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# MINUTES

Of The

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Of

FREE WILL BAPTIST

Pleasant Hill Church at Sipsey, Alabama

## OFFICERS

Moderator — Rev. James Elmore, 1021, 15 St. S.W., Birmingham, Ala.

Assistant Moderator — Rev. E. B. Ledlow, 801 Pine St, Sylacauga, Ala.

Clerk — Arthur Johnston, 701 Morris Ave., Sylacauga, Ala.

The next sitting of this association will be held with Unity Church, at Sylacauga, Ala., on Thursday night before First Monday in September, 1955.

## ORDER OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

The body is declared ready for business.

1. Call for peace and fellowship of the church.
2. Opportunity for members.
3. Invite visitors to seat with us.
4. Reading of minutes of last conference.
5. Call for acknowledgments.
6. Deacon's report.
7. Unfinished business
8. New Business.
9. Report from sick committee.
10. Motion to adjourn.



**PROCEEDINGS**  
**THURSDAY NIGHT**

Proceedings of the 16th annual session of Birmingham District Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with Pleasant Hill Church at Sipsy, Ala., September 2, 3, 4, 1954.

Service began with singing of good songs. Altar prayer called for with all taking part. Bro. Harvil Patterson in charge of devotional service. Many Christians testifying.

Rev. Curtis Williams brought the evening message using for his text the Last Days. Scripture, Matthew 25th chapter 1st through 13th verse. The message was enjoyed by all. Prayer by Bro. Raymond Alred.

Meeting adjourned.

**FRIDAY MORNING**

The association assembled at 9:15 singing of three good songs.

The Moderator called for altar prayer with many taking part.

Moderator read for Scripture reading 23rd Psalms.

At this time the Moderator called the conference to order and ready for business.

Letters from church called for.

Reading committee appointed — Sister Gamel, Sister Gunter and Sister Llanelle Logan.

1. District No. 1—Bro. J. D. Miller.

Unity — Bro. Ethridge Nelson — Sister Fay Johnston & Sister Jettie Ruth Brown.

3. East Thomas — Sister Ester Key, Sister Mae Barker, Sister Ora Snelling.

4. Fairview — Bro. Robert Spurlin and Bro. Robert Williams.

5. Mt. Zion — Rev. C. M. Barker.

6. District No. 2—Sister Llanelle Logan.

7. First Church Alton — Bro. Bud Isbell and Sister Odessa Hollis.

8. Meadows Chapel — Sister Gerturde Miller, Sister Jeanette Franklin and Sister Lillie Dutton.

9. Shiloh — Albert Goodwin, Sister Minnie Goodwin and Sister Geneva Franklin.

10. Pleasant Hill — Sister Rice, Bro. Chesley Jenkins and Sister Rosette Bailey.

11. Liberty — Bro. Raymon Champman, Bro. Jim Langford, Sister Delphia Langford and Sister Mary Chapman.

The letters were read and with correction of Liberty church, also to change Bro. James Elmore's name from 2nd District to 1st District. The letters were adopted and delegates seated.

**NEW CHURCHES—**

1. Community — Sister Maebell Dawson, Sister Emma Pardue and Sister Heddie Booth.

2. Riverview — Bro. Ernest Vardaman and Bro. Harville Patterson.

3. Jefferson Park — Rev. Odra Davis and Rev. M. C. Isbell.

Move and second to accept these churches into the association and adopt letters and seat Delegates.

Devotional committee was appointed at this time. Bro. Booth and Bro. Gunter with deacons of said church.

Move and second to go into election of officers.

Bro. James Elmore, Moderator.

Bro. E. B. Ledlow, Ass't Moderator.

Bro. Arthur Johnston, Clerk.

The body was dismissed for five minutes at this time.  
We assembled back singing of a good song. The new Moderator taking charge.

Partial report of Devotional Committee. Bro. H. D. Davenport of Flint River association to preach at 11:00.

The message was enjoyed by all, his Text was from 7th chapter Rev. and 17th verse.

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Snelling.

