

**THE
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT
ASSOCIATION**

OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST

1955

**Proceedings Of The
SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION**

HELD WITH

UNITY CHURCH

SYLACAUGA, ALABAMA

September 1, 2, 3, 1955

MINUTES
OF THE
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AT
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OFFICERS

Moderator.....Rev. Ira L. Hanks, Rt. 15, Box 1142, Birmingham 8, Ala.
Assistant Moderator.....Rev. E. B. Ledlow, 801 Pine St., Sylacauga, Ala.
Clerk.....Rev. Ray W. Ritch, 724 - 12th Avenue, West, Birmingham 4, Ala.

The next sitting of this association will be held with Meadows Chapel Church, Blossburg, Alabama, on Thursday night before the First Monday in September, 1956.

ORDER OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

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. Deacons report.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New business.
9. Report from sick committee.
10. Motion to adjourn.

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY NIGHT

Proceedings of the 17th annual session of Birmingham's District Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with Unity Church at Sylacauga, Alabama, September 1, 2, 3, 1955.

Service began at 7:30 P. M., with singing of good songs. The church had devotional with Sister Henry leading. Many hristians testifying.

Meeting adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING

The association assembled at 9:15 singing songs 248 and 151 in Favorite Songs. Bro. Horn led in prayer with many taking part. A short welcome address by the pastor Bro. E. B. Ledlow.

Moderator read for Scripture reading 3rd Chapter of Zechariah.

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

Moved and seconded to elect a clerk protiem to fill in until a regular clerk could be elected. Bro. E. B. Ledlow was elected.

Letters from churches called for.

Reading Committee appointed.....Sister Endfinger and Sister Yarbrough.

1. District No. 1.....Bro. Virgil Capps, Sister Hogan and Sister Yarbrough.
2. Riverview.....Bro. and Sister Harvel Patterson and Sister Dessie Endfinger.
3. Mt. Zion.....Sister Howell, Bro. Howell, Bro. Fate Gossett, Bro. C. M. Barber and Sister C. M. Barber.
4. Meadows Chapel.....Sister Ruby Gunter, Sister Edith Fields and Sister Burla Summerlin.
5. Unity.....Sister Tyler, Sister Brooks and Bro. Long.
6. First Church Alton.....Bro. Bud Isbell, Sister Louise Barnett, Sister Myrtle LeCroy and Sister W. A. Baily.
7. Jefferson Park.....Sister Poe, Sister Maudie Dodson and Sister Deely Davis.
8. Shiloh.....Sister Goodwin, Sister Farley, Sister Layton and Bro. Edward Yarbrough.
9. East Thomas.....Sister Key, Sister C. K. Evans, Sister Ann Holmes and Sister T. V. Evans.
10. Liberty.....Bro. Jim Langford, Bro. Raymond Chapman, Sister Levonia Baker and Sister Mary Chapman.
11. Pleasant Hill.....Bro. Belton Tidwell, Sister Estill and Sister Lullar Rice.
12. Fairview.....Bro. Richard Torrance and Bro. William Hawton.

13. Community.....Sister Mabell Dawson, Sister Ruby Elmore and Sister Emma Pardue.

The letters were read, moved and seconded to accept the letters as read and seat the delegates.

NEW CHURCHES—

Brecon.....Bro. C. C. Bates, SisterBruster and Bro. R. Champion.

Move and second to accept church into the association and seat the delegates.

The Church was given right hand of fellowship.

Move and second to elect officers for this setting of the association.

Bro. Ira Lee Hanks, Moderator.

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

Bro. R. W. Ritch, Clerk.

Moved and second to an assistant clerk for the association. Sister Ruby Elmore was elected.

Appointing of committees.

Devotional Committee.....Bro. Yarbrough, Bro. Key, Bro. Terry, Bro. Williams and Bro. Henry.

Business Committee.....Bro. Elmore, Chairman; Bro. Allen, Bro. Ford, Bro. Torrence and Bro. Endfinger.

