

**THE
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT
ASSOCIATION**

OF

**FREE WILL BAPTIST
1958**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
TWENTY ANNUAL SESSION**

**HELD WITH
BELVIEW CHURCH
LEEDS, ALABAMA**

August 28, 29 and 30, 1958

MINUTES
OF THE
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT
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OFFICERS

Moderator Rev. C. L. Finch, 2128 4th Ave. N., Leeds, Ala.
Assistant Moderator Rev. I. L. Hanks, Rt. 15, Box 1142, B'ham, Ala.
Clerk Rev. R. W. Ritch, 724 12th Ave. W., B'ham, Ala.
Assistant Clerk Mrs. L. L. Gamel, 2203 7th St. W., B'ham, Ala.

The next sitting of this association will be held with the Pleasant Hill Church, Sipsey, Alabama, on Thursday night before the first Monday in September, 1959.

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 the 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 twenty sitting of the Birmingham District Association of Freewill Baptists when convened with the Belview Church at Leeds, Alabama August 28, 29 and 30, 1958.

Service began with the singing of several good songs. Bro. O. A. Davis led in an alter of prayer with many Christians taking part. Bro. Finch led another song and following the song Bro. Richard Torrance led the testimony service with many Christians taking part. Bro. Abney brought the message using Titus 2:11 as his scripture reading. The message was enjoyed by all. Bro. Earnest Minor dismissed us in prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING

We convened at 9:00 in the morning with Bro. Finch leading "The Nail Scared Hand". Bro. Finch then led "We'll Work". Bro. Hanks led in an alter of prayer with many Christians taking part. Bro. Finch took charge and welcomed everyone to the association. Bro. Finch read from Hebrews 13:13 for his scripture reading. The body was declared ready for business at this time. Reading Committee _____ Bro. Elmore and Sis. Whitten

Call for letters from the churches and the following reported.

Mt. Zion _____ Sisters Grey, Haynes and Barber
Pleasant Hill _____ Bro. Partain, Sis. Williams and Sis. Aaron
Community _____ Sis. Pardue, Sis. Morrell and Sis. Drummonds
Riverview _____ Sis. Endfinger, Sis. Catherine Patterson, Sis. Henry Patterson
Alton _____ Bro. and Sis. W. A. Bailey and Sis. Henderson, Bro. J. A. Cox
Liberty _____ Sis. Alice Whitten and Sis. Lois Keeton
Fairview _____ Bro. E. W. Northcutt, Sis. Evelyn Hennegar and Bro. Wayne Smith
Belview _____ Bro. Charles Keith, Bro. Norman Harris, Sis. Ann Richardson, and Sis. Annette Jones

Meadows Chapel _____ Sis. Lillie Dutton, Sis. Ruby Gunter and Sis. Mae Doss

Move and second to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Move and second to seat the delegates from East Thomas pending the arrival of their letter.

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

Bro. C. L. Finch, Moderator
Bro. I. L. Hanks, Assistant Moderator
Bro. R. W. Ritch, Clerk
Sis. L. L. Gamel, Assistant Clerk

Appointing of the committees.

Devotional Committee _____ Sis. Haynes, Sis. Keeton and Sis. Nina Williams
Executive Committee _____ Bro. W. A. Fields 1959; Bro. C. L. Finch 1960;
Bro. J. A. Elmore 1961; Bro. I. L. Hanks 1962;
Bro. E. M. McDaniel 1963.

Ordaining Committee _____ Bro. Elmore, Chairman; Bro. Richard Stewart, Bro. Dutton, Bro. Keeton, and Bro. Latta.
Business Committee _____ Bro. Allen Chairman, Bro. Spruiel, Bro. Abney, Bro. Barker, and Bro. Gunter
Deceased Committee _____ Sis. Edwards, Sis. Barber and Sis. Elmore
Standing of Ministers _____ Sis. Leathers, Sis. Grey and Bro. Harris
Temperance Committee _____ Sis. Dutton, Sis. Aaron, and Sis. Henderson
Auditing Committee _____ Bro. Haynes, Bro. Northcutt and Sis. Banks

Report of the Devotional Committee — Bro. Barker to bring the morning message and Bro. Hanks to bring the Communion message.