**FRIDAY EVENING**

We assembled at 1:00 with singing of good songs. The Moderator called for prayer. Prayer led by Rev. Athur Barker.

The Moderator declared the house ready for business.

Appointing of Committees.

Business committee—Bro. Lee Hanks, chairman, Bro. C. D. Burrell, Bro. Joe Martin, Bro. J. R. Spurlin and Bro. C. K. Evans.

Ordaining Council—Bro. Ray Ritch, chairman, Bro. Arthur Barker, Bro. J. R. Vardaman, Bro. R. W. Williams, and Bro. Irk Gunter

Deceased Committee—Sister Llanelle Logan, Sister Ester Key, Sister Maebell Dawson, Sister Smith and Sister Odessa Hollis.

Auditing Committee — Bro. Marvin Booth, chairman, Bro. Langford, Sister Dutton, Bro. J. H. Williams, Bro. Harvel Patterson.

Executive Committee — Bro. Lee Hanks, Bro. M. C. Isbell, Bro. E. B. Ledlow, Bro. Arthur Barker, Bro. C. B. Snelling.

Temperance Committee — Sister Gamel, Sister Hogan, Sister Marsha Horn, Sister Barker, and Sister Gunter.

Standing of Ministers—Bro. Lee M. Brown, chairman, Bro. Albert Goodwin, Sister Layton, Sister R. R. Franklin, Bro. Eck Nelson, Sister Llanelle Logan, and Sister Odessa Hollis.

At this time we had several good songs and testimonies from different ones which all enjoyed.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

Business Committee partial report—move and second to accept report and dispose of same item by item.

No. 1 We recommend that the next sitting of this association be held with Unity Church at Sylacauga, Ala.

No. 2 We recommend that Bro. J. D. Miller be turned over to the ordaining council to be licensed to preach. Also for him to be given a chance to preach at this sitting for a test.

**TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE** — We your temperance committee believe in standing firm on temperance in all things, being wholly conformed to the word of God, keeping ourselves unspotted from the world and letting our lives be our testimony. We desire more Christian love, unity and fellowship one toward another. Sister L. L. Gamel, chairman—Mae Barker, Ruby Gunter, Sister A. C. Hogan, Sister Marsha Horn.

**DECEASED COMMITTEE** — We the deceased committee extend our sympathy to the bereaved and know our loss is Heavens gain.

Unity — Bro. Jim Weldon and Bro. John Harry.

East Thomas — J. W. Pendergrass.

Pleasant Hill — Ernie Key.

Fairview — Name not listed.

Sister Llanelle Logan chairman, Sister Ester Key, Sister Maebell Dawson, Sister Smith and Sister Odessa Hollis.

**AUDITING COMMITTEE** — We your auditing committee would like



to report we find the books of our Secretary and Treasurer correct and neat and commend him for his faithful service. Bro. Marvin Booth chairman, Bro. J. M. Langford, Sister Lillie Dutton, Bro. J. H. Williams, Bro. Harvel Patterson.

A oral report was given on camp ground fund with a total of \$200.00 in treasure.

Pledge was given at this time for the camp ground.

Report of Home Mission received this year \$74.54. Total in treasure of \$143.33. First District \$4.00. Second District \$20.50.

Rev. C. D. Burrell

Move and second to accept report and release Bro. Burrell from his duties.

At this time a partial report of the Devotional Committee was given, Bro. Joe Martin to preach tonight, and Bro. Miller at 11:00 a.m. Saturday.

Dismissed by Bro. E. B. Ledlow until 7:00 tonight.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT

We assembled at 7:00 for evening service, Singing directed by Bro. Ray Ritch. Altar prayer was called for by Moderator, Prayer being led by Sister Martin.

Bro. Spurlin conducted the Devotional service using for his Scripture Matthew 5th chapter, Verses 1 through 9. Many Christians testifying.

Bro. Joe Martin brought the evening message using Prov. 22-28. His text "Remove not the Landmark". Everyone highly enjoyed the message.

