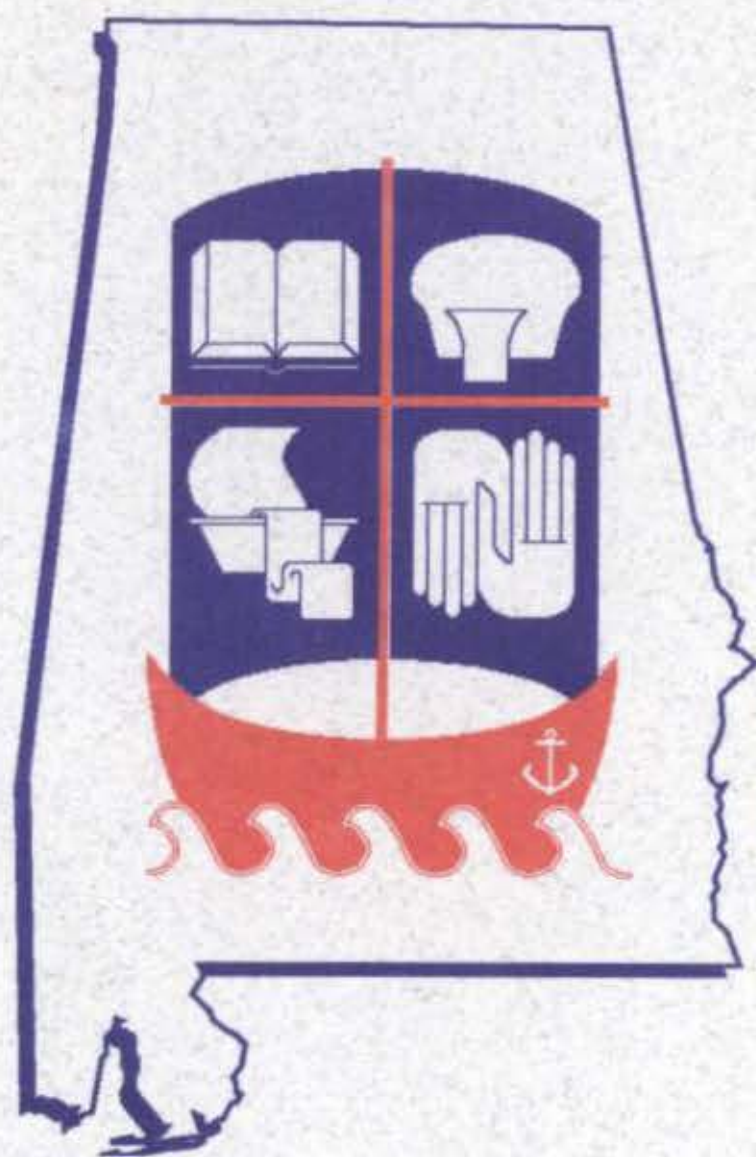


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PROCEEDINGS

THE FIFTY-THIRD SESSION

of the MINISTER'S and DEACON'S MEETING THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 5, 1998

The Fifty-Third (53rd) session of the Ministers' and Deacons' meeting was held at the Madison Free Will Baptist Church in Madison, Alabama. The meeting was called to order by assistant clerk Rev. Roger Lucas. The session was welcomed by Rev. Wayne McDaniel presiding as moderator. Dr. Jack Rollins led the meeting in the opening prayer. A devotion was given by Rev. Wayne McDaniel, moderator, from II Chronicles. Prayer was led by Bro. McDaniel.

A song service was led by Rev. Mike Beckon, assistant moderator. We sang "Joy Unspeakable" and "There Is A Fountain", with Sis. Cathy Corley at the piano. Prayer was led by Rev. Danny Williams, and we sang "My Savior's Love", led by Bro. Beckon.

Bro. McDaniel introduced Rev. Roger Hood, pastor of Ebenezer Free Will Baptist Church, Falkville, AL, who preached on "Whatever Became of Sin?", from II Samuel 12:1-14. Bro. Hood led in prayer.

Bro. Beckon introduced Dr. Dan Ireland, Executive Director of ALCAP. Dr. Ireland gave the ALCAP report, and recognized ALCAP board members who were in the meeting. Dr. Ireland is a registered Christian lobbyist. He gave an update on the gambling issue.

Officers were elected. Bro. McDaniel was elected moderator, and Bro. Beckon was elected assistant moderator. Visiting ministers and visitors were recognized. Prayer was led by Dr. John Edwards.