We were dismissed for a short recess at this time. We convened back with Bro. Ritch leading two songs. Bro. Barker brought a wonderful message using Psalms 37:1-25 as his scripture reading. The message was enjoyed by all. Bro. Finch made a talk concerning the work of the board of peers appointed to visit the churches. Bro. Chester O'Donnell dismissed us in prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After a wonderful lunch which was enjoyed by all we convened back with Bro. Abney leading "When I See The Blood".

Partial report of the Business Committee.

Move and second to accept report and dispose of same item by item.

1. We your business committee recommend that there be a committee appointed to visit Mt. Zion church concerning the election of their pastor. The board of peers was appointed.

2. We recommend that all applications and questionnaires for license to preach and all request for ordinations first be turned into the business committee.

3. We recommend that all deacons and preachers attend or represent by letter before receiving a Certificate of standing. And that this item be strictly enforced.

4. We recommend that the next association convene with Pleasant Hill Church.

5. We recommend that all preachers that reach the age of sixty be given a lifetime certificate of standing.

While the business committee was out Bro. Finch led "Glory to His Name". Bro. Chester O'Donnell spoke for a few minutes about our state work. We had a short recess at this time. We convened back with Bro. Abney leading "Standing on the Promises". Bro. Abney sang a special "Come and Dine". Highpoint church reported at this time. Move and second to receive the letter and seat the delegates.

Sis. Davis, Sis. Jean Leathers and Sis. Turney.

Partial report of the business committee.

1. We recommend that a promoter for the youth camp be appointed to visit the churches of this association to promote the youth camp. To also visit the other associations and quarterly conferences and acquaint them with our youth camp. To also rally the people in this work. Bro. Ritch was appointed.

Report of camp ground committee.

Balance on hand	\$ 650.00
Paid in to 3-29-58	390.96
Total	1040.96
Paid on Camp Ground	1000.00
Balance on hand 3-29-58	40.96
Donations	141.60
Total	\$ 182.56

Report of Executive Committee.

The Executive committee, with the camp ground committee met with Bro. Green on Jan. 25th at Leeds to discuss buying 140 acres of ground for the camp ground. We went to the site of the ground and after looking it over agreed to purchase the ground for \$3,000.00. We are to pay \$2,000.00 and let Bro. Green have the timber for \$1,000.00 with us having to redeem the timber at the same price. The Executive committee, with the camp ground committee met in Leeds on Feb. 22, 1958 to discuss the making of the deeds and arrange to complete the purchase of the camp ground. Having \$1,000.00 in the camp ground fund Bro. Hanks agreed to borrow the other thousand with him holding the deeds. We have twenty months in which to pay the money back. Interest on the money will be \$105.00.

The Executive committee met June 28, 1958 at Riverview and voted to incorporate the Birmingham District Association to read on all official papers, The Birmingham District Association of Free Will Baptist Incorporated.

The Executive committee met June 28, 1958 at Riverview and voted to turn the deeds back to the Alton Free Will Baptist Church.

The Executive committee met July 3, 1958 at Leeds and appointed Bro. R. W. Ritch as Trustee for the Birmingham District Association to replace Bro. E. D. Ledlow. With Bro. W. A. Fields as 1st alternate and Bro. E. M. McDaniel as 2nd alternate. The Trustees to serve for five years.

Report of the Deceased Committee—WE, the Deceased committee find the following have passed away during the passed year.

Mt. Zion, Bro. Elbert Harris; Belview, Sis. Andy Lee; Sis. Jim Finch, Sis. Potman. Pleasant Hil, Sis. Lula Rice, Bro. William South. We extend our greatest sympathy to the families of these beloved ones. But we know that our loss is Heaven's gain. Bro. Barker dismissed us in prayer.

FRIDAY NIGHT

We convened at seven p.m. with Sis. Harris leading a couple of good songs. Bro. Willis led in an alter of prayer with many Christians taking part. Bro. Finch made a talk about the sickness in Bro. K. V. Shutes family. Bro. Barker asked the blessing on the loved offering we received for Bro. Shutes. An offering of \$110.56 was received. Bro. and Sis. Harris led "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus". Bro. Finch turned the service over to the Ministers and Deacons Conference.

Bro. Abney took charge of the conference and gave a welcome address. Bro. Abney led a song. The minutes of the last conference were read and adopted. Bro. Earnest Miner led No. 99 and an invitation for new members

was extended. Rev. G. C. Willis, Bro. Ed Smith, Bro. E. M. McDaniel, and Bro. Haynes. By a proper move and second all four were voted into the conference.

Election of officers.

Bro. J. A. Thomas, Moderator

Bro. Wayne Spruiell, Assistant Moderator

Bro. R. W. Ritch, Clerk

Bro. Finch made a talk concerning the work of the board of peers appointed at the last Quarterly Meeting.

Bro. O. A. Davis was appointed to bring the message at the next conference. His text to be Brotherly Love.

Bro. Elmore brought a wonderful message using I Tim. 3:1 and Titus 1:4-8 as his scripture reading. The message was enjoyed by all. Bro. Miner led a song at this time.

Bro. Hanks brought a wonderful message on Communion and Feet washing using the 13h chapter of John as his scripture reading. Bro. Finch took charge of the Communion and Feet washing with many Christians taking part. Bro. Ritch led "When We All Get to Heaven". Bro. Burrell dismissed us in prayer.

RULES OF THE CONFERENCE

1. That this be known as the Ministers and Deacons Conference of the Birmingham District Association.

2. That all Ministers coming from other associations bring a letter of recommendation from his association along with his certificate of standing.

3. That all ministers coming from other denominations be investigated before being accepted into our conference. That they also preach for one year under the watchcare of the church.

4. That a questionnaire be drawn up for all Ministers and Deacons wishing to be licensed or ordained fill it out.

5. That all Ministers and Deacons coming to be licensed or ordained fill out a questionnaire before being accepted.

OUTLINE FOR THE MODERATOR

1. Singing of four or five good songs.

2. Prayer

3. Moderator turns the meeting over to the Ministers and Deacons conference.

4. Reading of the minutes of the last conference.

5. Invitation for new members.

6. Elections of officers.

7. Old business

8. New business

9. Appointing of ministers to bring the message and his subject.

10. Hearing the message.

11. Lord's Supper and Feet Washing

12. Adjourn.

MINISTERS ROLL

Honor Roll

Rev. J. F. Williams, Rt. , Box 640, Birmingham, Alabama
 Rev. C. R. Allen, 1019 Cahaba, Birmingham, Alabama
 Rev. V. B. Abney, Pell City, Alabama.
 Rev. I. L. Hanks, Rt. 15, Box 1142, Birmingham, Alabama
 Rev. C. B. Snelling, 1616 Oxmoor Road, Birmingham, Alabama.
 Rev. Henry Doss,

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Rev. E. O. Morris, Rt. 1, Talladega, Alabama.
 Rev. Harvel Patterson, Rt. 6, Talladega, Alabama
 Rev. Jessie Drummonds, 3327 9th Ave. No., Pell City, Alabama
 Rev. Dee Hollis, Rt. 1, Box 98D, Pell City, Alabama
 Rev. Donnie Layton, Rt. 7 Box 585H, Birmingham, Alabama.
 Rev. M. C. Isbell, 2225 3rd Ave. No., Leeds, Alabama.
 Rev. Odra Davis, Rt. 11 Box 312, Birmingham 10, Alabama.
 Rev. W. A. Fields, R. 2, Box 468, Gardendale, Alabama.
 Rev. Abraham Samples, Rt. 5, Box 457, Birmingham, Alabama.
 Rev. R. W. Ritch, 724 12th Ave. W., Birmingham 4, Alabama.
 Rev. C. D. Burrell, Box 611, Oakman, Alabama.
 Rev. J. A. Elmore, 4304 10th Ave. No., Birmingham, Alabama.
 Rev. C. L. Finch, 2128 4th Ave. No., Leeds, Alabama.
 Rev. L. B. Hallmark, Rt. 2 Box 438, Gardendale, Alabama.
 Rev. J. T. Baker, Rt. 1, Lawley, Alabama.
 Rev. A. R. Barker, 822 Princeton Ave., Birmingham, Alabama.
 Rev. Lamar Smith, 808 Ledbetter, Anniston, Alabama.
 Rev. J. A. Thomas, Leeds, Alabama.
 Rev. C. W. Haynes, 7208 1st Ave. No., Birmingham, Alabama.
 Rev. Gene Dawson, P. O. Box 123, Vincent, Alabama.
 Rev. A. L. Venable, Rt. 2 Box 134, Trussville, Alabama.
 Rev. Wayne Spruiell, Rt. 2 Box 52, Leeds, Alabama.

DEACONS ROLL

Fairview

Bro. Edward Smith
 Bro. Alvin Hennegar
 Bro. R. W. Williams
 Bro. Bill Howton
 Bro. Buddy Harmon
 Bro. Echols Presely

Jefferson Park

Bro. Shelly Bragg
 Bro. Melvin Brown

Community

Bro. Leroy Pardue
 Bro. Junior Gibson

Riverview

Bro. Henry Endfinger
 Bro. Bennie Davis
 Bro. Henry Patterson

Alton

Bro. E. M. McDaniel
 Bro. A. H. Barnett

East Thomas

Bro. T. V. Evans
 Bro. F. S. Higdon
 Bro. J. D. Shackelford
 Bro. L. E. Layton
 Bro. Dillard Key

Meadows Chapel

Bro. Alfred Dutton
 Bro. Irkle Gunter

Liberty

Bro. Virgil Foster
 Bro. Buddy Terry
 Bro. J. U. Keeton

Mt. Zion

Bro. Homer Howel
 Bro. Grady Hollis
 Bro. Haynes

Belview

Bro. Richard Stewart
 Bro. Mardis Miner

SATURDAY MORNING

We convened at 9 with Bro. Abney leading the singing. Bro. Finch led a song. Bro. Barker led in a altar prayer with many Chrisitans taking part. Bro. Finch welcomed everyone to the morning session.

Bro. Barber and Bro. Davenport were seated as corresponding delegates.

East Thomas and Jefferson Park reported at this time. Move and second to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

East Thomas _____ Sis. Elmore, Sis. Layon and Sis. C. K. Evans
 Jefferson Park _____ Sis. Nora Isbell, Sis. Bety Isbell, Sis. Brown ond Sis. Ingram

Bro. E. M. McDaniel is to replace Bro. Ritch on the Executive committee to come off in 1963.

Sunday School _____ Bro. Torrance, Sis. Dill and Sis. Hennegar

We had a short recess at this time We convened back with Bro. and Sis. Martin singing a special. The Devotional committee appointed Bro. D. H. Davenport to bring the morning mesage. Bro. Barber spoke for a few minutes. Bro. Hanks spoke for a few minutes about the camp ground.

Partial report of the Business Committee.

1. We recommend that the moderaor appoint an alternate on the Executive Committee to serve for one year. Bro. Ritch appointed.

2. By the request of Bro. Fields, our field worker, we recommend that the fund for the field worker be turned over to the camp gound fund.

3. We recommend that all delegates be used if possible, if it takes as many as seven on each committee.

Report of the Tempernce Committee—We your Temperance committee believe in abstaining from all appearance of evil, keeping ourselves unspotted from the world and loving our neighbors as our self.

Report of Auditing Committee—We your auditing committe have examined the clerk's books and find the same in order and correct.

Report of Sunday School Committee—We the Sunday School committee recommend that we use God called teachers to teach our children. We also recommend that the church call conference to elect the Sunday School teachers. We think that parents ought to bring their children to Sunday School.

