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## PROCEEDINGS

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### The FORTY-THIRD SESSION of the MINISTER'S and DEACON'S Meeting

The Forty-Third Session of the Minister's and Deacon's Meeting met on November 10, 1988 at First Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan, AL. We convened with Bro. Van Clements leading "He Is Lord" with Bro. Lewis Pressley at the piano and Bro. Ira Cox at the organ. Bro. Clements led in singing "His Name Is Wonderful" and "He Loves Me".

Scripture reading and prayer by Bro. Gary Edwards using John 14:23-24. Bro. Jimmy McNeil pastor of the church gave the welcome address. Response by Bro. Waymon Fields.

Bro. Milton Gann brought the Moderators message using Col. 3:15-17; 1 Cor. 10:31. Bro. Clements led in singing "O I Want To See Him". Bro. Frank Fagan sang "He Chose Me To Follow Him".

Bro. Richard Hendricks brought the message "The Preacher - His Preaching" using 2 Tim. 4:1-3; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Heb. 13:3,7,17. Prayer by the speaker. Also using Eph. 6:1-2; 1 Cor. 14:33; Eph. 4:11-12. Bro. Gann led in a altar prayer.

After a short intermission we convened with Bro. Clements leading "I Feel Like Traveling On" with Bro. Pressley at the piano and Bro. Cox at the organ. Bro. Clements led in singing "Just Over In Gloryland" and "The Longer I Serve Him". Bro. and Sis. Ledlow sang "I Believe".

Bro. Ron Edgil brought the message "The Preacher - His Practice" using Isiah 61:1-3. Prayer by the speaker. Also using Rom. 5:20; Rev. 1:9-18 and Rev. 4:1. We were dismissed by Bro. Thomas Kirkland.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 10, 1988

We convened with Bro. Clements leading "Dwelling In Beulah Land" with Bro. Pressley at the piano and Sis. Stewart at the organ. Bro. Clements led in singing "I Just Keep Trusting My Lord", "Learning To Lean", "Where The Soul Never Dies" and "Hold To God Unchanging Hand".

Scripture reading and prayer by Bro. Ivan Stewart using James 3:17-18; Prov. 3:13-18; 4:7. Bro. and Sis. Waymon Fields sang "Welcome Home".

Bro. Milton Fields brought the message "The Preacher - His Prohibition" using Romans 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 4:1-5; Rom. 1:14-16; Heb. 4:15; 1 Cor. 16:13; 1 Cor. 14:20; 2 Tim. 2:15; 2 Tim. 3:1-7 and Heb. 6:20. Prayer by the speaker.

Election of the Moderator Bro. Milton Gann. Assistant Moderator Bro. Waymon Fields. We were dismissed by Bro. W.G. Palmer.

## THURSDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 10, 1988

After a singalong at the piano we convened with Bro. Waymon Fields singing a special. Bro. and Sis. Dees sang "What A Day". Bro. Jimmy McNeil gave the Welcome address. Bro. Glenn Hood gave the response. Bro. Ritch called the association to order and introduced the officers of the State Association. Bro. Clements led in singing "I Will Sing Of The Mercies" with Bro. Pressley at the piano and Bro. Cox at the organ. Bro. Clements led in singing "To Be Like Jesus", "Just Over In The Gloryland" and "Stepping In The Light". Bro. Lewis Mallory led the offertory prayer. The Quartet from the church sang "Put On The Garment Of Praise" and "We Shall Behold The King".

Bro. Tom Malone brought the Keynote message using 1 Thess. 2: 1-20. Prayer by the speaker. After a wonderful message we were dismissed by Bro. William E. Atkinson.

## FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 11, 1988

We convened with Bro. Waymon Fields leading "Trust And Obey" with Bro. Pressley at the piano and Sis. Stewart at the organ. Bro. Fields led in singing "The Gloryland Way". Scripture reading and prayer by Bro. Roger Lucas using Prov. 3:5-6 and Psa. 37:4.

Moderators message by Dr. John Edwards using 1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Tim. 3:1; 2 Cor. 11:3 and Heb. 10:25.

Report of the Credential Committee. Move and second that it be ammended to give the churches at Mobile and Montgomery one year to afflicate with a Local Association. Seating of the delegates.

Dr. Edwards appointed the committees. Visitors and correspond- ing delegates seated.

Report from ALCAP by Dr. Dan Irland which was received as information. Move and second to adopt the resolution opposing gambling.

### LOTTERY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the lottery issue continues to surface in the Alabama Legislature and,

WHEREAS, validated studies prove that a state operated lottery is the most regressive means of raising revenue, and,

WHEREAS, a state operated lottery provides no more than 1% of total revenue the other lottery states receive, and,

WHEREAS, a state operated lottery puts the state in a position of exploiting the very citizens it is designed to protect and serve, and,

WHEREAS, a state operated lottery will cause a vast majority of the citizens to lose in order for a very few to benefit, and,

WHEREAS, a state operated lottery is not without scandal at the administrative level as well as at attempts to falsify "winning" tickets, and,

WHEREAS, revenue generated from lottery is never the panacea it is promoted to be,

THEREFORE, Be it resolved that we the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists, with 19,460 members of Alabama plead with the Alabama Legislature to resist all efforts to legalize a lottery as well as all other forms of gambling, and,

BE IT FURTHER resolved, that Governor Guy Hunt, House Speaker Jimmy Clark and Lt. Governor James F. Folsom, Jr., join forces with us to defeat an attempt to pass lottery legislation at the legislative level, and,

BE IT FURTHER resolved, that this resolution be given the widest possible distribution through local churches, organiza- tions, religious and public publications, legislators and the ALCAP organization.

Report of Foreign Missions by Bro. Jimmy Aldridge which was received as information.

After a short intermission we convened with Bro. Clements leading "Jesus Is Lord Of All" with Bro. Pressley at the piano and Sis. Stewart at the organ. Bro. Clements led in singing "Surely Goodness and Mercy" and "Heaven's Jubilee". Bro. Clements sang "Thinking of a Mansion".