The body was dismissed for an intermission until 11:10 A.M. Bro. Beckon reconvened the meeting and led the hymns "At Calvary", "Higher Ground", and "He Loves Me" with Sis. Corley at the piano. A special in song was rendered by Rev. Roger Lucas, "The Middle Man." Bro. McDaniel introduced Rev. Lonnie Skiles, Pastor of Goodwater Free Will Baptist Church, Newton, AL. Bro. Skiles preached from II Timothy 3:1-4:5, and closed the message in prayer. An offering was received while the musician played. There was a motion and second to adjourn, which carried. Closing prayer was led by Rev. Albert Pickett.

Registration for the Ministers' and Deacons' Meeting was: 44 ministers, 31 delegates, 19 deacons and 91 visitors for a total registration of 185.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING THURSDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 5, 1998

The General Board met on Thursday afternoon, November 5, 1998, and was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Jim McNeil, with 10 members present.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented by the clerk, Bro. Rodney Yerby. 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 General Fund absorb the debt owed to the General Fund from the Promotional Office. Rev. Rick Cash, Promotional Director, reviewed the history behind this item. The motion passed.
- (2) Motion and second that the proposed Promotional Office budget be approved. Bro. Cash reviewed the proposed budget. The motion passed.
- (3) Motion and second that the proposed General Fund Budget be approved. The motion passed.

Bro. Cash gave a report from the Promotional Office, which was received as information.

Bro. McNeil called for new business. There was none. Bro. McNeil presented as information that the National Association of Free Will Baptists will meet in Alabama in 2006, and that we need to be making preparations.

The General Board nominated the following individuals for Officers and Board Members of the State Association.

Moderator	Rev. Richard Bowers
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Danny Williams
Clerk	Bro. Rodney Yerby
Assistant Clerk	Rev. Roger Lucas
Executive Committee	Rev. Richard Hendrix
	Bro. Bobby Kennedy
	Rev. Thomas Kirkland
	Rev. Wayne McDaniel
	Rev. Jerry Smith
Bd of Msns & Church Ext, exp. 2005	Rev. Tim Baumgarten
Bd of Msns & Church Ext, exp. 2004	Rev. James Walden
Bd. of Christian Education, exp. 2003	Rev. Glenn Hood
Pastors' & Worker's Conference Bd, exp. 2003	Rev. Brian Kesterson

There was a motion and second that Dr. Jack Rollins be honored for his years of faithful service to Alabama Free Will Baptists by being made Assistant Moderator Emeritus and Member of the Executive Committee Emeritus. The motion passed.

There was a motion and second that the Moderator appoint a Resolutions Committee each year.

There was a motion and second that the offerings be given to Rev. Roger Raper. The motion passed.

There was a motion and second to adjourn. The motion passed.

THURSDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 5, 1998

We convened by singing "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" led by Bro. Rodney Yerby with Sis. Carolyn Hendrix at the piano and Sis. Cathy Corley at the organ.

The Association was welcomed by Richard Hendrix, host pastor. The Moderator, Rev. Jim McNeil recognized Bro. Trymon Messer, who introduced Rev. John Chang from Korea.

The Seventy-Ninth Session of the Alabama State Association was called to order and the officers were introduced by the clerk, Bro. Rodney Yerby. Prayer was led by Rev. Fred Hersey, retired missionary to Japan. The moderator, Rev. Jim McNeil, appointed the following committees: Credential - Rev. Ray Ritch, Rev. Phil Kimbrough, Rev. Don Grice; Appreciation - Sis. Barbara Register, Sis. Myree Galloway, Sis. Odessa Ledlow; Auditing - Sis. Gwen Stewart, Rev. Mike Dankson, Bro. James South; Resolution - Rev. John Reed, Bro. Lewis Montgomery, Rev. Kevin Taylor.

We sang "Grace Greater Than All Our Sins." Rev. Dennis Reeves prayed an offertory prayer. An offering of \$275.80 was received while the choir sang "Sinner Saved By Grace", with soloist Carlotta Harbison. A special in song was rendered by Bro. Rodney Yerby and Bro. Larry Hall, accompanied by Sis. Carolyn Hendrix. We sang the choruses "Surely the Presence" and "As the Deer", let by Bro. Yerby.

