

THE
Birmingham District Association

of

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*Proceedings Of The
Eighth Annual Session*

Held With
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MINUTES

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OFFICERS

Moderator—Rev. Lee Hanks Calera, Alabama
Ass't. Mod.—Rev. J. F. Williams Birmingham, Ala.
Clerk—Mrs Lee Hanks Calera, Alabama

The next setting of this Association will be held with Pleasant Hill Church, Jasper, Alabama, beginning Friday night before the first Monday in September, 1947.

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY NIGHT

Proceedings of the Eighth Annual Session of the Birmingham District Conference met with Blossburg Church on Friday night, Aug. 30, 1946.

The Moderator welcomed all that were present to take part with us in our worship services. We had a nice crowd of visitors with us.

Bro. Marlow conducted the Devotional Services, with all Christians taking part in the services.

Rev. J. T. Quick preached at the evening services. His text: "Our Purpose of Coming Together."

Rev. C. E. Harbin and Rev. Arthur Barker followed with interesting messages.

SATURDAY MORNING

Called together by singing songs of Praise. Moderator read the 133rd Psalm. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Ryland. Called for Fellowship of the Body. Declared the Body ready for business. Called for Letters. The following Churches reported:

1. Mt. Zion: Sister Perry Fredrick, Sister J. F. Williams, Bro. Higdon.
2. Pleasant Hill: Bro. Lester Banks, Bro. Lee M. Brown, Bro. Curtis Williams.
3. Meadows Chapel: Sister Walter Coleman, Sister Hattie Scott, Sister Bertha Kelly.
4. Shilo: Sister Rose Prestage, Sister Azelee Hogan, Sister Willie Tidwell.
5. King's Chapel: By Letter.
6. Oak Grove: By Letter.

Appointed reading Committee: Sis. Perry Fredrick, Bro. Lee M. Brown.

Letters were read and delegates seated. The following officers were elected:

Moderator: Rev. Lee Hanks.

Ass't Moderator: Rev. J. F. Williams.

Clerk and Treasurer: Mrs. Lee Hanks.

Committees appointed by Moderator:

1. Business Committee: Rev. J. F. Williams, Bro. Law-

rence Hogan, Bro. Curtis Williams.

2. Standing of the Ministry: Bro. Charlie Franklin, Sis. Mae Barker, Bro. Lee M. Brown, Sis. Azelee Hogan, Sis. Rosie Prestage.

3. Deceased Members: Sis. J. F. Williams, Sis. Willie Tidwell, Sis. Bertha Kelly.

4. Temperance Committee: Rev. Walter Coleman, Rev. Henry Doss, Bro. Lester Banks, Bro. Eurkel Gunter.

5. Auditing Committee: Sis. Walter Coleman, Sis. J. F. Williams, Sis. Mae Barker, Sis. Perry Fredrick.

6. Ordaining Council: Rev. J. F. Williams, Rev. Henry Doss, Bro. Charlie Franklin, Rev. D. H. Davenport, Rev. O. K. Morgan.

Rev. W. H. Ryland, taking the devotional part of the services, talked about blind Bartimaeus. He encouraged the delegates to press forward in the work for Christ. Bro. Walter Coleman preached at the eleven o'clock service, his text being: "Here Am I, Send Me." Rev. Perry Fredrick followed Rev. Coleman. Rev. W. H. Ryland gave us some facts about the Orphanage. Took up a collection; receiving \$25.50.

Lunch, which was enjoyed by all, was served at the Church.

Returned for afternoon services, singing "Some Day." Bro. Lee M. Brown conducted the Devotional Services, with all Christians taking part. Declared body ready for business. Auditing Committee reported. Report read and accepted. Deceased Members Committee's Report was read and accepted. At this time Rev. D. H. Davenport gave us a talk. Temperance Committee's report was accepted. Business Committee gave a partial report. It was accepted and adopted by items.

Bro. Perry Fredrick, Bro. Jim Hale, Bro. Curtis Williams, Rev. Walter Coleman were questioned by the Ordaining Council.

Bro. Jim Hale and Bro. Perry Frederick were given license for one year.

Bro. Curtis Williams and Bro. S. F. Higdon were ordained as deacons, and exchanged papers with Rev. Walter Coleman.

Delegates were elected to go to Sister Association. Rev. and Mrs. Lee Hanks, were elected to go to the Flint River Association, and to carry letters from this Association.

Rev. J. F. Williams was elected to go to the Morning Star Association, and to carry a letter from this Association.

Rev. J. F. Williams talked of the State Association, and

the following delegates were elected to go there: Sis. Mae Barker, Sis. Bertha Kelly, Sis. Walter Coleman, Sis. Azelee Hogan, Bro. Lee M. Brown, and Bro. Joe Martin.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Moderator declared body ready for business. He read a letter from one of our disabled Ministers, Rev. J. M. Holly, inviting the Brethren to visit with him.

