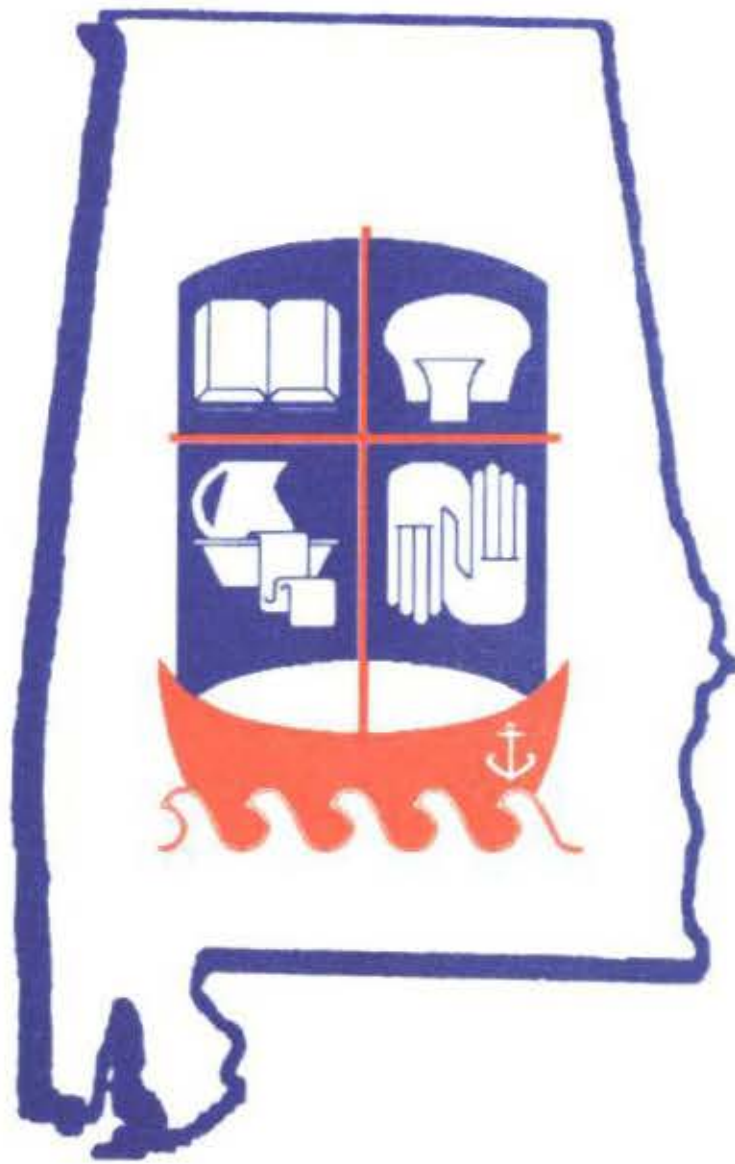


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Minutes 2003

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OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Danny Thompson
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Glenn Poston
Clerk	Rev. Ken Bozeman
Assistant Clerk	Bro. Rodney Yerby

PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR AND TREASURER

Rev. Rick Cash

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Danny Thompson	Rev. Glenn Poston
Rev. Ken Bozeman	Bro. Rodney Yerby
Rev. Richard T. Hendrix	Rev. Jimmy Aldridge
Rev. Thomas Kirkland	Rev. Wayne McDaniel
Rev. Don Taggart	

DIGEST EDITOR AND NATIONAL BOARD MEMBER

Rev. Rick Cash

GENERAL BOARD

Rev. Wayne McDaniel	Cahaba River
Rev. Don Grice	East Alabama
Bro. Bobby Kennedy	Florida State Line
Rev. Edward Puckett	Jasper
Bro. Ivan Stewart	Liberty Number 1
Rev. Bobby Duncan	Mississippi State Line
Rev. Jerry Smith	Mount Moriah
Rev. Richard T. Hendrix	North Alabama
Bro. Michael Phoenix	Progressive
Rev. Thomas Kirkland	Southeastern
Rev. M. H. Hollis	Vernon
Rev. Jimmy Aldridge	Walker County

BOARD OF MISSIONS & CHURCH EXTENSION

Rev. Randy Wright-2004	Rev. Tim Baumgarten-2005
Rev. J. Duane Taylor-2006	Rev. Richard T. Hendrix-2007
Rev. Danny Williams-2008	Rev. Bobby Ned Peters-2009
Rev. Dr. Jack Rollins-2010	

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Wayne Wilson-2004	Rev. Ken Bozeman-2005
Bro. Rodney Yerby-2006	Rev. David Corum-2007
Rev. Raymond Rivers-2008	

PASTORS' & WORKERS' CONFERENCE BOARD

Rev. Joe Beckon-2004
Rev. Lamar Cox-2006
Rev. Mike Cox-2008

Rev. Mike Beckon-2005
Rev. Danny Dwyer-2007

CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Bro. Lecil Gardner Cahaba River
Bro. Donnie Blackmon.....East Alabama
Bro. Doug Carr..... Florida State Line
Bro. Ted SandsJasper
Rev. Clyde Bruley Liberty Number 1
Bro. Lenn Holloway..... Mississippi State Line
Bro. Waymon Fields.....Mount Moriah
Bro. Gary MillerNorth Alabama
Rev. Roy Helms..... Progressive
Rev. Ralph BakerSoutheastern
Bro. Leon Mims.....Southern Union
Rev. John ReedVernon
Bro. Murray Haire..... Georgia
Bro. Charles Sumner Georgia
Bro. Kevin Flannagin Florida
Bro. James Elmore..... Florida
Bro. Charles WaldenMississippi
Bro. Johnny CookMississippi
Bro. Curtis Gay, Rev. Bill George.....Honorary Members

MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED

CAHABA RIVER

Rev. John H. Ackerman
Rev. Mike Cox
Rev. E.B. Ledlow
Rev. Rick Patterson
Dr. Jack Rollins
Rev. J.D. Wales

EAST ALABAMA

Rev. Donald H. Grice

FLORIDA STATE LINE

Rev. Fred Hersey
Rev. Dale McCoy
Rev. Wayne Parker
Rev. Glenn Poston
Dr. Larry L. Reynolds

Rev. Ricky L. Andrews
Rev. Howard E. Jones
Rev. Wayne McDaniel
Rev. Ken Ray
Rev. Robert Earl Sanders

Rev. Jeff Lunsford
Rev. Jason Miller
Rev. Bobby Ned Peters
Rev. Greg Ramsey
Rev. John P. Taylor

JASPER

Rev. Mike Beckon
Rev. James L. Carrington
Rev. Ashley Culp
Rev. Randy Key
Rev. Danny Williams

LIBERTY NUMBER 1

Rev. Clyde Bruley
Rev. W.G. Palmer

LIBERTY NUMBER 2

Rev. Johnny Cook

MISSISSIPPI STATE LINE

Rev. Ken Bozeman

MOUNT MORIAH

Rev. David Cook
Rev. Ben Logan
Rev. Don Taggart
Rev. Grant Webb

NORTH ALABAMA

Rev. Richard Bowers
Rev. Richard T. Hendrix
Rev. Gary Miller

PROGRESSIVE

Rev. Tim Baumgarten
Rev. Roy E. Helms
Rev. Carlton Lambert

SOUTHEASTERN

Rev. Thomas Kirkland

SOUTHERN UNION — None

VERNON

Rev. Joe Beckon
Rev. Lamar Cox
Rev. Al Hamm
Rev. M.H. Hollis
Rev. John Reed
Rev. Danny Thompson
Rev. Jerry White

WALKER COUNTY

Rev. Jimmy Aldridge

Rev. Roger Bennett
Rev. David Corum
Rev. Dave R. Franks
Rev. Barry Raper
Rev. Jerry W. Williams

Rev. Ronald G. Hall

Rev. Larry Morgan

Rev. Terrell Jones
Rev. Jerry Smith
Rev. Kevin Taylor

Rev. Dennis Haygood
Rev. William L. McElroy
Rev. Steve Webb

Rev. Danny Dwyer
Rev. Chad Kivette
Rev. J. Duane Taylor

Rev. Ross Peters

Rev. Rick Cash
Rev. Matt Hallman
Rev. Dwayne Hammontree
Rev. Mark McCraney
Rev. Billy R. Smith
Rev. James Walden

DEACONS WHO REGISTERED

CAHABA RIVER

Terry Chappell
Lecil Gardner

Marvin Clayton
James Lee

EAST ALABAMA

Donnie Blackmon

Robert Caswell

FLORIDA STATE LINE

Samuel Shuemake

JASPER — None

LIBERTY NUMBER 1

Ivan Stewart

LIBERTY NUMBER 2 — None

MISSISSIPPI STATE LINE — None

MOUNT MORIAH

Raiford Galloway
Herman Sanford

Ed Miller, Sr.
James South

NORTH ALABAMA

Kenneth F. Michael

Rodney Yerby

PROGRESSIVE — None

SOUTHEASTERN — None

SOUTHERN UNION — None

VERNON

David C. Fowler

Raphael Yerby

DELEGATES WHO REGISTERED

CAHABA RIVER

Barbara Ellison
Calvin Gilbert
Felix Reeves

Thelma Gardner
Paul Nichols

EAST ALABAMA

Martha Caswell

Shirley Grice

FLORIDA STATE LINE

June Hersey
Julie McCoy
Tommy Taylor

Dale McCoy
Wendy Shuemake

JASPER

Gynith A. Helms

LIBERTY NUMBER 1

Judy Marion
Gwen Stewart

Ruthel Palmer

LIBERTY NUMBER 2

Beverly Cook

Brenda Morgan

MISSISSIPPI STATE LINE — None

MOUNT MORIAH

Myree Galloway
Betty Joe Miller
James H. Sudduth
Rick Taylor

Loretta Logan
Jewell South
Lottie Sudduth

NORTH ALABAMA

Judy Haygood

PROGRESSIVE — None

SOUTHEASTERN

Barbara Kirkland

Linda Sowell

SOUTHERN UNION — None

VERNON

Lucy Cox
Elwanda Oakes
Sue Yerby

Genine Fowler
Etta Jane White

WALKER COUNTY

Janie Aldridge

VISITING MINISTERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

Josh Baer.....Southeastern Free Will Baptist College
Rev. Keith Burden Executive Secretary, National Association
Rev. David Crowe.....Free Will Baptist Home Missions
Rev. Terry Forrest Free Will Baptist Bible College
Ron Hunter.....General Director, Randall House Publications
Dr. Dan Ireland..... Executive Director, ALCAP
Rev. Doug Little Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

PROCEEDINGS

THE EIGHTY-FOURTH SESSION of the

ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS WEDNESDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 5, 2003

The Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists convened at Sylacauga Free Will Baptist Church in Sylacauga on Wednesday evening, November 5, 2003.