There was a special presentation of \$11,593.00 to Rev. Raper to be used for debt reduction on the building at Ft. Collins, CO. Rev. Raper gave a report from the Ft. Collins mission work. Rev. Raper preached on "Where are the Children of the Burning Heart?" from Psalm 63:1-8. Prayer was led by the speaker. After the message, Bro. Yerby led in an invitational hymn, "Jesus Be the Lord of All".

The service was closed with prayer, led by Rev. Richard Hendrix.

FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 6, 1998

We convened with the congregation singing "The Family of God" and "At Calvary" led by Bro. Rodney Yerby with Sis. Cathy Corley at the piano. The congregation then sang "To God Be the Glory" and "Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome". Prayer was led by Bro. Joe Beckon.

The Moderator's Message was preached by Rev. Jim McNeil, from Revelation 2:1-7

The Credential Committee report was given. There was a motion and second to accept the report, which passed. There was a motion and second to seat the appointed delegates. The motion passed by the standing delegates, and the appointed delegates were seated.

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.

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

Rev. Tim Campbell gave a report from Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Billy Brown gave a report from Randall House Publications.

Rev. Danny Williams gave the report on State Home Missions. There was a motion and second to accept the State Home Missions report. The motion passed.

Rev. Danny Williams gave the report on Acts 1:8. There was a motion and second to accept the report and adopt the Acts 1:8 budget. The motion passed.

Rev. Wayne Wilson gave a report from the State Board of Christian Education. There was a motion and second to accept the report. The motion passed.

Sis. Elwanda Oakes gave the report from the Alabama Women Active for Christ. There was a motion and second to receive the report as information. The motion passed.

Rev. Randy Wright gave a report from the Pastors' and Workers' Conference. There was a motion and second, which passed, to receive the report. The Pastors' and Workers' Conference will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan, February 15-17, 1999, with Rev. Nate Ange, Rev. David Crowe and Dr. Dan Ireland speaking.

Rev. Roger Bennett gave the report from the Children's Home. There was a motion and second to receive the report. The motion passed.

After a short intermission we resumed the session by singing "What A Mighty God We Serve" led by Bro. Rodney Yerby, with Sis. Cathy Corley at the piano. We also sang "All That Thrills My Soul Is Jesus". Rev. Terrell Jones led in prayer. We sang "Oh, How I Love Jesus". Sis. Carolyn Michael sang "This Valley is for Me". The congregation sang "In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified." Rev. Danny Dwyer, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Florence, preached "Is Anything Too Hard For God?" from Genesis 18:1-15. After the message, the morning session was closed in prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 6, 1998

We convened by singing "I Just Keep Trusting My Lord", "When We All Get to Heaven" and "Sweet, Sweet Spirit", led by Bro. Rodney Yerby, with Sis. Cathy Corley at the piano. Prayer was led by Rev. Phil Kimbrough. The moderator, Rev. Jim McNeil, presided.

Rev. Rick Cash gave the Promotional Director's report. There was a motion and second to accept the report. The motion passed.

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

Rev. John Reed gave the Resolution Committee report. There was a motion and second to adopt the resolution on gambling. The motion passed.

The General Board report was given by the clerk, Bro. Rodney Yerby. The General board recommended:

- (1) That the General Fund absorb the debt owed to the General Fund from the Promotional Office.
- (2) That the proposed Promotional Office budget be approved.
- (3) That the proposed General Fund budget be approved.
- (4) That Dr. Jack Rollins be honored for his years (26) of faithful service to Alabama Free Will Baptists by being made Assistant Moderator Emeritus and Member of the Executive Committee Emeritus.
- (5) That the Moderator appoint a Resolutions Committee each year.
- (6) That the offerings taken up at the State Association Meeting be given to Rev. Roger Raper, Home Missionary to Colorado.

There was a motion and second to receive the report of the General Board and act on it item by item. The motion passed. 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 (4). 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.

The Clerk read the nominating report from the General Board (see page 12). There was a motion and second that nominations cease and that the nominees be elected by acclamation. The motion passed.

Delegates to the National Association were appointed by the Moderator: Bro. Charles Fowler, Bro. Milford McAdams, Sis. Sue McAdams, Bro. Paul Nichols, and Bro. Rodney Yerby. Sis. Elwanda Oakes was appointed as an alternate delegate.

Sis. Odessa Ledlow gave the Appreciation Committee Report. There was a motion and second to receive the report and give a rising vote of thanks to the host church. The motion passed.