At this time the Moderator appointed an executive committee to serve for the ensuing year. They were: Bro. Charlie Franklin, Bro. Lester Banks, Bro. Curtis Williams, Bro. S. F. Higdon, and Bro. Walter Murphy.

A Minister's Conference was organized, with Rev. Walter Coleman being elected Moderator and Sis. Bertha Kelly, clerk. At this time, ministers gave their reports.

The clerk was instructed to order two hundred (200) minutes from the "Free Will Baptist Call," at Birmingham, Ala., if they are prepared to print them.

Rev. Lee Hanks preached at the evening services; his text being: "Let Us Go Over To The Other Side." After this sermon the Lord's Supper was served, followed by Feet Washing.

Called for meeting of Quarterly Conference on Saturday night before the fifth Sunday in September at Mt. Zion at East Thomas.

The next sitting of this Conference will be held with Pleasant Hill Church, Jasper, Ala., Rt. 1, on Friday night before the first Monday in Sept. of 1947.

CLERK'S REPORT

Balance carried from 1945 Association	\$114.36
Paid out for 1945 Minutes	18.13
Balance	\$ 96.23
Received from Kings Chapel	3.00
Received from Meadows Chapel	10.00
Received from Shilo	5.00
Received from Mt. Zion	5.00
Received from Oak Grove	5.00
Received from Pleasant Hill	10.00
Total in Treasury now	\$134.23

Mrs. Lee Hanks

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Deceased Members, are sorry to report that two of our beloved Sisters have passed away since our last meeting of this Association: Sister Leabeth Sheets of Shilo Church, and Sister Odum of Pleasant Hill Church.

We regret to part with those we love, but trust we will meet them above.

Chairman, Mrs. Virginia Williams

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report; Be temperate in all things. Use God's word for our rule, and be guided by the spirit of God, for it will cleanse us if we obey it. Do all things in decency and in order.

Chairman, Rev. Walter Coleman

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your Auditing Committee, have examined the books and find them all in order.

Chairman, Mrs. Walter Coleman

STANDING OF THE MINISTRY

We, your Committee on Standing of the Ministry, wish to recommend that all ministers who have been recommended by their churches receive a certificate of standing for one year.

Chairman, Bro. Charlie Franklin

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We, your Business Committee, recommend that preachers coming from other Associations must have a certificate of standing or a recommendation from their Association.

We recommend that we correspond and ask correspondence with other Associations.

We recommend that Shilo Church's letter be changed to give the new pastor's name and address.

We recommend that Bro. S. F. Higdon be examined and if found worthy, ordain him as Deacon of Mt. Zion Church at East Thomas.

We also recommend that Rev. Walter Coleman be questioned, and if found worthy, we will exchange papers with him.

Also we request that Bro. Curtis Williams be examined and if found worthy, be ordained as Deacon of Pleasant Hill Church.

We recommend that Bro. Perry Fredrick and Bro. Jim Hale be questioned by the Ordaining Council. If found worthy,

given licenses to preach the gospel for one (1) year, so long as they preach the Bible, and if found departing from the word of God, their licenses be revoked.

We recommend that the following ministers' names be dropped from the ministers roll.

Rev. Douglas Harris, Rev. Leroy Smith, Rev. William Farley, Rev. George Fulton, Rev. Noah Holly.

We recommend that an Executive Committee be appointed.

Chairman, Rev. J. F. Williams

Organized, a ministers and deacons conference with the following taking part:

Rev. Lee Hanks, Rev. J. F. Williams, Rev. John Doss, Bro. Walter Murphy, Bro. Charlie Franklin, Bro. Curtis Williams, Bro. Eurkel Gunter, Rev. Jim Hale.

Visitors: Bro. Lawrence Carrol, Bro. Coy Sandford.

Bro. Walter Coleman, Moderator

Mrs. Bertha Kelly, Clerk

Report On Old Age Minister's Fund

Received from Oak Grove Church	\$10.00
Received from Pleasant Hill	13.00
Personal	7.00
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	\$30.00
Paid to Rev. J. M. Holley	\$15.00
Paid to Rev. J. W. Murray	15.00
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	\$30.00

Received For Orphan's Home

Oak Grove	\$8.53
Paid to Orphan's Home	8.53

Rev. Lee Hanks, Treasurer

VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. A. J. Lambert and son, Carlton, Rev. W. H. Ryland, Rev. O. K. Morgan, Rev. D. H. Davenport, Rev. Arthur Barker, Rev. C. E. Harbin, Rev. J. T. Quick, Rev. Lawrence Carroll.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. Perry Fredrick 1101 Arkadelphia Rd., Birmingham
Rev. Jim Hale Rt. 1, Jasper, Ala.

MINISTERS ROLL — ORDAINED

Rev. J. F. Williams Birmingham, Ala., Rt. 8
 Rev. Walter Coleman Blossburg, Ala.
 Rev. Lee Hanks Calera, Ala., Rt. 2, Box 18
 Rev. Henry Doss Blossburg, Ala.
 Rev. J. M. Holly Cordova, Ala., Rt. 2
 Rev. J. W. Murry Jasper, Ala., Rt. 1
 Rev. W. R. Parker Birmingham, Ala., 1833 Pearson Ave., W
 Rev. A. M. Mitchell Wylam, Ala., 1245 Erie St.

