves" with Sis. Stewart at the piano and Sis. Pugh at the organ. Bro. Larry Monday brought the scripture reading and prayer using 2 Tim. 4:1-5. Bro. Steve Johnson sang "Because He Lives".

Bro. John Edwards brought the moderator's message using Luke 10:30-37. Prayer by the speaker.

Report of the credential committee by Bro. Milton Gann and seating of the delegates. Bro. Edwards recognized the visitors and appointed the Auditing, Appreciation and Nominating committees.

Report of Foreign Missions by Bro. Rolla Smith which was received as information.

Report of the National Executive Office by Bro. Melvin Worthington which was received as information.

Report of the Sunday School and Church Training Service convention by Bro. Roy Plymon. We were dismissed for a short intermission by Bro. H. A. Pitts.

We convened with Bro. Johnson leading "O I Want To See Him" with Sis. Stewart at the piano and Sis. Pugh at the organ. Bro. Roger Milling led in prayer. Bro. Ray Ritch sang "Hand Leading Me". Bro. and Sis. George Ritter sang "When I See Christ".

Bro. Donnie Hussey brought the morning message using Matt. 23:23; Mark 2; Psa. 126:6;, John 1:42; 6:8-9; 12:22; Rom. 9:3; and 1 Peter 5:8. Prayer by the speaker. We were dismissed for lunch and the giving of thanks by Bro. Milton Gann.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 7, 1980

After a wonderful lunch which was enjoyed by all we convened with Bro. Johnson leading "Victory In Jesus" with Sis. Stewart at the piano and Sis. Pugh at the organ. Bro. Garry Winsett brought the scripture reading and prayer using 1 Kings 18:41-45.

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

Report of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention by Sis. Annette Tomlinson.

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

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

Report of Alabama State Missions by Bro. Ken Driggers and Bro. Dennis Kizzire. Report of National Home Missions by Bro. James Walden which was received as information.

Report of National Sunday School and CTS by Bro. Jim Lauthern which was received as information.

Report of the Association clerk by Bro. Ray Ritch.

Report of the General Board.

Move and second that the resolution from the Board of Christian Education be adopted. Where: This State Association took the lead in getting Biblical standards of dress set up as a requirement for the Youth to be able to compete in CTS activities.

And whereas: To allow adults to take part in the National services who violate these same Biblical principles is inconsistant and unfair.

Therefore be it resolved that:

The Alabama State Association recommend to the 1981 session of the National Association, that we adopt these same standards for the program personalities.

Move and second that we invite the National Association to come to Alabama in 1987. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bill Smith.

FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 7, 1980

We convened with Bro. Johnson leading "Take A Moment And Live" with Sis. Ledlow at the piano and Sis. Pugh at the organ. Bro. Johnson led in singing "At The Cross". Bro. Jimmy Youngblood led in prayer. Bro. Johnson led in singing "Some Day". Bro. William Atkinson led the offertory prayer. Sis. Ledlow and Sis. Pugh played "Love Lifted Me" as the offering was received. The offering was \$118.65. Bro. Johnson led in singing "I'll Be Satisfied". The Youth Choir from Center Point Church sang "You Want To Pass It On", and "When The Saints Go Marching In". Sis. Robin King sang "He Was There All The Time".

Bro. Hoover Lewis brought the evening message using Acts 22:8-10; Col. 1:15-18; Matt. 21:28. Prayer by the speaker. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Roger Ammons.

SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 8, 1980

We convened with Bro. Johnson leading "I Will Sing The Wondrous Story" with Sis. Stewart at the piano and Sis. Carter at the organ. Bro. Johnson led in singing "There Is Power In The Blood". Bro. Don Taggert brought the scripture reading and prayer using John 15:1-7, 18-19.

Report of the Auditing Committee by Sis. Gwen Stewart.

Report of the Appreciation Committee by Bro. Carter. A rising vote of thanks to the Center Point Church.

Report of National Masters Men by Bro. Loyd Olsan which was received as information.

Delegates to National Association: Steve Johnson, Bobby Kennedy, Richard Dean, Ken Mayo, Braxton Click, Joe Kimbrough, Ruby Buck, Ivan Stewart and Rachel Barber.