Bro. James Lee, Minister of Music at the Sylacauga Church, opened the service by leading the congregation in singing "He Keeps Me Singing". Musicians Rikki Lee accompanied the singing on the piano, and Cheryl Nicholson on the organ.

Rev. Wayne McDaniel, pastor of the host Church, welcomed the State Association to the Sylacauga church.

Rev. Ken Bozeman, State Clerk, called the association to order and introduced the state officers.

After an offertory prayer by Rev. Wayne McDaniel, an offering was received. Musicians Lee and Nicholson provided music during the offering.

The Moderator, Rev. Danny Thompson, called on Rev. Danny Williams to lead the congregation in prayer. Bro. Thompson thanked the church for hosting the state meeting, and introduced the evening speaker, Dr. Elmer Towns.

The choir from the host church sang a medley of choruses and hymns, including "I'm Saved," "Amazing Grace," and others.

Dr. Towns preached a message on "Revival (With A Purpose)". Dr. Towns closed the message in prayer. After the message, Rev. Danny Thompson led an invitation, with the hymn "Have Thine Own Way Lord." Bro. Thompson called on Rev. Rick Cash to lead an altar prayer.

The moderator, Rev. Danny Thompson, appointed the following committees:

Auditing Committee:

Rev. Terrell Jones, Chairman
Bro. Ivan Stewart
Sis. Elwanda Oakes

Credentials Committee:

Dr. Danny Dwyer, Chairman
Rev. E. B. Ledlow
Rev. Steven Webb

Resolutions Committee:

Rev. Roy Helms, Chairman
Rev. Mike Cox
Rev. Larry Reynolds

Rev. Wayne McDaniel announced that refreshments would be served after the conclusion of the service, and that breakfast would be served Thursday morning.

Rev. Rick Cash, State Promotional Director, announced that the Digest of Reports was available in the vestibule, and that Proposed Guidelines for the Acts 1:8 program were also available there.

Dr. Elmer Towns announced that several of his books were available to the meeting attendees at a special price.

Bro. Thompson called on Rev. Tim Baumgarten to lead the closing prayer.

STATE ASSOCIATION MEETING THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 6, 2003

Bro. James Lee, Minister of Music at Sylacauga Free Will Baptist Church, opened the service by leading the congregation in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and "O How I Love Jesus."

The Moderator, Rev. Danny Thompson, called on Rev. Barry Raper to lead the congregation in prayer. Bro. Thompson introduced the first speaker of the morning, Rev. Joe Beckon.

Prior to Bro. Beckon's message, Sis. Rikki Lee sang a solo, "Mary's Alabaster Box."

Rev. Joe Beckon preached a message on "Partial Obedience" from 1st Samuel 15:1-3. Bro. Beckon closed the message with prayer.

After the message, Bro. Thompson introduced Dr. Dan Ireland, Executive Director of ALCAP. Dr. Ireland recognized the Free Will Baptist pastors that are actively involved with the ALCAP Board and gave the annual report.

Bro. Thompson called on Rev. Mike Beckon to lead in prayer to dismiss the congregation for a morning break.

The congregational singing resumed after a break, with Bro. Lee leading the congregation in "Great Things He Hath Done," and "How Great Thou Art." Bro. Thompson called on Rev. John Reed to lead the congregation in prayer.

An offering was received after an offertory prayer led by Rev. Jimmy Aldridge. After the offering, Bro. Lee led the congregation in singing "Majesty."

Bro. Thompson introduced the next morning speaker, Dr. Elmer Towns. Dr. Towns preached a message on "Two-Pray," from Matthew 18:19. Dr. Towns closed the message in prayer.

Bro. Thompson gave an altar call. Rev. Richard Hendrix led an altar prayer.

Bro. Thompson introduced Rev. Keith Burden, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Bro.

Burden brought greetings and gave a report from the National Executive Office.

Bro. Thompson made some announcements, and then called for prayer for our military personnel. Bro. Thompson called on Rev. Mark McCraney to lead the prayer for our military. Bro. Thompson then dismissed in prayer.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING THURSDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 6, 2003

The General Board met on Thursday afternoon, November 6, 2003, and was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Danny Thompson.

Bro. Thompson provided information about the Walker County Association.

The Clerk, Rev. Ken Bozeman, read the Executive Committee Report:

1) The Executive Committee recommended accepting the Walker County Association into the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists;

2) The Executive Committee recommended adopting new guidelines for the Acts 1:8 program.

There was a motion and second that the General Board recommend that the State Association accept the Walker County Association. The motion passed.

There was a motion and second that the words "date of termination of employment" be added to items I.D. and II.C. of the new proposed guidelines and that the General Board recommend that the State Association rescind all old Acts 1:8 guidelines and adopt the new proposed guidelines. (See Guidelines below)

Purpose Statement

The Alabama ACTS 1:8 program is a unified plan of funding to carry out the Great Commission. It is a plan designed to enable Free Will Baptists to work cooperatively in sending Missionaries to the field swiftly and with financial support.

I. Funding for Foreign Missionaries:

- A. A person/persons must be approved by and serve with the Foreign Missions Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.
- B. The Alabama State Association will approve the recommendations for support of ACTS 1:8 Foreign Missionaries at the Alabama State Association meeting.

