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## PROCEEDINGS

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

THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 9, 1989

The Forty-Fourth Session of the Minister's and Deacon's Meeting met with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Florence, Alabama opening with Bro. Phillip Cooper leading "I Am Thine O Lord" with Bro. Lewis Presley at the piano and Sis. Gwen Stewart at the organ. Dr. Charles Thigpen led in prayer.

Dr. Tom Malone gave the welcome address. Response to the welcome by Bro. Bobby Kennedy. Moderator's message by Bro. Milton Gann using John 20:20; John 16:33 and Gal. 4:13. Bro. Cooper led in singing "Victory In Jesus" and "At The Cross".

Bro. Jeff Fleming brought the message on "Encouragement" using Acts 4:32-37; Acts 9:27; Acts 15:36-41 and 2 Tim. 4:11. Prayer by the speaker. Intermission.

After a short intermission we convened with Bro. Cooper leading "Glory To His Name" with Bro. Presley at the piano and Sis. Stewart at the organ. Bro. Cooper led in singing "I Am Resolved". Bro. Cooper sang "Until Then".

Bro. Eddie Vincent brought the morning message using Judges 6:16. Prayer by the speaker. We were dismissed for lunch by Bro. Tom Malone.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 9, 1989

We convened with Bro. Cooper leading "Standing On The Promises" with Bro. Presley at the piano and Sis. Stewart at the organ. Scripture reading and prayer by Bro. Waymon Fields using Jer. 38:7-13. Bro. Vincent sang "I Now Can Sing". Bro. Richard Cordell led in special prayer request for the sick. Bro. Jerry Edgil brought the evening message using Luke 18:9-14; Text "A Call To Humility". 2 Chron 7:14; James 4:6; Orov. 6:16; 1 Peter 5:5; Isa. 57:15; Matt. 18:1-4; Rev. 3:17. Bro. Cooper led in singing "Have Thine Own Way".

Bro. Guy Owens gave a talk about Southeastern Free Will Baptist College.

Dr. Thigpen gave a talk about the Bible College.

Bro. Bronco West from North Carolina gave a short talk.

Dr. Dan Ireland gave a report from Alcap. An offering was received for Alcap of \$283.92.

We were dismissed by Bro. James Walden.

Registered Ministers 77, Deacons 15, Delegates 31 and Visitors 51.

THURSDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 9, 1989

The sing along started with Bro. Waymon Fields leading "Victory In Jesus" with Sis. Stewart at the piano and Sis. Cooper at the organ. Bro. Fields led in singing "Sunlight", "I Am Thine". Bro. Fields sang

"My Wonderful Lord". Bro. Fields led in singing "How Great Thou Art."

We convened with Bro. Cooper leading "When We All Get To Heaven" with Sis. Deena Armstrong at the piano and Sis. Cooper at the organ. The choir from the church sang "Heaven Jubilee".

Bro. Cooper led in singing "We're Marching to Zion".

Bro. Grady Palmer led in prayer.

Bro. Frank Bowen gave the welcome address. Bro. Jack Rollins gave the response.

The association was called to order by Bro. Ray W. Ritch.

Bro. Edwards appointed the Credential Committee. A Trio from the church sang "Somebody Loves Me", "What A Meeting" and "Beulah Land".

Bro. Garnett Reid brought the Keynote message using Deut. 8:11, Deut. 4:9; Deut. 6:20; Deut. 4:10; Deut. 4:20; Deut. 5:6; Deut. 10:16; Deut. 7:6-7; Deut. 32:9-11.

Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Cooper led in singing "Have Thine Own Way."

Bro. David Hidle led the offering prayer.

Sis. Armstrong played during the offering.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Thomas Kirkland.

FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 10, 1989

We convened with Bro. Cooper leading "Tis So Sweet To Trust Jesus" with Bro. Presley at the piano and Sis. Stewart at the organ.

Bro. Cooper led "Trust and Obey". Scripture reading and prayer by Bro. Bart Baird using Mark 15:15-32, 37; 16:6.

Moderators message by Bro. John Edwards using John 14:16-23.

Prayer by the speaker. Credential Committee report by Bro. Jim McNeil. Visitors and corresponding delegates seated.

Bro. Edwards appointed the committees.

Bro. Jimmy Aldridge gave the report from Foreign Mission which was received as information. Report of National Executive Office by Dr. Melvin Worthington which was received as information. Report of Board of Christian Education by Bro. Tim Trimble.

Report of State Retirement and Insurance by Bro. David Hayes.

We move that Section 10 of Article 2 be deleted, layed on the table.

After a short intermission we convened with Bro. Cooper leading "Jesus Loves Even Me" with Bro. Presley at the piano and Sis. Stewart at the organ. Bro. Cooper led "The Lily of the Valley". Bro. Roy Thomas led in prayer.

Bro. Frank Fagen sang "Its in the Saviors Hands".

Bro. J.D. Wales brought the morning message using Jude 1-6. Prayer by the speaker.

We were dismissed for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 10, 1989

We convened with Bro. Cooper leading "Footsteps of Jesus" with



Bro. Presley at the piano and Sis. Stewart at the organ. Scripture reading by Bro. Burlon Jones using 2 Sam. 23:11-12.

Report of the Woman's Aux. Convention by Sis. Paulette Scott.

Report of FWB Bible College by Dr. Charles Thigpen which was received as information.

Report of the Childrens Home by Bro. Levy Corey.

Report of the National Sunday School and Church Training by Bro. Brown which was received as information.

The item of the Retirement and Insurance that was tabled was removed and passed. Report of National Home Missions by Bro. Roy Thomas which was received as information.