The moderator reported that the 1999 session will be held at Lighthouse Church in Montgomery on November 11-12, 1999. The 2000 session will be held at First Free Will Baptist Church in Florence on Nov. 9-10, 2000.

First Free Will Baptist Church in Sylacauga asked to host the 2001 session. There was a motion and second to hold the 2001 session at First Free Will Baptist Church in Sylacauga on November 8-9, 2001. The motion passed.

There was a motion and second to adjourn. The motion passed.

FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 6, 1998

The Friday evening session opened with the congregation singing "Let's Just Praise the Lord" and "Great is the Lord", led by Bro. Rodney Yerby, with Sis. Carolyn Hendrix at the piano and Sis. Cathy Corley at the organ. Prayer was led by Rev. Danny Willimas, Assistant Moderator elect. After prayer, the congregation sang "How Great Thou Art."

During the offertory, the choir sang a medley. An offering of \$158.00 was received. Prayer was led by Rev. Tom Scott. The congregation sang "Jesus is the Sweetest Name I Know".

A special in song, "That I Could Still Go Free," was rendered by Bro. Billy Carter. The congregation sang "God Is So Good".

Rev. Richard Hendrix, pastor of Madison Free Will Baptist Church, preached from I Thess. 3:1-13. At the conclusion of the message, Bro. Mike Corley led in prayer.

A commissioning service was held to commission three new foreign missionaries from Alabama: Mike and Cathy Corley, Jaimie and Tammie Lancaster, Jonathan and John William, and Kevin Stacy. The choir sang a medley based on "Lead Me Lord, I Will Follow". Rev. Jimmy Aldridge spoke. The charge was given by Rev. Eugene Waddell, Director of National Foreign Missions. Prayer was led by Rev. Bill Van Winkle, National Foreign Missions Board Member, with all ordained ministers and missionaries at the altar.

The session was dismissed with prayer led by Rev. Roger Lucas.

Registration for the session was: Ministers 66, Visitors 124, Delegates 37, Deacons 25, Total 252

REPORTS

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

On behalf of the State Association, we, the Appreciation Committee, wish to thank the Madison Free Will Baptist Church for their warm hospitality and forethought in planning for the needs of our people. We appreciate the officers for their hard work in planning for the wonderful speakers, musicians and special singers that blessed us during the meeting. The people in the host church are to be complimented for making us feel at home. We would like to have a rising vote of thanks to the church for everything done.

Barbara Register, Chairman
Myree Galloway
Odessa Ledlow

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your auditing committee, have looked over and examined the following five reports from material available by the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists for the year 1997-1998.

1. ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Financial records from September 1, 1997 to August 31, 1998, balanced with last bank statements (regular and savings) and prepared sheet.

2. MID SOUTH PASTORS' AND WORKERS' CONFERENCE:

From September 1, 1997 to August 31, 1998, balanced with check book and bank statement.

3. ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST PROMOTIONAL OFFICE:

Statement of cash receipts and disbursements were compiled by Dollar & Eads, P.C., Certified Public Accountants of Jasper, AL, as of August 31, 1998.

4. CHILDREN'S HOME:

The financial records of Free Will Baptist Children's Home were compiled and reviewed by Riggs & Associates Certified Public Accountant of Hamilton, AL as of August 31, 1998. All financial statements seem to be in order.

5. ALABAMA BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION:

Statement of cash receipts and disbursements were compiled by Dollar & Eads, P.C., Certified Public Accountants of Jasper, AL for the year ended August 31, 1998.

Gwen Stewart, Chairman
Rev. Mike Dankson
Bro. James South

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We the Credentials Committee have examined the letters of the several associations and have found them in order. We recommend that they be accepted and the delegates seated.

Rev. R. W. Ritch, Chairman

Rev. Phil Kimbrough

Rev. Don Grice

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Financial Records 9/1/97 - 8/31/98

Beginning Balance \$2,393.07

Income

Together Way	\$668.92
Direct Gifts from Churches	\$736.68
Competition Offering	\$249.3
Savings Interest	\$40.40
Competition Fees	<u>\$1,175.00</u>
Total	\$2,870.30

Disbursements

Supplies, postage & misc.	\$128.00
Competition supplies	\$130.45
NYC entry fees	\$650.00
Competition Judges	\$375.00
Competition Awards	\$415.23
Competition Host Church	\$300.00
Statewide Youth Rally	<u>\$745.18</u>
Total	\$2,743.86