- C. Should a Missionary resign or be dismissed by the Foreign Missions Board, funding will be discontinued effective with the date of a missionary's termination of employment.
- D. A current career single Missionary, or a current career Missionary couple (both) from Alabama will have 100% of their budget adopted.
- E. A current career missionary couple whose spouse is from Alabama will have 50% of their budget adopted.
- F. Other Missionaries who have ties with Alabama will be considered on a case-by-case basis. (New or Short-term Missionaries)
- G. Vision projects approved by the Foreign Missions Board will be supported as funds are available.

II. Funding for Home Missions:

- A. A person/persons must be hired by, and in good standing with the Alabama State Mission Board.
- B. The Alabama State Association will approve the recommendations for support of ACTS 1:8 Home Missionaries at the Alabama State Association meeting.
- C. Should a Missionary resign or be dismissed by the Alabama State Mission Board, funding will be discontinued effective with the termination date of the Missionary's employment.
- D. A Missionary hired by the Alabama State Missions Board will have 100% of their budget adopted.
- E. New projects will be based upon funds available.
- F. A National Home Missionary from Alabama serving a state with less than ten (10) Free Will Baptist Churches could be considered for support on a case-by-case basis.

III. Funding for the State Promotional Director/Office:

- A. The State Promotional Director must be secured according to the guidelines established by the Alabama State Association.
- B. The State Promotional Director will submit for the operation of his office.
- C. The budget of the Promotional Office will be approved by the Alabama State Association.

IV. Strategy of Support:

Foreign Missionaries, Home Missionaries, and the Promotional Director who are supported by funds from ACTS 1:8 must promote giving to the ACTS 1:8 Plan and not to their individual accounts.

V. State Executive Committee:

- A. The State Executive Committee will direct and disburse the funds of this program.
- B. The State Executive Committee must report all revenue decisions to the Alabama State Association.

The motion passed.

Rev. Mike Beckon gave the Pastors' & Workers' Conference Board report. There was a motion and second to receive the report. The motion passed. The 2004 Pastors' & Workers' Conference will be held at Northport Free Will Baptist Church. Speakers will be Rev. Randy Sawyer and Rev. Fred Warner.

Bro. Rodney Yerby gave the State Christian Education Board Report. There was a motion and second to receive the report. The motion passed.

Rev. Duane Taylor gave Missions and Church Extension Board Report. There was a motion and second to receive the report. The motion passed.

Rev. Randy Key gave the Children's Home report. There was a motion and second to receive the report. The motion passed.

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

Rev. Wayne McDaniel gave the Nominating Committee's report.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2003

Board of Christian Education

Replacing Glenn Hood, 2003—Raymond Rivers 2008

Board of Missions & Church Extension

Replacing Lonnie Skiles, 2003—Jack Rollins 2010

Pastors' & Workers' Conference Board

Replacing Tommy Lewis, 2003—Mike Cox 2008

Replacing Mike Dankson, 2004—Joe Beckon 2004

CHILDREN'S HOME TRUSTEES

Cahaba River Assn.

Replacing Lecil Gardner—Lecil Gardner, 2005

East Alabama Assn.

Replacing Donnie Blackmon—Donnie Blackmon, 2005

Florida State Line Assn.

Replacing Thomas Coxwell—Doug Carr, 2005

Jasper Assn.

Replacing Ted Sands—Ted Sands, 2005

Liberty #1 Assn.

Replacing Clyde Bruley—Clyde Bruley, 2005

Vernon Assn.

Replacing Pascal Yerby (deceased) – John Reed, 2005

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Replacing Bobby Kennedy – Jimmy Aldridge

Replacing Wayne McDaniel – Wayne McDaniel

Replacing Thomas Kirkland – Thomas Kirkland

Replacing Richard Hendrix – Richard Hendrix

There was a motion and second that the General Board accept the report and recommend the election of officers listed in the Nominating Committee report. The motion passed.

There was a motion and second to direct the Executive Committee to authorize an additional person to sign checks on the State Association accounts.

There was a motion and second to recommend that the 2004 State Meeting be held at Madison Free Will Baptist Church in Madison, Alabama. The motion passed.

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

THURSDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 6, 2003

Bro. James Lee opened the service by leading the congregation in singing "Victory in Jesus," followed by "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me." The Moderator, Rev. Danny Thompson, called on Rev. Lamar Cox to lead the congregation in prayer.

Rev. Wayne Wilson, missionary to Prattville, Rev. Duane Taylor, chairman of the Mission Board, and Rev. Rick Cash, State

Promotional Director conducted a note-burning ceremony to burn the note for the Prattville property and building, to celebrate the complete elimination of the debt on the Prattville mission work. Afterward, Bro. Wilson brought greetings from the Prattville church.

Bro. Lee again led the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace." Bro. Thompson called on Bro. Cash to lead an offertory prayer, after which an offering was received.

Alabama missionaries to Uruguay Jaimie and Tammie Lancaster spoke to the meeting via telephone, while the congregation watched slides and pictures from the mission work in Uruguay.

Bro. Thompson introduced the evening speaker, Dr. Elmer Towns. Prior to the evening message, Bro. Lee lead the congregation in singing "Joy Unspeakable," followed by a solo, "I Bowed On My Knees and Cried Holy," by Cheryl Nicholson.

Dr. Towns preached a message on "Fasting" from Isaiah 58:6. The evening service was closed with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 7, 2003

The morning session opened with the congregation singing "Living By Faith" and "I Would Not Be Denied."