Bro. Donnie Hussey brought the morning message using 2 Tim. 1: 1-14; 1 Peter 2:21-24; Heb. 4:15; 1 Peter 1:18-21; John 14:1-3 and Rev. 22:12, Prayer by the speaker. We were dismissed by Bro. Jack Rollins.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 11, 1988

We convened with Bro. Clements leading "Is There Anything I Can Do For You" with Bro. Pressley at the piano and Sis. Stewart at the organ. Bro. Clements led in singing "The Gloryland Way", "Hallelu- jah We Shall Rise" and "I Will Arise And Go To Jesus". Scripture reading and prayer by Bro. Tommy Dubose using 1 Tim. 1:12; 4: 12-16.

Report of the National Executive Office by Dr. Melvin Worthing- ton which was received as information.

Report of the State Board of Christian Education by Bro. Tim Trimble.

Report of Alabama State Woman's Auxiliary Convention by Sis. Alice Hood.

Report of F.W.B. Bible College by Bro. Bob Shocky which was received as information.

Report of Southeastern F.W.B. College by Bro. Rick Cash which was received as information.

Report of Children's Home by Bro. Levy Corey.

Report of National Sunday School and Church Training Service by Bro. Larry Hampton which was received as information.

Report of the State Retirement and Insurance Board by Bro. David Hayes. Move and second that a set of rules for the Board of Retirement and Insurance be drawn up and presented next year.

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

received as information.

Report of State Missions by Bro. Donnie Hussey.

Report of Pastor's and Workers Conference by Bro. Dickie Dees.

Report of the Associational Treasurer by Bro. Thomas Kirkland.

Report of the General Board by Bro. Ray Ritch.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 11, 1988

We convened with Bro. Clements leading "Rejoice In The Lord Always" with Bro. Pressley at the piano and Sis. Stewart at the organ. Bro. Clements led "O I Want To See Him", "What A Day That Will Be", "His Grace Is Sufficient" and "I Just Keep Trusting My Lord". Bro. Edwards recognized all the missionaries. Bro. Edwards raised \$4,480.00 for the indebtedness at Alabaster. Bro. Rollins led the offertory prayer. Bro. and Sis. Fagan sang "Gloryland".

Dr. Melvin Worthington brought the evening message using Acts 1: 8 and 2 Cor. 5:17-21. Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Tim Jordan from Georgia gave a talk about Masters Men. We were dismissed by Bro. Roger Milling.

#### SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 12, 1988

We convened with Bro. Clements leading "Sweet Sweet Spirit" with Bro. Pressley at the piano and Sis. Stewart at the organ. Bro. Clements led in singing "Deeper Deeper", and "Because He Lives". Sis. Harper sang "The Family Of God". Scripture reading and prayer by Bro. Terrell Jones using Phil. 1:6, 12-14.

Report of the Auditing Committee.

Report of the Appreciation Committee.

Delegates to the National Association in Tampa, July 16-20, 1989. Bro. Waymon Fields, Sis. Sarah Fagan, Bro. Paul Nichols, Bro. John Ackerman and Bro. George McJenkins. Alternates Bro. Ivan Stewart, Sis. Shirley Kennedy and Bro. Bobby Kennedy.

Move and second that item 3 of the General Board report be taken off the table. Passed.

Report of the registration committee.

Report of the nominating committee.

Move and second to adjourn the business session.

After a short intermission we convened with Bro. Clements leading "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me", "No Tears In Heaven" and "What A Lovely Name". Bro. Ken Ray, Bro. E.B. Ledlow and Bro. Bill sang "Two Winning Hands".

Bro. Jack Rollins brought the morning message using 2 Sam. 6:14; Ex. 25:10,22; 2 Kings 14: 25-26 and Num. 16:46-48. Prayer by the speaker. We were dismissed by Bro. Tim Trimble.

## REPORTS

### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We the Appreciation Committee wish to express our sincere thanks to the First Free Will Baptist Church for the wonderful way they have hosted the 1988 Alabama State Association.

We wish also to thank all those who had a part in planning and carrying out the program - the speakers, musicians and officers.

Let us give them a rising vote of thanks.

Sis. Alice Hood

Sis. Pat Milling

Sis. Maude Fowler

### AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your Auditing Committee, have looked over and examined reports from material available by the Alabama Association of FWB for year 1987-88.

#### Children's Home:

From September 1, 1987 to August 31, 1988 audited by Michael Terry Comer.

#### Pastor's and Worker's Conference:

From December 29, 1987 to September 1, 1988.

#### Home Mission Board:

From November 1, 1987 to September 30, 1988, Audited by James R. Morrison.

#### Christian Education:

From November 1, 1987 to October 31, 1988.

#### Treasurer's Report:

From August 31, 1987 to August 31, 1988, audited by McDaniel and Associates.

#### Board of Retirement and Insurance:

From November 27, 1987 to November 3, 1988.

Sis. Shirley Kennedy

Sis. Gwen Stewart

Sis. Odessa Ledlow

### CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We, your Credential Committee have examined the letters of the following District Associations and find them in order and recommend the seating of their delegates: Birmingham District; Cahaba River, East Alabama, Florida State Line, Jasper, Liberty No. 1, Liberty No. 2, Mississippi State Line, Mount Moriah, North Alabama, Progressive, Southeastern, Southern Union, and Vernon.

We further examined the requests of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Mobile and the Lighthouse Baptist Church in Montgomery for direct affiliation with the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists and recommend these churches be received and their delegates be seated.

Dr. Richard Cordell  
Rev. Dickie Dees  
Rev. Bobby Ned Peters

#### COOPERATIVE PLAN:

The Cooperative Plan is to be allocated to the following ministries according to these percentages:

State General Fund . . . . .	45%
Children's Home . . . . .	10%
Alabama Free Will Baptist Board of Mission . . . . .	15%
and church extension	
Christian Education . . . . .	5%
Retirement and Insurance . . . . .	10%
Pastor's and Worker's Conference . . . . .	15%

All money sent that is designated is sent to that department.

