

**THE
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT
ASSOCIATION, Inc.**

of

FREE WILL BAPTIST

1961

Proceedings of the

Twenty-Third Annual Session



Held With

Hank's Memorial Church

Alton, Alabama

Aug. 31, Sept. 1 and 2, 1961

Minutes
of the
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at
Alton, Alabama

ModeratorRev. Joe Martin
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The next sitting of this Association will be held with Mt. Zion Church, Pell City, Alabama on Thursday Night before the first Monday in September, 1962.

ORDER OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call for peace and fellowship of the church.
2. Opportunity for new 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

Proceedings of the twenty-third sitting of The Birmingham District Association, Incorporated of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Hanks Memorial Church at Alton, Alabama on August 31, September 1 and 2, 1961.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Service began with Sis. Barnett leading "*Power in the Blood*" and "*Want It Be Wonderful There*". Bro. Jessie Drummonds led in prayer. Bro. Hanks took charge of the Ministers and Deacons Conference until the election of a new moderator. Bro. A. H. Barnett was elected as moderator. Bro. R. W. Ritch was elected as clerk. The minutes of the last meeting was read and adopted. Sis. Barnett led the singing as the invitation for new members was given. No new members. Bro. Venable was appointed to replace Bro. Barker on the Board of Peers. Bro. Jessie Drummonds was appointed to serve five years on the board. Board of Peers- - Rev. A. L. Venable 1962, Rev. J. A. Elmore 1963, Rev. R. W. Ritch 1964, Rev. O. A. Davis 1965, Rev. J. E. Drummonds 1966.

Moved and second that the Board of Peers draw up Rules of Decorum for the conference. Bro. Venable was appointed to bring the message at the next conference on Tithing. Bro. Ritch sang "*Beyond the Gates*".

Bro. Drummonds brought the message on Gospel Ordinances using Acts 1:24 and Johns 13:4 as his scripture reading. The message was enjoyed by all. Bro. Mayfield dismissed us in prayer.

MINISTERS ROLL

HONOR ROLL

Rev. C. R. Allen, 824 36th Way, Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. I. L. Hanks, 324 Lullabye Lane, Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. J. F. Williams, Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. V. B. Abney, Pell City, Alabama

Rev. R. R. Smith, 603 Marshall St., Anniston, Alabama
Rev. J. A. Elmore, Route 1, Jemison, Alabama
Rev. Lamar Smith, 808 Ledbetter St., Anniston, Alabama
Rev. Joe Martin, Rt. 1, Jasper, 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 Avenue West, Birmingham 4, Alabama
Rev. H. M. Hollis, 6201 So. Wood St., Chicago 36, Illinois
Rev. Jesse E. Drummonds, Rt. 6 Box 15, Birmingham 17, Alabama
Rev. Gene Dawson, P.O. Box 123, Vincent, Alabama
Rev. Curtiss Williams, Rt. 1, Jasper, Alabama
Rev. Leroy Smith, Pell City, Alabama

DEACONS ROLL

MT. ZION

Bro. Fomey Haynes
Bro. Homer Howell
Bro. Dock Rich
Bro. Grady Hollis

HANKS MEMORIAL

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

RIVERVIEW

Bro. Bennie Davis
Bro. Henry Endfinger

PLEASANT HILL

Bro. Olin Rice

MEADOWS CHAPEL

Bro. Irkle Gunter
Bro. Alfred Dutton

LIBERTY

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

FAIRVIEW

Bro. Bill Howton
Bro. Echols Pressely
Bro. Richard Torrance

COMMUNITY

Bro. Leroy Pardue
Bro. Junior Gibson

HIGHPOINT

Bro. Charles Russell

RULES OF THE CONFERENCE

1. That this be know as the Ministers 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 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. The Moderator takes charge of the conference.
4. Reading of the minutes of the last conference.
5. Invitation for new members.
6. Election of officers.
7. Old business
8. New business
9. Appointing of minister to bring the message and his subject.
10. Hearing the message
11. Adjourn.

FRIDAY MORNING

We convened with Bro. Hanks leading the singing. Bro. Leroy Smith led an altar prayer with several Christians taking part. Bro. Joe Martin led two songs. Bro. Allen took charge in the absence of the moderator and assistant moderator. Bro. Allen appointed Sis. Daisy Barber and Sis. Betty Gibson as reading clerks.

Call for letters and the following churches reported.
Riverview--Sis. Bates, Sis. Patterson and Sis. Endfinger.
Fairview--Bro. Roney, Sis. Joyce Roney and Sis. Ruth Henegar
Mt. Zion--Sis. Chapman, Sis. Epperson and Sis. Hanes
Liberty--Sis. Shackelford, Sis. Langford and Sis. Whitney
Pleasant Hill--Bro. Luther Banks, Bro. Partain and Bro. Bryan.
Hanks Memorial--Sis. Linda Barrett, Sis. Betty Cox and Bro. C. E. Henderson
Highpoint--Sis. Venable
Community--Sis. Mae Bell Dawson, Sis. Shirley Woods and Sis. Leota Woods.

Moved and second to accept the letters as read and seat the delegates. Moved and second to elect officers for this setting of the Association.

Bro. Joe Martin--Moderator
Bro. Lee Hanks--Assistant Moderator
Bro. R. W. Ritch--Clerk
Sis. L. L. Gamel--Assistant Clerk

Bro. Martin appointed the following committees.
Devotional--Bro. McDaniel, Bro. Bryan and Bro. Taylor Terry.
Business--Bro. Foster, Bro. Roney, Bro. Banks, Bro. Hanks and Bro. Henderson
Deceased--Sis. Langford, Sis. Dawson and Sis. Hollis.
Sunday School--Bro. Partain, Sis. Bates and Sis. Barber.
Standing of Ministers--Bro. Keeton, Bro. Endfinger and Sis. Patterson.
Temperance--Sis. Gibson, Sis. Leota Wood and Sis. Betty Cox.
Auditing--Sis. Henderson, Sis. Linda Barrett and Sis. Chapman.

After a short recess we convened with Bro. Martin leading the singing. The Devotional Committee appointed Bro. Mayfield to bring the morning message. Bro. Hanks led a short testimony service with several Christians taking part. Bro. Dewitt Mayfield brought the morning message using Nehemiah 2:2 as his scripture reading. The message was enjoyed by all. Bro. Joe Martin dismissed us in prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After a wonderful lunch which was enjoyed by all we convened with Bro. Martin leading the singing. Bro. Jim Drummonds led in prayer. Bro. Ritch sang a special. Moved and second to accept the report of the Devotional Committee. Bro. Hanks to bring the Friday night message and Bro. Leroy Smith to bring the Saturday morning message.

Partial report of the Business Committee.

1. We, the Business Committee, recommend that; Whereas East Thomas Church has voted to withdraw from the Association that they be dropped from this association and notified of said action.
2. We, the Business Committee, recommend that since Bro. Abney is sick and cannot attend this sitting of the Association that we stand for a minute of silent prayer and Bro. Hanks led us in prayer for Bro. Abney.
3. We, the Business Committee, recommend that since Meadows Chapel has failed to report to the Quarterly meeting and to this sitting of the Association that the Board of Peers investigate the reason for this failure.

Moved and second to accept the report of the Sunday School Committee. We, the Sunday School Committee, believe we should attend Sunday School and carry our children not send them. We believe the parents should go with them. We feel that everyone should support the Sunday School.

Moved and second to accept the report of the Standing of Ministers. As far as we know all our 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.

Moved and second to accept the report of the Temperance Committee. We, the Temperance Committee, believe in abstaining from alcoholic beverages and all wordly things. We believe in letting our every day life count in a way that Jesus would be pleased with it.

Bro. Ritch gave a short talk about the Childrens Home and its needs.

Bro. Hanks gave a talk about the camp ground. Bro. Leroy Smith dismissed us in prayer.

FRIDAY NIGHT

We convened with Sis. Barnett leading the singing. The Trio from Hanks Memorial sang a couple of specials. Bro. Eustus Riggs led us in prayer. Sis. Barnett led a song as an offering for the Childrens Home was received. The offering was \$13.33. Bro. Hanks brought the evening message using Psalm 46 as his scripture reading. The message was enjoyed by all. Bro. Ritch took charge of the communion and feet washing service with several Christians taking part. Bro. Martin led a song in closing.

SATURDAY MORNING

We convened with Bro. Martin leading the singing. Bro. Elmore led in an altar prayer with several Christians taking part. Bro. Hanks led a song. Bro. Martin placed Bro. Lamar Smith and Bro. Elmore on the Business Committee.

We heard the letters from Fairview, Community and Pleasant Hill Ladies Auxillary. Sis. Martin gave a talk about the work of the Ladies Auxillary.

Partial report of the Business Committee; we, the Business Committee recommend that Bro. Harvell Patterson licenses be renewed for one year.

We, the Business Committee recommend that a Trustee be elected to replace Bro. Finch.

We, the Business Committee recommend that the chairman of the Board of Trustees be given the power to sign the necessary papers in connection with the Camp Ground.

Bro. Elmore was elected as Trustee for the Birmingham District Association.

Report of the Auditing Committee; we, the Auditing Committee, have examined the books of the clerk and have found them in order.

Report of the Deceased Committee; we, the Deceased Committee, find the following have passed away during the past year. Liberty—Bro. J. M. Langford, Bro. Oscar Romenger, Sis. Romenger Wisk, and Bro. Victor Foster; Community—Bro. McHerd; Mt. Zion—Sis. Molisa Tollison. We, the Deceased Committee extend our deepest sympathy to the families these deceased ones and feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

After a short recess we convened with Bro. and Sis. Martin singing a special.

Partial report of the Business Committee; we, the Business Committee recommend that Bro. Allen Higginbottom be called before the ordaining council and if found worthy be licensed to preach for one year.

Bro. Martin placed Bro. Elmore, Bro. Bill Howton and Bro. Junior Gibson on the ordaining council.

Bro. Martin led a song.

Bro. Leroy Smith brought the morning message using St. Luke 14:16 as his scripture reading. The message was enjoyed by all.

Bro. Elmore asked the blessing on the lunch and dismissed us in prayer.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After a wonderful lunch which was enjoyed by all we convened with Bro. Martin leading the singing.

Report of the Ordaining Council; we, your Ordaining Council recommend that Bro. Allen Higginbottom be granted license to preach for one year.

Bro. Endfinger led a song while we gave Bro. Higginbottom the right hand of Christian fellowship.

Bro. Martin appointed delegates to the State Association; Sis. Barnett, Sis. Maebell Dawson, Sis. Elmore, Sis. Myrtle Hollis, Sis. Martin, Sis. Ingram, and Sis. Banks.

Final report of the Business Committee; we your Business Committee recommend that Bro. Ritch be paid \$50.00 for his work and that Sis. Gamel be paid \$15.00 for her work.

We, the Business Committee recommend that the next sitting of this Association be held with Mt. Zion Church at Pell City.

Motion and second to go into the election for the replacement on the Executive Committee. Bro. Leroy Smith was elected.

The church was given a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality during the Association.

We received an offering for the Childrens Home while Bro. Martin led a song. The offering was \$18.00.

Motion to adjourn. Bro. E. M. McDaniel dismissed us in prayer.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK

Received 1960-1961

Amount Brought Forward	\$270.00
Hanks Memorial	15.00
East Thomas	20.00
Mt. Zion	8.00
Liberty	5.00
Community	10.00
Pleasant Hill	10.00
Riverview	10.00
Fairview	8.00
Jefferson Park	10.00
Meadows Chapel	10.00
Highpoint	8.00
Offering for Childrens Home	30.00
Quarterly Meeting	49.00
Quarterly Meeting	45.00
Quarterly Meeting	35.00
Total Received	\$543.00

Paid Out 1960-1961

Childrens Home	\$30.00
Assistant Clerk	15.00
Clerk	50.00
State Association	22.00
Watson Printing Co.	123.60
Postage and Supplies	7.73
Total Paid Out	248.33
Total Received	543.00
Total Paid Out	248.33
Balance on Hand	\$295.67

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. J. A. Elmore	Rt. 1, Jemison, Ala.	1	86 2		2					\$ 480.00	
Rev. Lamar Smith	808 Ledbetter, Anniston, Ala.	1	175 2	3	1	1				1,130.00	
Rev. I. L. Hanks	324 Lullabye Lane, Birmingham, Ala.	1	85 2		1	2				1,149.60	
Rev. O. A. Davis	Rt. 11 Box 1173, B'ham 10, Ala.	1	156 2		1	2	3	120		105.00	150.00
Rev. Gene Dawson	P.O. Box 123, Vincent, Ala.	1	80 2		3	1	3	20	1500	150.00	
Rev. R. W. Ritch	724 12th Ave. W., B'ham 4, Ala.	1	69 2	18	3	1	22	725	10,000	823.00	
Rev. Joe Martin	Rt. 1, Jasper, Alabama	1	95 4	10	3	2	1	20			
Rev. H. M. Hollis	6201 So. Wood St., Chicago 36, Ill.		100	20	3	5			1500	100.00	200.00
Rev. J. E. Drummonds	Rt. 6 Box 15, B'ham 7, Alabama	1	80 1			2				194.00	
Rev. Leroy Smith	506 29th St., Pell City, Ala.	1	104 2		1	1	4	50	100	240.00	60.00
Rev. A. L. Venable	Rt. 2 Box 134, Trussville, Ala.		125	3	1	1		75	1150		350.00
Rev. Curtis Williams	Rt. 1, Jasper, Alabama	2	110 6	2	4	4	5				
Rev. R. R. Smith, Jr.	603 Marshal, Anniston, Ala.		100 1					100	100		
Rev. Harvel Patterson	Rt. 5, Box 206, Talladega, Ala.		25						1000	10.00	

Building committee consisting of Bro. Roney, Bro. E. M. McDaniel and Bro. A. H. Barnett appointed by the Executive Committee at the quarterly meeting at Riverview June 3, 1961. This committee for camp improvement.

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM BRO. BANKS

Received 1960	\$102.00
Received 1961	118.00
Block Fund	84.00
By Friend	1.00
Riverview	14.00
Total Received	\$319.00

REPORT FROM THE LADIES AUXILLARY OF FAIRVIEW CHURCH

Auxillary Report, August 1, 1960 **** August 7, 1961

Number of Members	15
Amount Brought Forward	48.25
Amount Taken In	154.61
Total	202.86
Gave To Needy	110.00
Paid Out For Fruit Baskets	12.50
Paid Out For Flowers	25.00
Miscellaneous	22.90
Total Paid Out	170.40
Now in Treasure	32.46
Groceries Carried	35.06
Hospital Calls	434
Sick Calls	430
Trays	157
President: Sis. Velma Henegar	Sec. & Treas.: Sis. Lois Haley
Fruit Baskets	8
Charity	\$237.70
Flower Pots	13

REPORT FROM LADIES AUXILLARY OF PLEASANT HILL

Active Members	9
Sick Calls	6
Hospital Calls	2
In Treasury September 1960	\$94.17
Amount Paid For Flowers and Funerals	20.60
Groceries	10.00
Cash Given to Needy	13.00
Curtains and Varnish For Church	12.10
Miscellaneous For Needy	13.33
Postage66
Gas	1.75
Miscellaneous	8.48
For Vacation Bible School	4.75
Total	84.56

Received For Quilts	47.00
Received for Selling Pepper, Flavor and Pin Cushions	11.25
Dues	21.00
Total Received	\$79.25
Now in Treasury	88.17
President: Sis. Kathleen Martin	Sec. & Treas.: Sis. Ruby Prater

REPORT FROM THE LADIES AUXILLARY OF COMMUNITY CHURCH

September for Literature	\$ 6.62
December for Literature	8.20
Fruit	40.00
Christmas Gifts	32.97
Gas for Bro. Walker	1.00
March for Literature	8.04
June for Literature	7.40
Total Spent	\$104.23
In Treasury Now	50.01
Sec. & Treas.: Sis. Sandra Sanders.	