Devotional Committee reported that Bro. James Elmore was to bring the morning message.

The body was dismissed for ten minutes by Bro. Ford.

We assembled back with Bro. Ritch leading songs No. 179 and 140. Bro. Isbell led us in prayer. Bro. Elmore brought the morning message from Nehemiah 4th Chapter and the 6th verse. "Let us join the wall together." The message was enjoyed by all.

We were dismissed for lunch by Bro. Key.

FRIDAY EVENING

After a wonderful lunch which was enjoyed by all, we assembled back with Bro. Ledlow singing No. 14. Bro. Hanks read from the 23rd Psalms. We were led in prayer by Bro. Fields.

Ordaining Council.....Bro. Isbell, Chairman; Bro. Morris, Bro. Burrell, Bro. Horn and Bro. Barker.

Deceased Committee.....Sis. Endfinger, Sis. Dawson, Sis. Brooks, Sis. Key and Sis. Dobson.

Executive Committee.....Bro. Finch replaces Bro. Snelling.

Auditing Committee.....Bro. Patterson, Sis. Tyler, Bro. Fate Gossett, Bro. Kelly and Bro. Poe.

Temperance Committee.....Sis. Bruster, Sis. Rice, Bro. Howell, Sis. Tidwell and Sis. Evans.

Standing of Ministers.....Sis. Elmore, Sis. Poe, Sis. Fields, Sis. Patterson and Bro. Langford.

Bro. Hanks made his report concerning the camp ground fund for 1955.

Brought forward from 1954.....	\$200.00
Doris Hanks.....	60.00
Bro. Snelling.....	10.00
Lee Hanks.....	25.00
Community Church.....	10.00
Bro. Gunter.....	25.00
East Thomas Church.....	25.00
Bro. LeCroy.....	10.00
Vernon Evans.....	10.00
Bro. Goodwin.....	10.00
Shiloh Church.....	25.00
Sister Presslege.....	10.00
Bro. R. W. Williams.....	10.00
Sister Burrell.....	5.00
Fairview Church.....	25.00
Bro. Layton.....	25.00
Interest on money.....	5.68
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	\$490.68
Offering from association.....	20.00
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TOTAL.....	\$511.00

Respectfully submitted by,
LEE HANKS, Treasurer

At this time we had a testimony service with many taking part.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

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

1. That Bro. James T. Baker be turned over to the ordaining council and if found worthy be licensed to preach for one year.
2. We recommend that Bro. Kelly be granted a life time certificate.
3. We recommend that the association accept Bro. Arcie Brown's ordination papers.

We had singing and testifying while the committees were out, which was enjoyed by all.

Ordaining Council partial report—move and second to accept report and dispose of same.

We your ordaining council have examined Bro. Baker and found him worthy to be licensed for one year. Bro. M. C. Isbell, Bro. Burrell, Bro. Horn, Bro. Barker and Bro. Morris.

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

1. We recommend that this body grant the clerk permission to order 24 treaties to have on hand at the association to sell at cost.
2. We recommend that deacons be listed under the church to which they belong.
3. We recommend that we carry our Ministers who have a certificate for life, be carried on an honor roll.

Auditing Committee's partial report—move and second to accept report and dispose of same.

We your auditing committee would like to report we find the Secretary's and Treasurer's books neat and correct and commend him for his faithful service. Fate Gossett, Chairman; Harvel Patterson, T. J. Kelly, John L. Poe and Sis. Tyler.

We received an oral report from Bro. Morris on the home missions.

Deceased Committee report—We the Deceased Committee find two deaths reported and we extend great sympathy to the bereaved loved ones. But we know that our loss is Heaven's gain.

East Thomas....Sis. Mildred Ingram.

Pleasant Hill....Sis. Clement.

Temperance Committee's report.—We your Temperance Committee believe in standing firm on the word of God, loving our neighbor as ourselves, being temperate in all things and keeping ourselves unspotted from the world. Signed—Sis. Thelma Brewster, Sis. Rice, Sis. Tidwell, Sis. C. K. Evans, and Bro. Howell.

