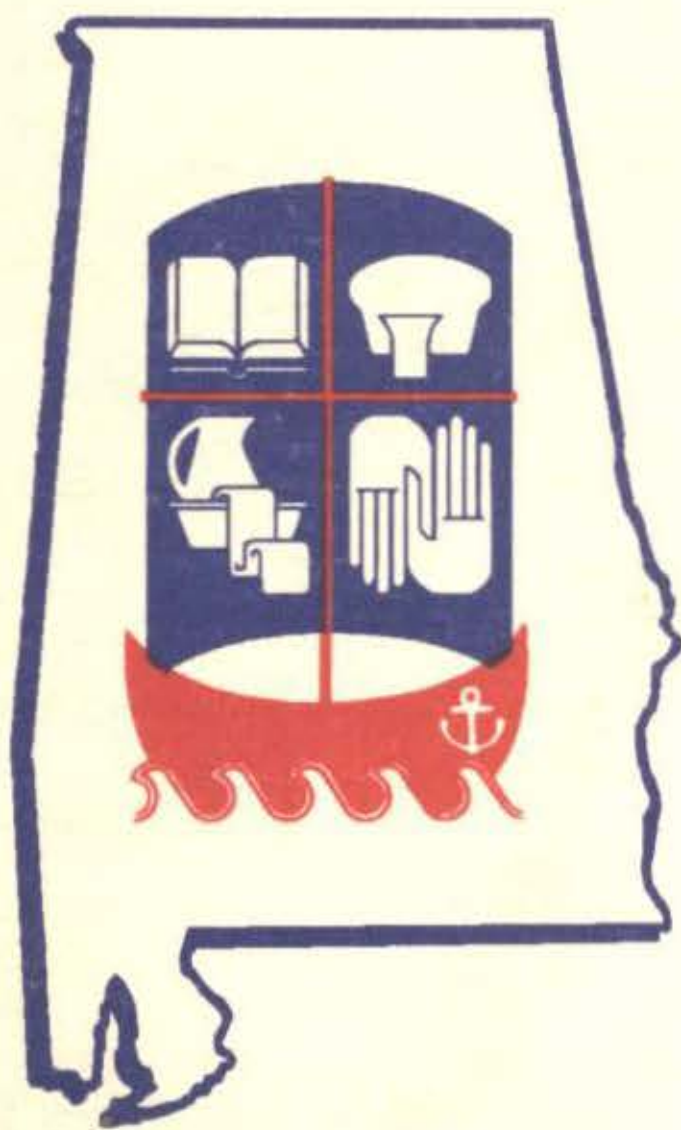


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PROCEEDINGS

THE FIFTY-FIRST SESSION of the MINISTER'S and DEACON'S MEETING THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 7, 1996

The Fifty-First (51st) session of the Ministers' and Deacons' meeting was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Dothan, Alabama. We sang "Amazing Grace", led by Bro. Waymon Fields, with Bro. Louis Presley at the piano and Sis. Gwen Stewart at the organ. Prayer was led by Rev. Lonnie Skiles. We sang "Grace Greater Than Our Sin." The moderator's message was preached by Rev. Tim Trimble, moderator, from Romans 4:13-21, on the topic "Just Copy Abraham." Prayer was led by Rev. Trimble.

We sang "Old Time Power" with Bro. Fields again leading. The 10:00 A.M. message was preached by Rev. Mike Beckon from Matthew 5:13-16, on the topic "Salt and Light." Prayer was led by Rev. Beckon.

The ALCAP report was given by Dr. Dan Ireland. The emphasis of the ALCAP report was on abstinence.

The body was dismissed for an intermission until 11:10 A.M. Music was provided by Bro. Presley and Sis. Stewart. We convened with Bro. Fields leading the congregation in singing "Praise Him, Praise Him" and "O Happy Day." An offertory prayer was led by Rev. Trimble, and an offering of \$192.60 was received while the musicians played. We sang "At The Cross," with Bro. Fields again leading. A special in song was rendered by Rev. Frank Fagan, "My Mountain Is Only A Hill." A message was preached by Rev. Steven Webb from 2 Kings 7:3-9, on the topic "The Starvation Committee." Prayer was led by Rev. Webb.

Officers were elected for a two year term. The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Trimble.

Registration for the Ministers' and Deacons' Meeting was 66 ministers, 33 delegates, 18 deacons and 35 visitors for a total registration of 152.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING THURSDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 7, 1996

The General Board met on Thursday afternoon, November 7, 1996, and was called to order by the moderator, Dr. John Edwards. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Rev. Randy Wright. Bro. Ivan Stewart, clerk, read aloud the board member's names.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented. There was a motion and second to receive the report and consider it item by item. The motion passed. The items are listed below:

- (1) Motion and second that the Promotional Office has the authorization to secure money from the General Fund if needed. The motion failed.
- (2) Motion and second to put the complete WNAC report in the State Minutes. The motion passed.
- (3) Motion and second that the State Promotional Office and any board that receives and disperses \$10,000 or more annually must have an independent audit. The motion passed.
- (4) Motion and second to set one day during the calendar year to receive a special offering for the State Promotional Office, called "Alabama Day," on Roll Call Sunday, the last Sunday in March. The motion passed.
- (5) Motion and second to approve the Alabama State Association General Fund Budget. The motion passed.

Bro. Waymon Fields gave the report for the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. At the request of the Children's Home Board of Trustees, a motion and second was made as follows: to increase the representation on the board from Mississippi, Georgia, and Florida from one member to two members; and to authorize the Children's Home Board of Trustees to invite representation from other states if support from other states becomes significant, with the stipulation that the majority of the membership will be from Alabama. The motion passed.

The Promotional Director, Dr. Richard Cordell, gave the report from the State Promotional Office. There was a motion and second to present the report to the State Association and to approve the Promotional Office budget. The motion passed.

There was a motion and second to authorize the Executive Committee to allow a deficit of up to \$10,000 for the State Promotional Office. The motion passed.

There was a motion and second to modify sections one, six, and seven of article two of the constitution to incorporate the Promotional Office, and to add section five to article four to require independent audits as specified above. The motion passed.

There was a motion and second to update the Constitution of the Alabama Free Will Baptist Mission Board. The motion passed.

At the request of the Jasper Association, Rev. Trellis Mayhall was replaced on the General Board by the moderator of the Jasper Association, Rev. Danny Williams.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer led by Rev. Dennis Haygood.

THURSDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 7, 1996

We convened at 6:30 P.M. by singing "Majesty" and "Christ Liveth In Me," with Bro. Terry Seymour leading and music provided by Sis. Lynn Seymour and Sis. Gwen Stewart. We sang "Where The Spirit of the Lord Is" and "Sweet, Sweet Spirit." Prayer was led by Rev. Frank Fagan. A report on the missionary trip to Russia, including slides, was given by Rev. Richard Hendrix and Bro. Mike Corley.

The congregation sang "Victory in Jesus," "At Calvary," and "People Need the Lord."

The Association was welcomed by Rev. Jim McNeil, host pastor. The Seventy-Seventh Session of the Alabama State Association was called to order by the clerk, Bro. Ivan Stewart. The moderator, Dr. John Edwards, appointed the following committees: Credential - Rev. Ray Ritch, Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Bro. Waymon Fields; Appreciation - Sis. Carolyn Hendrix, Sis. Ann Reed, Sis. Sue Yerby; Auditing - Sis. Gwen Stewart, Sis. Ann Kennedy, Sis. Odessa Ledlow; Nominating - Rev. Thomas Kirkland, Rev. Phil Kimbrough, Rev. Don Grice.

An offering of \$209.25 was received while the musicians played. The congregation sang "Jesus, Name Above All Names" and "Something About That Name" with Bro. Seymour leading and the musicians playing.

The keynote message was preached by Rev. Richard Bowers, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Northport, Ala. Rev. Bowers preached from Matthew 20:1-16, on the topic "Doing God's Will From The Heart." Prayer was led by Rev. Bowers and an invitation was given.

Special recognition was given to Dr. John Edwards for his 25 years-plus service in our state and national Free Will Baptist works. A plaque and many cards were presented to Dr. Edwards. The service was dismissed with prayer led by Rev. Mickey Kirkland.

FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 8, 1996

We convened at 8:45 A.M. with the congregation singing "Because He Lives" with Bro. Waymon Fields leading and Sis. Gwen Stewart at the piano. The opening prayer was led by Rev. Don Grice. The congregation sang "My Savior's Love."

The Moderator's Message was preached by Dr. John Edwards from 2 Timothy.

The Credential Committee report was given by Rev. Ray Ritch. There was a motion and second to seat the delegates. The motion passed, and the delegates were seated.

Rev. Bill Evans gave the reports from the National Association Retirement Board and Foundation.

Rev. Melvin Worthington gave a report from the National Association.

Rev. Jimmy Aldridge gave a report from the National Foreign Missions Department.

Bro. Trymon Messer gave a report from the National Home Missions Department.

Bro. Roy Harris gave a report from the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

There was a motion and second to receive these reports as information. The motion passed.

The clerk, Bro. Ivan Stewart, read the report from the Board of Christian Education.

Sis. Ann Kennedy gave the report from the Women's Auxiliary Convention. There was a motion and second to receive the report as information. The motion passed.

Rev. Levy Corey gave the report from the Children's Home. There was a motion and second to receive the report as information. The motion passed.

Rev. Randy Wright gave the report from the Pastors' and Workers' Conference. There was a motion and second to receive the report as information. The motion passed.

Rev. Duane Taylor gave the report on State Home Missions. Rev. Fred Jones gave a talk on the Prattville work, and a member of the Prattville church gave his testimony. Rev. Rick Cash also spoke on behalf of the Home Missions work. He encouraged everyone to support the work in Prattville to build the church building. They need \$125,000.00 to accomplish that goal. There was a motion and second to accept the State Home Missions report. The motion passed.

After a short intermission we resumed the session by singing "I'm In The Gloryland Way," "What A Savior," and "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" with Bro. Waymon Fields leading and Sis. Stewart at the piano. Special prayer requests were made followed by prayer led by Rev. Wayne McDaniel. A special in song was rendered by Rev. J. D. Wale's son, "There Is Peace When I Think About Heaven." Rev. J. D. Wales preached a message from Gen. 12:1,2 and Joshua 23:9,10, with prayer by Rev. Wales.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 8, 1996

We convened with singing "He's Been So Good To Me," and "Praise Him, Praise Him" with Bro. Waymon Fields leading and Sis. Gwen Stewart at the piano. Prayer was led by Rev. E. B. Ledlow.

Sis. Gwen Stewart gave the Auditing Committee report. There was a motion and second to receive the report as information. The motion passed.

The Registration Committee report, prepared by Sis. Ann Kennedy, was given by the clerk, Bro. Ivan Stewart. There was a motion and second to receive the report as information. The motion passed.

Sis. Carolyn Hendrix gave the Appreciation Committee Report. There was a motion and second to receive the report as information. The motion passed.

Delegates to the National Association were appointed by the Moderator, Dr. John Edwards: Sis. Beverly Cook, Sis. Carolyn Hendrix, Bro. Paul Nichols, Sis. Cherry Pickett, Bro. Rodney Yerby.

The General Board report was given by the clerk, Bro. Ivan Stewart. The General board recommended:

- (1) That the complete WNAC report be placed in the State Minutes.
- (2) That the State Promotional Office and any board that receives and disperses \$10,000 or more annually must have an independent audit.
- (3) That one day during the calendar year be set to receive a special offering for the State Promotional Office, called "Alabama Day," on Roll Call Sunday, the last Sunday in March.
- (4) That the Alabama State Association General Fund Budget be approved.
- (5) That the Executive Committee be authorized to allow a deficit of up to \$10,000 for the State Promotional Office.
- (6) That the Constitution of the Alabama State Association be changed to modify sections one, six, and seven of article two of the constitution to incorporate the Promotional Office, and to add section five to article four to require independent audits as specified above.
- (7) That the Constitution of the Alabama Free Will Baptist Mission Board be updated.

There was a motion to receive the report of the General Board and act on it item by item. There was a motion and second to adopt item (1). The motion passed. There was a motion and second to adopt item (2). The motion passed. There was a motion and second to adopt item (3). The motion passed. There was a motion and second to adopt item (5). The motion passed. There was a motion and second to adopt item (6). The motion passed. There was a motion and second to adopt item (7). The motion passed.

Dr. Richard Cordell presented the budget and gave the report of the Promotional Office. Dr. Cordell recommended that a State Retirement Program for preachers be established, and that an "Acts 1:8" Program be established to support home and foreign missionaries from Alabama. There was a motion and second to receive the report, adopt the budget, establish an "Acts 1:8" Program, and establish a Retirement Program. The motion passed.

Bro. Johnny Sexton spoke on behalf of Southeastern College.

There was a motion and second to accept the General Fund budget (item (4) of the General Board report). The motion passed.

There was a request that copies of the budgets be printed and distributed next year prior to votes. The Moderator directed the appropriate persons to do so.

The nominating committee report was given by Rev. Thomas Kirkland. The report was received and each office voted on individually. There was a motion and second for the Moderator to appoint the Executive Committee. The motion passed.

There was a motion and second to hold the 1997 session at Forestdale Free Will Baptist Church. The motion passed.

There was a motion and second to hold the 1998 session at Madison Free Will Baptist Church. The motion passed.

There was a motion and second to adjourn. The motion passed. The session was dismissed with prayer led by Rev. Duane Taylor.

FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 8, 1996

The Friday evening session opened at 7:00 P.M. with the congregation singing a medley of hymns ("Revive Us Again," "The Family of God," "Bind Us Together") led by Bro. Terry Seymour. After prayer, Dr. John Edwards welcomed everyone.

Dr. Richard Cordell reported that Dr. Edwards had been given gifts totaling \$1000 the previous evening. Those who forgot to bring gifts were encouraged to send one.

The new moderator, Rev. Jim McNeil, was introduced by Dr. John Edwards. Rev. McNeil expressed the honor of being called as moderator. Rev. McNeil called for all the men to come to the altar to pray for the state of Alabama, led by Bro. Trymon Messer and Dr. Melvin Worthington. Rev. McNeil asked for continued prayer.

Bro. Seymour led the congregation in singing "Great is Thy Faithfulness." An offering of \$161.00 was received while Sis. Seymour played "Moment By Moment" on the piano.

Rev. McNeil introduced Rev. and Sis. Raymond Rivers, who sang "A Great Homecoming Day" a capella.

Rev. McNeil introduced Rev. Terry Forrest, Dean of Students, Free Will Baptist Bible College, who preached from Joshua 1:1-2 on the topic "Facing New Realities." The session was dismissed with prayer led by Dr. Jack Rollins.

Registration for the session was:

Ministers	79
Visitors	55
Delegates	43
Deacons	26
Total	203

REPORTS

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

On behalf of the State Association we the appreciation committee want to thank the First Free Will Baptist Church of Dothan for their hospitality and warm spirit we have enjoyed during this conference. We want to express appreciation for all officers, speakers and musicians who have served during this meeting. We know the responsibility that it takes to make everything run smoothly and to serve people's needs. We can see that a lot of preparation has gone on in the planning of this meeting. We would like to have a rising vote of thanks to the church for everything done.

Carolyn Hendrix, Chairman
Sue Yerby
Ann Reed

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your auditing committee have looked over and examined reports from material by the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists for the year 1995-1996.

BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION:

Were audited by McCabe and Associates, Certified Public Accountants, Fayette, AL as of August 31, 1996.

PROMOTIONAL OFFICE:

From August 31, 1995 to August 31, 1996, audited by McDaniel and Associates, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, Dothan AL.

PASTOR'S AND WORKER'S CONFERENCE:

From September 1, 1995 to August 31, 1996, balanced with bank statement.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

From October 23, 1995 to November 6, 1996, balanced with last bank statement and prepared sheet.

CHILDREN'S HOME:

From September 1, 1995 to August 31, 1996 audited by Ronnie D. Ingle, Accountant.

Gwen Stewart, Chairman
Ann Kennedy
Odessa Ledlow

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We, the Credential Committee have examined the letters from the Associations and find them with errors. Bro. Puckett is listed on Jasper and Vernon Associations both. Bro. Ralph Baker is listed as both moderator and clerk of the Southeastern Association. We recommend errors be corrected, the letters accepted and delegates be seated.

Rev. Ray W. Ritch, Chairman
Rev. E. B. Ledlow
Bro. Waymon Fields

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Financial Records 10/23/95 - 11/6/96

Beginning Balance		\$2804.55
Income		
Together Way	\$623.87	
Direct Gifts from Churches	\$784.87	
Competition Offering	\$372.39	
Savings Interest	\$41.93	
Competition Fees	<u>\$1,684.00</u>	
Total	\$3,507.06	
Disbursements		
Supplies, postage & misc.	\$399.94	
Board Member Expense	\$202.27	
Competition supplies	\$273.61	
NYC entry fees	\$1,014.00	
Competition Judges	\$325.60	
Competition Awards	\$323.00	
Competition Host Church	\$300.00	
Statewide Youth Rally	\$653.76	
Trinity Youth Camp	<u>\$200.00</u>	
Total	\$3,692.18	
Ending Balance		\$2,619.43

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
General Operating Fund
September 1, 1995 through August 31, 1996

BEGINNING BALANCE SEPTEMBER 1, 1995		\$29,544.76
Additions to this Period:		
Contributions:		
Other AL Sources	\$108,805.08	
AL FWB Churches	142,790.82	
Florida	48,336.93	
Georgia	43,457.29	
Mississippi	45,865.80	
Other Miscellaneous	51,480.52	\$440,826.44
Interest Income	1,415.07	<u>1,415.07</u>
TOTAL CASH		\$442,241.51

Disbursements this Year:

Clothing	3,965.53	
Directors Fees	1,297.40	
Education	3,341.30	
Farming	7,779.74	
Food	20,037.65	
Gas/Oil	18,862.62	
Hardware & Maintenance	12,677.50	
Household	14,088.15	
Insurance	36,179.47	
IRA	-300.00	
Laundry & Janitorial	5,611.42	
Medical	10,555.16	
Miscellaneous	3,204.85	
Office Supplies	8,424.05	
Postage	8,149.92	
Promotional	22,202.29	
Salaries	192,801.63	
Utilities	60,292.47	
Vehicle	<u>16,977.91</u>	
		<u>446,146.04</u>
ENDING BALANCE AUGUST 31, 1996		\$25,634.21

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
General Fund Savings Account
September 1, 1995 through August 31, 1996

BEGINNING BALANCE SEPTEMBER 1, 1995	\$1,654.00
Additions to this Period:	
Interest Earned	<u>89.33</u>
TOTAL CASH	1,743.33
Expenditures this Period	<u>0</u>
ENDING BALANCE AUGUST 31, 1996	<u>\$1,743.33</u>

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
Miscellaneous Fund
September 1, 1995 through August 31, 1996

BEGINNING BALANCE SEPTEMBER 1, 1995	\$112.36
No Activity in this Period	<u>0</u>
ENDING BALANCE AUGUST 31, 1996	<u>\$112.36</u>

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
Foster Club Fund
September 1, 1995 through August 31, 1996

BEGINNING BALANCE SEPTEMBER 1, 1995	\$1,675.42
Add:	
Contributions	\$1,916.12
Interest Earned	<u>56.49</u>
TOTAL CASH	3,648.03
Deduct:	
Allowances	<u>2,400.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE AUGUST 31, 1996	<u>\$1,248.03</u>

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
College Fund
September 1, 1995 through August 31, 1996

BEGINNING BALANCE SEPTEMBER 1, 1995	\$548.61
Add:	
Interest Earned	<u>16.64</u>
TOTAL CASH	565.25
Deduct:	
Withdrawals	<u>0</u>
ENDING BALANCE AUGUST 31, 1996	<u>\$565.25</u>

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
Building Fund Checking
September 1, 1995 through August 31, 1996

BEGINNING BALANCE SEPTEMBER 1, 1995	\$13,254.88
Additions to this Period:	
Contributions	44,000.00
Interest	<u>163.31</u>
TOTAL CASH	\$57,418.19
Disbursements this Year:	
Hardware/Maintenance	\$54,278.48
Supplies	2,375.31
	<u>56,653.79</u>
ENDING BALANCE AUGUST 31, 1996	<u>\$764.40</u>

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
Building Fund Savings
September 1, 1995 through August 31, 1996

BEGINNING BALANCE SEPTEMBER 1, 1995	\$63,242.83
Add:	
Contributions	\$5,965.00
Interest Earned	<u>1,293.41</u>
	<u>7,258.41</u>
TOTAL CASH	70,501.24
Deduct:	
Withdrawals	<u>44,000.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE AUGUST 31, 1996	<u>\$26,501.24</u>

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
Gym Fund Savings
September 1, 1995 through August 31, 1996

BEGINNING BALANCE SEPTEMBER 1, 1995	\$0
Additions to this Period:	
Contributions	\$92,650.48
Interest	<u>1,888.89</u>
ENDING BALANCE AUGUST 31, 1996	\$94,539.37

**ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST
BOARD OF MISSIONS & CHURCH EXTENSION**

Statement of Activities

Cash Basis

For the Year August 31, 1996

REVENUES

Contributions Received	\$74,442.41
TOTAL RECEIPTS	74,442.41

REVENUES

AL CE Board	\$29.05
ALCAP	100.00
Children Home	4,000.08
Contribution to Vernon Association	29.06
Fred Jones	3,666.56
Foreign Missions	3,604.23
Free Will Baptist College	247.52
Home Mission Expense	57,526.49
Individual Missionary Expense	413.15
Land Fund	2,300.00
Madison Free Will Baptist	5,642.88
Office Supplies	64.18
Postage	184.00
S. Huntsville Mission	6,194.08
Salaries	2,220.00
Southeastern FWB College	40.00
Spring Into Mission	354.48
State Office Fund	7,033.53
Telephone	304.11
Travel & Board Expense	3,411.22
Trinity FWB Camp	1,210.69
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	98,575.31

OTHER RECEIPTS

Interest Income	\$1,637.58
TOTAL OTHER RECEIPTS	1,637.58

EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER
RECEIPTS AND DECREASE IN NET ASSETS \$(22,495.32)

NET ASSETS, September 1, 1995 \$48,311.41

NET ASSETS, August 31, 1996 \$25,816.09

**ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST
BOARD OF MISSIONS & CHURCH EXTENSION
1996 - 1997 PROPOSED BUDGET**

PROJECTED FUNDS:

Prattville

Missionary Maintenance (Salary, Housing, Retirement Insurance, Printing, Travel)	46,000.00	
Building	<u>35,000.00</u>	
Total Prattville		81,000.00

South Huntsville

Missionary Maintenance (Salary, Housing, Retirement Insurance, Printing, Travel)		50,000.00
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Spring into Missions

Contributions	12,000.00	
Building	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total Spring into Missions		13,000.00

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE:

Accounting	200.00	
Miscellaneous	200.00	
Postage	250.00	
Salary	750.00	
State Promotional Office	8,000.00	
Supplies	800.00	
Telephone	300.00	
Travel/Board Expense	<u>3,000.00</u>	
Total Administrative Expense		13,500.00

TOTAL BUDGET 157,500.00

**STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
PROMOTIONAL OFFICE
Financial Statement August 31, 1996**

Balance on books, September 1, 1995 \$4,221.13

Cash transactions for 1995 - 1996 fiscal year

Period ended	Received	Disbursed	
Sep. 30, 1995	16,097.64	4,664.75	
Oct. 31, 1995	18,303.85	14,952.32	
Nov. 30, 1995	29,800.64	16,645.82	
Dec. 31, 1995	23,009.13	19,129.27	
Jan. 31, 1996	22,965.21	35,183.77	
Feb. 29, 1996	28,052.14	17,714.96	
Mar. 31, 1996	21,872.76	34,385.34	
Apr. 30, 1996	26,965.02	19,552.63	
May 31, 1996	21,560.60	27,472.15	
June 30, 1996	22,697.23	22,782.22	
July 31, 1996	29,888.48	21,246.00	
Aug. 31, 1996	31,160.99	59,737.84	
 TOTALS	 292,373.69	 293,647.07	 (1,273.38)

Balance on books, August 31, 1996 \$2,947.75

**STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
PROMOTIONAL OFFICE
BUDGET FOR 1996 - 1997**

INFLOW:

Income from Co-Op and Designated Giving \$57,000.00

OUTFLOW:

Promotional Director's Salary and Benefits	\$42,000.00
Travel and Expense (mileage, meals & motel)	9,500.00
Telephone	750.00
The Digest (Printing and Postage)	2,500.00
Office Supplies, Printing and Postage	1,000.00
Office help (part-time when needed)	1,250.00
Total Expenditures	\$57,000.00

SPECIAL NOTE: The total receipts coming in the State Treasurer (Promotional Director's Office) were nearly \$300,000.00. This includes all State Association/Promotional Office income too.

**STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
GENERAL FUND
BUDGET FOR 1996 - 1997**

INFLOW:

Dues to St. Association from District Associations	\$8,280.00
Offerings received at the State Meeting	500.00
Total	\$8,780.00

OUTFLOW:

National Association dues	\$4,175.00
Officers and speakers honorariums:	
Clerk: \$150, Treasurer: \$150, Asst. Clerk: \$25	
Moderator: \$50, Asst. Moderator: \$25	400.00
Guest Preacher: \$300, 2 local Pastors \$50 each	400.00
Executive Committee meeting expense	1,850.00
State Association Minutes - Printing and Postage	1,305.00
Annual audit expense	200.00
Programs for State Association - Printing and Postage	200.00
Postage	130.00
Telephone	120.00
Total Expenditures	\$8,750.00

MID-SOUTH PASTORS' & WORKERS' CONFERENCE
c/o Rev. Randy Wright
P. O. Box 4
Guin, AL 35563

Beginning Balance 9/1/95		\$437.31
Expenses:		
Mail	24.20	
Star Printing	103.74	
Post Office	64.00	
Wal-Mart (envelopes)	4.15	
Sawyer Airplane ticket	475.00	
Conference Expenses	100.00	
Connie Carriker (honorarium)	275.00	
Connie Carriker (expense)	175.00	
Day's Inn	69.76	
Comfort Inn	130.80	
Randy Sawyer (honorarium)	275.00	
Fred Warner (honorarium)	275.00	
Fred Warner (expense)	50.00	
Total Expense	2021.65	
Deposits:		
2/15/96	1313.04	
3/6/96	630.00	
Total Deposits	1943.04	
Current Balance 8/31/96		\$358.70

ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST
WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

The Alabama Free Will Baptist Women Active for Christ celebrated their 50th anniversary on May 4, 1996. Our convention was held in Sylacauga, Alabama at the Unity Free Will Baptist Church. The theme "50 Years of Holding the Light High" was used.

Our featured speaker was Dr. Mary Ruth Wisheart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer for Women Nationally Active for Christ. She gave us information about the part Alabama has played in the National Organization over the past 50 years. She also challenged us to greater work for the Lord and gave us ideas for doing this. Bro. and Sis. Jimmy Aldridge were with us also. Sister Janie gave the devotional and Bro. Jimmy gave us an update on foreign missions and the upcoming trip to Russia.

We were honored to have five past Presidents with us. We greatly appreciate these women and their work to promote the women's work for Christ in Alabama. Without these ladies, we would not have this organization today. These ladies are Mrs. Laura Hollingshead, Mrs. Mary Edna Cook, Mrs. Alice Hood, Mrs. Paulette Scott and Mrs. Annette Tomlinson.

We are pleased to report that the following money was given for missions with our love.

\$2,151.00	Sis. Monica White (China)
\$425.00	Dr. Mary Wisheart (WNAC)
\$500.00	Russia Project
\$100.00	Bro. & Sis. Aldridge (Foreign Missions)
\$100.00	Endowment fund in honor of Mrs. Myrtle Bloss Parrish

A total of 140 attended and were warmly welcomed by the host church. The pastor, deacons, and local WNAC group went the second mile to make sure we were comfortable and our needs supplied.

Submitted by:
Ann Kennedy, President

CONSTITUTION OF THE ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

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

Section 2 - Seal - This Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists and its constituents adopt the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in faith and practice.

ARTICLE 2 - OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Section 1 - The officers of the State Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Promotional Director/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. The General Officers (Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk) shall not serve more than two consecutive terms.

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 Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and five (5) members elected from the General Board. 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 7 - The Promotional Director/Treasurer shall administer the affairs of the State Executive Office and carry out the responsibilities delegated to him by the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists and the State Executive Committee. He shall fulfill all the duties commensurate with the office and present such plans and/or procedures that he feels would be effective in the furtherance of the denominational program. The Promotional Director shall assist in coordinating the work of the various boards of the Alabama State Association. He shall be an ex-officio member of all standing boards. He shall present a written report of his work quarterly to the State Executive Board concerning his promotional activities and financial reports for the quarter. A written report of his work shall be presented at each annual session of the Alabama State Association, along with a financial statement of all monies received and disbursed. The financial records of the State Association shall be audited annually. The Executive Committee of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists shall be responsible for the employment of the Promotional Director/Treasurer and shall arrange such working contractual agreements with the Promotional Director/Treasurer as are deemed necessary. The Promotional Director/Treasurer shall be employed for an indefinite term. If either the State Executive Committee or the Promotional Director/Treasurer desires to terminate the contractual agreement, a sixty (60) days notice prior to the date of termination must be given.

Section 8 - (A) 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 (2) or more of their churches belong, they are allowed a trustee.

The adjoining states of Florida, Georgia and Mississippi shall have the privilege of recommending one, but no more than two members each to serve on this board.

These members of said board shall be elected by the Alabama State Association.

(B) One-half of these members shall be elected each year. Members from the first seven associations listed alphabetically shall be elected on odd-numbered years. Members of this board representing associations from the second group, plus those from other adjoining states, shall be elected on even-numbered years.

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, they are allowed a board member.

Section 10 - The Mission Board shall consist of seven (7) members with one to seven year terms with one term expiring each year.

Section 11 - The Board of Christian Education shall consist of five (5) members with one to five 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 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 fifty (\$50) dollars per church affiliated with that Association.

Section 2 - The fee of each local church representing independently shall be the sum of fifty (\$50) dollars.

Section 3 - The Clerk shall be paid 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.

Section 5 - The State Office and any board that receives and disburses ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars or more annually, must have an independent audit.

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 Baptists shall hold its regular meetings annually, place of meeting to be decided by a vote of the Body. The time of meetings to be on Thursday night before the second Sunday in November of each year, and close out on Friday night.

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 Representative Fees 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 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. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee provided the person nominated to be elected. No more than two members 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.

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

12. 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.

13. The "yeas" and "nays" may be counted on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.

14. 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.

15. 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.

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

17. 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.

18. 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 & 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 committee man 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.

CONSTITUTION OF THE ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION BOARD

In order to promote missions and establish Free Will Baptist Churches, we, the Alabama Free Will Baptist Mission Board, having been elected by the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptist, do set forth and ordain this Constitution:

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

This board shall be known as the Alabama Free Will Baptist Mission Board.

ARTICLE 2 - MEMBERSHIP

This board shall consist of members duly elected by the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists

ARTICLE 3 - OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Board shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and a Secretary - Treasurer elected annually by the Board.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers of the Board and shall represent the Board when the Board is not in session.

ARTICLE 4 - FINANCE

Section 1. The Board shall prepare a budget of its proposed financial expenditures at the beginning of each associational year and shall present same for approval of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists along with an audit made by an independent certified public accountant.

Section 2. The Board shall be reimbursed, as allotted by the I.R.S., for travel and actual cost for lodging, and food. All other expenditures not specified shall be made at the direction of the Board.

ARTICLE 5 - MEETINGS

Section 1. The Board shall hold regular meetings on the Monday following the 2nd Sunday in April and the Monday following the 2nd Sunday in September or when the Chairman shall deem it necessary to call a special meeting.

Section 2. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 6 - AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be altered or amended at any meeting of the Board by 2/3 vote of the members.

BY - LAWS

1. The General location of a new work is selected by the Board.

2. (A.) The missionary prospect must meet the set of guidelines and doctrinal criteria as set forth by the Board before being considered as a missionary candidate.

(B.) The Missionary is directly responsible to the Board.

(a.) A progress report is to be made to each Board member on a monthly basis.

(b.) The Missionary is to abide by the contract set forth by the Board.

3. (A.) All money (except general expenses) is turned back to the Board during the development stage. The Board assumes the responsibility of making payments of the loans and the missionary's salary until such time as the church grows to a self-sustaining state.

(B.) The Mission Board is responsible for development and promotion of the financial plan for the project.

4. (A.) The Mission Board shall cooperate with the missionary in the selection of property for the church with the Board having the final approval after a close examination of finances and zoning ordinances.

(B.) All deeds and loans are secured in the name of the Board.

(C.) The policy of the Board is to deed the property to the church once the church reaches a self-sustaining level as determined by the Board.

(D.) The Board shall approve the building design and involve itself in this phase of the church to make sure that the plans are adequate to meet the needs for the foreseeable future and that the building will be an asset to the community and to the denomination.

5. The Mission Board shall require that each church established by the Alabama State Home Mission Board shall include in its constitution and By-Laws the following:

A. 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 Missions Board and the National Home Missions for the establishment of the Free Will Baptist church under this contract.

Should the church within five (5) years of its organizational date become self-supporting and 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 Missions Board all funds paid by the Alabama State Mission Board and the National Home Missions 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.

B. Amendments:

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended, or changed, by a 2/3 vote of membership present and voting at any regular business meeting of the Board, provided the proposed change has been announced (2) two weeks prior to the meeting.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus 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 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 in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour 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 of the Gospel.

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

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world.

And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ASSOCIATIONS	Churches	No. of Members	Ordained Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Licensed Ministers	Sunday School Members	C.T.S. Members	Masters' Members	Women's Auxiliary Members	No. of Baptisms	Value of Church & Parsonage Property
Birmingham District	6	425	14	16	1	251	0	14	22	0	\$ 822,000
Cahaba River	22	2,531	34	64	6	1,992	656	33	192	85	N/A
East Alabama	5	371	6	5	0	172	53	0	35	12	N/A
Florida State Line	20	2,499	24	48	2	998	259	8	116	34	N/A
Jasper	16	3,277	27	58	0	1,647	537	42	129	102	N/A
Liberty No. 1	6	277	8	12	1	154	63	0	17	5	\$ 439,220
Liberty No. 2	4	371	11	10	3	115	24	0	0	3	N/A
Mississippi State Line	18	1,295	28	42	0	650	0	0	0	0	\$ 1,710,000
Mount Moriah	16	1,660	24	64	0	646	138	6	28	25	\$ 2,000,000
North Alabama	9	699	18	20	2	432	113	24	55	22	\$ 796,000
Progressive	17	2,181	26	40	8	1,584	436	42	127	149	N/A
Southeastern	11	912	16	N/A	0	342	54	10	30	11	\$ 1,649,000
Southern Union	3	76	1	4	1	58	0	0	8	1	\$ 237,000
Vernon	19	2,554	23	67	2	1,144	195	10	96	27	\$ 2,678,000
TOTALS	172	19,128	260	450	26	10,185	2,528	189	855	476	\$ 10,331,220

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