Move and second that item 3 of the General Board report be taken off the table Move and second that the Constitution of the Mission Board be sent back to the Mission Board to be reworked and brought back next year.

Move and second that the Mission Board be incorporated if possible.

Move and second that this be referred to committee for handling.

Move and second that the resolution presented by Bro. Ritter be accepted:

Be it resolved that the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists go on record as being totally opposed to any revision of the Bible to remove masculine terms and make a substitution of either neuter or feminine terms for them.

This is another work of the national council of churches that is under study by a panel of their members, and is to be brought to a test November 24, according to the Nov. 3 issue of U.S. News and World report.

Move and second that the money pledged to the Graduate Program be sent to the clerk.

Move and second that we support the National Executive Office.

Move and second that beginning next year that we go to the host church preparing two meals. These to be served at noon on Thursday and Friday.

Report of the Nominating Committee.

Move and second that the business session be adjourned.

After a short intermission we convened with Bro. Johnson leading "Won't It Be Wonderful There" and "Where The Soul Never Dies", with Sis. Stewart at the piano and Sis. Carter at the organ. Bro. Walter Jaggers led in prayer. Bro. Johnson led in singing "At Calvary". Bro. and Sis. Ledlow sang "The Sun Coming Up In The Morning".

Bro. Malone Cobb brought the morning message using Gen. 1:2; Acts 17:28; 1 Tim. 4:1; Rom. 8:14; Acts 17:30. Prayer by the speaker. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Paul Nichols.

REPORTS

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We the Appreciation Committee wish to express gratitude first of all to our Lord, who has made it possible for the christian heritage we enjoy and that gives us all a privilege of christian fellowship at our State Association. Secondly we appreciate the Center Point Free Will Baptist Church of Birmingham, Alabama for opening her doors to the State Association for worship, fellowship and the business of our King. We further thank the host church and pastor for the outstanding way they provided for our meals and comfort.

We want to thank every officer of our State Association. We also want to thank all the regular singers and all the special singers and the youth choirs and all the church workers that made our meeting a success.

We recommend a standing vote of thanks to the Center Point Church and pray God's richest blessings upon them. We have had a great association and we thank you and love you.

Sis. Lillie Bates Bro. Robert Carter Sis. Odessa Ledlow

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We have examined the following five records of Alabama State Association of FWB for the year 1980.

1. Children's Home:

Period ending August 31, 1980 as audited by J. Frankie Duncan, Public Accountant, Jasper, Al.

2. Alabama Home Missions:

Fiscal year November 1, 1979 thru October 31, 1980 as audited by Thomas G. Roberts, Accountant, Fayette, Al.

3. The Clerks Records:

For the period of October 1, 1979 to September 30, 1980 as audited by Garry R. Winsett, Accountant, Bay Minette, Al.

4. Board of Retirement and Insurance:

Period ending November 1, 1980.

5. Board of Christian Education:

Period ending September 16, 1980.

To the best of our ability, according to sources available, they are all correct.

Sis. Gwen Stewart Sis. Shirley Kennedy Sis. Geraldine Cox

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We your Credential Committee have examined the letters from the following associations and find them in order: Birmingham District, Cahaba River, East Alabama, Florida State Line, Gulf Coast, Jasper, Liberty No. 1, Liberty No. 2, Mississippi State Line, North Alabama, Progressive, Southeastern, Southern Union and Vernon.

Also the following churches: Holman, Macedonia, Mt. Moriah, First of Reform, Shiloh and Union Hill.

We recommend this report be accepted and the delegates seated.

Bro. Milton Gann Bro. Jeff Turnbough Bro. Phil Kimbrough

COOPERATIVE PLAN

The Cooperative plan is to be divided in the following way.

- 45 Percent National Association
- 15 Percent Children's Home
- 10 Percent Christian Education
- 10 Percent State Missions
- 10 Percent Retirement and Insurance
- 10 Percent Office Fund

All designated money will go to the department so designated.

Annual Report of THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptist

When convened at Center Point Free Will Baptist Church Birmingham, Alabama November 6, 7, 8, 1980

The State CTS Rally met at the Eastside Church in Dothan June 7. Due to the National Association being in California and the expense of traveling, participation was lighter than usual, especially with the large groups.