Bro. Ledlow made a motion that we adjourn for the afternoon. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Ledlow.

FRIDAY NIGHT

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

We met at 7:00 had some good songs. We met at the altar and had a good altar of prayer. Bro. Allen was asked to take charge in the absence of Bro. Martin. Moved and second to elect Moderator. Bro. Ledlow and Bro. Ritch was nominated. Bro. Ledlow was elected. The minutes of the last conference was read and adopted. Bro. Elmore was elected as clerk. A song was sung to give the new ministers and deacons a chance to join the conference. The ministers were Bro. Horn, Bro. Finch, Bro. Ford and Bro. Fields. The deacon was Bro. Key. Bro. Morris made a motion that the moderator appoint a committee to draw up rules for our ministers' conference and licensed ministers. Bro. Hanks, Bro. Allen, Bro. Drummonds, Bro. Finch and Bro. Ritch. Move and second to remove Bro. Cochran from the ministers' roll. Bro. Ledlow was given power to appoint two preachers to preach at the next conference. Bro. Finch was appointed to speak on the Holy Scriptures. Bro. Hanks is to speak on the "Being and Attributes of God." The messages were brought by Bro. Ledlow and Bro. Elmore and was enjoyed by all.

Dismissed by prayer.

MINISTERS ROLL

Honor Roll

Rev. J. F. Williams, Rt. 8, Box 640, Birmingham, Alabama.
 Rev. C. R. Allen, Rt. 4, Box 462, Birmingham, Alabama.
 Rev. T. J. Kelly, Rt. 1, Harpersville, Alabama.

Rev. Ira L. Hanks, Rt. 15, Box 1142, Birmingham, Alabama.
 Rev. E. O. Morris, Box 208, Desota Manor, Bynum, Alabama.
 Rev. Jessie E. Drummonds, 3327 - 9th Avenue, Oak Ridge, Alabama.
 Rev. Dee Hollis, Rt. 1, Pell City, Alabama.
 Rev. Donnie Layton, Rt. 7, Box 585 H, Birmingham, Alabama.
 Rev. M. C. Isbell, 2225 - 3rd Avenue, North, Leeds, Alabama.
 Rev. Odra Davis, Rt. 11, Box 312, Birmingham 10, Alabama.
 Rev. Dewey Isbell, Box 235, Leeds, Alabama.
 Rev. W. A. Fields, Rt. 2, Box 468, Gardendale, Alabama.
 Rev. Abraham Samples, Rt. 5, Box 457, Birmingham, Alabama.
 Rev. Ray W. Ritch, 724 - 12th Avenue, West, Birmingham 4, Alabama.
 Rev. J. A. Barrones, Rt. 5, Box 218 F, Anniston, Alabama.
 Rev. E. B. Ledlow, 804 West, Pine Street, Sylacauga, Alabama.
 Rev. C. D. Burrell, Box 611, Oakman, Alabama.
 Rev. Dalton Ford, Rt. 1, Pell City, Alabama.
 Rev. James A. Elmore, 5100 - 13th Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama.
 Rev. L. H. Horn, 214 East, Battle Street, Taladega, Alabama.
 Rev. Chester L. Finch, Rt. 1, Pell City, Alabama.
 Rev. Charles R. Simmons, Rt. 4, Box 456, Birmingham, Alabama.