Report of State Missions by Bro. Donnie Hussey. Bro. Edwards presented Bro. Hendrix a check from the 7 years old and under.

Report of Pastors and Workers Conference by Bro. Dickee Dees.

Report of Associational Treasurer by Bro. Jim McNeil.

Report of the General Board by Bro. Ray Ritch.

More and second that Article 4 Section 1 and Article 4 Section 2 be changed to read 30 dollars which was tabled.

Bro. Richard Cordell gave a report from Alabama Bible College which was received as information.

We were dismissed until night service.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 10, 1989

The sing along started with Bro. Cooper leading "The Old Account Was Settled".

Bro. McGuin sang "The Wayfaring Stranger".

Bro. and Sis. Mounts sang "The Master of the Wind".

Bro. Cooper led "Victory In Jesus".

We convened with Bro. Cooper leading "To God Be The Glory".

Bro. Duane Taylor led in prayer. The choir sang "O What A Moment."

Bro. Cooper led "All That Thrills My Soul". Bro. Bobby Peters led the offertory prayer.

Sis. Helen Holland sang "I Will Talk To My Father".

The trio from the church sang a medley of songs.

Bro. Cliff Holland brought the evening message using Acts 13:13; Acts 12:12; Acts 12:25; Acts 15:38; Acts 13:5.

Prayer by the speaker. Bro. Tom Malone led in prayer as several were at the altar.

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1989

We convened with Bro. Cooper leading "Redeemed" with Bro. Presley at the piano and Sis. Stewart at the organ.

Bro. Greg Rucker led in prayer.

Bro. Cooper led "Savior Like A Shepherd".

Scripture reading and prayer by Bro. Phil Kimbrough using Isaiah 43:1-3.

Report of the Auditing Committee by Sis. Shirley Kennedy.

Report of the Appreciation Committee by Sis. Betty Hussey.

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More and second that the Article 4 Section 1 and Article 4 Section 2 be changed to read 30 dollars.

Report of nominating committee.

Bro. Cooper sang "I Met The Master".

Bro. Danny Thompson brought the morning message using Col. 4:17.

Prayer by the speaker. 1 Tim 3:1; Acts 20:28; Matt. 7:15; John 10:13; 2 Tim. 4:1-2.

Move and second that we be adjourned.

Registered: Ministers 94, Deacons 18, Delegates 42, Visitors 121

Total 275



## REPORTS

### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We the Appreciation Committee extend our thanks for the gracious hospitality that Bro. Tom Malone and the First Free Will Baptist Church of Florence has shown during this 1989 Alabama State Association.

We also want to thank the officers and all those that participated on the program for a job well done. Would you join us in giving them a rising vote of thanks.

Sis. Betty Hussey  
Sis. Gail Fields  
Sis. Beverly Cook

### AUDITING COMMITTEE

We your Auditing Committee have looked over and examined reports from material available by the Alabama Association of Free Will Baptist for the year 1988 - 1989.

#### Children's Home:

From September 1, 1988 to August 31, 1989 audited by Michael Terry Comer.

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

From September 1, 1988 to August 31, 1989 audited by Jimmy Wade Fuller.

#### Home Mission Board:

From August 1, 1988 to October 31, 1989 audited by James R. Morrison.

#### Christian Education:

From November 1, 1988 to October 31, 1989.

#### Treasurers Report:

From September 1, 1988 to August 31, 1989 audited by McDaniel and Associates.

#### Board of Retirement and Insurance:

From November 4, 1988 to October 9, 1989.

Sis. Shirley Kennedy  
Sis. Gwen Stewart  
Sis. Odessa Ledlow

### CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

We the Credential Committee have found the letters of 14 Associations in proper order.

We also received a letter and dues from the Lighthouse Church of Montgomery, Alabama wishing to represent as a local church, this we find out of order as a result of the actions of the State Association in the matter during the November 1988 meeting.

Rev. Jim McNeil  
Rev. Milton Gann  
Rev. Duane Taylor

## STATE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORT:

Finances November 1, 1988 - October 31, 1989

Balance Brought Forward . . . . .	\$ 715.10
Total Deposits . . . . .	\$1,695.41

#### Sources of Income:

1. State Competition Registrations	\$1,488.02
2. Money given through Mission Board	\$ 46.74
3. One church - direct giving - First FWB Church of Pleasant Grove, AL	\$ 160.65

Total Interest Earned . . . . .	\$ 47.16
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Total To Account For	\$2,457.67
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#### Expenditures:

Service Charges . . . . .	\$ 10.06
Check No. 142 - All Star Trophy . . . . .	\$ 135.20
143 - Shoney's - Dinner for Board . . . . .	\$ 11.52
144 - Tim Trimble - Board Expenses . . . . .	\$ 41.34
145 - Dexter Guin - Board Expenses . . . . .	\$ 83.73
146 - NYC Fees . . . . .	\$ 630.00
147 - Postmaster . . . . .	\$ 4.96
148 - Randall House - Awards . . . . .	\$ 621.23
149 - Central FWB Church - Phone calls for State Rally . . . . .	\$ 7.06
150 - Central FWB Church - Phone calls for State Rally . . . . .	\$ 1.12

Total to Account For . . . . .	\$1,546.22
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Expenditures . . . . .	\$1,546.22
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BALANCE . . . . .	\$ 911.45
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### GENERAL BOARD REPORT:

The General Board met on November 9, 1989 and the meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. J.M. Dutton, Jr. The following recommendations were made.

