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ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Clerk - - - - - Mrs. A. H. Barnett
Assistant Clerk - - - - - Mrs. L. L. Gamel

The next session of this association will be held with Meadows Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Blossburg, Alabama on Friday, September 10-11, 1965.

ORDER OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

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

Proceedings

The annual session of the Birmingham District Association, Inc., of Free Will Baptist convened with Hanks Memorial Free Will Baptist Church in Alton, Alabama, September 11 and 12, 1964.

FRIDAY MORNING

The session convened with song service conducted by Sister Opal Henderson and prayer led by Rev. T. E. Yarbrough. The moderator of this session, Rev. Ira Lee Hanks, read the one hundred thirty third Psalm and commented on same. His thought being, "Our willingness to Work". Especially did he emphasize our working in GOD'S vinyard in love, harmony, unity, and to labor together in sweet fellowship. The congregation gathered at the alter for prayer that this conference be conducted to please GOD. The prayer was led by Rev. S. R. Henderson.

The reading committee appointed was Sister J.U. Keeton and Sister Verdie Aaron. The letters were read and the following churches reported.

BONITA PARK

Sister Jackson and Sister Williams.

CEDAR GROVE

Sister Jimmy Davis, Sister Evelyn Davis, Sister Irene Cardwell and Brother Jimmy Davis.

COMMUNITY

Sister May Bell Dawson, Sister Geneva Gibson, and Sister Dell Danford.

HANKS MEMORIAL

Brother Norman LeCroy, Brother W.A. Bailey, Brother C.E. Henderson. ALTERNATES: Brother T.R. Winslett and Brother Bobby Winslett.

HIGH POINT

Sister Dorothy Overton, Sister Lexie Venable, Sister Jean Eason and Sister Betty Leathers.

JEFFERSON PARK

No delegate listed since this church came into the Birmingham Association at this session.

LIBERTY

Sister Arvil Langford, Sister J.U. Keeton, Sister James Elmore and Brother Earl Watson.

MEADOW'S CHAPEL

Sister Lizzie Miskelly, Sister Ora Ramey and Sister Nettie Hogan.

PLEASANT HILL

Sister Mildred Martin, Sister Janice South and Sister Joan Hood.

Motion made and carried that the letters be accepted as read and the delegates seated. Officers elected for this session are as follows:

Reverend Ira Lee Hanks - MODERATOR

Brother A.H. Barnett - ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Mrs. A.H. Barnett - CLERK

Mrs. L.L. Gamel - ASSISTANT CLERK

FRIDAY MORNING

The moderator for this session appointed the following committees:

DEVOTIONAL

Sister Verdie Aaron
Sister Jeanette Franklin
Sister Turney
Sister May Bell Dawson

BUSINESS

Brother J.U. Keeton
Brother Norman LeCroy
Brother H.E. Ramey
Brother W.A. Bailey
Brother C.G. Hood

TEMPERANCE

Sister Nettie Hogan
Sister Betty Gibson
Sister Joan Hood
Sister Arvil Langford
Sister Overton
Brother Virgil Foster

DECEASED

Sister J.U. Keeton
Sister H.E. Ramey
Sister Mildred Martin
Sister Danford
Brother Earl Watson

DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Brother & Sister Brown
Rev. & Sister S.R. Henderson
Sister George Cline
Sister A.H. Barnett
Sister L.L. Gamel
Brother & Sister C.E. LeCroy

The moderator, having appointed the committees, requested prayer for GOD'S leadership during this session of the Association. He also gave a hearty welcome in behalf of the Associational body to all visitors present and especially to Reverend E. B. Ledlow, Alabama's newest missionary, who has begun a new work in Montgomery, Alabama. He has organized a Free Will Baptist Church there, and we feel that he is to be commended in the faith which he is so aptly exercising.