DEACONS ROLL

Fairview

Bro. W. M. Hennegar
 Bro. Robert Williams
 Bro. Roy Simmons
 Bro. Alvin Hennegar
 Bro. Richard Torrance
 Bro. Robert Spurling

Community

Bro. Leroy Pardue
 Bro. Curtis Trussell

Brecon

Bro. Bennie Davis
 Bro. Otis Blackwood
 Bro. Earnest Varderman

East Thomas

Bro. C. K. Evans
 Bro. T. V. Evans
 Bro. Dillard Key
 Bro. F. S. Higdon

Riverview

Bro. Henry Endfinger

Mt. Zion

Bro. Fate Gossett
 Bro. Grady Hollis
 Bro. Homer Howell

Meadows Chapel

Bro. Irkle Gunter
 Bro. Alfred Dutton
 Bro. Charlie Franklin

Unity

Bro. James Brown
 Bro. Durward Garrett
 Bro. Walter Gentry
 Bro. Gaines Henry
 Bro. Freelan Scoggins
 Bro. John H. Williams

Alton

Bro. A. H. Barnett
 Bro. Claude E. LeCroy

Jefferson Park

Bro. John L. Poe
 Bro. Marvin Isbell
 Bro. Ellis Dodson
 Bro. B. J. Jarell

Shilo

Bro. Lawrence Hogan
 Bro. Albert Goodwin
 Bro. Luther Layton
 Bro. Rufus Franklin

Liberty

Bro. Virgel Foster
 Bro. Taylor Terry

SATURDAY NIGHT

We assembled at 9:15, singing songs led by Bro. Drummonds. Bro. Ledlow led our morning prayer with many taking part. Bro. Ritch spoke for a few minutes using Matt. 27:22 for scripture reading.

Moderator then declared the body ready for business. Bro. Hanks, Bro. Ledlow and Bro. Drummonds led the singing.

Bro. Odra Davis was appointed to the ordaining council in place of Bro. Barker.

Bro. LeCroy was placed on the standing of ministers in place of Bro. Langford.

Bro. urtis Trussell, Bro. William Hawton and Sis. LeCroy was placed on the auditing committee.

Bro. LeCroy and Sis. Gamel was placed on the standing of ministers.

Bro. Ledlow led a few songs and directed the testimony service.

Devotional committee partial report—Bro. Jessie Drummonds to bring the 11:00 message.

Bro. Davis dismissed us for a short recess.

We assembled for the 11:00 message with Bro. Finch leading the singing. Bro. Drummonds brought a good message from John 3:1, "Ye must be born of the Spirit." Dismissed for lunch in prayer.

SATURDAY EVENING

We assembled at 1:00 with Bro. Hanks leading the singing. Bro. Isbell led in prayer.

Bro. Hanks made a short talk about the camp ground. We took an offering of \$20.32 for the camp ground.

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

1. We recommend that Bro. Fields be turned over to the ordaining council and if found worthy be ordained to preach the gospel.

2. We recommend that Bro. Donnie Layton's license be renewed for one year.

NAME	ADDRESS	No. Churches Pastored	No. Sermons Preached	No. Funerals Conducted	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	3327 - 9th Ave. Oak Ridge, Ala.	1	72		1			1		\$ 180.00	
Rev. Dee Hollis	Route 1 Pell City, Ala.		20	1		1		1			
Rev. Donnie Layton	Route 7, Box 585H Birmingham, Ala.		50						20		
Rev. M. C. Isbell	2225 - 3rd Ave., No. Leeds, Ala.	1	105		3			42	50		\$ 90.00
Rev. Odra Davis	Route 11, Box 312 Birmingham 10, Ala	1	115	1	3		850	42	75	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00
Rev. Dewey Isbell	Box 235 Leeds, Ala.	1		1	4				25	\$ 200.00	\$300.00
Rev. W. A. Fields	Route 2, Box 468 Gardendale, Ala.		25		1		1500				
Rev. Abraham Samples	Route 5, Box 457 Birmingham 6, Ala.		25		3				20		\$100.00
Rev. R. W. Ritch	724 - 12th Ave., West Birmingham, Ala.	1	95		3			6	175	\$1,040.00	
Rev. C. R. Allen	Route 4, Box 462 Birmingham, Ala.		65								
Rev. J. A. Barrones	Route 5, Box 21 F Anniston, Ala.	1	82	1	2	1		10		\$ 640.00	
Rev. E. B. Ledlow	804 West Pine Sylacauga, Ala.	1	128	2	1	2	400			\$1,568.00	
Rev. C. D. Burrell	Box 611 Oakman, Ala.	1	79	4	4			10	39	\$ 806.03	
Rev. Dalton Ford	Route 1 Pell City, Ala.	2	145	1	1	1	2500		15	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00
Rev. James A. Elmore	5100 - 13th Ave. Birmingham, Ala	1	79	1	1					\$ 586.00	
Rev. L. H. Horn	214 East, Battle Talladega, Ala.	1	135	1	4		2350	7			\$ 75.00
Rev. Chester L. Finch	Route 1 Pell City, Ala.		47	1	2	1	2471		136	\$ 125.00	\$182.97
Rev. Charles R. Simmons	Route 4, Box 456 Birmingham, Ala.		70	1	3			4	50		\$ 60.00
Rev. Ira L. Hanks	Route 15, Box 1142 Birmingham, Ala.	1	77	4	3			6		\$ 221.20	
Rev. E. O. Morris	Box 208, Desota Manor Bymun, Ala.		40	1	1	1	2000			\$ 26.00	\$ 50.00

