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***1983 Minutes***

# MINUTES *of the* SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION *of the* ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS *When Convened In* FLORENCE, ALABAMA November 10-12, 1983

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## PROCEEDINGS

### THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 10, 1983

38th Session of the Ministers and Deacons Meeting.

Theme: "Precious Things In A Polluted World." 1 Peter 1:18-19; 2 Peter 1:1-4.

The Thirty-eighth session of the Ministers and Deacons Meeting opened with Bro. Philip Cooper leading "There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing" with Sis. Cooper at the piano and Sis. Stewart at the organ.

Bro. Don Burleson brought the scripture reading and prayer using Phil. 1:2-11. Bro. Tom Malone gave the welcome address. Bro. Hoover Lewis gave the response to the welcome.

Bro. Woodrow Matthews brought the Moderators message using 1 Peter 1:18-19; 2 Peter 1:1-4; Phil. 4:8; and Numbers 18:32. Bro. Cooper led in singing "At The Cross." Bro. Cooper sang "The Old Rugged Cross Made The Difference."

Bro. H. A. Pitts brought the message on "The Precious Blood" using 1 Peter 1:18-20; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Cooper led in singing "Nothing But The Blood." We were dismissed for a short intermission by Bro. E. B. Ledlow.

We convened with Bro. Cooper leading in singing "I Am Thine" with Sis. Cooper at the piano and Sis. Stewart at the organ. Bro. Cooper led in singing "Higher Ground." Prayer by Bro. George Ritter. Bro. and Sis. Ritter sang "Jesus Will Walk With Me."

Dr. Melvin Worthington brought the message on "The Precious Faith" using 2 Peter 1:1; Col. 2:5; and 2 Peter 1:5-7. Prayer by the speaker. After some announcements we were dismissed for lunch by Bro. Eugene Hales.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 10, 1983

We convened with Bro. Cooper leading "Standing On The Promises" with Sis. Cooper at the piano and Sis. Stewart at the organ. Bro. Cooper led in singing "Footsteps Of Jesus."

Scripture reading and prayer by Bro. David Crowe using 2 Peter 1:4. Bro. Tom Malone made a presentation from the First Church to Sis. A. J. Lambert. Bro. and Sis. Cooper sang "Unworthy."

Bro. Tim Hackett brought the message on "The Precious Promises" using 2 Peter 1:4; 2 Tim. 1:9; Ps. 1:3; and Ps. 37:5. Prayer by the speaker.

Report of the National Board of Retirement and Insurance by Bro. Herman Hersey which was received as information. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Richard Cordell.

### THURSDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 10, 1983

The Sixty-Fourth Session of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptist opened with Bro. Cooper leading "I Know Whom I Have Believed" with Sis. Cooper at the piano and Sis. June Britnell at the organ. Bro. Cooper led in singing "Blessed Assurance."

Bro. Frank Owens welcomed us to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Florence. Bro. Jack Rollins gave the response to the welcome.

Bro. Ray Ritch called the association to order and introduced the officers. Bro. Mickey Kirkland led in prayer. Bro. Mark Riggs gave his testimony. Bro. Jack Rollins for pledges to help Bro. Mark Riggs go to Spain as a missionary and received pledges of about \$4,500.00. Bro. Rollins led the offertory prayer. Sis. Britnell played "Jesus Is The Sweetest Name I Know" as the offering was received. A group of Ladies from First Church sang "Jubilee" and "Someone Is Praying For You." A Quartet from the church sang "Heaven For Me."

Bro. Tom Malone brought the Keynote message using Gen. 12:1-9. Prayer by the speaker. After some announcements we were dismissed by Bro. Roy Thomas.

### FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 11, 1983

We convened with Bro. Cooper leading "To God Be The Glory" with Sis. Cooper at the piano and Sis. Stewart at the organ. Bro. Cooper led in singing "Glory To His Name."

Bro. L. V. Pinson brought the scripture reading and prayer using 2 John 1-13; and 1 John 5:19-21. Bro. Cooper led in singing "Victory In Jesus."

Bro. John Edwards brought the Moderators message using 2 Cor. 1:7. Prayer by the speaker.

Report of the Credential Committee and Delegates seated. Visitors and Corresponding Delegates seated. Bro. Edwards appointed the committees.

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

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

Report of National Sunday School and C.T.S. by Bro. Fred Green which was received as information.

Report of the State Sunday School and C.T.S. Convention by Bro. Don Taggart.

Report of Southeastern Free Will Baptist College by Bro. Joe Haas which was received as information.

Report of National Masters Men by Bro. Dwight Fletcher which was received as information.

After a short intermission we convened with Bro. Cooper leading "There Is A Name I Love To Hear" with Sis. Stewart at the piano. The Florence Christian Academy singers sang "I Go To The Rock" and "Consider The Lillies."