#### SATURDAY MORNING

We assembled at 9:15, singing of good songs.

The Moderator called for Altar prayer with many taking part.

Moderator read Neh. 4:6 for Scripture reading then declared the body ready for business

Bro. Claude Lecroy was appointed on business committee in absence of Bro. C. K. Evans.

Bro. E. O. Morris was appointed on the Ordaining Council to fill in absence of Bro. Arthur Barker.

The committees was excused to act on business. There was good singing, also Bro. Ray Ritch gave us a special in song.

We were dismissed for a few minutes.

We were assembled back singing of more good songs. A final report of the Business Committee was given at this time. Moved and seconded to accept report and table until after lunch and dispose of report item by item.

At this time the 11:00 service was turned over to Bro. Miller to bring the message using for his scripture Matthew 25 Verse 14. Everyone highly enjoyed the message.

We were dismissed for lunch by Bro. H. D. Davenport.

#### SATURDAY EVENING

We assembled at 1:00 to dispose of remainder of business. We sung a few good songs. At this time prayer was led by Bro. Spurlin.

Ladies Auxiliary was given time for their reports. Only one reporting.

#### UNITY CHURCH

Amount of money received	\$533.05
Amount spent	506.42
Balance in treasury	\$ 26.65
Gave to Building Fund	\$441.45
Miscellaneous	64.95
On roll	17
Sick calls	869
Hospital calls	316
Charity	135.45
Given on flowers	18.40
Personal flowers	49
Trays	35
Fruit baskets	22

Sister Bessie Cooper, president  
Sister Erma Brown, Sec.-Treas.

At this time we disposed of business committee report.

1. We your Business Committee recommend that the following ministers license be renewed for one year: Bro. Raymond Alred, Sister Kathleen Martin, Sister Ludie Banks.
  2. We recommend that this body revoke the ordination paper of Bro. A. A. Webster, and that he be notified.
  3. We recommend that all Churches in their letters to the Association request a certificate of standing for their board of deacons, giving their names.
  4. We recommend that this body give the chair power to appoint a field worker for the Home Mission work of this Association.
  3. We recommend our Moderator appoint delegates to the State Association.
  6. We recommend that Friday night of our Association be given entirely to the Ministers Conference.
- Rev. Lee Hanks, chairman; Rev. Joe Martin, Rev. C. D. Burrell, Bro. Claude Lecroy, Bro. Robert Spurlin.

Moved and seconded to adopt the report.

Bro. Morris was appointed to be Home Mission worker for the Association. Also moved and seconded for him to be Secretary and Treasurer of same.

The Moderator appointed Sister Key, Sister Llanelle Logan and Sister Odessa Hollis as delegates to State Association.

STANDING OF MINISTERS REPORT—We recommend that all ministers who gave reports be given certificate of standing except Bro. A. M. Mitchell.

Bro. Lee M. Brown, chairman.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT—We the Ordaining Council have examined Bro. Miller and have found him worthy to be licensed for one year. Rev. Ray Ritch, chairman, Bro. E. O. Morris, Bro. R. W. Williams, Bro. Ernest Williams and Bro. Irk Gunter.

At this time an offering of \$72.00 was received for the Children's Home.

Moved and seconded to give Bro. Martin, the Moderator of the Minister Conference, the authority to appoint two men to speak at the Friday night service at next Association.