1. That the fees to the State Association be raised from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per church.
2. That the regular offerings go into the General fund.
3. That we go to Forestdale Free Will Baptist Church next November 8, 9, 10, 1990.
4. That we give the Lighthouse F.W.B. Church one more year of extension to join a local association. Lost 48 against, 18 for.
5. That the action of the Board of Retirement and Insurance be accepted.



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

September 1, 1988 through August 31, 1989

BEGINNING BALANCE September 1, 1988		\$ 40,136.54
Additions this period		
Contributions	\$269,398.93	
Social Security & Support Payments	8,747.55	
Sales and Coupon Redemptions	387.35	
Interest Income	2,510.84	
Refunds	407.41	
Insurance Reimbursements	128.00	
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>		<b>\$321,716.62</b>

**EXPENDITURES This Period:**

Salaries and Taxes	\$ 98,715.64	
Food Costs	21,716.48	
Clothing	3,118.71	
Medical	4,429.22	
Household Expenses	13,906.54	
Education	1,610.69	
Utilities	22,911.50	
Laundry and Janitorial	1,000.31	
Vehicle Maintenance	14,927.59	
Hardware and Maintenance	12,265.33	
Office Expense	7,201.77	
Promotional	10,742.00	
Farm Expense	1,846.75	
Insurance	17,956.00	
Board Member Expense	2,878.94	
Miscellaneous	6,886.77	
Moving Expense	1,423.46	
Recreation Expense	334.28	
Kitchen Supplies	1,071.67	
Travel Expense	1,275.79	
Gas and Oil	15,890.87	
Postage	7,542.16	269,652.47
<b>ENDING BALANCE August 31, 1989</b>		<b>\$ 52,064.15</b>

**EXHIBIT "B"**  
**FREEWILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**  
 Eldridge, Alabama  
**GENERAL FUND — SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

September 1, 1988 through August 31, 1989

BEGINNING BALANCE September 1, 1988	\$ 1,124.33
Additions This Period:	
Interest Earned	93.14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,217.47</b>
Expenditures This Period	— 0 —
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>— 0 —</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE August 31, 1989</b>	<b>\$ 1,217.47</b>



**EXHIBIT "C"**  
**FREEWILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**  
**Eldridge, Alabama**  
**CASH REPORTS OTHER FUNDS**  
**September 1, 1988 through August 31, 1989**

	<u>FUND</u>		
	<u>Misc.</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Foster Club</u>
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	\$ 1,049.66	\$ 412.85	\$ 3,404.39
<b>Add:</b>			
Contributions	29,781.88		1,622.85
Interest Earned		23.37	170.23
Loan			
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	<u>\$30,831.54</u>	<u>\$ 436.22</u>	<u>\$ 5,197.47</u>
<b>Deduct:</b>			
Promotional Allowances	\$ 57.57		34.50
Salaries			
Household	411.15		
Office Expense	747.34		
Travel Expense			
Automobile/Vehicle	1,886.14		
Christmas Money			
Miscellaneous			
Legal Fees	55.00		
New Equipment	8,014.96		
Education			
Note Payment	5,182.55		
<b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS</b>	<u>\$16,354.71</u>	<u>\$ - 0 -</u>	<u>\$ 3,450.00</u>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<u>\$14,476.83</u>	<u>\$ 436.22</u>	<u>\$ 1,747.47</u>

**1989-90 BUDGET PROPOSAL TO AL FWB STATE ASSOCIATION**  
**ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**BOARD OF MISSIONS & CHURCH EXTENSION**

<b>NEW WORKS:</b>	
Salary . . . . .	\$24,000.00
Rent & Land . . . . .	30,000.00
<b>TOTAL FOR NEW WORKS.</b>	<b>\$ 54,000.00</b>
<b>HUNTSVILLE:</b>	
Rent & Land Payments (Bldg) .	\$35,000.00
Salaries, Ins., Mileage, Expenses	27,000.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	3,000.00
<b>TOTAL FOR HUNTSVILLE</b>	<b>\$ 65,000.00</b>
<b>PAPER &amp; PROMOTION:</b>	
Printing & Postage . . . . .	\$ 3,100.00
<b>TOTAL FOR PAPER &amp; PROMOTION</b>	<b>\$ 3,100.00</b>
<b>ADVANCE CELEBRATION</b>	<b>\$ 3,500.00</b>
<b>WALK-A-THON (Designated)</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>	
Telephone . . . . .	\$ 1,000.00
Salaries & Labor . . . . .	7,800.00
Equipment . . . . .	1,500.00
Board Travel . . . . .	2,000.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	1,000.00
Accounting . . . . .	200.00
<b>TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$ 13,500.00</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET FOR 1989 - 90</b>	<b>\$159,100.00</b>
<b>NEEDED MONTHLY TO MEET BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 13,258.33</b>



BOARD MISSIONS & CHURCH EXTENSION

Fund Balances ----- 10/31/89

**BANK OF VERNON:**

Balance 10/1/88 . . . . .	\$ 9,923.02	
Add: Receipts . . . . .	\$245,440.03	
Less: Expenditures . . . . .	<u>237,092.77</u>	<u>8,347.26</u>

BALANCE - 10/16/89 . . . . . \$ 18,270.28**F.N.B. OF PICKENS COUNTY:**

Balance 10/1/88 . . . . .	\$ — 0 —	
Add: Receipts . . . . .	\$ 19,119.45	
Less: Disbursements . . . . .	<u>10,756.09</u>	<u>8,363.36</u>