#### State Christian Education Board Report:

Finances Nov. 1, 1987 - Oct. 31, 1988:

Balance Brought Forward . . . . .	\$1,092.12
Total Deposits . . . . .	\$3,358.05

#### 4 Sources of Income:

1. Retreat Registrations
2. St. Competition Registrations
3. One Church - First Ch., PL. Grove
4. 5% of Co-op monies

Total Interest Earned . . . . .	\$ 38.30
Total To Account For . . . . .	\$4,488.47

#### Expenditures:

Service Charges . . . . .	\$ 4.00
Ck No. 121 - Postmaster - Videos . . . . .	\$ 3.84
122 - Deposit for Camp Chula Vista . . . . .	\$ 300.00
123 - Retreat Mailing . . . . .	\$ 48.00
124 - Al. Mission Board - Mailing Labels . . . . .	\$ 14.00
125 - Postmaster, Video Mailing . . . . .	\$ 1.92
126 - Postmaster, Video Express Mailing . . . . .	\$ 10.75
127 - Retreat Mailing . . . . .	\$ 48.00
128 - Stamps . . . . .	\$ 4.40
129 - Al. Mission Bd. - Mailing Labels . . . . .	\$ 10.00
130 - Hononarium - Dr. Cory . . . . .	\$ 225.00
131 - Camp Chula Vista . . . . .	\$1,755.10
132 - Cornerstone Films - Retreat . . . . .	\$ 97.36
133 - All-Star Trophy-State Competition . . . . .	\$ 134.32
134 - Progressive Assoc. Repaymt. of fees . . . . .	\$ 20.00
135 - Don Taggart - Board Expenses . . . . .	\$ 91.38

136 - Randall House Competition Awards \$	342.71
137 - N.Y.C. - Fees . . . . .	\$ 610.00
138 - Late registration fee for Kids Christ Selma \$	15.00
140 -- Postmaster-Mailing to Randall House \$	4.74
141 - Randall House - Additional Medals \$	28.10

Total To Account For . . . . .	\$3,773.37
Expenditures . . . . .	\$4,488.47
	<u>\$3,773.37</u>
New Balance Oct. 31, 1988 . . . . .	\$ 715.10

#### GENERAL BOARD REPORT:

The General Board met on November 10, 1988 with Bro. J.L. Lavender leading in prayer and make the following recommendations.

1. That the offerings be put into the General fund.
2. That we go to Florence Free Will Baptist Church next year on November 9 - 11, 1989.
3. That we adopt the contract that the National Association has for the state missionaries.
4. That the First Free Will Baptist Church of Mobile be admitted as a local church.
5. That we accept the resignation of Bro. Randy Wright from the board of Christian Education.

#### RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE:

Report Covering November 1, 1987-October 31, 1988

Beginning Balance . . . . .	\$3,087.01
Deposits . . . . .	<u>\$7,129.51</u>
Total To Account . . . . .	\$10,216.52

#### Expenditures:

Stamps . . . . .	\$ 71.04
Supplies (record books, deposit stamp, etc) . . . . .	\$ 42.00
* Recipients (23 until August, now 22) . . . . .	<u>\$8,900.00</u>
Total Expenses . . . . .	\$9,013.04

Total To Account . . . . .	\$10,216.52
Expenses . . . . .	<u>9,013.04</u>
Balance . . . . .	\$ 1,203.48

\* There are 22 persons now receiving \$35.00 per month if available. There were two months in the past twelve there were no funds on hand. Usually they receive \$75.00 for Christmas. This goes out the end of November. As you can see by the present balance there isn't

enough for this. 22 x 75 = \$1,650.00.

Rev. Vern Gunnels, Chairman  
Rev. David Hayes, Treasurer  
Rev. Terrell Jones  
Rev. Herman Calloway

EXHIBIT "A"  
FREEWILL BAPTIST CHILDRENS HOME  
Eldridge, Alabama  
GENERAL FUND - OPERATING ACCOUNT

September 1, 1987 through August 31, 1988

BEGINNING BALANCE September 1, 1987 \$ 15,982.41

Additions this period:

Contributions	\$235,261.36	
Social Security & Support Payments	8,875.12	
Sales & Coupon Redemptions	1,111.46	
Interest Income	1,931.97	
Special Ministry Friends	8,366.76	
Refunds	378.66	
Insurance Reimbursements	125.00	\$256,050.33

TOTAL CASH \$272,032.74

EXPENDITURES This Period:

Salaries and Taxes	\$ 93,935.91	
Food Costs	19,832.42	
Clothing	2,851.22	
Medical	4,240.11	
Household Expenses	7,236.60	
Education	1,841.54	
Utilities	25,919.45	
Laundry and Janitorial	1,784.68	
Transportation Expense	15,680.16	
Hardware and Maintenance	7,933.36	
Office Expense	7,057.67	
Promotional	9,556.02	
Farm Expense	1,217.27	
Insurance	11,656.10	
Board Member Expense	2,721.38	
Miscellaneous	1,523.51	
Accounting	475.00	
Recreation Expense	420.87	
Kitchen Supplies	1,599.93	
Gifts	126.84	
New Equipment	5,108.54	
Postage	9,177.62	\$231,896.20

ENDING BALANCE August 31, 1988 \$ 40,136.54

# EXHIBIT "B"

## FREEWILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME Eldridge, Alabama GENERAL FUND — SAVINGS ACCOUNT

September 1, 1987 through August 31, 1988

BEGINNING BALANCE September 1, 1987	\$ 1,051.96
Additions This Period:	
Interest Earned	<u>72.37</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,124.33
Expenditures This Period	-0-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>-0-</u>
ENDING BALANCE August 31, 1988	<u>\$ 1,124.33</u>

# EXHIBIT "C"

## FREEWILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME Eldridge, Alabama CASH REPORTS OTHER FUNDS

September 1, 1987 through August 31, 1988

	FUND		
	Misc.	College	Foster Club
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 3,652.03	\$ 390.98	\$ 2,436.79
Add:			
Contributions	19,151.85		4,478.02
Interest Earned		21.87	171.58
Loan	<u>1,125.00</u>		
TOTAL CASH	<u>\$23,928.88</u>	<u>\$ 412.85</u>	<u>\$ 7,086.39</u>
Deduct:			
Promotional Allowances	\$ 3,884.24		\$ 3,680.00
Salaries	397.00		
Household	5,331.05		
Office Expense	77.14		2.00
Travel Expense	885.22		
Automobile/Vehicle	3,050.12		
Christmas Money	975.00		
Miscellaneous	552.46		
Refund	273.42		
New Equipment	2,209.05		
Education	68.41		
Note Payment	<u>5,176.11</u>		
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	<u>\$22,879.22</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 3,682.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 1,049.66	\$ 412.85	\$ 3,404.39

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS  
AND CHURCH EXTENSION  
Alabama State Association  
Dothan, Alabama  
November 11, 1988

It is a joy to be able to give this report. The Lord has certainly been good to Alabama missions since we met in Hamilton last November. Although you will be able to see some of the great things that have taken place from this report and from the videos that can be seen in the Alabama Missions booth, there are some things you won't see. You won't see the rejoicing of the two churches when a precious soul has come to know Jesus. That is what it is all about, and we are praising the Lord for such results.