NAME	ADDRESS	No. Churches Pastored	No. Sermons Preached	No. Funerals	No. Baptized	No. Revivals Assisted In	No. Marriages Performed	No. Miles Traveled	No. Members Received	No. Sick Calls	Amount Of Offering Received	Expense Of Ministerial Work
Rev. Jessie Drummonds	Pell City, Ala.	1	91								\$1,101.59	
Rev. C. R. Allen	Rt. 4, Box 106A Birmingham, Ala.		50			1	2					
Rev. E. O. Morris	Route 1 Pell City, Ala.		25			1	1			20		
Rev. Joe Martin	Rt. 1, Box 246 Jasper, Ala.	2	60		5	3			9		\$ 159.50	
Rev. Raymond Alred	Route 1 Jasper, Ala.		115							1	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00
Rev. George Cockran	826 Princeton Ave. Birmingham, Ala.		115			2			4	45	\$ 77.00	\$ 95.00
Rev. H. E. Hewitt	Pell City, Ala.		50					975				\$ 45.00
Rev. James Barrones	Rt. 5, Box 218 Anniston, Ala.	1	90		17	3	2				\$ 520.00	
Rev. N. J. Franklin	Rt. 2, Box 439 Gardendale, Ala.	2	77		7	2			1	42	\$ 227.51	
Rev. Henry Dross	Cardiff, Ala.		5									
Rev. Ray Ritch	724 12 Ave West Birmingham, Ala.		25				2	750		100		
Rev. Arthur Barker	822 Princeton Ave. Birmingham, Ala.	2					3		9	125	\$ 652.00	
Rev. Lee Hanks	Rt. 15, Box 1142 Birmingham, Ala.	1	75		1	2			2		\$ 711.43	
Sister Kathleen Martin	Rt. 1, Box 246 Jasper, Ala.		11			2				15	\$ 16.25	
Sister Ludie Banks	Route 1 Jasper, Ala.		1							2		
Rev. C. B. Snelling	1616 Oxmore Rd. Birmingham, Ala.		70			1						
Rev. James Elmore	1021 15 St. S.W. Birmingham, Ala.		49			1					\$ 275.00	
Rev. Dee Hollis	Rt. 1, Box 98-D Pell City, Ala.	1	75			1	1	1,000	6	75	\$ 180.00	
Rev. E. B. Ledlow	801 Pine St. Sylacauga, Ala.	1	156	12	11	2	2		19	58	\$2,762.50	
Rev. C. D. Burrell	Box 611 Oakman, Ala.	2	104		22	4			39	4	\$ 420.04	
Rev. Curtis Williams	Route 1 Jasper, Ala.	3	80		2	3			4	4	\$ 108.81	\$300.00
Rev. C. R. Simmons	Birmingham, Ala. 2225 3rd Ave. No.		40			1						
Rev. M. C. Isbell	Rt. 4, 105-H Leeds, Ala.	1	62			4					\$ 86.00	\$ 40.00
Rev. Odra Davis	Rt. 10, Box 312 Irondale Branch Birmingham 10, Ala.	1	53		6	1			11	25	\$ 10.42	\$ 40.00



Bro. James Elmore to speak on The Holy Ghost.  
 Bro. E. B. Ledlow to speak on the restitution.  
 The Association would like to express its appreciation for the hospitality of Pleasant Hill Church during this setting of the Association.  
 Would like to welcome Bro. H. D. Davenport and Bro. Bill Elms from Flint River Association at this setting.  
 Moved and seconded to adjourn until tonight.

#### SATURDAY NIGHT

The night service began with singing of a number of good songs. A wonderful message was brought by Rev. Curtis Williams, using for his scripture John 13.

Communion service was held with feet washing following. Most everyone took part. The service was enjoyed by all.