3. We recommend that all deacons be given a certificate of standing as requested by their churches.

4. We recommend that the body give the Moderator the power to appoint three men to investigate the conduct of Bro. Joseph Spradley, Pell City.
Bro. Drummonds, Chairman; Bro. Morris and Bro. M. C. Isbell.

5. We recommend that Bro. George W. Cochran's future unofficial ministerial work be revoked as he has no license and that our churches accept this action and be governed accordingly, and that Sis. Gamel turn his license over to the clerk of the association.

6. We find that J. W. Hollis has left the Free Will Baptist and has turned his ordination papers over for this body to accept.

7. We recommend that the body give the Moderator power to appoint a field evangelist, and give him power to call any five ministers and deacons to assist him in organizing new churches. Bro. Ritch appointed.

8. We recommend that item 16 of our rules of Decorum be changed to read, "We recommend that all preachers and churches coming from other associations or denominations be examined by a committee before being received into the body."

9. We recommend that the body vote to go either to Liberty or Meadows Chapel at the next sitting. The next sitting will convene at Meadows Chapel.

The business committee was dismissed.

Bro. Chester O'Donald spoke for a few minutes concerning the home missions for the state.

We received a report from the Ladies Auxiliary with two churches reporting.

FAIRVIEW

Number of members.....	10
Amount of money received.....	\$864.94
Amount spent.....	854.78
Balance in treasury.....	\$ 10.16
Gave to people in need.....	\$738.25
Spent for fruit baskets.....	36.59
Spent for flowers.....	41.90
Spent for miscellaneous.....	38.04
Total	\$854.78
Sick calls.....	674
Hospital calls.....	296
Trays carried.....	26
Personal flower pots.....	11
Fruit baskets carried.....	39
Personal charity.....	\$273.77

SIS. MARGARET SHAW, Secretary and Treasurer

UNITY

Number on roll.....	\$ 14
Brought forward.....	\$ 26.65
Taken in.....	532.63
Total	\$559.28
Spent	530.63
Balance in treasury.....	\$ 28.65
Sick calls.....	807
Hospital calls.....	334
Given on flowers.....	\$ 6.75
Personal flowers.....	22
Charity	96.35
Trays	73

SIS. COOPER, President

SIS. EMMA BROWN, Secretary and Treasurer

Ordaining Council report:

We your ordaining council have examined Bro. Fields and found him worthy to be ordained to preach the gospel. Bro. Isbell, Chairman; Bro. Burrell, Bro. Davis, Bro. Morris and Bro. Horn.

Move and second to turn Bro. Fields over to the ordaining council to be ordained. We had a song and everyone shook hands with Bro. and Sis. Fields.

Standing of ministers report—We recommend that all minister who gave a report be given a certificate of standing. Move and second that the ministers receive their certificates and the committee be dismissed.

Auditing committee report—We would like to report that we find the books of our secretary and treasurer of the camp ground correct and neat and commend him for his faithful service. Committee dismissed.