We believe we have two great men of God in Brother Richard Hendrix and Brother Tim Trimble as the pastors in our two mission works. Let's take a closer look at these mission works.

The Central Free Will Baptist Church is showing some signs of good progress. Brother Trimble is now living in Alabaster. They are having prospects to consistently attend their services. Brother Trimble reports that this past Sunday, their final Sunday in their Sunday School promotion, they had 108 in Sunday School and 118 in preaching service. Praise the Lord!!! They had three strong rededications.

In the spring and summer months, some very important changes took place with the property and church building. The Mission Board borrowed the money to have the property landscaped, the parking lot paved, and a new glass door put in the front entrance. Brother Trimble and his congregation did some remodeling and upgrading on the inside of the building. The Mission Board is putting out a plea to all of our churches across the state to help us pay off this note for the money that we borrowed to do the work on the property. We hope you will make your commitment in tonight's service.

Brother Richard Hendrix and the congregation at the Madison Free Will Baptist Church are making giant strides. They have just completed their thirteenth month as a church. Their October average was 61 for Sunday School, 71 for morning worship, 46 for Sunday night, and 36 for prayer meeting. Last month, they had nine salvation decisions and five rededications.

In June, the church was forced to change locations. They were meeting in a day care facility. The day care changed directors, and the new director told Brother Hendrix he would have to find a new place to meet. The pastor spent much time searching for a new home for his church. The Mission Board also had several members assisting in the search on a number of days. We were able to lease a very suitable place beside U.S. 20. The only problem is the rent is very high. However, everything else in that area is much higher. We had hoped to lease part of the building out, but everyone that is interested wants

the entire building. We are hoping and praying that the Lord will allow us to begin the first phase of a building program in the near future. Please help us pray that this will not only be a goal but will become an accomplishment.

If you ever have any questions about the mission works, please feel free to contact the missionaries or any member of the Alabama Missions Board.

The Board of Missions & Church Extension also sponsored a walk-a-thon this year. We decided on a goal of \$25,000. The money was to go to help retire the debt of the Madison Land Fund. We grossed \$27,125 with the last amount coming to us in late October. After expenses were paid, we netted approximately \$20,000. A tee shirt was given to everyone who raised \$25 or more, and the pastors received the book, Explore the Book, by J. Sidlow Baxter, if their church raised \$100 or more. The Unity Free Will Baptist Church of Sylacauga raised the most money of any individual church by raising more than \$1,900. Brother Ed Ledlow was their pastor at that time. Brother Cliff Holland, pastor of the Huntsville church, raised more than any other individual with his total of \$620.

We have enlarged our plans for next year's walk-a-thon. We have set our goal at \$35,000. We have included several of our missionaries to be helped by this year's walk-a-thon. We have it broken down in this order:

Brother Hendrix - Madison	30%
Brother Trimble - Alabaster	30%
Brother Larry Reynolds - Phoenix, AZ	10%
Brother Dave Franks - Brazil	10%
Brother Ricky Bowling - Uruguay	10%
Brother Jimmy Aldridge - Overseas Secretary	10%

We have set the date for the 1989 walk-a-thon as Saturday, April 1. If you are unable to hold yours on that date, we ask that you select a Saturday close to this date. It is our desire and goal that every church and district association will be involved in next year's walk-a-thon. Your Area Coordinator will be contacting you.

Your Board of Missions & Church Extension also has the responsibility of coordinating the annual ROLL CALL Sunday. BIG DAYS ARE IMPORTANT. On Roll Call Sunday in 1984, we had 13,431 people in our services. This year we had a total of 16,246. That is an increase of 2,815 over the four-year span. We have come from the fifth largest state in the National Association to the fourth largest. Praise the Lord for the 21 percent increase! This year there were 36 salvation decisions, many rededications, baptisms, and new church members gained. The Board will be presenting plaques to the churches that had the highest overall increase in their respective divisions. Their increase was figured against their four-year average on Roll Call Sunday. The winners of the divisions are as follows:

	Division	Church	4 - Year Average	This Year	Increase
A.	500+	Guin	529.25	665	135.75
B.	400-499	No Entry			
C.	300-399	Mt. Zoin	339.75	455	115.25
D.	200-299	Lighthouse	262.50	537	274.50
E.	150-199	1st Northport	158.50	218	59.50
F.	100-149	Huntsville	147.00	332	185.00
G.	50- 99	Harvest	66.00	151	85.00
H.	Under 49	Bethel	45.00	105	60.00

The Madison Free Will Baptist Church and the Gray's Chapel Church will also be receiving special recognition for their outstanding efforts on Roll Call Sunday. We had eight churches that placed in the top 100 of the nation on that day: First, Florence; First, Guin; Lighthouse; Mt. Zion; First, Fayette; Huntsville; Mt. Olive; and Sulligent. Roll Call Sunday for 1989 is scheduled for March 26, with a goal of 17,000.

As you well know, it is also our responsibility to print the Alabama Free Will Baptist Digest. We have not been able to mail these out bi-monthly simply because of lack of funds. The only way we could send the Digest out at the appropriate time is for churches and individuals to send a donation to the Alabama Digest fund on a consistent basis. We hope you will take this into prayerful consideration.