The devotional committee appointed Reverend T. E. Yarbrough to deliver the eleven o'clock message. A short recess was declared before the preaching hour.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sister Verdie Aaron
Sister Lizzie Miskelly
Sister Opal Henderson
Sister Davis
Sister Nettie Lou Cline
Brother Alfred Dutton

AUDITING

Brother J.D. Shackelford
Brother Junior Gibson
Reverend O.A. Davis

PLACEMENT

Brother J.U. Keeton
Brother Norman LeCroy
Brother H.E. Ramey
Brother W.A. Bailey
Brother C.G. Wood

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Brother S.R. Henderson
(one year)
Brother H.E. Ramey
(two years)
Reverend O.A. Davis
(three years)
Brother J.D. Shackelford
(four years)
Reverend Harold Lotta
(five years)

The body reconvened with singing conducted by Bro. Alfred Dutton. Brother Yarbrough delivered a very inspiring message on "Going Somewhere", taking his text from the first chapter of Joshua. At the conclusion of his message, a cordial invitation was extended to everyone for lunch, by the host pastor Brother Henderson. The body was dismissed with prayer by Brother Ledlow, who also asked God's blessing on the food.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After lunch, the body reconvened, with song service conducted by Rev. Ledlow. Prayer was offered by Rev. Henderson, after which the assistant moderator had charge of the proceedings. He requested prayer that the body be led of the Holy Spirit in all of the associational duties of the afternoon.

Rev. Ledlow spoke to the congregation following the lunch hour first reading a portion of the first chapter of Galatians. He also spoke on the different phases of work in the State Association, and what we, as a denomination are doing, especially in the Mission field at home and abroad; of the work he has been called to do as a Home Missionary. He told the congregation of how the new church (just organized) in Montgomery has and is progressing, and how the attendance is steadily growing. His one and greatest request to every one is that we will always pray for God's leadership in this great work in our Capitol City and that God will ever supply the need there. Everyone enjoyed his talk so very much, and surely we have a better understanding of what the Free Will Baptists are doing and what still remains to be done. The afternoon session was dismissed in prayer by Brother Keeton.

FRIDAY NIGHT MINISTER'S AND DEACON'S CONFERENCE

The session convened with song service conducted by Sister Opal Henderson, and prayer by Brother George Cline. The moderator elected for this sitting of the conference was Rev. George Cline and the former clerk, Brother LeCroy was retained. Opportunity was given for membership; Brother Williams joined and the right hand of fellowship was extended him as the congregation sang "Stepping in the Light". The minutes of the last conference were read and adopted as read. Call for old business: Brother Hanks requested, as of last year, that separate rules, in harmony with the Association Rules of Decorum, be worked out especially for this conference. New business: Motion made and passed upon that Rev. John Haisten be dropped from the Birmingham Association minister's roll. The board of peers are as follows; Bro. Barnett going off at

this session.

Rev. J. E. Drummond - 1965
Rev. O. A. Davis - 1966
Rev. S. R. Henderson - 1967
Rev. Harold Lotta - 1968
Rev. A. L. Venable - 1969

A motion was made and carried that the clerk of the association have the names of the peers and their date of expiration printed in the minutes of same. A motion was made and carried that no specific subject be assigned the minister selected to deliver the evening message, that he may be free to preach the Communion message as God leads. A motion was also made and passed that the devotional committee appoint the one to deliver said message. A motion was made that the Minister's and Deacon's Conference adjourn so that Rev. Henderson, the one appointed, could deliver his message on Sanctification and Communion, also the practice of feet washing. He selected his scripture from different books of the Bible; namely, St. John, Corinthians and St. Luke. Many of the congregation participated in the Communion and feet washing service at the conclusion of his message.

MINISTER'S ROLL

HONOR ROLL

Rev. C. R. Allen - Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. Ira Lee Hanks - 324 Lullaby Lane, Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. J. F. Williams - Birmingham, Alabama

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Rev. J. E. Drummond - Rt. 11, Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. O. A. Davis - Rt. 11 Box 1173, Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. A. L. Venable - Rt. 2 Box 134, Trussville, Alabama
Rev. S. R. Henderson - 3000 Ashville Road, Leeds, Alabama
Rev. Gene Dawson - P. O. Box 123, Vincent, Alabama
Rev. Dalton Ford - Vincent, Alabama
Rev. Elvis Drummond - Rt. 1, Jasper, Alabama
Rev. G. H. Lotta - 2825 1st. Avenue South, Leeds, Alabama
Rev. Arline Dawson - Thorsby, Alabama
Rev. J. A. Elmore - Rt. 1 Box 193B, Jemison, Alabama
Rev. Curtis Williams
Rev. James Thomas - Rt. 3, Pell City, Alabama
Rev. Harvell Patterson - Rt. 1 Box 126, Talladega, Alabama
Rev. M. A. