

**THE
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT
ASSOCIATION, Inc.**

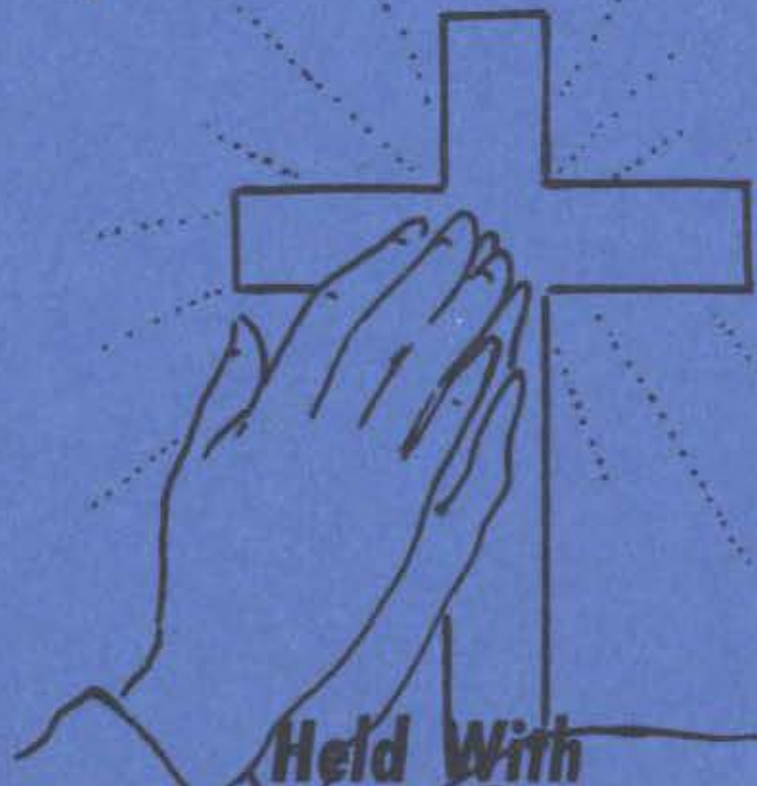
of

FREE WILL BAPTIST

1959

Proceedings of the

Twenty-first Annual Session



Held With

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH

SIPSEY, ALABAMA

September 3, 4, and 5, 1959

Minutes
of the
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OFFICERS

Moderator ----- Rev. J. A. Elmore, Route 5, Box 348, Birmingham, Ala.
Assistant Moderator ----- Rev. Joe Martin, Route 1, Jasper, Ala.
Clerk ----- Rev. R. W. Ritch, 724 12th Ave. West, Birmingham 4, Ala.
Assistant Clerk--Mrs. L. L. Gamel, 2203 7th St. West, Birmingham 4, Ala.

The next sitting of this Association will be held with the East Thomas Church, Birmingham, Alabama on Thursday Night before the first Monday in September, 1960.

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 the 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-first sitting of The Birmingham District Association, Incorporated of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Pleasant Hill Church at Sipse, Alabama September 3, 4 and 5, 1959.

Service began with Bro. Joe Martin leading "I Never Shall Forget The Day" and "I'll Have A New Life". Bro. Barker led us in prayer. Bro. Martin led several good songs. Bro. Ritch led in an altar prayer with many Christians taking part. Bro. Martin led "Send The Light". Bro. Barker led the testimony service with many Christians taking part. Bro. Martin led "When He Put a Little Sunshine In". Bro. Ritch brought the message using Romans 12:1 as his scripture reading. The message was enjoyed by all. Bro. Rice dismissed us in prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING

We convened at 9:00 in the morning with Sis. Opal Henderson leading the singing. Bro. James Elmore led us in an altar prayer with many Christians taking part. Bro. Joe Martin gave the welcome address. Bro. Elmore gave the response to welcome address. Bro. Ritch declared the body ready for business. In the absence of the Moderator Bro. Hanks took charge and appointed the Reading Committee.

Reading Committee-----Sis. Daisy Barber and Sis. Opal Henderson

Call for letters from the churches and the following reported.