Bro. Bobby Peters brought the morning message using Habakkuk 3:2; and 2 Cor. 5:18-21. Prayer by the speaker. After some announcements we were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Thomas Scott.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 11, 1983

We convened with Bro. Cooper leading "The Lily Of The Valley" with Sis. Cooper at the piano. Bro. Cooper led in singing "Jesus Loves Even Me." Scripture reading and prayer by Bro. Dickie Dees using 1 John 2:15-17.

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

Report of the Board of Retirement and Insurance by Bro. Byron Meyer.

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



Report of Pastors and Workers Conference by Bro. Richard Cordell.  
Report of the State Treasurer by Bro. Walter Jaggers.  
Report of State Missions by Bro. Dennis Kizzire.  
Report of the General Board.

Name delegates to the National Association. Sis. Reba Ritter, Bro. William Lewis, Bro. James Dunbar, Sis. Elwanda Oaks, Sis. Lillie Bates, Bro. Bobby Kennedy, Sis. Joyce Everage, Bro. Charlie Barnett and Sis. Guynette Barnett. The first five are delegates and the rest are alternates. After some announcements we were dismissed by Bro. Van Dale Hudson.

### FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 11, 1983

We convened with the Choir from the First Church singing "Hallelujah We Shall Rise." Bro. Cooper led in singing "When We All Get To Heaven" and "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" with Sis. Cooper at the piano and Sis. Britnell at the organ. Bro. Jack Rollins led the offertory prayer. Bro. Terry Hamilton sang "God's Hand Reached Further Down Than I Could Reach Up." A men's Trio from the church sang "Oh What A Saviour," "Oh I Want To See Him" and "I'll Meet You In The Morning." Bro. Steve Johnson sang "He Came To Me." Bro. Phil Cooper sang "Beulah Land." Bro. Cooper led in singing "Amazing Grace."

Bro. John Burnham brought the evening message using Matt. 27 and Prov. 25:15. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Woodrow Matthews.

### SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 12, 1983

We convened with Bro. Cooper leading "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" with Sis. Cooper at the piano. Bro. Cooper led in singing "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus." Scripture reading and prayer by Bro. Rickey Bolling using Matt. 9:35-38.

Report of the Auditing Committee.

Report of the Appreciation Committee.

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

Move and second that the items from the General Boards report be taken off the table.

Report of Finance Committee to host the National Association in 1987 by Bro. Richard Cordell.

Report of the save the Digest committee appointed by the moderator.

Move and second that 3 bids be taken on printing the digest. Passed.

Report of the Nominating Committee.

Move and second that the 1984 session of the State Association meet with the Eastside Free Will Baptist Church in Dothan on November 8-10, 1984.

Move and second that the business session be adjourned.

After a short intermission we convened with Bro. Cooper leading "Love Lifted Me" with Sis. Cooper at the piano. Bro. Cooper led in singing "Redeemed." Bro. Ray Ritch sang "When I've Traveled My Last Mile." Bro. Cooper led in singing "Trust And Obey."

Bro. Fred Jones brought the morning message using 2 Tim. 2:1-4; Text "Soldiers Of The Cross," Matt. 16:24. Prayer by the speaker. After some announcements we were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Jimmy McNeil.

## REPORTS

### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We your Appreciation Committee representing the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists wish to express with deepest gratitude. First, of all to our Lord for His blessings upon this session; our services, speakers, Moderator, association officers and the spirit of cooperation manifested by the delegation.

Secondly, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Florence for their friendly unselfish hospitality and provisions during this session of the Alabama State Association to make our stay here comfortable and enjoyable.

We request that a rising vote of appreciation be given to the host church and a prayer of thanksgiving honoring our Lord with expression of gratitude.

We wish also to note that it is so good to realize that brethren can dwell together in unity and experience a spirit of revival even in the midst of business.

Bro. Milton Gann  
Bro. Louie Bates  
Bro. Robert Carter

### AUDITING COMMITTEE

We your Auditing Committee have looked over and examined the following reports from material available of the Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists for the year 1982-1983.

#### 1. Children's Home:

For the fiscal year ended August 31, 1983 as audited by Michael Terry Comer, Accountant, Jasper, Alabama.

#### 2. The Treasurers Records:

For the fiscal year October 1, 1982 thru September 30, 1983 as audited by Garry R. Winsett, Accountant, Bay Minette, Alabama.

#### 3. Board of Christian Education:

For the fiscal year November 1, 1982 thru October 11, 1983.

#### 4. Board of Retirement and Insurance:

For the fiscal year November 1982 thru October 1983. Due to errors books do not balance with bank statement.

#### 5. Alabama Home Missions:

For fiscal year November 1, 1982 thru October 30, 1983 as prepared by James R. Morrison, CPA.

#### 6. Mid-South Pastors and Workers Conference:

For fiscal year April 28, 1983 thru September 30, 1983.

Bro. Steve Johnson  
Sis. Shirley Kennedy  
Sis. Gwen Stewart



## CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

We your Credential Committee make the following report.