The Moderator, Rev. Danny Thompson, preached the Moderator's Message from Psalm 112 on "The Riches of the Righteous." Bro. Thompson closed the message in prayer.

Alabama missionaries to Russia Mike and Cathy Corley spoke to the meeting via telephone from Russia. Afterward, Bro. Thompson led the congregation in prayer.

Dr. Danny Dwyer gave the Credentials Committee report. (See Page 17) There was a motion and second to adopt the report and consider 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.

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

Bro. Thompson called Rev. Jimmy Aldridge, Moderator of the Walker County Association, to the platform and extended the right hand of fellowship to him on behalf of the State Association. Bro. Aldridge discussed the creation of the new association.

The State Board of Missions and Church Extension report was given by Rev. Duane Taylor, Chairman. There was a motion and second to receive the report. The motion passed.

Pastors' and Workers' Conference Board Chairman, Rev. Mike Beckon, gave the report from that board. He reminded all that the speakers for the conference in February are Fred Warner and Randy Sawyer. There was a motion and second to receive the report. The motion passed.

Bro. Rodney Yerby gave the report of the State Board of Christian Education. There was a motion and second to receive the report. The motion passed.

The Alabama Women Active for Christ report was given by Elwanda Oakes. There was a motion and second to receive the report. The motion passed.

Children's Home Director Rev. Randy Key gave the report for the Children's Home. There was a motion and second to receive the report. The motion passed.

Following the report, Bro. Key presented former Director Bro. And Sis. Carlton Lambert a retirement gift of \$15,000.

After a break, the session resumed with the congregation singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" and "Praise Him, Praise Him."

Bro. Thompson introduced the morning speaker, Rev. James Walden. Bro. Walden preached a message from the book of Judges on the topic "Curse Ye." After the message, there was an invitation led by Bro. Thompson, and an altar prayer led by Rev. Hank Hollis.

Rev. Terrell Jones gave the Auditing Committee report. There was a motion and second to receive the report. The motion passed.

Rev. Roy Helms gave the Resolution Committee report. (See Page 16) The items in the report were considered individually.

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.

Bro. Thompson named delegates to the National Association:

Sis. Ann Grice
Sis. Elwanda Oakes
Sis. Etta Jane White
Sis. Lucy Cox
Sis. Janie Aldridge

Bro. Cash gave a report on the status of the funds being raised for the 2006 National Association meeting in Birmingham. \$30,000 is needed. Bro. Cash stated that about half that amount has been raised.

Rev. Jimmy Aldridge gave a report on the property being purchased in Tikhoretsk, Russia.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 7, 2003

The afternoon session opened with the congregation singing "I'm in the Gloryland Way," and "At Calvary."

The Moderator, Rev. Danny Thompson, recognized the representatives of the National Departments to give reports.

Rev. Doug Little gave a report for the National Foreign Missions Department.

Rev. Terry Forrest gave a report from Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Rev. David Crowe gave a report from the National Home Missions Department.

Rev. Ron Hunter gave a report from Randall House Publications.

Rev. Josh Baer gave a report from Southeastern College.

The Clerk, Rev. Ken Bozeman, gave the General Board report. Bro. Bozeman thanked Bonnie Heath, Jackie Kelley, Dorothy Chappell, Mae Jones, Charlotte Pesseackey, Gladys Gill, Margaret Kamfolt, Betty Thrash and Odessa Ledlow from the Sylacauga church who helped with registration.

Bro. Bozeman gave the registration statistics for the 2003 session. They were as follows: Ministers-76, Deacons-21, Delegates-33, Visitors-98 for a total of 228.

There was a motion and second to rescind the existing Acts 1:8 guidelines. The motion passed.

There was a motion and second to adopt the proposed new guidelines. The motion passed.

There was a motion to hold the 2004 State Meeting at Madison Free Will Baptist Church in Madison, AL. The motion passed.

The Nominating Committee's report was presented. (See Page 10-11) There was a motion and second to adopt the report and elect all nominees by acclamation. The motion passed.

There was a motion and second for the Moderator to appoint the Nominating Committee. The motion passed.

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

The 2004 session of the State Association meeting will be held at Madison Free Will Baptist Church in Madison on Nov. 10-12, 2004.

REPORTS

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your Committee report as follows:

1. We have reviewed the audited financial statements of the Board of Missions and Church Extension and the Alabama Free Will Baptist Promotional Office and find them to be in order.
2. We have reconciled the check book balance to the bank statement of the Mid-South Pastor's and Workers Conference and find them to be in order.
3. We have reviewed the copy of the audited financial report of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home contained in the Digest of Reports found on pages 4 and 5, and find it to be in order.
4. We have reviewed the summary of income and expenses of the Christian Board of Education as printed in the Digest of Reports on page 2. This was reconciled with the bank statement and found to be in order.

Rev. Terrell Jones, Chairman
Bro. Ivan Stewart
Sis. Elwanda Oakes

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Resolutions Committee, submit the following resolutions to the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists for approval:

1. Be it resolved that the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists encourage each church to show their support for the public display of the Ten Commandments by prayer, petitions, or contacts with State and National leaders, and or means available.
2. Be it resolved that the Clerk or the Moderator of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists send a letter to President George W. Bush stating our support and thanks for his recent decision against Partial-Birth Abortion.
3. Be it resolved that the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists take a strong stand for the Holy ordained institution of marriage as defined in the Scriptures to be between one man and one woman. Furthermore, we recommend to each church to encourage their members to log on to www.onemanandonewoman.com to sign the National petition in support of defining marriage in the Constitution to be that of one man and one woman.