First place winners were:

Bible Memorization - First Grade, Mark McCraney

Second Grade - Steven Kent Nelson.

Sword Drill - Alan Love.

Bible Tic Tac Toe - Russellville Team.

Bible Bowl - Mt. Olive Team.

This year the Music and Arts Festival sent six to compete in the National Youth Conference.

A new venture for our state work was held on August 14-16 at the Northwest Alabama Youth Camp. A statewide youth retreat was held with Brother Nate Ange as retreat evangelist. Attendance was good and a retreat is now in the planning for next year. Many decisions were made for Christ during the retreat. May God use this organization to be a spiritual help to young people.

Financial Report:

Balance Brought Forward	 	\$846.18
Income	 	1,664.57
Total to account for	 	\$2,510.75
Expenditures	 	\$2,093.84
Balance		

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Bobby Ned Peters, Chairman

Rev. Roy Plymond, Sec. and Trea.

Rev. Danny Thompson

Rev. Don Taggart

Rev. Rick Cash

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Eldridge, Alabama

General Fund - Operating Account September 1, 1979 through August 31, 1980

BEGINNING BALANCE September 1, 1979		\$ 10,956.66
Additions This Period: Contributions	\$148,191.83	
Social Security & Support Payments	7,722.90	
Sales and Coupon Redemptions	1,073.78	
Automobile Loan	3,000.00	
Other Sources	356.44	160,344.95
TOTAL CASH		\$171,301.61

EXPENDITURES: This Period	
Salaries and Taxes	\$ 68,945.97
Food Costs	21,375.11
Clothing	3,275.78
Medical	4,215.11
Household Expenses	4,960.54
Education	6,486.65
Utilities	12,985.72
Laundry and Janitorial	2,125.22
Vehicle Maintenance	4,656.80
Gas and Oil	6,262.36
Hardware and Maintenance	5,911.87
Office Expense	3,993.91
Telephone	2,845.10
Farm Expense	3,178.25
Insurance	2,053.50
Board Member Expense	2,870.57
Miscellaneous	62.50
Accounting	475.00
Recreation Expense	589.37
Gifts	751.26
Kitchen Supplies and Equipment	1,975.24
Automobile Purchase	3,154.77
Automobile Loan Payments	2,075.40
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ENDING BALANCE August 31, 1980

Total Expenditures

165,226.00

\$ 6,075.61

EXHIBIT "B"

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Eldridge, Alabama General Fund - Savings Account September 1, 1979 through August 31, 1980

BEGINNING BALANCE September 1, 1979	\$17,433.92
Additions This Period:	
Interest Earned	1,277.09
TOTAL CASH	\$18,711.01
Expenditures This Period:	
Kitchen Repairs & Maintenance	.00
ENDING BALANCE August 31, 1980	\$18,711.01

EXHIBIT "C"

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Eldridge, Alabama Cash Reports Other Funds September 1, 1979 through August 31, 1980

FUND

	MISC.	COLLEGE	FOSTER CLUB	RESERVE
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 291.81	\$1,504.50	\$1,371.34	\$7,601.60
Add:				
Contributions	446.00	.00	2,300.93	.00
Interest Earned	.00	79.17	58.11	466.45
Miscellaneous	300.00	.00	.00	.00
Transfers	.00	.00	.00	.00
TOTAL CASH	\$1,037.81	\$1,583.67	\$3,730.38	\$8,068.05
Deduct:				
Household Expenses	.00	.00	.00	.00
Camp Expenses	594.00	.00	.00	.00
Miscellaneous	.00	.00	.00	.0
Allowances	.00	.00	2,010.00	.0
Transfers	.00	.00	.00	.00
College Expenses	.00	.00	.00	.0
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$ 594.00	.00	\$2,010.00	.0
ENDING BALANCES	\$ 443.81	\$1,583.67	\$1,720.38	\$8,068.05

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Eldridge, Alabama GENERAL FUND