Bro. Miner led in the singing of several good songs. We received an offering of \$75.15 for the camp ground. Bro. Davenport brought a wonderful mesage using Gen. 4:13 as his scripture reading. The message was enjoyed by all Bro. Martin dismissed us in prayer.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After a wonderful lunch which was enjoyed by all we convened back with Bro. Finch reading from Ecclesiastes 4th chapter. Bro. Abney led in the singing.

Report of the Business Committee—

1. We your business committee recommend that Bro. A. L. Venable be turned over to the ordaining council and if found worthy be ordained to preach the gospel.

2. We wish to express our sincere thanks to the Belview church for the wonderful food and hospitality afforded us during the association. The body gave a rising vote of thanks.

Report of the Standing of Ministers—We your standing of ministers com-

NAME	ADDRESS	No. Churches Pastored	No. Funerals Conducted	No. Baptized	No. Revivals Assisted In	No. Marriages Performed	No. Members Received	No. Sick Calls	No. Miles Traveled	Amount Of Offering Received	Expense Of Ministerial Work
Rev. O. A. Davis	Rt. 11, Box 312, Birmingham 10, Ala.	1	2	9	1	1	10	92		8.75	300.00
Rev. M. C. Isbell	2225 3rd Ave. No., Leeds, Ala.	1		10	6	1	29	50			
Rev. C. D. Burrell	Box 611, Oakman, Ala.	Radio	1					57		260.97	253.00
Rev. C. W. Haynes	7208 1st Ave. No., Birmingham, Ala.		1	11	2	3		75	15,000	43.75	105.00
Rev. A. R. Barker	822 Princeton Ave., Birmingham, Ala.	1	3	4		3	24			1260.00	
Rev. W. A. Fields	Rt. 2, Box 463, Gardendale, Ala.		1								
Rev. A. L. Venable	Rt. 2, Box 134, Trussville, Ala.							150	15,000		340.00
Rev. J. A. Thomas	Rt. 2, Trussville, Ala.			9				10	50		340.00
Rev. Curtis Williams	R. 1, Jasper, Ala.	2	7		2		5			450.00	
Rev. Wayne Spruiell	Leeds, Alabama				5			300	20,000	300.00	
Rev. Lamar Smith	808 Ledbetter, Anniston, Ala.	1	4	22	3		23	200			
Rev. G. C. Willis	Pell City, Ala.	1	5	2	2		12	60	250	264.46	250.00
Rev. C. B. Snellings	1616 Oxmoor Rd., Birmingham, Ala.	28						8			
Rev. G. H. Latta	Rt. 1, Leeds, Ala.			10	1			450	1,000	14.00	175.00
Rev. C. L. Finch	2128 4th Ave. No., Leeds, Ala.	1	3	10	1	2	12	682	14,000	1,200.00	1,486.00
Rev. J. E. Drummonds	3327 9th Ave. No., Pell City, Ala.	1	2	2	3	1	3	14		91.00	
Rev. R. W. Ritch	724 12th Ave. W., Birmingham 4, Ala.			4		1		250	5,500	11.40	
Rev. I. L. Hanks	Rt. 15, Box 1132, Birmingham, Ala.	1	7	4	3	1	6			908.90	
Rev. H. Patterson	Rt. 6, Talladega, Ala.							25	100		
Rev. James Baker	Rt. 1, Lawley, Ala.	1	1					75	400	390.44	
Rev. J. O. Drummonds	310 21st No., Pell City, Ala.	1			2			665	20.00	80.00	
Rev. Joe Martin	Rt. 1, Jasper, Ala.	1	6	5	4	2	3	80		1,250.00	
Kathlene Martin	Rt. 1, Jasper, Ala.				1			75			
Ludie Banks	Rt. 1, Jasper, Ala.							40			

mitte as far as we know the ministers are in harmony with the Free Will Baptist doctrine, and all ministers that turned in a report be giving a certificate of standing.

We had a short recess at this time.

Report of the ordaining committee—We your ordaining committee find Bro. Venable worthy to be ordained.

Sis. Whitten led a song while everyone shook hands with Bro. and Sis. Venable. Bro. Finch delivered the charge to Bro. Venable.

Ladies Aux. gave a report at this time with Sis. Parker giving the report. Motion to adjourn. Bro. Thomas dismissed us 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 present chosen by the different churches and quarterly meetings.

3. The officers of the association shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant 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 to preside until reorganized 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 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 at 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 re-

ceived into the body.

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

18. We recommend that all deacons and ministers attend or represent by letter before receiving a certificate of standing. P. S. And that this item be strictly enforced.

19. We recommend that all ministers that reach the age of 60 be giving a lifetime certificate of standing.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. THE BIBLE — The Scriptures of the Old Testament 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 affected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith. I 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 domination 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. 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; Mark 16:15; or 4:5, St. John 13:14.

14. THE CHRISTIAN SABBETH — 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 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 on 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 work 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	T. Received	N. Dismissed	Sunday School	Ministers	No. Members	Publication	Value Of Church Property
Riverview	Mrs. D. Endfinger Rt. 5 Taladega, Ala.	Rev. J. E. Drummonds 3327 9th Ave. Pell City, Ala.		165.00	31.00	254.00		3		2	4	35	4	18		
Meadows Chapel	Mrs. J. Franklin Blossburg, Ala.	Rev. W. A. Fields Rt. 2, Box 468 Gardendale, Ala.	51.80	97.06							1	25	5	40	27.70	4,000.00
Mt. Zion	Mrs. L. Willis Pell City, Ala.	Rev. Gene Howard	31.25	264.46	50.00			2	1	3	10	35	4	48	35.00	5,000.00
Pleasant Hill	Shelly Jean White Rt. 1 Jasper, Ala.	Rev. Curtis Williams Rt. 1 Jasper, Ala.		450.00	40.00			2	2		5	40	5	80	16.00	
Com-munity	Mrs. E. Drummonds 310 - 21st St. No. Pell City, Ala.	Rev. J. O. Drummonds 310 - 21st St. No. Pell City, Ala.	170.00	31.00			15.00	3		6	3	45	2	26		1,350.00
Alton	Mrs. A. H. Barnett Box 306 Alton, Ala.	Rev. I. L. Hanks Rt. 15, Box 1142 Birmingham, Ala.	76.97	670.00	75.00	1,550.15	45.00	4			6	28	1	18	18.57	5,300.00
Highpoint	Martha Thomas Leeds, Ala.	Rev. O. A. Davis Rt. 11, Box 312 Birmingham, Ala.			5.25	734.25		9		4	10	45	4	36		
Jefferson Park	Virginia Isbell	Rev. M. C. Isbel 2225 3rd Ave. No. Leeds, Ala.			25.58	260.14		10			29	40	2	51		850.00
East Thomas	Mrs. L. D. Dill Rt. 15, Box 1135 Birmingham, Ala.	Rev. A. R. Barker 822 Princeton Birmingham, Ala.		980.00	221.13	1,816.98		5		1	24	50	8	172	99.27	14,000.00
Fairview	Alene Smith Rt. 3, Box 413 CI Anniston, Ala.	Rev. Lamar Smith 808 Ledbetter Anniston, Ala.	54.50	1,270.00	130.55	3,273.98		22		10	23	94	2	103		45,000.00
Liberty	Dorothy Foster Lawley, Ala.	Floyd Barber Pell City, Ala.	30.75	554.00	119.71	471.00		5		1	6	35	1	72	10.00	7,000.00
Belview	Francis Keith Leeds, Ala.	Rev. C. L. Finch 2128 4th Ave. No. Leeds, Ala.		1,200.00	155.00	126.98	40.10	10	3		12	50	5	64	50.00	
Total			244.27	5,810.52	884.22	8,467.48	100.10	75	6	27	133	522	43	758	256.54	83,500.00