Hanks Memorial----- Bro. Norris Henderson, Sis. Opal Henderson
Sis. Diana Henderson, Sis. A. H. Barnett

Liberty---Mrs. Arvil Langford, Miss Shelby Jean Foster, Mrs. Mae Foster,
Miss Zoo Ann Hughey, Mrs. Clemon Smith, Miss Mattie Ree
Wallace

Community---Sis. Jean Baldwin, Sis. Cumi Morrell, and Sis. Dolly Weeks
Pleasant Hill----- Bro. Lester Banks, Bro. Lee M. Brown and Bro. Oscar
Aaron.

East Thomas -----Bro. L. L. Gamel, Sis. Keefer and Sis. Freeman
Mt. Zion ----- Sis. Hanes, Sis. Lora Barber and Sis. Daisy Barber
Riverview ----- Sis. Harvel Patterson

Moved and second to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Moved and second to elect officers for this sitting of the Association:

Bro. James A. Elmore, Moderator

Bro. Joe Martin, Assistant Moderator

Bro. Ray W. Ritch, Clerk

Sis. L. L. Gamel, Assistant Clerk

Appointing of Committees:

Devotional-----Bro. Lee Brown, Sis. L. D. Dill, and Sis. Opal Henderson

Business-----Bro. Hanks, Bro. Gene Dawson, Bro. Henderson, Bro. Banks
and Bro. Bailey

Deceased----- Sis. Maebelle Dawson, Sis. Flora Barber and Sis. Freeman

Standing of Ministers----- Sis. Hanes, Sis. Morrell and Bro. Aaron
Temperance----- Bro. Gamel, Sis. Keefer and Bro. Foster
Auditing----- Bro. Parker, Bro. Keeton and Sis. Dolly Weeks

Moved and second to accept Leeds letter and seat the delegates:
Belview----- Bro. A. L. Parker, Sis. Mildred Parker and Sis. Henderson

Bro. Carlton Lambert gave a report on the Childrens Home at this time. An offering of \$26.00 was received for the Childrens Home. We were dismissed for a short recess at this time.

We reconvened with Bro. Martin leading the singing. Bro. Davenport led us in an altar of prayer with many Christians taking part. Bro. Martin led in the singing of another song. Bro. Barker brought the morning message using Matthew 25:1 as his scripture reading. His text being "People Who Overslept Their Rights". The message was enjoyed by all. We were dismissed for lunch by Bro. Lambert.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After a wonderful lunch, which was enjoyed by all, we reconvened with the singing of several good songs. Bro. Key led us in prayer. The Ladies Auxillary took charge with Sis. Parker giving a talk about the work of the Ladies Auxillary. Sis. Ryland, the field secretary for the state, gave a talk about the Aim of the Auxillary.

Moved and second to seat Bro. Davenport as a delegate. While the committees were out we had some special singing.

Partial report of the Business Committee.

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

1. We find a request from the Belview Church for a letter of dismission and we recommend that they be given a letter of dismission from this body.

Report of the Deceased Committee--We, the Deceased Committee, find the following have passed during the year. East Thomas, Bro. C. K. Evans. We extend our greatest sympathy to the family of this beloved one. We know that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Report of the Temperance Committee--We, your Temperance Committee, believe in abstaining from all evil, keeping ourselves unspotted from the world and loving our neighbors as ourself.

Report of the Auditing Committee--We, your Auditing Committee, have checked the books and records of the Treasurer of the Birmingham District Association and find them in excellent order.

Report of the Standing of Ministers--As far as we know the ministers are in harmony with the Free Will Baptist doctrine and recommend that all ministers that turned in a report be given a certificate of standing.

Report of the Executive Committee—The Executive Committee met at Bro. Finch's in Leeds on September 22, 1958 and made the following recommendations:

1. Moved and second that Bro. Ritch meet with the Pastors and Deacons of our churches to appoint a person to help in starting a youth conference in each church.

2. Moved and second that we adopt the form outline on a trial and introduce it to the Association.

3. Moved and second that the clerk write and see if we can get the letter form.

4. Moved and second to write all churches and see if we can get pledges of concrete blocks, cement or other building materials for the building a caretakers house on the camp ground.