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 proceeding and to read same when called upon by the body. The clerk 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 themselves 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 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 ministers and deacons attend or represent by letter before receiving a certificate of standing, and that this 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 and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice. *2 Tim. 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 in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey. *81 Cor. 8:6; Matt. 18:19*

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 Saviour 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, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

6. THE SINFULNESS OF MAN—Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore, inherit 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 or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. (2) Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour 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; 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 in Christ men become His elect. *81 Tim. 2:4.*

10. FREEDOM OF THE WILL—The human will is free and self-controlled, having the power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit or to resist them and perish. *Joshua 24:15*

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

12. PERSEVERENCE—All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation. *Rev. 22:17; St. John 15:6; 2 pet. 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 ministered to all true believers. *St. John 15:6; 1 Pet. 2:20-22; St. John 13:14.*

14. TITHING—God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (*Matt. 23:23*) and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week, let every one lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him". *1 Cor. 16:2a.*

15. 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.*

16. 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 will "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 Saviour Jesus Christ."*

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances 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 enterprises 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 enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, 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.

MEETINGS OF THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR THE NEXT YEAR

December 2, 1961;	Community Church at Happerville, Ala.
March 3, 1961;	Liberty Church at Lawley, Ala.
June 2, 1962;	Fairview Church at Anniston, Ala.
August 30-31,	
September 1, 1962	Association at Mt. Zion Church, Pell City

CHURCH	CLERK	PASTOR	CHILDRENS HOME	PAID PASTOR	PAID EVANGELIST	BUILDING AND REPAIR	MEMBERS DIED	MEMBERS RECEIVED	MEMBERS DISMISSED	SUNDAY SCHOOL	MINISTERS	NO. MEMBERS	MISCELLANEOUS	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY
Hanks Memorial	Mrs. C. E. Henderson P.O. Box 344 Alton, Ala.	Rev. I. L. Hanks 324 Lullabye Lane B'ham, Alabama	87.25	1,000.00	100.32	2,603.62		7		44	4	35	143.90	20,000
Liberty	Dorothy Foster Lawley, Alabama	Rev. J. A. Elmore Rt. 1 Jemison, Alabama	105.00	463.50	70.00		4	4		53	1	72	188.25	6,000.
Community	Mrs. Betty Gibson P.O. Box 182 Vincent, Ala.	Rev. James Barber Talladega, Ala.		87.00	66.08		1			35	2	59	22.79	2,500.
Fairview	Mrs. Edna Harmon Rt. 3 Box 38 Anniston, Ala.	Rev. H. H. Blancher Rt. 2, Box 712 B'ham 10, Ala.	143.66	1,130.00	75.00	1,644.56		4	5	70	3	67	1,423.31	50,000.
Highpoint	Mrs. Othell Turney P.O. Box 184 Leeds, Ala.	Rev. O. A. Davis Rt. 11 Box 312 B'ham, Ala.		88.10		154.19				21	3	32	20.00	3,000.
Pleasant Hill	Lee M. Brown Rt. 1 Jasper, Ala.	Rev. Dewitt Mayfield Jasper, Ala.	100.00	300.00	90.00	48.95		17	2	85	2	85	35.00	3,000.
Riverview	Mrs. Dessie Endfinger Rt. 5 Talladega, Ala.	Rev. J. E. Drummonds Rt. 6, Box 15 B'ham 7, Ala.	75.00	165.00		13.00			2	35	1	14	78.26	
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Daisy Barber 901 23rd St. N. Pell City, Ala.	Rev. Leroy Smith 506 29th St. Pell City, Ala.	63.00	240.00	52.38	2,302.75	1	5		35	3	43	188.02	3,000.
Meadows Chapel		NO REPORT												
TOTAL			573.91	3,473.60	453.78	6,767.07	6	37	9	378	19	407	2,099.53	87,500