The Alabama Free Will Baptist Board of Missions & Church Extension earnestly desires your prayers that we may be able to discern the will of God in every decision. Please keep the Trimble and Hendrix families in your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

*Donnie E. Hussey*

Donnie E. Hussey, Chairman

Buddy T. Henry  
Dennis F. Kizzire  
Floyd C. Barber  
E.B. Ledlow  
Larry Reynolds  
Duane Taylor

Alabama Freewill Baptist Home Mission - - - - - Detroit, Alabama

Statement of Receipts & Disbursements - - - - 11/1/87 thru 9/30/88

BALANCE REGULAR ACCOUNT 11/1/87: \$ 417.08

		<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	
November	87	\$17,564.36	\$ 6,610.53	
December	87	\$ 9,241.84	1,618.44	
January	88	-0-	16,033.83	
February	88	20,406.60	7,782.77	
March	88	14,063.66	4,363.93	
April	88	21,097.23	22,470.41	
May	88	12,296.96	6,522.52	
June	88	-0-	4,750.84	
July	88	28,643.19	32,519.38	
August	88	21,091.58	22,626.54	
September	88	20,627.70	18,202.20	
		<u>\$ 165,033.12</u>	<u>\$ 143,501.39</u>	<u>21,531.73</u>

CASH IN BANK 10/1/88 (Checking): \$21,948.81

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE 11/1/87: \$ 2,660.48

Add: Interest Income	\$90.92	
Less:	-0-	<u>\$ 90.92</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE 10/1/88: \$ 2,751.40

**TOTAL RECEIPTS:**

Contributions	\$150,033.12	
Interest Income	90.92	
Loan Proceeds	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>	\$165,124.04

**EXPENSES:**

Hendrix	\$ 40,384.96	
Foreign Missions	25,198.38	
Tremble	20,367.15	
Alabaster	17,626.48	
National Home Missions	17,349.71	
National Advance	2,907.33	
Powell	2,193.85	
F.W.B.B.C.	1,468.40	
Haiti	1,425.01	
Other	2,010.42	
Digest	63.18	
Salary	6,150.00	
Telephone	1,337.93	
Office Expense	1,034.84	
Office Supplies	1,101.60	
Lease Equipment	1,039.71	
Board Meeting	853.11	
Travel	659.24	
Accounting	150.00	
Insurance	<u>180.09</u>	<u>143,501.39</u>

**EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES:**      \$ 21,622.65

**1988-89 BUDGET PROPOSAL TO AL FWB STATE ASSOCIATION  
ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST  
BOARD OF MISSIONS & CHURCH EXTENSION**

**ALABASTER:**

Salaries, Mileage & Expenses	. \$24,000.00
Sinking Fund for Bonds	. . . \$10,800.00
Repayment of Loan 1	. . . \$15,740.00
Repayment of Loan 2	. . . \$ 5,000.00

**TOTAL FOR ALABASTER** . . . . . \$55,540.00

**HUNTSVILLE:**

Rent & Land payments	. . . \$28,200.00
Salaries, Mileage & Expenses	. . \$24,000.00
Miscellaneous	. . . \$ 3,000.00

**TOTAL FOR HUNTSVILLE** . . . . . \$55,200.00

**PAPER & PROMOTION:**

Printing & Postage	. . . . . \$ 3,100.00
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**TOTAL FOR PAPER & PROMOTION** . . . . . \$ 3,100.00

**ADVANCE CELEBRATION** . . . . . \$ 5,000.00

**MARCH FOR MISSIONS WALK A THON**

Designation 1 outside giving.	. \$14,000.00
Balance included in this budget	

**TOTAL FOR MARCH FOR MISSIONS** . . . . . \$14,000.00  
**WALK-A-THON**

**GENERAL FUND:**

Telephone	. . . . . \$ 1,000.00
Salaries & Labor	. . . . . \$ 6,000.00
Equipment	. . . . . \$ 1,500.00
Board Travel	. . . . . \$ 2,000.00
Miscellaneous	. . . . . \$ 1,000.00
Accounting	. . . . . \$ 200.00

**TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND** . . . . . \$11,700.00

**TOTAL BUDGET FOR 1988-89** . . . . . \$144,540.00

There Will Be A Need Of \$12,045.00 Per Month To Meet This Budget.

**HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT**  
of the National Association of Free Will Baptists  
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CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF THE U.S.A., INC., THE ALABAMA STATE MISSION BOARD, AND REVEREND \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING AN INDIGENOUS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH IN \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, OR ITS SUBURBS:

1. The salary is to be \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month, plus \$\_\_\_\_\_ housing, \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month social security, \$\_\_\_\_\_ monthly hospitalization insurance, and \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month savings bonus. (Savings is 2% of total salary and housing of \$\_\_\_\_\_.) The total income will be \$\_\_\_\_\_, and the monthly check will be \$\_\_\_\_\_.
2. The savings bonus will remain in the National Home Missions Board Savings Fund until the missionary retires or ceases to work for the Board. At that time it will be paid in full to the missionary. If the missionary resigns and leaves the field before the church becomes self supporting or before the five year term of this contract is fulfilled, the retirement savings bonus will be forfeited.
3. The Alabama State Mission Board will send any amount for the salary to the National Home Missions Board at least one month in advance, because all missionaries are paid in advance. This check should reach the National Office on the 25th of the month prior to the month check is to be paid. All checks are written well in advance so that the missionary will receive his check by the first of each month.
4. The missionary's expenses for promotional itinerate will be paid from his account. Any money received from donors while on the field intended for salary is to be sent to his account. Itinerate will continue until support is raised. The goal is \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month in monthly faith promise support, and \$6,000.00 cash in the missionary's account. Services on the field will not be started until these goals have been reached, and until approval has been given by the General Director of National Home Missions and the Chairman of the Alabama State Mission Board.
5. The total moving costs of getting the missionary to the field is to be paid from his account, but the missionary is expected to

move as inexpensively as possible. All moving plans shall be approved by the Chairman of the Alabama State Mission Board.

6. The National Home Missions Board will pay \$200.00 of the missionary's expenses to the National Association from his account, and the mission church will be asked to pay the remainder of expenses.
7. Should the missionary's account reach a deficit of \$1,000.00, immediate emergency action will be taken to relieve the strain on the General Fund of the National Home Missions Department created by this deficit. Should the account reach \$3,000.00 deficit, the missionary must leave the field and hold itinerate services until the deficit is erased, or receive designated support.
8. The missionary is allowed \_\_\_\_\_ weeks vacation time each year and the privilege of conducting revivals, missionary conferences, and other services as the Lord leads. All leaves from the field must be approved by the Chairman of the Alabama State Mission Board.
9. A monthly report form (supplied by the National Office) from the missionary is to be submitted to the General Director of National Home Missions and the Chairman of the \_\_\_\_\_ State Mission Board by the 10th of each month, along with a report of the financial receipts and expenditures of the mission.
10. As far as his relationship with the National Home Missions Board and the Alabama State Mission Board, the missionary works directly under the General Director of National Home Missions and the Chairman of the Alabama State Mission Board, and all letters or calls pertaining to salary checks, moving expenses, beginning of services, leaves from the field, purchasing of property, monthly reports, etc., should be directed to them. (The missionary shall not go directly to Board members, but if he wishes to contact the boards, he must send his request in writing to the General Director of National Home Missions and the Chairman of the Alabama State Mission Board, who shall present the request to the boards.)
11. Any rental property for church meeting purposes, or the purchase of property for the mission church must be reviewed by the Chairman of the Alabama State Mission Board.
12. No set amount of home visits is required each month, but it is

strongly suggested that a considerable amount of time be given to the task. Our Lord said, "Go", and there can be no improvement made of His plan. (The National Home Missions Board suggests a minimum of 100 calls per month.)