Bro. Barker gave a talk about the Childrens Home. Bro. Parker dismissed us in prayer.

FRIDAY NIGHT

We reconvened with Bro. Martin leading several good songs. Bro. Venable led in an altar prayer with many Christians taking part. The service was turned over to the ministers and deacons conference.

Bro. Allen took charge of the conference until the election of a new Moderator. Bro. Martin was elected as Moderator. Bro. Elmore was elected as Assistant Moderator. Bro. Lee Brown led a song as the invitation for new members was given. Moved and second to accept Bro. Martin into the conference. Moved and second to accept Bro. White into the conference. Minutes of last conference were read and adopted. Bro. Ritch was elected as clerk.

Moved and second that the Moderator appoint a new Board of Peers, Bro. Allen, 1960; Bro. Hanks, 1961; Bro. Barker, 1962; Bro. Elmore, 1963; and Bro. Ritch, 1964.

Bro. Barker was appointed to bring the message at the next conference on Justification and Sanctification. Bro. O. A. Davis brought the message using Matthew 5:14-16 as his scripture reading. The message was enjoyed by all. Bro. Martin led in the singing of a song. Bro. Davenport brought the communion and feet washing message using the 13th chapter of John as his scripture reading. The message was enjoyed by all. Bro. Davenport took charge of the communion service with many Christians taking part. Bro. Martin read from 1 Corinthians. Bro. Barker led us in prayer for the blessing of the bread. Bro. Rice led us in prayer for the blessing of the wine. Several Christians took part in the feet washing service. Bro. White dismissed us in prayer.

MINISTERS ROLL

HONOR ROLL

Rev. C. R. Allen, 824 36th Way, Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. V. B. Abney, Pell City, Alabama
Rev. I. L. Hanks, 324 Lullaby Lane, Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. C. B. Snelling, 1616 Oxmoor Road, Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. Henry Doss

Rev. T. E. Yarbrough, Rt. 9, Box 345, Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. R. R. Smith, Jr., 603 Marshall St., Anniston, Alabama
Rev. J. A. Elmore, Rt. 5, Box 348, Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. Lamar Smith, 808 Ledbetter, Anniston, Alabama
Rev. Joe Martin, Rt. 1, Jasper, Alabama
Rev. A. R. Barker, 822 Princeton Ave., Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. O. A. Davis, Rt. 11, Box 312, Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. A. L. Venable, Rt. 2, Box 134, Trussville, Alabama
Rev. J. A. Thomas, Rt. 2, Trussville, Alabama
Rev. R. W. Ritch, 724 12th Ave. West, Birmingham 4, Alabama
Rev. Harvel Patterson, Rt. 5, Box 206, Talladega, Alabama
Rev. Dee Hollis, Rt. 1, Pell City, Alabama
Rev. Jessee E. Drummonds, 1237 Etowah St., Tarrant, Alabama
Rev. Gene Dawson, P.O. Box 123, Vincent, Alabama
Rev. J. T. Baker, Rt. 1, Lawley, Alabama
Rev. Hutt Isbell, Leeds, Alabama
Rev. H. E. White, 1305 17th Ave. S., Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. Curtiss Williams, Rt. 1, Jasper, Alabama
Rev. George Cline, Rt. 2, Trussville, Alabama
Rev. J. T. Galbreath, Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. Gene Howard, Rt. 2, Box 71, Sterrett, Alabama
Rev. Horace Wright, Rt. 1, Pell City, Alabama

DEACONS ROLL

Mt. Zion	Fairview
Bro. Forney Haynes	Bro. C. E. Smith
Bro. Homer Howell	Bro. Alvin Henegar
Riverview	Bro. Bill Howton
Bro. Bennie Davis	Bro. Echols Pressely
Bro. Henry Endfinger	Hanks Memorial
Bro. Henry Patterson	Bro. A. H. Barnett
Liberty	Bro. E. M. McDaniel
Bro. J. U. Keeton	Community
Bro. Virgil Foster	Bro. Leroy Pardue
Bro. Buddy Terry	Bro. Junior Gibson
East Thomas	Meadows Chapel
Bro. L. D. Dill	Bro. Irkle Gunter
Bro. J. D. Shackelford	Jefferson Park
Bro. T. V. Evans	Bro. Melvin C. Brown
Bro. Dillard Key	Bro. Ellis Dodson
Highpoint	Pleasant Hill
Bro. Charles A. Russell	Bro. Olin Rice