Cash Received

September 1, 1979 - August 31, 1980

Alabama Free Will Baptist Churches	\$56, 202.68
Other Alabama Sources (Business, Individuals, Other Churches, Clubs, Etc.)	34,460.29
Georgia	21,807.42
Florida	15,055.68
Mississippi	7,916.03
Tennessee	2,902.00
Oklahoma	and the second second
Arkansas	683.65
Illinois	408.60
Kentucky	430.00
Missouri	70.00
Texas	400.00
Indiana	005 00
Virginia	050 00
Michigan	05.00
Louisiana	
New York	
New Mexico	Service Security Secu
Abu Dhabi, Iran	
Social Security & Support	7,722.90
Sales, Coupons, Refunds	1,332.73
Automobile Loan	
Memorial Gifts	1,580.00
Alumni	431.00
Total	\$160,344.95
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FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Eldridge, Alabama

Things Donated September 1, 1979 - August 31, 1980

\$19,243.47
1,000.41
1.000.00
720.00
30.00
95.00
50.00
25.00
20.00
\$22,875.68

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Eldridge, Alabama

September 1, 1979 - August 31, 1980

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED:	
Dr. Gaines Keith, M.D.	\$1,500.00
FARM REPORT:	
Garden Vegetables	\$1,000,00
Canned & Frozen Food	500.00
Corn (150 bu. at \$3.60 per bu.)	540.00
Beef (720 lbs. at \$1.75 per lb.)	1,260.00
Pork (140 lbs. at \$1.75 per lb.)	245.00
Gross Profit	\$3,545.00
Farm Expense	3,178.25
Net Profit	\$366.75

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Eldridge, Alabama September 1, 1979 - August 31, 1980

Contributors			ntage
Alabama FWB Churches · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		 	. 35.0
Other Alabama Sources (Business, Individuals, Other Churches, Clubs, Etc.)			
Georgia		 2 4	13.
Florida			
Mississippi · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		 	5.
New York · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
Other States		 	3.
Abu Dhabi, Iran · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
Social Security & Support Payments		 	4.5
Sales, Coupons, Refunds		 	
Memorial			.(
Alumni			
Automobile Loan	5.5	i de la cons	1.5
Total			-

GENERAL BOARD REPORT

The General Board met on November 6, 1980 with Bro. Louie Bates leading in prayer and made the following recommendations.

- 1. That all offerings be put into the General Fund to help pay the expense of the association. Passed.
- 2. That we make the raising of money to help buy a car for Bro. Dave Franks, a state project along with the Jasper Association. That Bro. R. W. Ritch, Bro. Bryan Meyers and Bro. Woodrow Matthews serve as a committee to handle the money. If any money is left over that it be put into Bro. Franks account.
- 3. That the Constitution of the Alabama Free Will Baptist Mission Board be adopted. This was referred to a committee.
 - 4. That we go to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Dothan next year. Passed.
- 5. That the General Board meet with the Board of Trustees of the Children's Home and bring back a recommendation next year.

REGISTRATION

Ministers 90; Deacons 27; Delegates 67; Visitors 144 for a total of 328.

Sis. Polly Roberson Sis. Anna Mae Robbins

CLERK'S REPORT

COOPERATIVE PLAN

RECEIVED:	First FWB Church, Pleasant Grove	\$ 285.20
	St. Marks Church	65.92
	Southeastern Association	181.41
	Florida State Line Association	1,983.08
	Holmes Church	400.00
	Davis Chapel Church	80.00
	TOTAL	\$2,995.61
PAID OUT:	Cooperative Plan	\$1,270.39
	Children's Home	450.06
	Retirement and Insurance	428.23
	Alabama Missions	282.31
	Christian Education	282.31
	General Fund	282.31
	TOTAL	\$2,995.61