1. We have examined the letters of the various associations, found them in order. We recommend their letters be accepted and their delegates seated.
2. We further recommend that the Murphy's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church request for membership in this body be granted and their delegate seated in this session.

Bro. Rick Cash  
Bro. Bobby Kennedy  
Bro. Ivan Stewart

## COOPERATIVE PLAN

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

- 35 Percent National Association
- 10 Percent Children's Home
- 15 Percent Alabama Missions
- 5 Percent Christian Education
- 10 Percent Retirement and Insurance
- 15 Percent Pastors and Workers Conference
- 10 Percent State General Fund

## THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The State C.T.S. Youth Competition was held June 3 and 4, 1983 at the Centerpoint Free Will Baptist Church. As in the past the competition was good. We sent several fine young people to Ohio to represent us as a state. We can certainly be proud of our young people here in Alabama.

This year we moved our State Youth Retreat from August to the AEA holidays in the spring. As a result we had a wonderful retreat. Bro. Ricky Messer was our evangelist and did a great job. We are looking forward to our next retreat and would like to encourage more young people to come.

### Financial Report:

Brought forward .....	\$1,329.83
Income .....	3,170.49
Total to account for .....	4,500.32
Expenditures .....	3,144.17
Transferred to savings .....	1,000.00
Balance .....	356.15
Total in savings .....	1,000.00

## EXHIBIT "A"

### FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Eldridge, Alabama

General Fund — Operating Account

September 1, 1982 through August 31, 1983

BEGINNING BALANCE September 1, 1982		\$ 1,129.05
Additions This Period:		
Contributions	\$163,520.87	
Social Security & Support Payments	3,029.60	
Sales and Coupon Redemptions	2,249.55	
Transfers From Other Funds	3,097.97	
Bank Loans	6,200.00	178,097.99
TOTAL CASH		\$179,227.04
EXPENDITURES This Period:		
Salaries and Taxes	\$ 78,016.43	
Food Costs	16,927.29	
Clothing	4,860.40	
Medical	4,461.84	
Household Expenses	3,742.98	
Education	8,188.44	
Utilities	14,091.38	
Laundry and Janitorial	2,151.49	
Vehicle Maintenance	4,249.18	
Gas and Oil	6,157.33	
Hardware and Maintenance	7,893.44	
Office Expense	5,278.97	
Telephone	4,191.69	
Farm Expense	1,781.24	
Insurance	2,032.00	
Board Member Expense	3,391.90	
Miscellaneous	344.60	
Accounting	475.00	
Recreation Expense	1,114.90	
Gifts	1,041.76	
Kitchen Supplies and Equipment	2,076.36	
Note Payments	2,037.22	
Roof Repair	1,215.00	
Painting	1,300.00	
New Washing Machine	384.11	
Extended Care Payments	1,125.36	178,530.31
ENDING BALANCE August 31, 1983		\$ 696.73



# FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Eldridge, Alabama

General Fund

Cash Received

September 1, 1982 — August 31, 1983

Alabama Free Will Baptist Churches .....	\$ 56,730.12
Other Alabama Sources	
(Businessmen, Individuals, Other Churches, Clubs, Etc.).....	43,898.87
Georgia .....	21,830.15
Florida .....	19,209.49
Mississippi .....	7,226.91
Tennessee .....	3,304.03
Oklahoma .....	183.26
Arkansas .....	1,143.41
Illinois .....	584.13
Missouri .....	115.50
Michigan .....	175.00
New York .....	5,000.00
Sales, Coupons, Refunds .....	2,249.55
Social Security .....	3,029.60
Memorial Gifts .....	2,325.00
Alumni .....	1,680.00
In Honor Of .....	100.00
Interest Transferred .....	597.97
Bank Loan .....	6,200.00
Transferred from Savings .....	2,500.00
West Virginia .....	15.00

TOTAL ..... \$178,097.99

# FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Eldridge, Alabama

Things Donated September 1, 1982 — August 31, 1983

Alabama .....	\$49,117.40
Georgia .....	2,565.00
Florida .....	1,857.57
Mississippi .....	3,260.00
Oklahoma .....	40.00
Michigan .....	240.00
Tennessee .....	310.00
New York .....	2,250.00
Arkansas .....	10.00

TOTAL ..... \$59,649.97

# FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Eldridge Alabama

September 1, 1982 — August 31, 1983

Contributors	Percentage of Support
Alabama Free Will Baptist Churches .....	31.9
Other Alabama Sources	
(Other Churches, Clubs, Businessmen, Individuals, Etc.).....	24.7
Georgia .....	12.2
Florida .....	10.7
Mississippi .....	4.0
Tennessee .....	1.8
New York .....	2.8
Other States: Ark., Ill., Okla., Mich., Mo., W.Va. ....	1.2
Sales, Coupons, Refunds .....	1.3
Social Security .....	1.9
Memorial Gifts .....	1.4
Alumni Gifts .....	.9
Bank Loan & Transfer of Funds .....	5.2
TOTAL .....	100%

# FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Eldridge, Alabama

September 1, 1982 — August 31, 1983

Professional Services Rendered:	
Dr. Gaines Keith, M.D. ....	\$2,000.00
Farm Report:	
Garden Vegetables .....	\$1,000.00
Canned & Frozen Food .....	500.00
Corn (175 bu. at \$3.50 per bu.) .....	612.50
Beef (810 lb. at \$1.75 per lb.) .....	1,417.00
Gross Profit .....	\$3,529.50
Farm Expense .....	1,781.24
Net Profit .....	\$1,748.26



## THE DIGEST STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

1. We find the production costs of the Digest to be approximately \$14,000.00 for the six issues produced for the year. Passed.
2. We recommend the quality be reduced to achieve a below \$10,000.00 production cost. Passed.
3. We recommend the State Association increase fees from local churches in the amount of \$10.00 per church collectable through the district associations. This increase would be allotted for the funding of the Digest. Tabled.
4. We further recommend the State Association approve an Editorial Commission to function as an advisory committee for the official state paper of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists. Passed.
5. We recommend this commission be composed of the Editor, three members of the State Home Missions Board and three members from the State Association body. Passed. Members from state body: Bro. Bud Hill, Bro. Eugene Hales and Bro. Fred Jones.
6. We further recommend the State Association urge all churches to contribute regularly to the ministry of the Digest. Passed.

Bro. Richard Cordell  
Bro. Bud Hill  
Bro. Eugene Hales

## FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR HOSTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1. We find the amount needed for the purpose of hosting the National Association of Free Will Baptists in July 1987 will be approximately \$10,000.00. This amount would be used to secure the auditorium facilities for the meeting.
2. We recommend the District Associations of the Alabama State Association budget and raise \$15.00 per church or an amount equivalent to for three years to be designated for this purpose.
3. We further recommend the Association direct the State Treasurer to place these funds in a savings account that would draw interest which would accrue to the total amount needed by the 1987 session of the National Association.

Bro. Richard Cordell  
Bro. Dennis Kizzire  
Bro. Gene Hales

## GENERAL BOARD REPORT

The General Board met on November 10, 1983 and made the following recommendations.

1. That Article 2 Section 7 be changed to read, The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and 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 along with the 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.
2. That Article 4 Section 3 be changed to read by inserting Treasurer \$150.00.
3. The executive committee voted to pay Bro. Jagers \$150.00 for his services for the last year.
4. That Article 4 Section 4 be changed to read, When special board meetings are called members shall be paid actual expense for meals and lodging. Automobile mileage shall be paid not to exceed the amount allowable by the Internal Revenue Service.
5. That number 12 of the By-Laws be changed by changing any to the same.
6. That Article 2 Section 9 be changed to read — The General Board shall be composed of one member from each District Association and the Chairman of each standing board. If any local association fails to belong but two (2) or more of their churches belong that they be allowed a board member.
7. That we give Dr. Melvin Worthington an honorarium of \$100.00.
8. That the offerings be divided two-thirds to Bro. Mark Riggs and one-third to Bro. Rickey Bolling.
9. That we take pledges to help raise money for Bro. Mark Riggs.
10. That a committee be appointed to meet with the Mission Board to work out a plan to save the Digest.
11. That the moderator appoint a finance committee to help raise money to finance the National Association when it comes to Birmingham in 1987.



**MID-SOUTH PASTORS AND WORKERS CONFERENCE  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
4-28-83 to 9-30-83**

**RECEIVED:**

Received from former treasurer .....	\$1,385.01
Jasper Association .....	200.00
East Alabama Association.....	200.00
Liberty Church, Lawley .....	23.42
Unity Church, Sylacauga.....	27.71
Liberty Church, Lawley .....	22.25
Cooperative Plan .....	752.41
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,610.80</b>

**PAID OUT:**

Central Bank (checks) .....	\$ 5.44
Board members expense .....	100.58
National Executive Office (four sets of labels).....	40.00
Office Supply Company (supplies for records) .....	7.38
Postmaster (stamps) .....	8.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 161.40</b>

**BALANCE..... \$2,449.40**

**ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS REPORT  
November 11, 1983**

I send you greetings in the Name that is Above ALL others. It certainly has been a joy to serve you one more year.

We would like to give you a brief report of your mission work since we last met. We certainly hope that you do not get upset at us sending you letters asking for your help. We can no longer sell General Church Bonds. The only alternative we have is to turn to you and your churches.