4. Be it resolved that the Moderator of the Alabama State Association write a general letter stating that the thousands of Free Will Baptists voters in this state oppose legalized gambling and encourage all State leaders to vote against such activity. Also, that this letter be given to Dan Ireland, Director of ALCAP, to copy and distribute as he encounters Alabama State leaders to show the strong voter support that backs ALCAP on their stand on this issue.
5. Be it resolved that the Alabama Free Will Baptists remember to hold up in prayer our military men and women involved in the war. May we also continue to pray daily for our National leaders in matters of law, faith, morality, and military and economic decisions. In addition, since some of our country's bravest men and women of the armed forces are engaged in continual conflicts for the preservation of our liberty, and since among these brave troops are elements of the 877th Division of Engineers of Alabama, therefore be it resolved that a letter from our State Executive Committee be sent to the commander of the 877th, stating our prayerful support on their behalf.
6. Be it resolved that we give the host church, First Free Will Baptist Church of Sylacauga, a rising vote of thanks for the wonderful hospitality they have shown to us for the annual session.

Rev. Roy Helms, Chairman
Rev. Mike Cox
Rev. Larry Reynolds

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee submits the following report:

1. We find the letters from each association to be in order with two notations.
 - A. The Birmingham District Association has been dissolved and its churches have joined other associations.
 - B. Some representation fees were not increased to the new amount of \$135.00 per church as adopted by the State Association last year.We recommend the seating of any and all delegates from the associations that presently comprise the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists.
2. Upon written request from the newly formed Walker County Association of Free Will Baptists, we recommend reception into the Alabama State Association and that its delegates be seated.

3. Because the Constitution and bylaws of the Alabama State Association does not specifically address the process for newly formed associations to join the State Association, we recommend that the Executive Committee address this issue when in their session, and propose a constitutional amendment to that purpose at the 2004 State Meeting.

Dr. Danny Dwyer, Chairman
Rev. E. B. Ledlow
Rev. Steve Webb

ALABAMA WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

The Alabama Free Will Baptist Women Active for Christ convened with Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, May 3, 2003 for its annual meeting. The song leader was Polly Robertson, with pianist Nell Grissom and organist Evelyn Bevis. The opening prayer was given by Jean Click, President of Cahaba River District.

The welcome was given by Jobie Hardwick, President of the Mt. Zion WAC. Wynette Cagle, President of North Alabama District gave the response. President Elwanda Oakes called the meeting to order. She then asked Carolyn Hendrix, Vice President Alabama WAC to give the Credentials Committee Report. The Credentials Committee report showed that all letters and reports were in order, with the exception of the food money. Some locals did not send the \$15.00 as voted on last year. The \$100.00 per local for the 2006 Convention will be extended for another year. Barbara Smith seated the delegates, standing and elected, for conducting the business of the convention. President Elwanda recognized all the guests present, Bro. Rick Cash, Marjorie Workman, Bradley McDaniel, Martha Harris, Florence McLaughlin, and Myrtle Winslett. She asked for Rick Cash to give a report on Acts 1:8. He reported that the year to date total giving for Acts 1:8 is \$211,854.19. He asked that we pray for the Lunsfords, Lancasters, and Corleys. The Prattville and Huntsville churches will be getting interns for the summer.

Sister Laurie Brashier gave a heart stirring devotion using Jeremiah 18:1-6. The following resolutions were passed:

1. The 2004 Shirley Kennedy L.A.M.P. project (\$100.00 from each local) be divided as follows: one-half to the WNAC General Fund and one-half to Alabama Acts 1:8.
2. All Alabama WAC locals support the WNAC General Fund with \$10.00 per month gift.
3. Committee members serve one year (ending with the day before the next year's convention) with the exception that the nominating committee serves two years.

4. AFWBWAC invite Icee Mae Fredrick to be the keynote speaker at the 2004 State Convention to convene at Unity Free Will Baptist Church, Sylacauga, on May 1, 2004.
5. AFWBWAC invite the Corleys or Bro. James Forlines to speak at the Missions Banquet to be held at the J. Craig Smith community Center in Sylacauga on November 6, 2003.
6. Each district treasurer send to President Oakes a total amount their district has given toward the 2006 project, and that we continue to raise \$400.00 per local requested four years ago.
7. Each district secretary send an updated membership list to President Oakes if they did not include it in their yearly letter.
8. Increase the amount of the Jimmy/Janie Aldridge Scholarship to \$700.00, up from \$600.00, annually.
9. Encourage district presidents to attend the Alabama WAC Executive Board meetings (usually at the Alabama State Meetings in November) so they will be more informed about our State's projects and be able to better inform their locals.
10. The awarding of the Banner be discontinued in order to save time in the meeting.
11. Each district president be responsible for having a list of her delegates when she comes to the Alabama WAC convention, see that her delegates are present, make replacements to the secretary prior to the secretary's report and that distinctive delegate name tags be provided at the registration table.
12. At the time of seating of the delegates when the secretary calls out the district name, all delegates should stand.

The attendance banner was presented to East Alabama. The total L.A.M.P. offering for 2003 was \$2,775.00 and the L.A.M.P. certificate was given to the Progressive District. Delegates to the WNAC Convention are: Ann Kennedy, June Hersey, Janie Aldridge, Alice Hood and Barbara Smith. Martha Harris, WNAC bookkeeper, dismissed the meeting in prayer.