GENERAL FUND

RECEIVED:	Brought Forward	\$ 393.28
The second secon	Food Fund	1,256.32
	Offerings	372.53
	Layman's Breakfast Tickets	312.00
	Fees	1,050.00
	Cooperative Plan	282.31
	Donations from Churches	759.06
	TOTAL	\$4,425.50
PAID OUT:	Greyhound Lines	\$ 37.50
	Quality Printing	32.43
	Children's Home	68.73
	Leon's Motel (Layman's Breakfast)	280.00
	Rev. Woodrow Matthews	60.00
	Dr. Stanley Outlaw	220.00
	Bro. Trymon Messer	220.00
	Rev. John Edwards	80.00
	Rev. A. J. Looper	20.00
	Bro. Ivan Stewart	25.00
	Rev. Ray Ritch	242.33
	Eastside Church	1,765.40
	Hullett, Johnson and Kellum	175.00
	Postmaster	70.29
	Rev. E. B. Ledlow (Mailing Newsletter)	
	South Central Bell	0.0 778
	Baldwin Times	
	National Association	
	Cordova Church	
	TOTAL	\$3,968.05
	BALANCE	AT
	DALANCE	

ALABAMA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

Number of members, 546; Number of Districts, 9; October Missions offering \$387.85; Number at Prayer Retreat, 107; Number at First Woman's Auxiliary Banquet 72. Speaker Sis. Lorene Miley. We had 9 ministers and 3 deacons present.

Home Missions Year 1981

Dates to remember: State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, May 2, 1981, Red Bay, Ala.

Alabama is number 7 in WNAC emphasis offerings.

Prayer retreat at North West Alabama Youth Camp on May 15, 16, 1981. Speaker Sis. Pat Thomas, wife of National Home Missions Director Bro. Roy Thomas.

REPORT OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE NOV. 1, 1980

		PAID OUT:	
RECEIVED:	646 23	Rev. J. W. Arnett	300.00
Forestdale \$1	345.83	Rev. Eugene Sanford	300.00
Mt. Olive, Guin	329.17	Rev. Leroy Smith	300.00
Hamilton	611.07	Rev. A. J. Lambert	300.00
1st Church Vernon	277.32	Rev. Lee Estill	300.00
Pleasant Grove	60.00	Rev. Jesse Drummons · · · · ·	300.00
Cedrom Grove	130.17	Rev. James Godsey	300.00
Selma	312.50	Rev. Mark Edge	300.00
Fultondale	134.53	Rev. Robert Parker	300.00
Free Will Chapel	100.00	Rev. W. H. Ryland	300.00
Decatur		Rev. L. V. Pinson	300.00
Belview, Leeds	40.00	Rev. R. P. Ritch	300.00
Laodecia, Hanceville	20.00	Rev. Pearl Barnes	300.00
Sunset, Bay Minette	213.87	Rev. J. J. Staab	300.00
Townley Auxiliary	110.00	Rev. W. A. Murphy	300.00
Cordova	421.64	Rev. M. A. Mul phy Rev. Madison Taylor	300.00
E. Side Tuscaloosa	202.30	Mrs. Kitty Carpenter	300.00
E. Side Auxiliary	40.00	Mrs. Maude Quick	300.00
Graysville S.S	185.00		300.00
Hanks Memorial	299.84	Mrs. Ruby Nobles	300.00
Forestdale Auxiliary	24.00	Mrs. Rufus Hyman	300.00
Fairview, Leeds	50.00	Mrs. Bertha Marlow	300.00
Maple Grove Auxiliary	30.00	Mrs. Lora Shutes	
Huffman	41.25	Mrs. Byrd Alexander	300.00
Oak Grove	50.00	Mrs. Avis Graves	25.00
Fairview No. 2 Anniston	54.43	Bank Charges for Checks	14.59
Liberty No. 1 Assoc	1,058.68	Stamps · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	45.00
Al. State Assoc	428.23	Total Paid Out\$	5,984.59
Harmony, Leighton	69.00		
Piney Grove, Guin	57.19		
Maple Grove, Madison	100.00		
lst Ch. Pensacola, Fl	76.26		
Total Paid In	37,518.51		

In Checking Nov. 11. 1979	\$443.85
Total Paid in thru Oct. '80	7,518.51
Withdrawn from Savings	50.00
Total to give Account for	\$8,012.36
Paid Out	6,984.59
Balance in Checking, Nov. 1980	\$1,027.77
Total in Savings	927.25
Total in Treasurer	\$1,955.02

Verla Ryland, Sec. & Treasurer 349 Center Ave. W. Graysville, Al. 35073

ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME MISSION

P. O. Box 515

Vernon, Alabama 35592

Fiscal Year

November 1, 1979 thru October 31, 1980

The following is the Audit Check on Receipt Book for Fiscal year compared to the bank statement.