We have good news to report to you concerning our mission works. They each experienced good growth. We are pleased to announce that Brother Rodney Outlaw and the First Free Will Baptist Church of Headland will be going self supporting effective as of December 31, 1983. Brother Outlaw has done an outstanding job in directing this mission work. Brother James Walden has seen some good increase also at Central Free Will Baptist Church in Alabaster. I was just recently looking at the October, 1983, report in comparison to the October, 1982, report. I noticed that Brother Walden had experienced a 43% increase in Sunday School. As we were meeting at the State Association last year, Brother Mickey Kirkland was just completing his fourth week at Montgomery. As we meet today, we are glad to announce that Lighthouse Free Will Baptist Church is now averaging above 60 in the morning services. Please pray for all of their continued support.

Your Alabama State Mission Board meets semi-annually in April and September. There is also a need for some occasional called meetings. We strive to make decisions that are strengthening to our missions work as well as being pleasing to the Lord. We ask for your suggestions and prayers.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Donnie E. Hussey, Chairman  
Bill Smith  
Dennis Kizzire  
Floyd Barber  
Ed Ledlow  
Grady Palmer  
Duane Taylor



**ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION BOARD, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS**  
11/1/82 thru 10/30/83

**TOTAL RECEIPTS:**

Loan from National Retirement & Insurance	\$50,000.00	
Transfer From Savings	18,000.00	
Other	76,503.34	\$144,503.34

**OPERATING EXPENSES:**

Missionaries Salaries & Operations:

Walden	\$15,119.20	
Kirkland	4,050.41	
Outlaw	3,452.98	
Haiti	1,184.80	
Alabaster C.E.P.	8,000.00	
Montgomery C.E.P.	80,759.35	
Legal & Accounting	246.00	
Secretary & Office Expense	4,886.01	
Telephone	1,872.45	
Travel	1,218.34	
Miscellaneous	448.95	
Transfer to Savings	5,000.00	
Promotions, Supplies & Salaries	12,713.35	\$138,951.84

EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES \$ 5,551.50

**SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS:**

Balance — Regular Account 11/1/82 \$ 794.93

	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	
November-82	\$ 7,940.32	\$ 3,343.02	
December-82	—0—	4,858.97	
January-83	23,951.95	18,085.58	
February-83	—0—	4,100.19	
March-83	11,255.36	6,717.10	
April-83	13,215.62	15,102.49	
May-83	4,541.93	5,862.60	
June-83	5,553.31	4,722.25	
July-83	6,587.12	10,520.49	
August-83	5,744.18	3,469.88	
September-83	58,602.80	6,741.42	
October-83	7,110.75	55,427.85	\$ 5,551.50

CASH-IN-BANK 10/30/83 \$ 6,346.43

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BAL. 11/1/82 19,226.50

Add,

Deposits, Interest	\$ 5,435.73	
Less, Withdrawals	18,000.00	(17,564.27)

TOTAL CASH-IN-BANK 20/30/83: \$13,008.66

**ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION BOARD, INC.**

**SUBJECT: 1983-84 Budget Proposal to the Ala. State Assn. of Free Will Baptists**

**ALABASTER:**

Salaries and Bond Payments	\$33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00
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**MONTGOMERY:**

Salaries		
C.E.P.:		
Debt Retirement		
Rent		
Miscellaneous		\$ 80,800.00

**PAPER & PROMOTION:**

Salaries, Printing & Postage	\$ 6,450.00
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**GENERAL FUND:**

Telephone		
Office Operations		
Down Payment & Payments on Computer		
Board Travel & Supplies		
CPA		\$ 12,050.00
		<u>\$132,300.00</u>

Our budget for last year was \$130,900. Our total income was \$144,503.34. Of this amount only \$76,503.34 was given to our Board toward the budget. Of the \$76,503.34 only \$71,137.27 was given toward budgeted accounts. Also given toward our budgeted accounts was \$20,647.59 which was given directly to our missionaries accounts at Nashville which gives a total toward budgeted accounts of \$91,784.86 or \$39,115.14 short of our budget.

Our budget is even higher this year — \$132,300.00. Please stand with us in this critical time of need! Desperate is the need to pay the \$52,000.00 that is loaned to us by the Board of Retirement & Insurance in Nashville so we can begin the construction of a building in Montgomery!



**BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**November 1, 1983**

Beginning Balance .....	\$5,212.51
Income Received	
Transferred From Old Account .....	24.07
Gifts .....	10,189.04
Interest Earned .....	113.13
Total Income .....	<u>\$10,326.24</u>
Total to be Accounted For .....	\$15,538.75
Expenditures	
Office Supplies .....	29.79
Postage .....	120.00
P.O. Box Rent .....	18.00
Printing .....	10.70
Bank Charges .....	45.00
Paid to Ministers & Widows .....	10,360.00
Total Expenditures .....	<u>\$10,583.49</u>
Balance on Hand .....	\$ 4,955.26