#### MINISTERS ROLL

Rev. C. D. Burrell, Oakeman, Alabama.  
 Rev. Ray W. Ritch, 724—12th Ave., W., Birmingham, Alabama.  
 Rev. J. F. Williams, Rt. 8, Box 640, Birmingham, Alabama.  
 Rev. James Elmore, 1021—15th Ave. W., Birmingham, Ala.  
 Rev. Lee Hanks, Rt. 15, Box 1142, Birmingham, Alabama.  
 Rev. C. B. Snelling, 1616 Oxmoor Road, Birmingham, Alabama.  
 Rev. A. R. Barker, 822 Pearson Ave., Birmingham, Alabama.  
 Rev. J. A. Barrones, Rt. 5, Box 218, Anniston, Alabama.  
 Rev. L. D. Hurst, Constantine Homes, Anniston, Alabama.  
 Rev. C. M. Barker, Pell City, Alabama.  
 Rev. H. E. Hewett, Pell City, Alabama.  
 Rev. C. L. Finch, Pell City, Alabama.  
 Rev. Tcm Mitchell, Pell City, Alabama.  
 Rev. Morris Hollis,  
 Rev. J. E. Drummonds, Pell City, Alabama.  
 Rev. George W. Cochran, 826 Princiton, Birmingham, Alabama.  
 Rev. L. B. Halmak, Rt. 2, Box 438, Gardendale, Alabama.  
 Rev. Norvel Franklin, Rt. 2, Box 438, Gardendale, Alabama.  
 Rev. Henry Doss, Cardiff, Alabama.  
 Rev. J. D. Miller,  
 Rev. Donald Layton, Fultondale, Alabama .  
 Rev. Curtis Williams, Rt. 1, Jasper, Alabama .  
 Rev. Raymond Alred, Rt. 1, Jasper, Alabama.  
 Rev. Joe Martin, Rt. 1, Jasper, Alabama.  
 Sis. Katherine Martin, Rt. 1, Jasper, Alabama.  
 Sis. Ludie Banks, Rt. 1, Jasper, Alabama.  
 Rev. Roscoe Gardner, Bessemer, Alabama.  
 Rev. E. B. Ledlow, 801 Pine St., Sylacauga, Alabama.  
 Rev. Dalton Ford, Anniston, Alabama.  
 Rev. T. J. Kelly, Vincent, Alabama.  
 Rev. Dee Hollis, Rt. 1, Pell City, Alabama.  
 Rev. O'Neal Morris, Rt. 1, Pell City, Alabama.  
 Rev. Joseph Spradley, Pell City, Alabama.  
 Rev. Abraham Samples, Rt. 5, Box 457, Birmingham 6, Alabama.  
 Rev. Charles Simmons, Rt. 4, Box 105-H, Birmingham, Alabama.  
 Rev. M. C. Isbell, Leeds, Alabama.  
 Rev. Orda Davis, Rt. 11, Box 312, Birmingham 10, Alabama.

#### DEACON ROLL

Bro. W. F. Johnston	Bro. J. O. Gamel
Bro. Arcie Brown	Bro. Charlie Franklin
Bro. G. D. Henry	Bro. Alfred Dutton
Bro. J. F. Williams	Bro. Irk Gunter
Bro. James Brown	Bro. Lawrence Hogan
Bro. C. K. Evans	Bro. Luther Layton
Bro. F. S. Higdmon	Bro. Rufus Franklin
Bro. J. D. Shacklifford	Bro. Olen Rice
Bro. T. V. Evans	Bro. W. C. Bailey
Bro. Edward Smith	Bro. W. A. South
Bro. Jeff Hopkins	Bro. Lee M. Brown
Bro. W. M. Hennegar	Bro. Virgil Foster
Bro. Robert Spurlin	Bro. Taylor Terry
Bro. Robert Williams	Bro. Leroy Pordue
Bro. James D. Wilson	Bro. Gene Dawson
Bro. H. H. Roberson	Bro. Marvin Booth
Bro. Fate Gossett	Bro. Curtis Trussell
Bro. Homer Howell	Bro. Ellis Dodson
Bro. Grady Hollis	Bro. Stanley Lowery
Bro. A. H. Barnett	Bro. Marvin Isbell
Bro. Claude Lecroy	Bro. B. T. Jarell
Bro. J. W. Hollis	

#### 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 composing 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 elections 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 the minutes 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.

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

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

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

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



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 without the whole delegation be present.

14. This decorum may be altered, amended or abridged if 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.

16. We recommend that preachers coming from other associations have a certificate of standing, or a recommendation from their association.

17. We recommend that we correspond and ask correspondence with other associations.

#### FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. THE BIBLE — The Scriptures of the Old Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2 Timothy 3:16.

2. GOD — There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe, and the Scriptures as the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as on God, infinitely wise and good whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

1 Cor. 8:6; 28:19.

3. CHRIST — Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified. He is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

St. John 1:1-12.

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT — The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.