RULES OF THE CONFERENCE

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

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 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. The Lords Supper and Feet Washing
12. Adjourn

SATURDAY MORNING

We convened at 9:00 in the morning with Bro. Martin leading the singing. Bro. Barnes led us in prayer. Moved and second to seat the visiting ministers as corresponding delegates. The following churches report at this time:

Fairview-----Bro. Billy Ramey, Bro. Johnnie Wiggins and Bro. Richard Torrence

Jefferson Park-----Sis. Brown, Sis. Dodson and Sis. Reed

Meadows Chapel--Sis. Ruby Gunter, Sis. Mae Doss and Sis. Jewel McKay

Highpoint-----Sis. Russell, Sis. Turney and Sis. Venable

Bro. Hanks gave a report on the camp ground. Moved and second to accept the report.

In Treasure at last Association -----	\$182.56
Received at last Association -----	75.15
Received from Home Mission -----	80.00
Hanks Memorial -----	200.50
Fairview -----	241.50
Belview -----	54.50

Meadows Chapel-----	\$30.55
East Thomas -----	41.42
Jefferson Park -----	1.00
Quarterly Meeting -----	43.25
Bro. Venable -----	10.00
Bro. C. E. Smith -----	10.00
Bro. Ray Ritch -----	10.00
Bro. Lee Hanks -----	10.00
Bro. Barker -----	10.00
Total -----	\$1,000.43

Bro. Elmore replaced some on different committees:

Sunday School-----Sis. Venable, Sis. Dodson and Bro. Torrence
Deceased-----Bro. Pardue, Bro. Ramey and Sis. Brown
Business-----Bro. McDaniel and Bro. Wiggins
Executive-----Bro. Gene Dawson, 1960; Bro. J. A. Elmore, 1961;
Bro. I. L. Hanks, 1962; Bro. E. M. McDaniel, 1963
and Bro. Joe Martin, 1964.

Ordaining-----Bro. Allen, Bro. Lamar Smith, Bro. Irkle Gunter,
Bro. Junior Gibson, Bro. Barnett

Bro. Lamar Smith was named on the Trustee Board to replace Bro. Finch. Bro. Elmore is to bring the morning message. Bro. Davis dismissed us in prayer. After a short recess, we reconvened with Bro. Martin leading the singing. Bro. Davenport led in prayer. While the business committee was out, Bro. Martin led the singing and testimony service. Bro. Elmore brought the morning message using Jonah 1:1 as his scripture reading. Using "Sleeping Christians In A Perishing World" as his text. The message was enjoyed by all.

Partial Report of Business Committee—Moved and second to accept report and table the receiving of it by item until after lunch.

Report of the Deceased Committee—We, the Deceased Committee, find the following have passed away during 1959: Bro. C. B. Isbell, Jefferson Park; Bro. and Sis. George Champion, Fairview. We extend our greatest sympathy to the families of these beloved ones. We know that our loss is heaven's gain.

Report of the Sunday School Committee—We, the Sunday School Committee, report our Sunday Schools in fair condition. We recommend that more parents get up on Sunday Morning and go with their children instead of sending them alone. That all our Sunday School teachers be devoted Christians and have a desire to teach. We were dismissed for lunch by Bro. Lamar Smith.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After a wonderful lunch, which was enjoyed by all, we reconvened with Bro. Martin leading the singing. An offering of \$60.62 was received for the camp ground. Bro. and Sis. Martin sang a special while the offering was being received. Bro. Elmore appointed the delegates to the State Association: Jefferson Park, Sis. Brown; East Thomas, Sis. Dill; Highpoint, Sis. Venable; Hanks Memorial, Bro. Norris Henderson; Fairview, Sis. Hazel Smith; Pleasant Hill, Sis. Martin.

Name	Address	No. Churches Pastored	No. Funerals Conducted No. Sermons Preached	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. T. E. Yarbrough	Rt. 9, Box 345, Birmingham, Ala.	1	52					30	15,000	\$79.00	\$145.00	
Rev. Ray Smith, Jr.	603 Marshall St., Anniston, Ala.		60		1			90	300			
Rev. James Elmore	Rt. 5, Box 348, Birmingham, Ala.	1	57	3			8					
Rev. Lamar Smith	808 Ledbetter, Anniston, Ala.	1	140	3	5	1	6	8	100	1,040.00	600.00	
Rev. A. R. Barker	822 Princeton Ave., Birmingham, Ala.	1		3	5	1	1			1,150.00		
Rev. O. A. Davis	Rt. 11, Box 312, Birmingham 10, Ala.	1	120	3	2		3	4	200	2,500	350.00	300.00
Rev. A.L. Venable	Rt. 2, Box 134, Trussville, Alabama											
Rev. J. A. Thomas	Rt. 2, Trussville, Ala.		50		1			25	100		10.00	
Rev. R. W. Ritch	724 12th Ave. West, Birmingham 4, Ala.		75	4				450	14,500	124.57	369.12	
Rev. I. L. Hanks	324 Lullabye Lane, Birmingham, Ala.	1	78	6	4	1				755.00		
Rev. Harvel Patterson	Rt. 5, Box 206, Talladega, Ala.		15									
Rev. Dee Hollis	Rt. 1, Pell City, Ala.		50									
Rev. Jesse Drummonds	1237 Etowah St., Tarrant, Ala.	1	70		1					130.00		
Rev. Gene Dawson	P.O. Box 123, Vincent, Ala.	1	147	10	2	1	10	16				
Rev. Joe Martin	Rt. 1, Jasper, Ala.	1	125	3	4	4	9	45				
Mrs. Kathleen Martin	Rt. 1, Box 189-A, Jasper, Ala.	1	26		1			45		109.00		

The report of the Business Committee was taken off the table and disposed of by item.

2. We recommend that rule 9 be changed to read: "All new business shall be brought before the body by the Business Committee and disposed of by vote of the body.

3. We recommend that Deacons reaching 65 years of age be given a certificate of standing for life or during the maintenance of sound doctrine and good moral character.

4. We recommend that the Association give Bro. James Baker a certificate of standing for one year as he is unable to get out and work.

5. We recommend that this body accept Bro. Harmon's ordination papers and commend him for his Christian acts.

6. We recommend that Rev. Hutt Isbell be turned over to the ordaining council for examination and if found worthy exchange papers with him.

7. We recommend that the clerk be paid \$40.00 and the assistant clerk \$10.00 for this year.

Bro. Ritch sang a couple of specials. Bro. and Sis. Martin sang a special. Bro. Key sang a special.

Final report of the Business Committee.

8. We recommend that the next session of the Association meet with East Thomas Church.

Report of the Ordaining Council: We, the Ordaining Council, have examined Bro. Hutt Isbell and find him worthy to exchange papers with him.

Motion to adjourn. Bro. Lamar Smith dismissed us in prayer.

Financial Report of the Clerk

Received 1958-1959

Balance on Hand	\$21.83
Quarterly Meetings	100.00
Riverview	5.00
Meadows Chapel	10.00
Pleasant Hill	10.00
Community	10.00
Alton	15.00
Highpoint	5.00
Jefferson Park	10.00
East Thomas	11.00
Fairview	5.00
Liberty	5.00
Belview	10.00
Mt. Zion	7.00
Sale of Treatise	8.40
Quarterly Meetings	140.00
Total	\$373.23

Paid Out 1958-1959

St. Clair News-Aegis	\$125.50
Treatise and Forms	8.01
State Association	24.00
Bank Charge	.65
Clerk	20.00
Postage and Supplies	4.35