**RECORD OF RECEIPTS**  
**November 1982 through October 1983**

Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists .....	\$ 1,074.82
Cedrom Grove FWB Church .....	60.00
Cordova FWB Church .....	465.50
Dovertown FWB Church .....	440.12
Eastside FWB Church (Tuscaloosa) .....	743.00
Free Will Chapel FWB Church .....	177.97
First FWB Church-Pensacola .....	131.64
First FWB Church-Pleasant Grove .....	260.27
First FWB Church-Selma .....	161.66
First FWB Church-Sylacauga .....	23.67
First FWB Church-Vernon .....	567.68
Forestdale FWB Church .....	1,986.27
Forestdale Woman's Auxiliary .....	24.00
Graysville FWB Church .....	300.00
Hamilton FWB Church .....	587.09
Hanks Memorial FWB Church .....	518.52
Laodicea FWB Church .....	40.00
Liberty No. 1 Association of FWB .....	1,437.21
Liberty FWB Church-Lawley .....	261.65
Maple Grove Woman's Auxiliary .....	30.00
Mount Olive FWB Church .....	279.42
Oak Grove FWB Church .....	60.00
Sunset FWB Church .....	204.01
Fairview FWB Church .....	132.30
Belview FWB Church .....	40.00
First FWB Church-Vernon Woman's Auxiliary .....	91.82
Townley FWB Church Woman's Auxiliary .....	10.00
Springfield FWB Church Woman's Auxiliary .....	25.00
Unity FWB Church .....	55.42
Total Gifts .....	<u>\$10,189.04</u>
Interest on Savings .....	113.13
Transferred from Old Account .....	24.07
Total Amount Received .....	<u>\$10,326.24</u>



**RECORD OF DISBURSEMENTS**  
November 1982 through October 1983

Postmaster (stamps, P.O. box rent) .....	\$138.00
Weatherford Office Supply Co. (envelopes) .....	20.44
Presto Printers (letters) .....	10.70
Walker Supply Co. (rubber stamp) .....	3.53
Byron Meyer (mimeograph paper) .....	5.82
Rev. J. W. Arnett .....	460.00
Rev. Eugene Sanford .....	460.00
Rev. A. J. Lambert .....	110.00
Rev. Lee Estill .....	460.00
Rev. Jessie Drummonds .....	285.00
Rev. James Godsey .....	460.00
Rev. W. H. Ryland .....	320.00
Rev. L. V. Pinson .....	460.00
Rev. R. P. Ritch .....	460.00
Rev. Pearl Barnes .....	460.00
Rev. J. J. Staab .....	215.00
Rev. W. A. Murphy .....	460.00
Rev. Madison Taylor .....	460.00
Rev. Louie Bates .....	460.00
Mrs. Kitty Carpenter .....	460.00
Mrs. Maudie Quick .....	460.00
Mrs. Ruby Nobles .....	460.00
Mrs. Rufus Hyman .....	460.00
Mrs. Lora Shutes .....	460.00
Rev. N. W. Carden .....	460.00
Rev. Dillard Key .....	350.00
Mrs. Avis Graves .....	350.00
Mrs. A. J. Lambert .....	350.00
Mrs. J. J. Staab .....	245.00
Mrs. Bessie Drummonds .....	175.00
Mrs. Verla Ryland .....	140.00
The First National Bank (charge for returned checks) .....	45.00
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>\$10,583.49</b>

**BREAKDOWN OF DISBURSEMENTS**

Office Supplies .....	\$ 29.79
Postage .....	120.00
P.O. Box Rent .....	18.00
Printing .....	10.70
Bank Charges .....	45.00
Benefits .....	10,360.00
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>\$10,583.49</b>

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**GENERAL FUND**

**RECEIVED:**

Brought Forward .....	\$ 463.18
Fees .....	3,800.00
Food .....	1,108.00
Offerings .....	452.20
Layman's Breakfast Tickets .....	216.00
Cooperative Plan .....	784.17
Designated Giving .....	227.21
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$7,050.76</b>

**PAID OUT:**

Zayre (office supplies) .....	\$ 70.11
Postmaster (postage) .....	40.63
Instant Copies (printing minutes, reports) .....	761.30
Logos Printing (500 letterheads for Moderators office) .....	67.60
Rev. Ray Ritch (mailing records to auditor) .....	7.20
Radio Shack .....	29.32
Hickory House Restaurant (layman's breakfast) .....	184.00
Officers of State Association .....	295.00
Forestdale Free Will Baptist Church (food) .....	929.14
Bank in Birmingham, Central Bank in Decatur (blank checks) .....	47.51
Carl Nelson Evangelistic Association (for help in sickness) .....	217.83
Dills Flower and Gift Shop (Rev. A. J. Lambert) .....	40.00
Alabama Home Missions Board (reimburse for expense to leadership conference in Nashville) .....	168.28
First Free Will Baptist Church, Decatur (long distance calls) .....	7.93
East Side Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan (long distance calls) .....	25.00
National Association of Free Will Baptist (fees for 1983) .....	1,890.00
Rev. Ray Ritch (supplies for and mailing minutes) .....	34.22
Expense of Executive Committee .....	475.25
Rev. Walter D. Jaggers (for serving as treasurer) .....	150.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$5,440.35</b>
<b>Balance .....</b>	<b>\$1,610.41</b>