		Deposits	Checks		
1.	November 1979	\$2,560.01	210.01		
2.	December	667.20	30.00		
3.	January 1980	3,874.20	2,830.90		
4.	February	3,742.70	1,812.62		
5.	March	4,143.14	1,388.19		
6.	April	3,935.90	10,439.34		
7.	May	2,356.57	14,361.95		
8.	June	6,950.68	1,041.49		
9.	July	4,984.67	1,653.49		
10.	August	2,925.15	1,138.35		
11.	September	5,625.35	12,722.03		
12.	October	2,448.86	1,760.62		
		\$44,214.43	\$49,388.99	(Reg.)	\$4,876.52

Savings Account: Beginning 11-1-79	\$5,160.01
Deposit 3-80	
W-D 4-80	
W-D	
Interest Added	394.42
Savings Account Balance	\$8,554.43

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

Total Dessister		
Total Receipts:		\$44,214.43
Operating Expenses:	Savings Account	10,000.00
	National Home Missions	
	Land Purchased	24,000.00
	Expenses & Supplies	330.61
	Travel Expense	2,680.18
	Legal	125.00
	Secretary	
	Office	981.37
	Telephone	208.69
		\$49,388.99
Checkbook Balance Nove	mber 1, 1980	\$4,316.32
	Plus Deposits In Transit	2,240.37
	Less Out-standing Checks	1,680.17
	Actual Balance: (Reg. Acct.)	
	22	Ψ1,010.

ALABAMA HOME MISSIONS REPORT

John 4:4

And He "MUST NEEDS GO" through Samaria. Three words deplict the total ministry of the Alabama Home Mission Board.

I. Must - Men - Responded to the call; Used of God; Stabilized a local work; Testimony - of God's Power to Save Souls

Four cities were reached with the establishment of Free Will Baptist Churches.

Montgomery - June 1964, Rev. E. B. Ledlow; Decatur - 1968, Rev. E. B. Ledlow; Mobile - Sept., 1970, Rev. Kenneth Walker; Decatur - 1971, Rev. John Edwards; Enterprise - Sept. 1973, Rev. E. R. Mayo.

II. The next word that Jesus spoke of is Needs. New Method; Earnest Burden; Everlasting Results; Direct Plans; Solid Committment.

1. The Board, over a period of several meetings considered what had been done and what needed to be done for Missions in Alabama. It was decided that a new direction must be chartered if we were going to establish churches that would endure in the future. The plan that developed did not come quickly. Many problems had and still have to be dealt with before the plan will take a solid foundation. The plan that evolved through hard work and trial and error is a plan that has been dubbed The Church Establishment Program, (CEP). In brief this plan works as follows:

1. The general location is selected by the Mission Board as to where our next church will be located. This is usually determined on the leadership of the Lord, the basis of need.

 A missionary is chosen. The Board has formulated a set of guidelines and doctrinal criteria that must be met before the board considers seriously any person as a missionary candidate.

1. Form M-1, Guidelines and Questions for Missionary Candidate

2. M-2, Monthly Report

3. M-3, Contract between Mission Board and Missionary

3. The missionary is put on salary and sent on location. He spends his first few weeks getting the "Feel" of the city, finding out the directions of growth, contacting people whose names have been supplied to him and hopefully would be interested in starting a church, etc.

Too, the Board sends him on itinerate work among the Free Will Baptist of Alabama during these weeks when time permits and ask him to "sell" the church establishment program to the people.

4. The missionary then begins trying to locate suitable property in the chosen city. Real estate companies have given valuable help along this line. They generally know the layout of the city and where most of the population is located. Too, they are acquainted with the growth patterns of the city. When the missionary feels that he has located a good piece of property the mission board goes to the city and examines the property to make sure it is not on the "wrong side of the tracks" or "the last lot on a dead end street." In short, we make sure that the property is in a good location and is a good investment.

5. A drive is launched to pay for the land. We have had to pay some handsome prices for some of our church sites. We feel they are worth it. We have not put one single church in a poor location. The missionary by this time, by way of itinerate work and state newsletter, has put himself and his needs before the people. Money begins flowing in for the project. The board tries to get the land clear of any indebtedness before a building is erected on the property.