Bro. Patterson, Bro. Donnie Layton, Sis. Gamel and Sis. Isbell were appointed as delegates to the state association.

Devotion committee report—Bro. Ford is to bring the night message. Move and second to receive report and dismiss the committee.

Bro. Drummonds made a motion to adjourn until tonight. Dismissed in prayer.

SATURDAY NIGHT

The night service began with singing of good songs. A wonderful message was brought by Bro. Ford which was enjoyed by all.

Communion service was held with feet washing following. Most everyone took part. Dismissed in prayer.

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 upon by the body, and shall prepare the minutes for publication.
6. Each church is entitled to three delegates.
 - . 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 the 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 present.
14. This decorum may be altered, amended or abridged if any session of the association by a majority of the members present.
15. The minister that receives the most votes shall be elected Moderator, and the next highest, Assistant Moderator.
16. We recommend that all preachers and churches coming from other associations or denominations be examined by a committee before being received into the body.
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. 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 one 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.
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 effected 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 of one 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 dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death. 2 Cor. 7:10; Prov. 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. PERSERVERANCE—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; Jeter 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; Mark 16:15; or. 4:5, St. John 13:14.

14. THE HRISTIAN 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 communication 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 sinfull 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 worke 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 hristian 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 th 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	M'bers Baptized	M'bers Dismissed	M'bers Rec'd	S. School	Ministers	No. Members	Publication	Value Of Church Property
Unity	Linda Rae Nelson	Rev. E. B. Ledlow 801 Pine St., Sylacauga	121.22	1,568.00	120.00	1,112.09	19.56		5	2	73	2	96	13.75	20,000.00
East Thomas	Mrs. L. L. Gamel 2203 - 7th Street W. Birmingham 4, Ala.	Rev. A. R. Barker 822 Pearson Ave. Birmingham, Ala.		1,040.00	200.00	150.55	6.06	3	1	7	6	24	6	115	11,000.00
Pleasant Hill	Lee M. Brown Route 1 Jasper	Rev. Curtiss Williams Route 1, Jasper, Ala.		33.00	14.26	223.00		6	1	7	65	6	91		2,000.00
Liberty	Delphia Langford	Rev. A. R. Barker 822 Pearson Ave. Birmingham, Ala.	35.90	6.56		1,179.00		2			35	2	78		
Shilo	Helen Yarbrough Rt. 9, Box 345 Birmingham, Ala.	Rev. Lee Hanks Rt. 15, Box 1142 Birmingham 8, Ala		240.42	50.73	337.50		4		2	6	48	1	24	
Jefferson Park	Maudie Dodson	Rev. M. C. Isbell 2235 - 3rd Ave., N. Leeds, Ala.	20.00	27.00	71.79	495.56		4		21	18	48	4	45	850.00
Alton	Claude E. LeCroy	Rev. J. E. Drummonds Oak Ridge, Ala.	134.20	892.00	30.00	21.40			9		35	2	10	15.00	3,000.00
Meadows Chapel	Janette Franklin	Rev. L. B. Hallmark Gardendale, Ala		302.97	32.82	331.00	29.50		2	5	40	6	50	14.04	4,000.00
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Fate Gossett Eden, Ala.		586.97	435.50	120.37	98.00					40	3	61		5,000.00
Riverview	Dessie Endfinger	Rev. O'Neal Morris Bynum, Ala.		180.00	12.00	243.00		1		1	20	3	12		
Brecon	Floyd E. Hughston	Rev. L. H. Horn 214 - E. Battle, St. Talladega, Ala.				1,013.36		1		4	1	30	1	25	
Community	Marsha Horn	Rev. J. A. Elmore 5100-13th Ave., N., B'ham		586.00	18.67		3.50			1	45	4	54		1,350.00
Fairview	Alene Smith	Rev. J. A. Barrones Rt. 5, Box 218 F Anniston, Ala.	163.50	640.00	20.00	606.94	29.05	10		17	85	2	75		