OCTOBER 1, 1982 to SEPTEMBER 30, 1983



# COOPERATIVE PLAN

## RECEIVED:

First Free Will Baptist Church, Pleasant Grove .....	\$ 321.12
New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church .....	914.45
Southeastern Association of Free Will Baptists .....	76.20
Florida State Line Association .....	831.16
Holmes Free Will Baptist Church .....	300.00
East Side Free Will Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa .....	16.00
Liberty Free Will Baptist Church, Lawley .....	65.41
First Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan .....	1,615.56
East Side Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan .....	3,701.88
Total .....	\$7,841.78

## PAID OUT:

Alabama Home Missions and Digest .....	\$1,176.27
Mid-South Pastors and Workers Conference .....	1,176.27
Children's Home .....	784.18
Retirement and Insurance .....	784.18
Christian Education .....	392.09
General Fund .....	784.17
National Cooperative Plan .....	2,744.62
Total .....	\$7,841.78

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# DESIGNATED GIVING

## RECEIVED:

East Side Church, Tuscaloosa .....	\$ 58.00
First Church, Dothan .....	800.00
Cooper Church .....	182.23
Dr. Melvin Worthington .....	100.00
Florida State Line Association .....	687.72
First Church, Decatur .....	330.42
East Alabama Association .....	200.00
First Church, Sylacauga .....	23.67
New Hope Church .....	80.00
Unity Church, Sylacauga .....	55.42
Davis Chapel, Pell City .....	30.00
Rev. Bud Hill .....	6.00
Total .....	\$2,553.46

## PAID OUT:

General Fund .....	\$ 227.21
Pastors and Workers Conference .....	300.00
Board of Retirement and Insurance .....	290.25
Children's Home .....	100.25
Board of Christian Education .....	100.25
Alabama Home Missions and Digest .....	76.25
Rev. Rodney Outlaw Account .....	340.00
Rev. James Walden Account .....	160.00
Rev. Mickey Kirkland Account .....	318.07
Montgomery Land Project .....	350.00
Foreign Missions .....	40.49
National Home Missions .....	30.37
Bible College, Nashville .....	20.25
Rev. Ken Bailey Account .....	115.74
Rev. Jeff Turnbough .....	84.33
Total .....	\$2,553.46

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**ALABAMA STATE AUXILIARY CONVENTION**  
**Soul's Harbor Free Will Baptist Church, Vinemont, Alabama**  
**May 7, 1983**

Theme: Redeeming The Time — Ephesians 5:16

On May 7, 1983, the Alabama State Women's Auxiliary Convention opened with a song. Annette Tomlinson, President, called the meeting to order. The Credentials Committee was appointed. Marie Terry gave the Welcome. Sis. Odessa Ledlow gave the Response. Joy Corn brought the special music. Sis. Brenda Outlaw then brought our devotion, "Redeeming the Time in our Homes." Sis. Paulette Scott brought a mini-session on Mission Action. Nita Pitzer gave a session on Mission Prayer. The report of the Credentials Committee was given and accepted. The District Count was taken. Mini-sessions on Mission Study by Maxine Bennett, and the Office of Secretary-Treasurer, by Alice Hood were given. The offering was taken, and Bro. Rodney Outlaw, our guest speaker, then brought the message on "She hath done what she could." The committees were appointed and we were dismissed in prayer for lunch.

Robin King, Center Point, opened the afternoon session with a song. Bro. Dennis Reeves led in prayer, and Dot Reeves brought the afternoon devotion. We then entered our business meeting.

**RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:**

Barbara Fletcher, Shirley Kennedy and Odessa Ledlow, MSC

1. Be it resolved that we adopt the following addition to our existing State Project:
  - (1) That each auxiliary in each district give \$100. This is in addition to the \$100 Project given from each District Auxiliary in the State.
  - (2) It will be decided at each current meeting where the next year's project money will go.
  - (3) 1984 Project - To help get Lynn Miley account out of the red.
2. Be it resolved that the ladies of the Soul's Harbor Church and North Alabama District be given a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality shown during this convention.
3. Be it resolved that the officers elected in 1984 serve a three year term (instead of 2 years) in order to correspond with National election years. Each serving 2 years thereafter.
4. Be it resolved that the State Auxiliary Retreat move to every other year beginning with 1984 (on a trial basis). Districts will have retreats on the off year.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Alice Hood, Pat Pless, Jobie Hardwick, MSC

1. We the Finance Committee recommend that we give \$100.00 to the Alabama Digest.
2. We recommend that we give \$683.50 to Bro. Rodney Outlaw's account, in addition to the love offering of \$423.20.

**REGISTRATION COMMITTEE:**

Host District made up this committee.