- 6. A building design is selected. The board also involves itself in this phase of the work. We make sure that the plans are adequate to meet the needs for the forseeable future and that the building will be an asset to the community and to the denomination.
- 7. The missionary is responsible to the board. He is considered to have been hired by the board and as such he is required to meet with the board at each regular board meeting, which is (2) two times during the year, or when the chairman deems necessary, and give a report of the progress of the work. This includes a report of attendance, offerings, progress on building, and any other thing that might be of interest to the board. The board attempts to guide without shackling the individualism of the missionary.
- 8. All money (except general expenses) is turned back to the board treasurer during the development stage. The board assumes the responsibility of making payments on the loans and the missionary's salary until such time as the church grows into a self-sustaining entity.
- 9. At the proper time the property is deeded to the church. Whenever it becomes apparent to the board that the church is able to assume full financial responsibilities the board withdraws itself from further assistance.

It should be stated that all the foregoing steps are taken under close supervision of the board. The missionary is given full responsibility in the new mission and is answerable to the mission board. This allows the missionary time to establish himself as the pastor of the flock.

It should be stated that all deeds and loans are made in the name of the mission board. Why this is true is obvious. A weak, struggling mission would never be able to secure enough money to buy choice property and erect a building at present day prices . . . at least, it would take much, much longer.

III. GO - Giving and Going; Obeying - objectives

Giving-January 1980 was the time that the CEP Program was conceived. The Lord has richly blessed in the acceptance of this program and of giving.

Going - The first use of the CEP program was in Alabaster.

Obeying -Starting in Sept. 1979 in one year's time has grown from 0 to 39 in Sunday School and 51 for morning worship in October.

God has supplied (4) four acres right in the center of Alabaster, Hellena, and Pelham.

OBJECTIONS: (1) Plans for Phase I ready (2) Secure financing for Alabaster
through CEP Program (3) January - Start construction on new church.

OBEYING: We have two aspects of our CEP program. (1) New - Establishment of New Works (2) Renew - Reestablishment of Old Work.

In the light of Obeying, we saw a need in Dothan for the help of a church. The time factor in Dothan will not be long. The church has proved already that all they needed was for people to be burdened about the work. We look at the leadership of the Lord location, opportunity and potential.

We praise God for what is ahead for the Alabama State Home Mission Board. We are looking at five (5) other cities in Alabama for future works. Pray that God will give us wisdom for the future.

Rev. Kenneth Driggers, Chairman

Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Vice-Chairman

Rev. Dennis Kizzire, Sec. & Treasure

Rev. W. G. Palmer

Rev. Donnie Hussey

CONSTITUTION OF THE ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

ARTICLE 1 -- 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 2 -- 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 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 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) member 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 term with one term expiring each year.

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

Section 12 - The expiration dates of all board members are to be printed in the minute

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 are 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 4 -- FINANCE

Section 1 - Each District Association shall send the sum of ten (10) dollars per chure affiliated with that Association.

Section 2 -- The fee of each local church representing independently shall be the sum of ten (10) dollars.

Section 3 - The clerk shall be paid one hundred - fifty (150.00) 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 fifteen (15) 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 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 special committee appointed by the ex-executive committee whose report shall be voted without discussion.

ARTICLE 6 -- MEETINGS

Section 1 - The State Association of Free Will Baptists shall hold its regular meeting annually, place of meeting to be decided by a vote of the body. The time of meetings to be Thursday night before the second Sunday in November of each year, and to remain its session until its work is completed.

ARTICLE 7 -- 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 the Association into conference if a quorum is present, the Moderator, or in 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 enrolls

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

 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 "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.

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.

Moderator, Secretary and Assistant Secretary and any other officer we may need.

on even years. Except the Secretary and Assistant Secretary and acclamation at the regular session Association and the Assistant Secretary Shall serve the Ministers and Deacons Meeting.

Standing in Alabama and adjoining States who wish to represent.

6. FINANCE. The Secretary shall be paid fifteen (15.00) 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 second 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 two-thirds vote or 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-thirds 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 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 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 and the Gospel.

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

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

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