Ending Balance \$2,519.51

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Statement of Financial Position

August 31, 1998

ASSETS

BUILDING FUND CHECKING	\$2,646.25
BUILDING FUND SAVINGS	\$21,651.00
COLLEGE FUND SAVINGS	\$595.65
FOSTER CLUB FUND	\$2,964.38
GENERAL FUND	\$123,504.18
GENERAL FUND SAVINGS	\$1,921.54
MISCELLANEOUS FUND CHECKING	\$19,558.87
SPECIAL FUND CHECKING	\$0
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$172,841.87</u>

LIABILITIES

NOTES PAYABLE BANK OF CARBON HILL	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$50,000.00

NET ASSETS

UNRESTRICTED	<u>\$122,841.87</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$122,841.87

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$172,841.87

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
Statement of Activities
For The Year Ending August 31, 1998

REVENUES

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	\$664,623.15
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$664,623.15</u>

EXPENDITURES

ADVERTISING	\$184.28
ALLOWANCES (CHILDREN)	\$3,000.00
AUTOMOTIVE	\$28,532.31
BOARD EXPENSE	\$1,735.55
BONUSES	\$6,100.00
BUILDING PROJECTS	\$81,936.69
CLOTHING EXPENSE	\$4,796.62
EDUCATION	9,868.65
FARMING	\$535.79
FOOD SUPPLY	\$23,510.91
GAS & OIL	\$16,744.97
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$13,736.87
HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES	\$39,336.87
INSURANCE	\$41,328.77
LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL	\$3,236.25
MEALS & ENTERTAINMENT (CHILDREN)	\$10,647.66
MEDICAL	\$14,473.85
MISCELLANEOUS	\$28,654.41
OFFICE SUPPLY	\$20,639.43
PAYROLL (NET)	\$162,287.00
POSTAGE	\$7,495.10
PROMOTIONAL	\$31,315.24
PAYROLL TAXES	\$57,536.55
TRAVEL	\$1,019.81
UTILITIES	<u>\$52,205.63</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$660,859.21</u>

OTHER RECEIPTS

INTEREST INCOME	\$2,578.32
TOTAL OTHER RECEIPTS	<u>\$2,578.32</u>

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	\$6,342.26
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NET ASSETS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	\$116,499.61
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NET ASSETS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	<u>\$122,841.87</u>
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ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST
BOARD OF MISSIONS & CHURCH EXTENSION
Statement of Activities
Cash Basis

For the Year Ending August 31, 1998

REVENUES

Contributions From Churches/Associations	78,996.00
Contributions From Individuals/Organizations	11,786.30
Interest	<u>1,065.37</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>91,847.67</u>

EXPENDITURES

Bank Note (Prattville)	6,345.79
Children's Home	2,090.00
Construction (Prattville)	26,250.00
Construction Loan (Prattville)	8,467.40
Foreign Missions	693.35
Home Missions (Nashville)	24,829.72
Individual Missionary Expense	4,391.75
Madison Free Will Baptist Church	3,761.92
Office Supplies/Postage	195.67
Printing (<u>Digest</u>)	200.00
Promotions	51.00
Rent (Southpark)	2,500.00
Retreat	2,016.34
Salary	684.00
Telephone	172.16
Travel & Board Expense	<u>2,951.36</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>85,600.46</u>

BALANCE, September 1, 1997	<u>\$25,792.15</u>
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BALANCE, August 31, 1998	<u>\$32,039.36</u>
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PROMOTIONAL OFFICE
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
For the Year Ended August 31, 1998

REVENUES

Contributions Received	\$489,245.36
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EXPENDITURES

Acts 1:8	133,860.48
Home Missions Department	70,612.89
State Home Missions	69,023.53
Foreign Missions	58,632.63
Children's Home	42,726.19
Director's salary and benefits	26,883.33
FWBBC	18,780.90
Trinity Camp	8,800.73
ABI	5,009.09
Printing and Postage	5,467.27
National Association	5061.69
Associational Dues	4,250.00
Mileage and Expense	4,317.34
Office Expense	2,197.71
Mark Riggs	4,355.91
Hemant Patel	2,662.86
Debt	1,988.45
Equipment	1,955.00
Dexter Guin	1,937.65
ALCAP	1,661.62
Other Funds Forwarded	9,176.96
Southeastern	<u>6,227.56</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	485,589.79
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OTHER RECEIPTS

Interest Income	<u>780.05</u>
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EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	4,435.62
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NET CASH SEPTEMBER 1, 1997	<u>1,339.54</u>
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NET CASH AUGUST 31, 1998	\$ <u>5,775.16</u>
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PROMOTIONAL OFFICE FINANCIAL REPORT
September 1, 1997 - August 31, 1998

INCOME:

Associations	\$ 3,441.79
Churches	30,606.55
Individuals	1,323.00
Interest	708.26
Lifeline	513.50
Other	596.57
National Home Missions (C. Haygood)	<u>1,121.03</u>
	\$38,310.70

EXPENSE:

Bank Charges	\$274.02
BiVocational Retreat	161.03
Debt	1,988.45
Equipment	1,955.00
FWBBC (C. Haygood)	1,221.03
Mileage and Expense	2,231.84
Office Supplies	182.45
Office Work	845.50
Postage & Permit	380.30
Printing	233.67
Salary & Benefits	26,883.33
Telephone	<u>187.84</u>
	\$36,544.46

REMAINING BALANCE	\$1,766.24
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STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
PROMOTIONAL OFFICE BUDGET
January 1, 1999 - December 31, 1999

Income:	Co-Op and Gift Income	\$42,500
Expenditures:	Debt	1,000
	Equipment	850
	Mileage and Expense	5,600
	Office Supply	400
	Office Work	1,000
	Phone	600
	Postage and Fees	800
	Printing	650
	Salary	28,600
	Social Security	3,000
	Total	\$42,500

**STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
GENERAL FUND REPORT**

September 1, 1997 - August 31, 1998

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$1,339.54
INCOME:	
Alabama Mission Board	
First, Dothan	\$200.00
Individuals	150.00
Macedonia	200.00
State Association	12.00
State Line Association	9,624.10
	<u>369.47</u>
TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR	\$10,555.57
	\$11,895.11
EXPENSES:	
National Association Dues	\$4,250.00
Printing Digest	2,042.08
Postage	952.94
Executive Committee Expense	1,241.43
Honorariums	1,045.00
Telephone	432.17
Leadership Conference Dues	250.00
Mileage and Expense	228.00
State Minutes	727.97
Office Supplies	19.94
Plaque	90.00
Registration Expense	<u>76.35</u>
REMAINING BALANCE	\$11,355.88
	\$539.23

**STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
GENERAL FUND**

BUDGET FOR 1998 - 1999

INCOME:	
Dues to St. Association from District Associations	\$8,450
Offerings received at the State Meeting	500
TOTAL	\$8,950
EXPENDITURES:	
National Association dues (169 Churches)	\$4,225
Officers and speakers honorariums:	
Clerk: \$150, Asst. Clerk: \$25	
Moderator: \$50, Asst. Moderator: \$25	250
Guest Speaker's honorariums to be designated	
Executive Committee meeting expense	1,200
State Association Minutes - Printing and Postage	935
Annual audit expense	200
Programs for State Association	200
Postage and mailings	130
Telephone	370
Digest print and mailing (2/3 of total cost)	1,440
TOTAL	\$8,950

Money received in addition to that committed above will be used to provide honorariums for speakers and miscellaneous expense.

ALABAMA COMING TOGETHER FOR THE SAVIOR

Alabama Acts 1:8 1999 Proposed Budget

\$380,000 divided into 1,979 shares; each share is \$16 per month.

	(% of total budget)
Dennis Haygood - South Huntsville	20.5%
Fred Jones - Prattville	20.5%
Dave Franks, Jr. - Uruguay	17.5%
Dave Franks, Sr. - Brazil	11.5%
Mike Corley - Russia	11%
Jaimie Lancaster - Uruguay	10.5%
Kevin Stacy - Central Asia	5.5%
Administrative Expenses	3%

MID SOUTH PASTORS' & WORKERS' CONFERENCE

BEGINNING BALANCE 9/1/97	\$873.52
INCOME:	\$1,417.44
EXPENSES:	
Post Office	
Fred's (envelopes)	\$64.00
Wal-Mart (labels)	4.28
Mailing	4.24
Econo Lodge	27.14
Rev. Randy Sawyer	162.00
Econo Lodge	400.00
Rev. Fred Warner	\$54.00
Dr. Lewis Drumond	400.00
Thump Print	400.00
	<u>82.95</u>
CURRENT BALANCE 8/31/98	\$1,598.61
	\$692.35

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We resolve that in light of the election of Don Siegelman as Governor-elect of the State of Alabama, and in light of the fact of his stated intention to encourage a state-wide lottery for Alabama, the State Association of Free Will Baptists go on record as being opposed to this action as well as all other forms of gambling. We further resolve that as a State Association we return to our churches and communities and use all appropriate measures, including the expenditure of physical, verbal, spiritual and monetary resources, to defeat this endeavor in the State Legislature.

We also resolve that our clerk mail a copy of this resolution to Governor-elect Siegelman, and to all other state representatives to inform them of our intentions to actively and energetically work to defeat this proposal.

Respectively submitted,
Resolutions Committee:
John Reed
Kevin Taylor
Lewis Montgomery

ALABAMA WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

Our state has 8 districts, 38 locals and 431 members. With these members we have been working from one end of our beautiful state to the other.

Our state convention was held at Tabernacle church near Northport on May 2, 1998. Over 125 was in attendance on that day to hear Rev. Dennis Haygood, our guest speaker.

One of our ladies, Mrs. Essie Collins, was honored for her many years of service to her local and state Women Active for Christ group. The plaque was received by Mrs. Wilma Davis in the honor of Mrs. Collins.

Sister Laura Hollingshead brought us a devotional about being living sacrifices.

A budget of \$1,734.00 plus two shares of Acts 1:8 was passed for the next year.

A total offering of \$1,087.51 was received for speaker Bro. Dennis Haygood. We also gave \$2,654.00 to the Dave Franks, Sr. account. A love offering of \$114.90 was given for the retirement fund of Dr. Mary Ruth Wisehart.

The following resolutions were passed.

1. 1999 Shirley Kennedy L. A. M. P. offering to be divided between Bro. Dennis Haygood and Bro. Fred Jones account.
2. State Missions Banquet to be changed from Friday night to Thursday night during the State Association.
3. A committee be appointed to establish a FWBBC scholarship fund to be administered by AWAC. This scholarship would be called the Jimmy and Janie Aldridge Scholarship Fund.
4. The office of District Presidents shall serve as the National Convention Committee in preparing for the National Convention to be held in Birmingham in the year 2006.
5. We purchase two shares of Acts 1:8 for a total of \$384.00 a year.
6. District Presidents see that all reports are completed and sent in on time.

A retreat was held at Ridgecrest, NC on September 24-26. Alabama had 114 members of the 535 total to attend.

Author, Glenda Revell, was the guest speaker for the retreat. During the retreat our new WNAC President, Marjorie Workman, gave her testimony. Outgoing President, Dr. Mary Ruth Wiseheart, was honored. We had a total of 11 missionaries that told us how the Lord had ordered their steps to the mission field.

We will meet with the North Alabama District in May of 1999.

We thank God for his blessings and hope we can do more for Him next year.

Ann Kennedy, President - AWNAC

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 Men's Members	WNAC Members	No. of Baptisms	Value of Church & Parsonage Property
Birmingham District	6	350	11	16	2	213	0	11	0	2	\$ 966,000
Cahaba River	22	2,722	37	57	4	1,612	183	27	128	87	N/A
East Alabama	5	372	8	5	2	251	78	0	35	12	\$ 661,500
Florida State Line	21	2,002	21	50	1	813	193	6	92	17	\$ 1,759,000
Jasper	16	2,385	34	53	3	602	142	18	96	38	\$ 1,615,000
Liberty No. 1	6	264	7	13	0	169	79	0	25	6	\$ 508,220
Liberty No. 2	4	NA	7	11	1	NA	0	0	0	NA	NA
Mississippi State Line	18	1,377	25	41	0	668	NA	NA	NA	96	\$ 2,108,268
Mount Moriah	16	1,589	25	66	0	637	136	NA	35	41	\$ 2,000,000
North Alabama	10	761	18	23	3	480	131	23	70	20	\$ 1,432,200
Progressive	17	2,436	31	49	7	1,108	275	28	124	69	\$ 3,980,000
Southeastern	8	754	10	23	1	247	45	18	28	8	\$ 1,350,000
Vernon	20	2,435	24	61	1	994	106	22	87	49	\$ 3,487,000
TOTALS	169	17,447	258	468	25	7,794	1,368	153	720	445	\$ 19,867,188

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