13. The missionary will work diligently to establish a Free Will Baptist church in the designated city, by conducting "get acquainted" meetings, worship services, extensive door knocking and visitation as suggested in the orientation program of the National Home Missions Department.
14. It is the missionary's obligation to teach the mission church to support his account while he serves as a missionary, to assume the pastor's salary, and take full responsibility of indebtedness, making the church completely self supporting as soon as possible. The mission church should begin paying toward its pastors salary immediately by sending to his account with the Alabama State Mission Board, and raising this amount as it is able until the entire amount has been assumed by the church. (The goal for the assumption of the pastor's salary by the mission church will be twenty percent (20%) each year, or ten percent (10%) every six months. Thus the project would be completely self supporting in five (5) years.)
15. Whenever the congregation has reached the state where they desire to organize into a church, the National Home Missions Board and the Alabama State Missions Board will determine any further obligation they may feel to the group. It is the missionary's obligation to use his influence to keep the group as a mission until such time as he feels they are capable of taking full responsibility of indebtedness and a pastor's salary.
16. The missionary shall teach the people in the mission church the doctrines of the Free Will Baptist denomination according to the Treatise, will affiliate the church with a local association in Alabama affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists, will lead the mission church to support the programs of the Alabama State Association, the National Home Missions Department and the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and will name the church a "Free Will Baptist Church". The missionary shall be free to name his church whatever he desires, but the name must include the words, "Free Will Baptist." This name must be used on the church signs, all legal documents, and on all church publications and advertisements.

17. The missionary shall place in the articles of incorporation and the constitution and by-laws the following dissolution clause:

"Should a condition arise at any time in the future when, for any reason, the church work cannot continue, making it necessary for the church to disband, the church shall either (1) transfer ownership of the church property, buildings, equipment, funds and assets to the Mission Board of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists, affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists, or (2) shall repay the Alabama State Mission Board and the National Home Missions Board all funds which have been paid in salaries, expenses, property, buildings, and equipment by the Alabama State Mission Board and the National Home Missions Board for the establishment of the Free Will Baptist church under this contract."

"Should the church within five (5) years of its organizational date and become self supporting choose to sever its affiliation with the National Association of Free Will Baptists, the church shall pay back to the Alabama State Mission Board and the National Home Mission Board all funds paid by the Alabama State Mission Board and the National Home Mission Board in salaries, expenses, property, buildings and equipment as repayment for the funds expended in the establishment of the Free Will Baptist church under this contract."

18. The missionary shall provide the Alabama State Mission Board and the National Home Missions Board with (1) proof of hospital insurance for the missionary family, (2) copies of articles of incorporation of the new church, (3) constitution and bylaws for the new church, (4) and copies of deeds, liens, notes of indebtedness and other legal documents pertaining to the church property.
19. The missionary should bring any disagreements he may have about the policies of the National Home Missions Board to its General Director, or any disagreements about the policies of the Alabama State Mission Board to its Chairman, and avoid speaking negatively about the Boards and their policies to pastors, supporters, the members of the mission church, or the people he meets in services.
20. The missionary working, under the supervision of the Alabama

State Mission Board should use discretion in becoming involved in controversial issues that may arise in the local churches, district or state association. This will protect the missionary's testimony and his being criticized and hurting his influence in the area he is serving and the churches and individuals that are supporting him and the mission work.

21. This contract is for five (5) years but is subject to cancellation by either party upon sixty (60) days' notice.
22. Any request for consideration, different from the contract, shall be presented in writing to the General Director of National Home Missions and the Chairman of the Alabama State Mission Board.
23. A copy of all information sent from the missionary to the National Home Missions Board and vice versa will be sent to the Chairman of the Alabama State Board with the responsibilities in each case dwelling with the sender.
24. The salary begins (date)\_\_\_\_\_ in advance for itinerate services.

I certify that I am an ordained Free Will Baptist minister in good standing, and that I believe and teach the Free Will Baptist doctrines such as the possibility of apostasy, the baptism of the Holy Spirit at conversion, the ordinances of baptism the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet, and all other doctrines and practices as stated in A TREATISE OF THE FAITH AND PRACTICES OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS, and will teach them to the church I am establishing under this contract. I agree to the stipulations of this contract, and will abide by them to the best of my ability.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ REVEREND \_\_\_\_\_  
MISSIONARY TO \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED BY:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ REVEREND \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRMAN,  
ALABAMA STATE MISSION BOARD

APPROVED BY:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ REVEREND ROY THOMAS,  
NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS DEPT.  
GENERAL DIRECTOR

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### ALABAMA STATE GENERAL FUND

September 1, 1987 through August 31, 1988

Balance as of September 1, 1987	\$ 498.25
Receipts from dues & designated giving	<u>5,309.51</u>
Total	\$5,807.76

#### PAID OUT

Hopkins Printing Co. (State Minutes, Programs and supplies)	\$1,510.83
Evangelist Van Dale Hudson (Speaker at State meeting)	228.43
Rev. Ray Ritch (Travel & Clerk expense)	339.62
Rev. Milton Gann (Travel & Moderators Fee)	174.20
Rev. Jack Rollins (Vice Moderators Fee)	20.00
Rev. John Edwards (Travel & Moderators fee)	214.40
Thomas Kirkland (Treasurer's fee)	150.00
East Side FWB Church (Phone calls & other expense)	171.93
National Association leadership dues (leadership meeting)	120.00
Executive Inn (Lodging at leadership meeting)	54.86
Sandy Goodfellow (Tapes & material of leadership meeting)	54.00
Cash for food & misc. expense at leadership meeting	42.00
McDaniel & Associates (Auditing state books) 1987	64.00
U.S. Post Office (Stamps)	47.00
Rev. Dennis Kizzire (Travel)	95.96
Rev. Terrell Jones (Travel)	94.00
Rev. Roger Millings (Travel)	41.20
Bro. Ivan Stewart (Travel)	102.80
Rev. Glenn Hood (Travel)	104.89
Western Sizzler (Food for state planning meeting)	45.00
National Association of Free Will Baptist (Dues)	<u>1,820.00</u>
Total Expense	\$5,495.12