BALANCE - 10/1/89 . . . . . \$ 8,363.36BOARD MISSIONS & CHURCH EXTENSION

Statement of Receipts &amp; Disbursements ----- 10/4/88 - 10/31/89

**TOTAL RECEIPTS:**

Contributions	\$247,350.42	
Transfer From Savings	16,757.40	
Interest Income	<u>451.66</u>	<u>\$264,559.48</u>

**OPERATING EXPENSES:**

Missions: Huntsville	\$ 53,070.67	
Foreign	36,517.26	
Alabaster	34,075.19	
Home	26,573.08	
Walk-A-Thon	17,714.48	
Trimble	13,900.91	
Folders	6,972.45	
Salaries	6,760.00	
Transfer to Savings	14,000.00	
Advance	3,022.11	
Other Missions	4,377.04	
Powell	3,474.19	
Walker Note	2,128.00	
Telephone	2,767.69	
Supplies	2,191.04	
Promotion	2,227.64	
Postage	712.19	
Board Meeting	1,365.75	
Copier Lease	485.19	
Accounting	150.00	
Trimble Loan	863.50	
Other	4,392.41	
Global	481.00	
F. W. B. C. C.	2,908.85	
Digest	1,098.23	
Travel	1,384.63	
Haiti	1,070.16	
B. College	1,085.20	
Building Madison	1,200.00	
Storage Building	<u>880.00</u>	<u>\$247,848.86</u>

EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES . \$ 16,710.62



ALABAMA BOARD OF MISSIONS & CHURCH EXTENSION  
ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, FLORENCE, ALABAMA  
NOVEMBER 10, 1989

MISSION WORKS:

ALABASTER - The Central Free Will Baptist Church became self supporting officially as of June 1. We have notified all bond holders and have asked that they get their bonds turned in. The Church is continuing to make outstanding progress since they became self supporting. We congratulate Tim and Rhoda Trimble in leading this Church to a self-supporting status. We also again would like to thank James and Vina Walden for the good work that they did while serving Central Church.

MADISON - The Madison Free Will Baptist Church continues to make good progress. There were a number of people saved and baptized during the month of October. The building permit was obtained last week to begin construction of their new Church building. They hope to be in their new facilities before the summer of 1990. Richard and Carolyn Hendrix are doing a great work in leading this young congregation. We would also like to recognize Mike and Beth Rogers for their outstanding input into the church.

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

WALK-A-THON - The 1989 Walk-a-thon was a great success as it was in 1988. This year, more than \$36,000.00 has been turned in. We do not have an exact figure because some of the churches are still turning money in. We just recently had to order more shirts to send out. Eastside Church of Dothan and Goodwater Church of Arton raised more than \$2,000.00 each. Our moderator, Dr. John Edwards raised more than \$2,000.00 alone. The money is being distributed as follows: Tim Trimble and Richard Hendrix - 30% each; Larry Reynolds, Rick Bowling, Dave Franks, and Jimmy Aldridge - 10% each.

The 1990 Walk-a-thon is scheduled for April 7. Our goal will again be \$35,000.00. The money will be divided as follows: Richard Hendrix and Alabama Missions General Fund - 30% each; Fred Jones, Jeff Turnbough, Norman McFall, and Mark Riggs - 10% each. We are simplifying the incentives somewhat this year. This is for two reasons. It is easier to understand and it will put more money to the mission works and less on expenses. The person that raises \$35.00 or more will receive their choice of a shirt or a cap. If they receive \$100.00 or more, they can receive both. The shirts will be royal blue with white letters and the caps will be white with royal blue letters. They both will have the Free Will Baptist Decal on them. For the church that raises \$300.00 or more, their pastor will receive a book. Let's unite together to make this a great success.

ROLL CALL SUNDAY:

On Easter Sunday, 1989, the Free Will Baptist Churches across Alabama had 19,341 in attendance for their morning worship services. The top ten churches were: Florence - 688, Guin - 668, Lighthouse, Montgomery - 603, Mt. Zion, Pell City - 467, Fayette - 455, Waldrip - 300, Mt. Olive, Guin - 282, Gray's Chapel, Florence - 281, Red Bay - 275, and Eastside, Dothan - 272. Huntsville and Sulligent went above the 250 mark having 255 and 254 respectively. Roll Call Sunday, 1990, will be March 25. Our goal is 20,000.

MISSION BOARD:

The Alabama Missions Board has gone through quite a transition this year. Dennis Kizzire, who had been our treasurer since 1978, moved to Lexington, Kentucky, in June. Roger Lucas has been elected by the board to fill this position. We normally meet in April and September of each year. However, this years business has necessitated us to meet more often. As you know, we have not mailed the Digest in quite some time. The reason is for the lack of money in our General Fund. The board agreed not to use the missionaries money for the printing of the Digest.

If you ever have any questions concerning any of the work of the mission board, please feel free to ask any of us.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Donnie E. Hussey,  
Chairman  
Duane Taylor,  
Assistant Chairman  
Roger Lucas,  
Secretary & Treasurer  
E.B. Ledlow  
Bobby Ned Peters  
Dickie Dees



**MID SOUTH PASTOR'S & WORKER'S CONFERENCE**  
**Treasurer's Report September 1, 1988 to August 31, 1989**

	Debit	Credit	Balance
Balance Brought Forward			\$ 50.86
Offerings	\$1111.23		
Checks Deposited			
Jasper Association	500.00		
Cordova FWB Church	46.36		
Progressive Association	500.00		
First FWB Church, Pensacola	50.00		
South Highland FWB	100.00		
First FWB Church, Decatur	100.00		
Fred Warner	10.00		
Cordova FWB Church	60.00		
Banquet	299.56		
First FWB Church, Florence	100.00		
Cave Springs FWB Church	50.00		
Central FWB Church	30.40		
Harmony FWB Church	50.00		
Piney Grove FWB Church	50.90		
Progressive Association	200.00		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$3258.45</b>		
<b>GIVING A TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 3,309.31</b>
Paid Out:			
Terry Comer, Accountant		\$ 125.00	
U.S. Postal Service		222.46	
Hotel Expense		460.92	
Printing Programs		234.66	
Meals		132.29	
Travel Expense		444.00	
Honorariums		925.00	
Banquet		488.93	
<b>TOTAL PAID OUT</b>		<b>\$3033.26</b>	
<b>BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 1989</b>			<b>\$ 276.05</b>

November 8, 1989

Dear Pastor:

We want to express our appreciation to you and your church for help making our Pastors' and Workers' Conference a success this past February. Our Conference for Nineteen Ninety again will depend on you. Your prayers and support again is needed.

The expense for the coming Conference will be greater than this past year. We will be having more speakers to fly in and this cost more. Let us share with you what our expense will be this coming year.

Honorariums . . . . .	\$ 1,200.00
Travel Expenses . . . . .	1,900.00
Meals . . . . .	175.00
Hotel Expense . . . . .	475.00
Printing . . . . .	250.00
Postage . . . . .	225.00
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 4,225.00</b>

Our speakers for the coming Conference are:

Rev. Nate Ange - Evangelist, Pastor  
 Knight, N.C.

Rev. Dale Burden - Pastor, Conference Speaker  
 Gateway FWB Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia

Rev. Phil Ange - Pastor  
 Jefferson Road FWB Church, Sumter, S.C.

Tymon Messer - Associate Director Home Missions  
 Nashville, TN

Rev. John Gibbs - Pastor, Conference Speaker, Music  
 Nashville, TN

Please pray for these men and send in your offerings to our Treasurer.

Yours In Christ

Rev. Jerry R. White  
 Treasurer



October 9, 1989

FROM: BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE

TO: ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

SUBJECT: GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION

Dear Brethern:

The Board of Retirement and Insurance met in Dothan, AL at the Eastside Free Will Baptist Church on September 28, 1989. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the directive given it at the 1987 and 1988 sessions of the State Association to form new guidelines for those receiving support from this board.

After looking at the present status of the Board and reviewing the past year, the decision from this Board to the State Association is to dissolve the Board of Retirement and Insurance. The funds for the proper operation of this work is just not there on a consistent basis. We further recommend that the support, if any, toward those now receiving funds from this board be channeled through their local associations. We feel that the local association is in a better position to monitor this type funding than someone at the state level.

We further go on record as suggesting that the local churches set up an individual retirement program for their pastor. This is the only method that will insure that your individual pastor is taken care of. We requested that the National Association have someone come meet with those pastors and layworkers that were interested in the National program. Mr. Lewis stated that the last year interest was 9½% earning through that program.

BOARD OF RETIREMENT & INSURANCE

Rev. David Hayes, Treasurer  
Rev. Herman Calloway  
Rev. Grady Palmer  
Rev. William Atkinson

October 9, 1989

Rev. David Hayes, Treasurer  
Alabama Free Will Baptist Retirement & Insurance Board  
P.O. Box 1211  
Vernon, Alabama 35592

TO: ALL RECIPIENTS FROM THIS FUND

Dear Friends

A meeting of this board was held in Dothan, Alabama on September 28, 1989. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss guidelines for people receiving monies from this fund and also to discuss the future of this board. We also had in attendance the Moderator of the state and the state Treasurer.

The fact is that this board just does not have the consistent support to fund this type operation. Only 7 churches are contributing directly to this effort. Others are contributing to a plan of support for their pastor's retirement. Right at this moment I need around \$550.00 to mail the September checks. I do not have it to send. So, there will be no more checks mailed.

I regret having to write this letter. I realize many of you may really need this help. However, if the money is not there, then I have no way of getting it to send.

The recommendation to be made by this board to the State Association will be to dissolve this board and ask the local associations to handle whatever funds that are sent for this purpose.

Also, if you would need a letter to this effect for your local Social Security Board I will be happy to send one on your behalf. Some of you may receive an increase in your allotment if you are on the Social Security program.

If I can be of further service to you, feel free to call/or write me. I'll help if I can.

Sincerely,

Rev. David Hayes, Treasurer



**FINANCIAL REPORT 1988 - 89  
RETIREMENT & INSURANCE BOARD OF  
ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST**

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,203.48
Receipts	7,052.80
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Total To Account For	\$ 8,256.28
Expenditures	8,073.62
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<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 182.66</b>

22 Have received support in 1988-89= \$350.00 each. One had \$25.00 designated to them. Three rolls of stamps @ \$25.00 ea. = \$75.00.

22	@	\$350.00	=	\$7700.00	
3	@	\$ 75.00	=	\$ 75.00	
1	@	\$ 25.00	=	\$ 25.00	
1	@	\$260.39	=	\$ 260.39	Board Members expense
1	@	\$ 13.23	=	\$ 13.23	Phone Expense

**TOTAL** \$8073.62

**CONTRIBUTORS:**

Graysville S.S.	\$ 275.00
Springfield	225.00
Liberty Ass'n No. 1	1679.73
Forestdale	1008.65
Pleasant Grove (First)	527.43
Doverton	378.74
Fairview-Leeds	202.65
Verla Ryland	25.00
Unity-Sylacauga	133.99
Hank's Memorial	701.59
Shiloh - Gordo	100.00
Mt. Pleasant-Sprott	175.00
Liberty - Lawley	286.68
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W.M.A.C.	228.00
Mission Board, Al.	976.88
State Association	128.46

**TOTAL** \$7052.80

**RECIPIENTS:**

Rev. J.W. Arnett	Mrs. Pearl Barnes	Rev. Louie Bates
Rev. Ralph Bell	Rev. Aubrey Brannon	Mrs. Ruth Carden
Mrs. Bessie Drummonds	Rev. Lee Estill	Rev. James Godsey

Mrs. Addie Hyman  
Mrs. Bertha Marlow  
Rev. L.V. Pinson  
Mrs. Edna Sanford

Rev. Dillard Key  
Rev. W.A. Murphy  
Rev. R.P. Ritch  
Mrs. Lora Shutes

Mrs. A.J. Lambert  
Mrs. Ruby Nobles  
Mrs. Verla Ryland  
Mrs. J.J. Staab



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### ALABAMA STATE GENERAL FUND

September 1, 1988 through August 31, 1989

Balance received from Brother Kirkland	\$3,874.35
Receipts from designated giving	1,321.70

#### PAID OUT

Bank charge (checks)	\$ 45.06
Hopkins Printing Company (State minutes and envelopes)	1,181.44
National Association of Free Will Baptists (Dues)	1,780.00
Rev. Ray Rich (Travel expenses)	65.00
Bro. Ivan Stewart (Travel expenses)	175.00
Rev. Milton Gann (Travel expenses)	35.00
Rev. Jim McNeil (Travel expenses)	149.89
Dr. John Edwards (Travel expenses)	232.00
Shoney's (Food for state planning meeting)	20.00
Tourway Inn (Motel for state planning meeting)	130.48
Total Expenses	\$ 3,813.87

Balance left in General Fund as of August 31, 1989	\$ 1,382.18
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### DESIGNATED GIVING

From September 1, 1988 through August 31, 1989

	Debits	Credits
State Line Association (Florida)	\$ 928.17	
First Free Will Baptist Church (Dothan)	800.00	
First Free Will Baptist Church (Pleasant Grove)	121.83	
Fairview Free Will Baptist Church (Leeds)	40.00	
Ala. State Home Mission Board	28.60	
Total	\$1,918.60	
Ala. State General Fund		\$1,321.70
Ala. State Home Mission Board		112.82
Ala. State Board of Retirement and Insurance		112.83
Ala. State Children's Home		92.82
Ala. State Board of Christian Education		92.82
ALCAP		185.61
Total		\$1,918.60

## ALABAMA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Unity Free Will Baptist Church  
Sylacauga, Alabama  
May 6, 1989

### THEME: ARISE AND BUILD

The Alabama State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at Unity Free Will Baptist Church in Sylacauga on May 6, 1989. Carolyn Hendrix, missionary to Madison, played the prelude. Peggy Miller led those present in singing "The Lily of the Valley," with Carolyn Hendrix at the piano and Nell West at the organ. We sang "He Keeps Me Singing." Kay Thompson prayed the opening prayer.

President Hood called the meeting to order and appointed the Credentials Committee (Elwanda Oakes, Chairman; Paulette Scott and Bettie Wade). While the committee examined the letters, Mrs. Betty Hussey, Unity Free Will Baptist Auxiliary welcomed everyone. Mrs. Shirley Kennedy was scheduled to give the response but was unable to attend because of illness so President Hood said we were glad to be at Unity. We then sang "Jesus Saves."

President Hood delivered an inspiring devotion developed from Nehemiah 2:20. She talked about various ways to "Arise and Build" and urged us that when we think of our tasks in life, "define our priorities in life." She read an article about a mother who was able to "Arise and Build." She reminded us that many of our tasks may seem unimportant to us but may be important to the Lord.

Peggy Miller led the convention in singing, "No Not One." The Credentials committee report was given. They found the letters from the nine districts in reasonable order and dues were paid by 498 members from forty-seven auxiliaries. They reported that Mobile Auxiliary was petitioning to represent as a local auxiliary this year. All district auxiliaries had sent food money but not all had sent their postage/minute money. The committee urged all district secretaries and treasurers to use the forms sent to them for reporting. Districts were urged to remember they have one delegate per local auxiliary. Delegates from the districts and the Mobile Auxiliary delegate were seated upon recommendation of this committee. Roll was called and the district count was taken. It was as follows:

Cahaba River	-	25 of 96	(26.04%)
East Alabama	-	15 of 35	(42.86%)
Jasper	-	12 of 42	(28.57%)
Mt. Moriah	-	1 of 18	( 5.56%)
North Alabama	-	12 of 29	(41.38%)
Progressive	-	10 of 114	( 8.77%)
Southeastern	-	4 of 39	(10.26%)
State Line	-	12 of 86	(13.95%)
Vernon	-	5 of 39	(12.82%)
Mobile Aux.	-	3 of 10	(30.00%)



The Red Bay Auxiliary then presented a skit. Paulette Scott introduced the skit, "Auxiliary for Sale" by Annette Days. Liz Hester, Agnes White, Louise Raper and Ella Jones did an excellent job trying to sell and purchase an auxiliary.

Following the skit, Robin King was accompanied by Alice Hood as she sang "The Ground Is Level." Bro. Donnie Hussey, host pastor, prayed before our love offering was received for our guest speakers.

Mrs. Helen Holland led those assembled in "Learning to Lean" and "The Family of God" and was accompanied by Carolyn Michael at the piano and Nell West at the organ.

Alice then reminded us of the State Prayer Retreat to be held at Madison in two weeks at the Ramada Inn on May 19-20. She told us that Mrs. Genny Waddell will be our guest speaker. She introduced Mrs. Carolyn Hendrix who is coordinator. Carolyn then shared plans and urged all to be present. She shared her testimony of how important auxiliary is to missions and reminded us that "just a few make a difference".

After a short break, the worship service began with a series of choruses led by Helen Holland and a beautiful special was sung by Mrs. Terri Hunter. President Hood introduced our guest speaker, Rev. Larry Reynolds, Home Missionary to Chandler, Arizona. Bro. Reynolds shared the sermon, "Discovering the Deepness of Your Devotion." An invitation was given.

Bro. Donnie Hussey then gave directions to the fellowship hall and Bro. E.B. Ledlow asked the blessing on the food.

After a delicious lunch served by the host church, and a song, "Living by Faith," Mrs. Jobie Hardwick led us in prayer. Mrs. Hood then introduced Mrs. Sherry Reynolds who shared their experiences during the year of itinerate and their plans to move to Chandler, the last of May. Sherry gave our devotion from Phillipians 4:13, her life verse. She also said that she had learned to depend upon Phillipians 4:6 this year. She said she was convinced God had called them to go to the mission field.

President Hood then conducted the business session. The following committee reports were given:

**REGISTRATION:** The total here today was 124. The number of delegates was 46; visitors, 69; and officers, 5; and ministers, 4. This report was received.

**RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:** We, the Resolutions Committee resolve the following:

1. Each member strive to give at least \$5.00 a year in support of WNAC. (General Fund or Emphasis Month)
2. Each auxiliary choose one of the following projects and strive to contribute as much as possible on the project (or projects) to WNAC.
  - A. Computer and software for bookkeeping - \$2,000
  - B. Typewriter \$500.00
  - C. Chair at Light table \$100.00
  - D. Copier \$1500

3. Our October Missions Offering in 1989 go to Richard Hendrix.
4. The L.A.M.P. next year go to one of three missionaries, Rick Bowling, Dave Franks or Norman McFall.
5. That the Savings of \$500 left from the National in 1987 be divided between the Bowlings and the Franks.
6. That the State Retreat be changed to September.
7. Each local auxiliary sent \$5.00 for FOOD expense at the state meeting.
8. Since the National dues were increased to \$2.00, that we increase our dues to \$2.50.
9. Adopt the 1990 Theme: The Great Invitation  
Scripture: Revelation 22:17  
Hymn: "The Woman's Hymn"
10. That we support the resolution from the National to change the National Student Fund to Foreign Student Scholarship Fund.
11. That you appoint a historical committee to investigate our history in preparation for a celebration.

Submitted by: Polly Roberson, Martha Clements and Dot Reeves

All resolutions passed except we decided the L.A.M.P. would go to the Dave Franks next year and that the \$500 Savings would go to the Rick Bowling Account. Item 7 was changed to say "Each district send \$5.00 per local auxiliary for food expense at the state meeting.

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

\$1,354.75	L.A.M.P. goes to Larry Reynolds Account
\$ 712.50	State Project
	(\$500 to be given to Bro. Rick Bowling's personal account for an air conditioner and \$212.50 be given to WNAC to be used however they deem necessary.)
\$ 180.00	was received for food and was given to Unity Free Will Baptist Church.
\$ 226.54	love offering was received for the Larry and Sherry Reynolds personal account.

Submitted by: Betty Hussey, Chairman; Bernice Ackerman and Vonda Hunter. These resolutions passed.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** We recommend

President: Paulette Scott  
Vice President: Odessa Ledlow  
Secretary-Treasurer: Elwanda Oakes  
Field Worker: Dot Reeves  
Members at Large: Shirley Kennedy, Guynette Barnett, and Linda Silas.



Submitted by Billie Rollins, Chairman; Marie Terry, Leatrice Overton, Lois Hibbs, Eldredge Motes and Etta Jane White.

After everyone was given an opportunity to nominate officers from the floor, the above women were elected.

Delegates to the WNAC Convention in Tampa were appointed by President Hood. They are: Paulette Scott, Odessa Ledlow, Elwanda Oakes, Dot Reeves, Shirley Kennedy, Martha Blalock, Helen Holland, Carolyn Micheal, Etta Jane White and Emma Jean Mallory. (District Presidents and District Field Workers were urged to attend.)

North Alabama District had the greatest percentage of their membership present and President Helen Holland proudly accepted the Attendance Banner for the second year in a row.

Mrs. Etta Jane White was presented a certificate because Jasper District gave the most money to the October Missions Offering. A total of \$790.02 was given to the Dave Franks account.

Sister Libby Willoughby installed the officers using the theme, "Arise and Build." She presented each new officer with a tool box filled with a blueprint (God's Word), and various tools such as a "heart of love," a "heart of prayer," a "heart of giving." She reminded us that "what we do for the Lord will last for Eternity." She closed by reading Matthew 6:19-21 and then prayed for our officers, our auxiliary, our missionaries, and praised God for his blessings.

President Hood then recognized Nell Grissom and asked the Reynoldses to come to the front. Nell then presented a cap with the love offering to Bro. Reynolds.

President Hood announced that Linda Silas had sold all the cookbooks for missions that she brought to the meeting and Mrs. Silas had said that if anyone wants to take on the project of selling cookbooks, they can have more printed. Paulette said they would try to have more printed by the retreat.

Elwanda Oakes announced that local treasurer books were available for \$1.00 each and she had some local forms free of charge. Others can be ordered from WNAC.

We then discussed saving used postage stamps and President Hood urged all to keep saving these for the National Office. President Hood urged all present to look in the "Co-Laborer" for needed items and plan to bring them every year. (An estimated \$775 worth of gifts were brought by women of Alabama for the missionary provision closet this year.)

The next meeting will be at the Winfield Free Will Baptist Church in Winfield, Alabama. Maps were made available.

Bro. E.B. Ledlow announced a praise item: It looks like the Walk-A-Thon will go over its goal.

President Hood reminded us that our State Missions Banquet will be in Florence this November. The North Alabama District was asked to help the Florence women host the banquet. Helen Holland was asked to serve as chairman. She announced that Bro. Richard Hendrix

would be our guest speaker.

Alice then thanked Helen Holland and Peggy Miller for the wonderful job they did leading our singing. She asked Helen Holland to dismiss us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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No. on Roll	Cahaba River	East Alabama	Jasper	Mt. Moriah	North Alabama	Progress	Southeastern	State Line	Vernon
FEES	96	35	42	18	29	114	39	86	39
*Home & Foreign - Sent directly to Secretary	192.00	70.00	84.00	36.00	58.00	228.00	78.00	172.00	78.00
HOME MISSIONS									
General Fund	60.00			30.00		58.50	36.57	20.00	
Pre-Thanksgiving Offering	26.00	135.75		30.00		435.50	28.59	162.69	
Alice Lupton - State Off.				470.00	375.00			75.00	327.00
Special / Joint Projects				10.00	755.00	285.00		352.63	200.00
Home Missionaries	847.82	47.62	70.00						
FOREIGN MISSIONS									
General Fund	60.00	51.73							
Pre-Easter Offering	110.00	52.00		51.00	75.00	183.00	37.00	189.00	52.00
Eunice Edwards Fund	72.00		40.00		58.00	38.00		73.00	60.00
Advance Celebration						11.00			
Ivory Coast Clinic									
Special Projects	300.00	209.75					693.77		1095.05
Summer Missionaries									
Foreign Missionaries	568.46		100.00		270.00	385.00		665.89	
October Missions	155.33				150.00	240.00			
BIBLE COLLEGES	70.00	170.00			75.00				
Student Memorial Loan Fund	60.00			10.00		35.00	110.00	172.40	10.00
CHILDREN'S HOME	240.00	140.00				40.00	70.00	10.00	10.00
RETIREMENT & INSURANCE	28.00			55.00		70.00			168.00
YOUTH CAMPS	60.00								50.00
Auxiliary District Project	750.00								
WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY									
Postage and Printing	8.00				3.00	22.00		75.00	3.00
General Fund					45.00				
Co-Laborer Offerings	66.00				175.00		30.00	87.00	20.00
Emphasis Month Offerings	169.95	33.26		38.00	63.50	135.05		7.00	25.00
National Student Scholarship	5.00			10.00		105.00		7.00	25.00
Provision Closet	228.25	21.29	25.00	10.00	54.57			618.63	
Other	360.41	688.31	20.00	91.00	20.00	35.00	2367.85	1423.26	1128.76
TOTAL	8914.62	1549.71	339.00	841.00	2177.07	2671.60	3433.19	4110.50	3383.83
Sent directly or Non - Cash	5196.48	320.00	4796.54	1021.93	528.84	0.00	40.00	150.00	500.20
TOTAL	14,111.10	1,869.71	5,135.54	1,862.93	2,705.91	2,671.60	3,473.19	4,260.50	3,884.03

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

Section 11 — The Board of Christian Education shall consist of five (5) members with 1-5 year terms with one term expiring each year.

Section 12 — The expiration dates of all board members are to be printed in the minutes.

### ARTICLE 3 — MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 — This Association shall be composed of all active ordained ministers and deacons who are members of an Association or Church, which is a member of this Body and duly elected or appointed delegates of each District Association or Church. One delegate for each church of each 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 thirty (30) dollars per church affiliated with that Association.

Section 2 — The fee of each local church representing independently shall be the sum of thirty (30) 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.

## ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

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ASSOCIATIONS	Churches	No. of Members	Ordained Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Licensed Ministers	Sunday School Members	C.T.S. Members	Masters Men	Womens Aux. Members	No. of Baptisms	Value of Church & Parsonage Property
Birmingham District	8	508	15	24		398		33		NA	880,000.00
Cahaba River	19	1,789	31	55	4	1,192	89	15	97	39	NA
East Alabama	5	449	7	14		177	130	4	38	11	920,400.00
Florida State Line	20	2,410	19	55		1,076	378	6	86	37	NA
Jasper	19	3,436	37	71	8	1,768	760		45	103	NA
Liberty No. 1	5	244	5	13		153	70		13	1	338,920.00
Liberty No. 2	5	364	13	12	5	251	106			11	450,000.00
Mississippi State Line	19	1,432	35	56		765					1,287,000.00
Mount Moriah	15	1,763	26	70		783	247	8	75	24	989,000.00
North Alabama	7	475	15	14		400	45	5	47	46	930,000.00
Progressive	17	2,427	30	59	5	1,362	623	27	183	91	3,816,000.00
Southeastern	12	1,200	10	31	1	523	105	26	63	19	1,081,000.00
Southern Union	6	289	7	9		173	29		22	4	260,000.00
Vernon	20	2,672	26	77	7	1,470	460	62	165	55	2,957,000.00
TOTALS	177	19,458	276	560	30	10,491	3,042	186	834	441	13,909,820.00