Total ----- \$182.51

Total Received ----- \$373.23

Total Paid Out ----- 182.51

Balance on Hand ----- \$190.72

Ordained Work of the Quarterly Meetings For The Year

Liberty Church -----Nov. 29, 1958

Bro. A. D. Johnson -----Deacon

Bro. Donny Layton -----Preacher

Mt. Zion Church -----March 28, 1959

Bro. T. E. Yarbrough -----Preacher

Bro. R. R. Smith, Jr. -----Preacher

Bro. H. E. White -----Licensed to Preach

Belview Church -----May 30, 1959

Bro. L. D. Dill -----Deacon

Report from Ladies Auxillary of Fairview Church

Amount brought forward from last year Aug. 26, 1958----- \$8.69

Amount taken in up to Aug. 11, 1959 ----- 387.95

Total 396.64

Gave to Needy ----- 237.57

Paid Out for Fruit Baskets ----- 35.86

Miscellaneous ----- 73.74

Total Paid Out \$357.17

Now in Treasury ----- 39.47

Groceries Carried ----- 85.79

Trays -----40

Trays -----158

Fruit Baskets -----40

Flower Pots Carried -----5

Flower Pots -----5

Sick Calls -----384

Hospital Calls -----132

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 the Business Committee 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 received 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 given 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 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 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	MEMBERS RECEIVED	MEMBERS DISMISSED	SUNDAY SCHOOL	MINISTERS	NO. MEMBERS	PUBLICATION	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY
Meadows Chapel	Mrs. J. Franklin Blossburg, Ala.	Rev. T. E. Yarbrough Rt. 9, Box 345 Birmingham, Ala.	\$61.52	\$79.70		\$500.00						25	1	40	\$26.63	\$4,000.00
Community	Mrs. Mabel Dawson	Rev. Gene Dawson P.O. Box 123 Vincent, Ala.			17.94	799.00		10		9		45	1	64		2,500.00
Fairview	Bro. C. Harmon Rt. 3, Box 53 Anniston, Ala.	Rev. Lamar Smith 808 Ledbetter, Anniston, Ala.	176.67	1,090.00	270.00	67.55	7.80		2	8	13	74	2	111	601.06	45,000.00
East Thomas	Mrs. L. D. Dill 352 Lullabye Lane Birmingham, Ala.	Rev. A. R. Barker 822 Princeton Ave. Birmingham, Ala.		1,150.00	200.00	525.00			1	4	1	55	7	178	24.62	16,000.00
Liberty	Mrs. Dorothy Foster Lawley, Alabama	Rev. F. C. Barber Pell City, Ala.	182.10	468.80	91.00	500.00				8	1	35	1	78	100.00	5,000.00
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Daisy Barber 901-23rd St. N. Pell City, Ala.	Rev. Gene Howard Rt. 2, Box 71 Sterrett, Ala.	40.74	360.00	70.85	20.00				2	5	35	5	50	38.87	3,000.00
Highpoint	Mrs. O. Turney P.O. Box 184 Leeds, Ala.	Rev. O. A. Davis Rt. 11, Box 312 Birmingham, Ala.	30.00	300.00		526.06				4	3	31	3	36	30.55	3,000.00
Pleasant Hill	Sis. Shelly White Rt. 1, Jasper, Ala.	Rev. D. H. Davenport Rt. 1, Cullman, Ala.	10.00	175.00	52.00	500.03				3	1	40	2	82	15.04	3,000.00
Hanks Memorial	Mrs. Opal Henderson Box 344 Alton, Ala.	Rev. I. L. Hanks 324 Lullabye Lane Birmingham, Ala.	54.10	735.00	125.00	1,113.64				7	1	40	1	25	63.59	20,000.00
Riverview	Dessie Endfinger Rt. 5, Talladega, Ala.	Rev. Dee Hollis Rt. 1, Pell City, Ala.	65.96	180.00	35.00	274.19						35	3	18	72.62	
Jefferson Park	Betty Isbell Rt. 11, Box 308 B'ham 10, Ala.	Rev. Hutt Isbell Leeds, Ala.	22.00	155.00	30.00				1	11	2	36	3	34	16.00	2,500.00
TOTAL			\$643.09	4,693.50	\$891.79	4,825.47	7.80	10	4	56	28	451	29	716	\$988.98	104,000.00