MINISTERS' REPORT

No. Churches Pastored 1
 No. Sermons Preached 89
 No. Funerals Conducted 3
 No. Baptized 12
 No. Revivals Assisted In 6
 No. Marriages Performed 1
 No. Miles Traveled 2,515
 Amount of Offering Received \$225.45
 Expenses of Ministerial Work \$68.45
 New Church Set In Order 1

Rev. Lee Hanks

No. Churches Pastored 3
 No. Sermons Preached 148
 No. Funerals Conducted 3
 No. Baptized 14
 No. Revivals Assisted In 6
 No. Marriages Performed 2
 No. Miles Traveled 1,756
 Amount of Offerings Received \$134.69
 Expenses of Ministerial Work \$79.00
 New Church Set In Order 1

Rev. Walter Coleman

No. Churches Pastored, Asst. 2
 No. Sermons Preached 125
 No. Funerals Conducted 1
 No. Baptized 0
 No. Revivals Assisted In 0
 No. Marriages Performed 1
 No. Miles Traveled 120
 Amount of Offerings Received \$2.25
 Expenses of Ministerial Work \$12.00

Rev. Henry Doss

No. Churches Pastored 0
 No. Sermons Preached 41
 No. Funerals Conducted 1
 No. Baptized 0
 No. Revivals Assisted In 2

No. Marriages Performed 0
 No. Miles Traveled 250
 Amount of Offering Received \$36.00
 Expenses of Ministerial Work \$10.00

Rev. J. F. Williams

RULES OF DECORUM

1. After an introductory sermon is preached the association shall be called together by the moderator who presided at the last session. In case of his absence the assistant moderator shall call the body together, the former clerk also officiating until organized.

2. The association when assembled shall be composed of all the ministers and ordained deacons, and delegates chosen by the different churches comprising the body.

3. The officers of the association shall consist of a moderator, assistant moderator, and a clerk to be chosen from the members present.

4. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside over the body during the session at which he is elected, to call the next session to order and preside until reorganization and the election and installation of his successor. It shall be his duty to keep order, enforce the Rules of Decorum, decide all questions, discipline, and in case of a tie vote to cast the deciding ballot. He may speak on any subject but must call on the assistant moderator to preside while he is speaking.

5. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a minute of the proceedings and to read the same when called upon by the body, and shall prepare the minutes for publication.

6. Each church is entitled to three delegates.

7. A majority of the members shall rule in all cases, except the admission of churches then the vote must be unanimous.

8. No member shall absent himself from the house without leave from the moderator.

9. All business shall be brought before the body by motion and a second and be disposed of by the same.

10. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject, nor more than ten minutes each time without permission from the moderator.

11. No brother shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject under discussion or uses words of personal reflections.

12. Only one person shall be allowed to speak at a time, and he must arise and address the moderator.

13. That no business be voted on with less than two-thirds of the body present.

14. This decorum may be altered, amended or abridged at any session of the association by a majority of the number present.

15. The minister that receives the most votes shall be elected moderator and the next highest assistant moderator.

Churches	Clerks	Pastors	Paid Pastor	Publication	Paid Evangelist	Building and Repairs	Home Mission	Members Died	No. Dismissed	Rec. by Baptism	Rec. by Letter	Sunday School	No. Ministers	No. Members
Meadows Chapel	Mrs. Ruby Gunter Blossburg, Ala.	Rev. Lee Hanks Calera, Ala.	61.42	20.78	28.96	31.00	55.10	0	4	5	3	15	3	38
Pleasant Hill	Curtis Williams Jasper, Ala., Rt. 1	Rev. Walter Coleman Blossburg, Ala.	119.00	4.25	43.00	90.00	.00	1	1	15	8	40	4	58
Oak Grove	Mrs. Flora Tubbs B'ham, Rt. 7, Bx 343	Rev. Russ Franklin 1629 36 Av. N. B'ham	.00	.00	83.23	.00	.00	0	0	0	0	40	0	36
Shilo		Rev. Walter Coleman Blossburg, Ala.	.00	.00	72.85	.00	.00	1	1	5	0	35	1	35
Kings Chapel	Mrs. Carrie Farley Adamsville, Ala.	Rev. Walter Coleman Blossburg, Ala.	10.00	.00	.00	27.13	.00	0	0	6	5	0	0	11
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Mae Barker 800 24 Av. W, B'ham	Rev. Arthur Barker 800 24 Av. W, B'ham	.00	.00	.00	471.00	.00	0	0	0	15	0	3	15
			180.42	25.03	228.04	619.13	55.10	2	6	31	31	130	11	193
Received from Oak Grove Church for Orphanage													\$8.53	