State Officers .....	6
District Officers .....	8
Ministers .....	4
Delegates .....	27
Visitors .....	54
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>99 MSC</b>

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:**

Alice Hood, Pat Pless and Elwanda Oakes

The Credentials Committee examined the letters and found them in order, and recommended that the delegates be seated. MSC

The delegates appointed to attend WNAC, Columbus, Ohio, July, 1983.

Shirley Kennedy  
 Odessa Ledlow  
 Guynette Barnett  
 Reba Ritter  
 Irene Click  
 Elwanda Oakes  
 Paulette Scott  
 Pat Pless  
 Alice Hood

Cahaba Riber won the attendance banner.

North Alabama won a certificate of recognition for giving the most to our October Missions Project.

We then presented Bro. & Sis. Outlaw with a love gift of \$423.20.

Dismissed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Alice Hood

The total amount given to the Dave Franks account for our October Missions offering was \$922.90.



# CONSTITUTION OF THE ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

## ARTICLE 1 — NAME

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

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, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, 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 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 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 Treasurer shall keep a record of all finances that come in and from where. He shall keep a record of all disbursements made and report the same to the state association.

Section 7 — The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and 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 along with the 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 8—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 9 — The General Board shall be composed of one member from each District Association and the Chairman of each standing board. If any local association fails to belong but two (2) or more of their churches belong that they be allowed a board member.

Section 10—The Board of Retirement and Insurance shall consist of five (5) members with 1-5 year terms with one term expiring each year.

Section 11—The Mission Board shall consist of seven (7) members with 1-7 year terms with one term expiring each year.

Section 12—The Board of Christian Education shall consist of five (5) members with 1-5 year terms with one term expiring each year.

Section 13—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 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 twenty (20) dollars per church affiliated with that Association.

Section 2 -- The fee of each local church representing independently shall be the sum of twenty (20) dollars.

Section 3 — The Clerk shall be paid one hundred fifty (150.00) dollars, Treasurer 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 — When special board meetings are called members shall be paid actual expense for meals and lodging. Automobile mileage shall be paid not to exceed the amount allowable by the Internal Revenue Service.

## 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 a special committee appointed by the ex-executive 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.

## 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 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 the same board.

13. The Moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

14. Anyone desiring to speak shall arise to his feet and address the Moderator by the appellation "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.

15. The "Yeas and Nays," may be counted on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.

16. No member of this Association shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission from the Moderator.

17. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to seat the delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

18. The Moderator be given the power to appoint Delegates from those attending the National Association to fill the State quota.

19. No District Association, Quarterly Meeting or Local Church shall become a member of this body without having adopted the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in faith and practice.

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

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

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

1. **NAME** -- This shall be known as the Alabama Ministers and Deacons Meeting.

2. We adopt the Treatise of Faith and Practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptists as our standard.

3. The officers of the Ministers and Deacons Meeting shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Secretary and Assistant Secretary and any other officer we may need.

4. These officers shall be elected by nomination and acclamation at the regular session on even years. Except the Secretary and Assistant Secretary. The Secretary of the State Association and the Assistant Secretary shall serve the Ministers and Deacons Meeting.

5. This meeting shall be composed of all ordained Ministers and Deacons in good standing in Alabama and adjoining States who wish to represent.

6. **FINANCE** -- 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 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-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 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 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.



ASSOCIATIONS	No. of Churches	No. of Members	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Sunday School Members	C.T.S. Members	Woman's Auxiliary Members	Masters Men Members	Total Expenditures	Value of Church and Parsonage Property
Birmingham District	8	659	22	1	20	511	16	20		35,265.81	335,000
Cahaba River	18	2,060	33	6	59	1,364	458	135	77	28,417.67	2,188,660
East Alabama	9	961	14	3	16	369	194	45	14	106,862.00	181,000
Florida State Line	19	2,504	24	1	70	935	467	196	47		
Gulf Coast	3	155	3	2		150		10		13,950.00	160,000
Jasper	24	3,220	44	12		1,948	967				
Liberty No. 1	6	353	8		20	189	109	25		71,908.05	290,200
Liberty No. 2	6	437	15		16	359	35	20			693,000
Mississippi State Line	21	1,544	35		57	943					1,115,500
Mount Moriah	12	1,556	23	1		637	215	49	19	79,860.00	618,000
North Alabama	6	681	10		22	408	136	65	18	137,249.00	600,000
Progressive	14	3,264	29	6	58	2,161	722	120	49	391,642.56	2,953,000
Southeastern	13	1,431	14	1	47	613	283	84	59	174,327.00	1,412,000
Southern Union	5	307	7		10	150	61	33	13	47,864.84	210,000
Vernon	20	2,898	32	15	89	1,428	775	140	40	494,367.44	2,068,500
Murphy's Chapel Church	1	72	4	1	5	49					86,000
Total	185	22,102	317	48	489	12,214	4,438	942	336	1,581,714.37	12,910,860

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