St. John 16:7-8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 4:14.

5. THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD — God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

Psalms 22:28; 97:2.

6. THE SINFULNESS OF MAN — Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. He posterity, therefore, inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

7. THE WORK OF CHRIST — The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection affected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

1 John 2:2.

8. THE TERMS OF SALVATION—The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance of sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

2 Cor. 7:10; Pro. 28:13.

9. ELECTION—God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. FREEDOM OF WILL—The human will is free and self controlled having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit and live, or to resist them and perish.

Joshua 24:15.

11. SALVATION FREE—God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of Life freely.

12. PERSEVERANCE—All believers in Christ, who through grace, persevere in holiness to end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation.

Rev. 22:17.

St. John 15:6; Peter 2:20-22.

13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES—Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel: Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

St. John 15:6; Peter 2:20-22; Mark 16:15; Cor. 4:5; St. John 13:14.

14. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH—The Divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employment and amusement, for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

Gen. 2:3; Exodus 20:8-11.

15. RESURRECTION JUDGMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION—The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked shall "go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

John 5:9; Matt. 25:46.

#### CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship and the observance of the ordinance 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 enterprise 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 enterprise, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday School, 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.

Church	Clerk	Pastor	Orphanage	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Building Repair	Home Mission	Members Baptized	Members Died	M. Dismissed	Members Received	S. School	Ministers	No. Members	Publication	Value Of Church Property
Unity	Llanelle Logan 30 Maryland Sylacauga, Ala.	Rev. E. B. Ledlow 801 Pine St. Sylacauga, Ala.	150.00	2,772.50	278.25	10,587.50	4.50	10	2	3	19	83	2	106	139.60	20,000.00
East Thomas	Mrs. L. L. Gamel	Rev. Ray Ritch 724 12th Ave. W. Birmingham, Ala.		1,040.00	103.00	251.50	15.00			10	9	35	6	117		11,000.00
Fairview	Alene Smith 710 Marshall St Anniston, Ala.	Rev. J. A. Barrones Rt. 5, Box 218 Anniston, Ala.	95.50	520.00	80.00	2,500.00		17	1	3	26	85	2	87	85.00	
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Fate Gossett Eden, Ala.		133.81	240.00	60.00	131.54	10.00	1		1	9	40	5	60		5,000.00
First Church Alton	Claude LeCroy Box 282 Alton, Ala.	Rev. James Pickett 2710 Ave. D., Ensley Birmingham, Ala.	116.97	1,040.00		756.20				13	2	35	2	25	17.80	3,000.00
Meadows Chapel	Mrs. Irk Gunter Route 1 Adamsville, Ala.	Rev. L. B. Halmark Rt. 2, Box 438 Gardendale, Ala.		313.58	83.72	986.28		3			2	25	4	35	21.65	4,000.00
Shiloh	Rufus Franklin Rt. 2, Box 461 Gardendale, Ala.	Rev. Arthur Barker 822 Pearson Ave. Birmingham, Ala.			24.00			2				41		17		
Pleasant Hill	Lee M. Brown Route 1 Jasper, Ala.	Rev. Curtis Williams Route 1 Jasper, Ala.	10.00	38.89	25.50			2	1		2	65	5	80	20.00	2,000.00
Liberty	Delphia Langford	Rev. Arthur Barker 822 Pearson Ave. Birmingham, Ala.		368.97	188.00					1			1	41		2,000.00
Community	Marsha Harris	Rev. James Elmore 102 15 St. S W. Birmingham, Ala.			25.00	285.00		2		1		45	2	45		500.00
Riverview	Lillie Vardaman Route 1, Renfro, Ala.	Rev. Jessie Drummonds Oak Ridge, Ala.	9.00	180.00	15.50	83.21		2			6	36	3	35		
Jefferson Park	Ozella Samples Rt. 5, Box 457 Birmingham 6, Ala.	Rev. Odra Davis Irondale Branch Rt. 11, Box 312 Birmingham 10, Ala.			51.62	321.36		6			18	60		18		