Balance left in General Fund  
as of August 31, 1988                      \$ 312.64

# DESIGNATED GIVING

From September 1, 1987 through August 31, 1988

	Debits	Credits
Cash offerings at State meeting	\$ 599.07	
State Line Association of FWB	1,502.57	
Hank's Memorial FWB Church	100.00	
Eastside FWB Church (Tuscaloosa)	40.50	
Cooper FWB Church (Detroit)	466.23	
Fairview FWB Church (Leeds)	766.72	
Murphy Chapel Church	60.00	
First FWB Church (Pleasant Grove)	195.53	
Liberty FWB Church (Lawley)	482.01	
Southeastern Association of FWB	142.15	
Unity FWB Church (Sylacauga)	295.36	
North Alabama Association of FWB	100.00	
Pleasant Hill FWB Church (Jasper)	50.00	
Alabama State Women's Auxiliary	45.00	
Alabama State Home Mission Board	73.17	
Cedar Creek FWB Church (Hartselle)	100.00	
Claude E. & Mrytle L. LeCroy	100.00	
Liberty No. 1 Association of FWB	355.72	
Total	\$5,474.03	
Evangelist Van Dale Hudson		\$ 228.43
Rev. Richard Hendrix		31.00
Rev. Tim Trimble		18.00
Alabama State General Fund		1,521.02
Alabama State Home Mission Board		692.15
Alabama State Pastor's & Workers Conference		250.00
Alabama State Board of Retirement & Insurance		1,635.67
Alabama State Childrens Home		202.08
Alabama State Board of Christian Education		202.06
Alcap		300.50
National Associations Home Mission Board		77.71
National Associations Foreign Mission Board		163.61
Free Will Baptist Bible College		51.80
Benevolent Fund		100.00
Total		\$5,474.03

# MID SOUTH PASTOR'S & WORKER'S CONFERENCE

Treasurer's Report September 1, 1987 To August 31, 1988

	Debit	Credit	Balance
Balance Beginning Sept. 1			\$1,344.11
Cash & Checks Deposit	\$1,082.14		
Ala. Home Missions		\$ 100.00	
Mailing in 1987			
Guin FWB Church		408.00	
(1987 Exp. on Dr. Malone)			
Cash	40.00		
Progressive Association	300.00		
Belk FWB Church	200.00		
Springfield FWB Church	50.00		
Mt. Willing FWB Church	100.00		
Shady Grove FWB Church	64.00		
Ala. State Association	250.00		
First FWB Church, Decatur	100.00		
Vernon Association			
Soul Harbor FWB Church	50.00		
First FWB Church, Dothan	200.00		
Jasper Association	250.00		
Piney Grove FWB Church	54.13		
(Donation Phone Calls)			
Cordova FWB Church	150.00		
(Paper, Phone Calls & Pastor's travel to bd. meetings)			
U.S. Postal Service		\$ 229.86	
Rodeway Inn		265.38	
Travel Expenses Speakers		1,343.00	
Meals, Etc. Expense Speakers		120.41	
Rev. Nate Ange Honorarium		400.00	
Dr. Richard Adams Honorarium		250.00	
Rev. Connie Cariker Honorarium		250.00	
Rev. J.D. Norris Honorarium		250.00	
Bank Charges		22.74	
Telephone Expenses		221.31	
Miscellaneous Expense		125.00	
Star Printing		197.32	
TOTALS	\$4,234.38	\$4,183.52	
BALANCE ENDING AUGUST 31, 1988			\$ 50.86

# ALABAMA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church

Pell City, Alabama

May 7, 1988

THEME: THEM ALSO I MUST BRING - John 10:16

On May 7, 1988, the Alabama State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church in Pell City. Edith Parker led those present in two songs, "Sunlight" and "The Wondrous Song" with Lois Hibbs at the piano. Kay Thompson prayed the opening prayer. Alice Hood, President, called the meeting to order and appointed the Credentials Committee (Elwanda Oakes, Chairman; Polly Harper & Lois Hibbs). While the committee met, examined the letters, etc., Mrs. Nell Grissom, Mt. Zion Church, welcomed everyone and Mrs. Marie Terry, Soul's Harbor, gave the response. Special Music was presented by Allison Hood. President Alice Hood gave the devotion. The credentials committee report was given. They found the letters in order and recommended that the delegates be seated. The delegates were seated and roll was called. The District Count was as follows:

Cahaba River	-	33 of 96 (34.38%)
East Alabama		11 of 44 ( 25%)
Jasper	-	6 of 51 (11.76%)
Mt. Moriah	-	7 of 44 (16.91%)
North Alabama	-	7 of 21 (33.33%)
Progressive	-	14 of 115 (12.17%)
Southeastern	-	5 of 48 (10.42%)
State Line	-	12 of 92 (13.04%)
Vernon	-	3 of 40 ( 8%)

Special music was presented by Wanda Moore, who sang "The Brush." Then Mrs. Sherry Reynolds introduced four women who told us how to be effective wives, church members, neighbors and parents. Mrs. Odessa Ledlow, Mrs. Marie Terry, Mrs. Vaudine Lancaster and Mrs. Billie Rollins did an excellent job presenting their special topics.

We then received a special offering of \$112.90 and had a short break. We reconvened with a congregational song and Mrs. Helen Holland sang "My House is Full" before Pres. Alice Hood introduced our special guests, Jerry and Barbara Gibbs, Missionaries to France. Bro. Gibbs told of their work in France and Sis. Gibbs gave an inspirational talk.

After a delicious lunch, the afternoon session was opened with prayer and singing. We then had our Business session. The Committee reports were given as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: We the Finance Committee make the following report:

\$ 882.59 Special Project money to go to the Gibbs account.

\$1,474.25 Special State Project money to go to the Normal McFall account.

\$ 345.00 October Missions Offering to go to Hendrix account.

\$ 170.00 was received for food and will go to Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church.

\$ 822.00 will go to National (WNAC) for dues for 548 members at \$1.50/member.

\$ 313.15 love offering for Jerry and Barbara Gibbs.

Submitted by: Helen Holland, Chairman, Linda Silas & Shirley King. Passed.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: We the Resolutions Committee resolve the following:

1. The \$100 State Project be renamed the LAMP (L-Local, A-Auxiliary, M - Missions, P - Project)
2. The LAMP next year be divided between the Louie Nix and Larry Reynolds accounts.
3. The October Missions Offering be designated to the Franks' account.
4. Each district encourage their auxiliaries to give to October Missions Off.
5. That we give the host district and church a rising vote of thanks for their wonderful hospitality and meal.

Submitted by: Ann Jones, Chairman, Vonda Hunter and Martha Blalock.

Passed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: We the nominating committee make the following recommendation. For Vice President, Paulette Scott and for Field Worker, Dot Reeves, to the unexpired term of one year.

Submitted by: Sherry Reynolds, Chairman, Leatrice Overton, Kay Thompson, Elwanda Oakes, Dot Reeves, Shirley Kennedy, Jackie Peters, Billie Rollins, and Odessa Ledlow.

Passed.

Those present were given an opportunity for "nomination from the floor" but none were made. The vote was unanimous for Paulette to serve as Vice-President and for Dot to serve as Field Worker for one year.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Total Registered: 108.

Submitted by: Mae Hesterly, Chairman, Elaine Hazelwood, and Nell Grissom.

President Hood then appointed the following women to serve as delegates to WNAC in Kansas City in July, 1988: Helen Holland, Shirley Kennedy, Sherry Reynolds, Debbie Jones, Odessa Ledlow, Paulette Scott, Carol Dubose, Helen Fields, Karen Barber, & Elwanda

Oakes.

The NOMINATING COMMITTEE for 1989-1991 were appointed to report at our next meeting: Billie Rollins, Cahaba River; Lois Hibbs, East Alabama; Leatrice Overton, Jasper; Sue Plymon, Mt. Moriah; Marie Terry, North Alabama; Etta Jane White, Progressive; Nina Vicker, Southeastern; Shirley Kennedy, State Line; Eldredge Motes, Vernon District.

President Hood, who assumed the presidency in January when Pat Pless moved to North Carolina, announced that Pat was unable to be with us but we do appreciate what Pat Pless has done. She told the women present, "you would have had to be at the National Association to fully appreciate her contributions."

North Alabama President, Helen Holland, was presented the Attendance Banner. North Alabama had 33.33% of its membership present.

Cahaba River was presented a certificate for giving the largest amount given by a district to the October Missions Offering. The \$345 October Missions Offering was sent to the Richard Hendrix Account.

President Hood then announced that we will have a State Retreat in 1989 but the place will be announced later. Mrs. Ginny Waddell will be our speaker. She reminded our women about WNAC's Fifth Retreat to be held at Ridgecrest September 8-10, 1988.

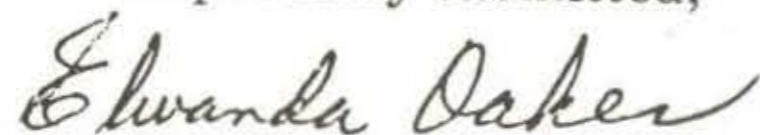
Alice announced that the Missions Banquet will be in Dothan, November 11, 1988. Mrs. Shirley Kennedy will serve as Chairman and Mrs. Martha Clements and others will serve on the committee.

She also announced that she would take Provision Closet items and used postage stamps to Nashville, Monday.

A rising vote of thanks was given the women of Mt. Zion Woman's Auxiliary and the Cahaba River District for their wonderful hospitality and meal.

The meeting was dismissed in prayer after we adjourned to meet at Unity Free Will Baptist Church in Sylacauga, Alabama, with the East Alabama District Women, May 6, 1989.

Respectfully submitted,



Elwanda Oakes,  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Alabama State Woman's Auxiliary

#### REGISTERED:

Ministers - 96; Deacons - 24; Delegates - 52; Visitors - 168

## CONSTITUTION OF THE ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION

### 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 Minister's and Deacon's 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 Minister's and Deacon's 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 refuses to represent it 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) dollars, Treasurer one hundred fifty (150) dollars, Assistant Clerk twenty-five (25) dollars, Moderator fifty (50) dollars, and Assistant Moderator twenty (20) 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 executive committee whose report shall be voted on without discussion.

## ARTICLE 6 — MEETINGS

Section 1 — The State Association of Free Will Baptist 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. However a board member moving into another association already having a board member may complete their term.

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 MINISTER'S AND DEACON'S MEETING

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 Minister's and Deacon's 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 Minister's and Deacon's 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 shall serve the Minister's and Deacon's 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) dollars for preserving the record of each meeting. The Moderator shall be paid thirty (30) dollars, Assistant Moderator ten (10) dollars for service rendered.

7. DISCIPLINE — The Minister's and Deacon's 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 Minister's and Deacon's 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 Minister's and Deacon's 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

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 Moderator's 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.

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Birmingham District	8	513	18	24		470		27		2	875,000.00
Cahaba River	18	1543	23	50	8	882	123		128	39	905,660.00
East Alabama	6	476	9	13		251	110	5	56	NA	871,000.00
Florida State Line	20	2460	21	72		931	409	6	87	42	NA
Jasper	20	3757	38	66	10	2060	950			83	NA
Liberty No. 1	5	252	6	14		155	73		25	9	NA
Liberty No. 2	5	367	12	14	1	213	98			11	698,000.00
Mississippi State Line	18	1464	33	51	14	804				31	1,254,500.00
Mount Moriah	15	1779	27	67	1	778	334	75	60	44	1,882,000.00
North Alabama	7	533	18	NA	3	325		7	14	3	750,000.00
Progressive	18	1854	35	56	7	1382	655	12	146	78	3,224,000.00
Southeastern	12	1091	13	36	1	479	100	20	54	36	1,690,000.00
Southern Union	5	262	8	10		146	34	8	12	5	222,500.00
Vernon	19	2626	25	69	3	3975	483	77	121	51	2,914,000.00
Lighthouse Church	1	450	4	4	1	400				120	1,200,000.00
Mobile Church	1	33	2			32					NA
TOTALS	178	19,460	292	546	49	13,283	3,369	177	703	554	16,486,660.00

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