Elwanda Oakes, President AFWBWAC

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets
August 31, 2003
ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$124,252.36
Investments	16,000.00
Inventories	\$8,948.36
Prepaid Expenses	\$3,005.27
Property and Equipment (net)	<u>\$1,088,423.17</u>
Total assets	<u>\$1,240,629.16</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities:	
Payroll taxes payable	\$1,774.80
Accounts payable	<u>\$8,078.24</u>
Total liabilities	\$9,853.04
Net assets:	
Unrestricted	\$864,514.62
Temporarily restricted	<u>\$366,261.61</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$1,230,776.12</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$1,240,629.16</u>

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
Statement of Financial Position
Year Ended August 31, 2003

OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Change in net assets	(\$18,466.60)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	\$52,647.31
Decrease in inventories	\$1,569.28
Decrease in prepaid	\$682.78
Decrease in payables	<u>(\$40,148.46)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	(\$3,715.69)

INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Purchases of building and equipment (net)	<u>(\$215,190.30)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	(\$215,190.30)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(\$218,905.99)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>\$379,722.32</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$160,816.33</u>

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDRENS HOME
Statement of Activities
Year Ended August 31, 2003

CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Donations to general fund	\$578,059.49
Donated Items	\$23,837.76
Interest and dividend income	\$1,175.87
Unrealized gain on securities	\$254.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$4,004.26</u>
Total Revenue	\$607,331.41

Expenses

Supporting services	
Administration	\$62,112.21
Development	\$17,551.72
Plant and operations	<u>\$77,029.70</u>
Total supporting expense	\$156,639.63
Program expenses	
Childcare	\$92,186.81
Payroll expenses all departments	<u>\$394,734.64</u>
Total program expenses	<u>\$486,921.45</u>

Increase (decrease) in unrestricted net assets (\$36,283.67)

CHANGES IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Donations to other funds	\$58,204.03
Donated items	\$841.95
Interest	\$511.42
Miscellaneous	<u>\$1,589.16</u>
Total Revenue	\$61,146.56

Expenses

Program expenses-released from restriction	<u>\$65,483.67</u>
Increase (decrease) temp. restricted net assets	(\$4,337.11)
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(\$40,620.78)
Net assets at the beginning of year	<u>\$1,271,396.90</u>
Net assets at the end of the year	<u>\$1,230,776.12</u>

ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST
BOARD OF MISSIONS & CHURCH EXTENSION
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended August 31, 2003

RECEIPTS:

Alabama State Office-Restricted Contributions	\$78,501.53
Unrestricted Contributions	\$11,716.63
Interest Income	<u>\$253.04</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$90,471.20

DISBURSEMENTS:

Accounting	\$300.00
Bank Notes (Prattville & Huntsville)	\$63,153.19
Miscellaneous	\$149.88
Individual Missionary Expense	\$10,775.73
Postage	\$190.11
Printing (Digest)	\$1,677.42
Program Expense (Retreat & Interns)	\$5,246.30
Salary	\$590.00
Telephone	\$190.06
Travel & Board Expense	\$1,223.39
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$83,496.08
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	\$6,975.12
NET CASH SEPTEMBER 1, 2002	\$16,491.45
NET CASH AUGUST 31, 2003	\$23,466.57

**ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST
BOARD OF MISSIONS & CHURCH EXTENSION
2003 - 2004 Proposed Budget**

PROJECTED FUNDS:Prattville

Missionary Maintenance	\$46,500.00
Intern	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
Total Prattville	\$49,500.00

Huntsville

Missionary Maintenance	\$48,500.00
Building & Intern	<u>\$29,000.00</u>
Total Huntsville	\$77,500.00

Hispanic

Missionary Maintenance	\$49,500.00
Equipment & Literature	\$1,500.00
Associate & Facilities	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
Total Hispanic	\$71,000.00

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS:

Accounting & Postage	\$500.00
Salary & Telephone	\$750.00
Supplies & Printing	\$2,250.00
Travel/Board Expense	\$2,200.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$100.00</u>

Total Administrative Expense	\$6,000.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$204,000.00

**ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST PROMOTIONAL OFFICE
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
For Year Ended August 31, 2003**

INCOME

Unrestricted Contributions	\$976,549.30
Interest Income	<u>\$1,437.22</u>
Total Revenue and other support	\$977,986.52

DISBURSEMENTS:

ALCAP	\$2,458.51
Association Dues	\$7,950.00
Benevolent Gifts	\$12,035.38
Bible College Support	\$48,893.40
Children's Home	\$89,991.90
Christian Law Association	\$690.00
Christian Education Board	\$2,864.29
Conference Dues (Leadership & Missions)	\$150.00
Executive Committee Expenses	\$515.34
Gideons	\$255.00
Honorariums	\$1,300.00
Miscellaneous	\$4,658.57

Missions

ACTS Missions	\$446,502.36
Foreign Missions	\$58,699.65
Home Missions	\$121,848.64
Independent Missions	\$37,782.99
Russian Missions	<u>\$9,876.00</u>

\$674,709.64

National Association General Fund	\$7,020.55
Office Equipment/Supplies	\$3,417.49
Pastors' & Workers' Conference	\$1,877.05
Pastor's Retirement	\$7,756.09
Permits	\$216.00
Postage	\$2,778.94
Printing	\$4,945.22
Professional Fees (Audit)	\$500.00
Salaries	\$57,726.33
Telephone	\$1,229.09
Travel	\$7,800.29
Trinity Camp Support	<u>\$41,639.71</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$983,428.79
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	(\$5,442.27)
NET CASH AUGUST 31, 2002	\$113,177.50
NET CASH AUGUST 31, 2003	\$107,735.23

**STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
EXECUTIVE FUND BUDGET
2003-2004**

INCOME:	
Dues to State Association from Districts	\$21,330.00
Offerings received at the State Meeting	<u>\$745.00</u>
TOTAL	\$22,075.00
EXPENDITURES:	
National Association dues (158 Churches)	\$15,800.00
Officers honorariums:	
Clerk: \$250, Asst. Clerk: \$25	
Moderator: \$50, Asst. Moderator: \$25	\$350.00
Guest Speaker's Honorariums & Expense	\$1,400.00
Executive Committee Expense	\$1,000.00
State Minutes - Printing and Postage	\$1,500.00
Programs for State Association	\$500.00
2006 National Association	<u>\$1,525.00</u>
TOTAL	\$22,075.00

**ALABAMA COMING TOGETHER FOR THE SAVIOR
Alabama Acts 1:8 2004 Budget
\$550,000**

	(% of total budget)
Mike Corley - Russia	17.0%
Russian Ministry	8.0%
Jamie Lancaster - Uruguay	10.2%
Uruguay Building Fund	3.0%
Josh Smith - Spain	4.0%
Dennis Haygood - South Huntsville	10.0%
Huntsville Building Debt	5.0%
Wayne Wilson - Prattville	9.5%
Fred Jones - Hispanic	13.3%
New Project	3.0%
Promotional Office	12.0%
Administrative Expenses	5.0%
State Office - 2%	
National Support Services - 3%	

**ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Financial Records 9/1/02 - 8/31/03**

Beginning Balance	\$3,097.15
Income	
Acts 1:8	\$427.43
Competition Offerings	\$159.21
Competition Fees	\$1,525.00
Savings Interest	<u>\$4.51</u>
Total	\$2,116.15
Disbursements	
Supplies, postage & misc.	\$106.45
NYC entry fees	\$1,105.00
Competition Expenses	\$959.08
Competition Host Church	\$500.00
Bank Charges	<u>\$16.00</u>
Total	\$2,686.53
Ending Balance	\$2,526.77

MID-SOUTH PASTORS' & WORKERS' CONFERENCE

BEGINNING BALANCE 9/1/02	\$297.94
DEPOSITS:	
9/8/02	\$757.01
2/6/03	\$872.41
2/13/03	<u>\$516.29</u>
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$2,145.71
EXPENSES:	
#109 Postage	\$ 33.00
#110 Webster's Market (Fruit Baskets)	\$32.40
#111 Holiday Inn	\$369.00
#112 H. Blankenship	\$350.00
#113 H. Blankenship (Travel)	\$130.00
#114 D. Crowe	\$350.00
#115 D. Crowe (Travel)	\$ 60.00
#116 T. Forrest	\$350.00
#117 T. Forrest (Travel)	<u>\$60.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$1,734.40
BALANCE 8/31/03	\$709.25

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CONSTITUTIONS

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, and General Board. The General Board shall meet on Thursday afternoon of the State Association 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 Moderator and Assistant Moderator shall not serve more than two consecutive two-year terms and the Clerk and Assistant Clerk shall not serve more than four consecutive two-year 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, Assistant Clerk, and two (2) members elected from the General Board and three (3) members elected at large. In odd numbered years the Nominating Committee shall nominate five (5) Executive Committee members to be elected by the State Association. The Executive Committee 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.

Section 13 - The Pastors' and Workers' Conference Board shall consist of five (5) elected members with one to five year terms with one term expiring each year.

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 one hundred thirty-five (\$135) dollars per church affiliated with that Association.

Section 2 - The fee of each local church representing independently shall be the sum of one hundred thirty-five (\$135) dollars.

Section 3 - The Clerk shall be paid two hundred fifty (\$250) dollars, Assistant Clerk twenty-five (\$25) dollars, Moderator fifty (\$50) dollars, and Assistant Moderator twenty-five (\$25) 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 Wednesday night before the second Sunday in November of each year, and close out on Friday afternoon.

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

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 IRS, 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.

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
Cahaba River	20	1,691	33	49	3	936	237	5	25	20	
East Alabama	3	142	3	2	0	109	18	0	25	3	\$ 416,500
Florida State Line	20	2,205	25	54	2	830	244	25	25	33	\$ 1,933,000
Jasper	13	1,732	24	47	1	968	0	21	55	35	
Liberty No. 1	6	289	8	12	0	144	64	0	32	1	\$ 536,220
Liberty No. 2	4		6	6	2						
Mississippi State Line	14	1,315	21	36	12	649					\$ 2,393,932
Mount Moriah	18	1,528	25	66	3	765	142		18	54	\$ 2,160,000
North Alabama	9	730	17	18	10	408	80	15	57	27	\$ 3,336,000
Progressive	11	1,432	16	38	3					22	
Southeastern	7	736	7			257		4	24	15	\$ 1,490,000
Southern Union	2	66	0	4	1	60	0	0	0	2	\$ 297,700
Vernon	22	2,645	32		11	1,279	126	18	94	34	\$ 5,326,600
Walker County	5	537	10	13	0	338		0	6	16	
TOTALS	154	15,048	227	345	48	6,743	911	88	361	262	\$17,889,952

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.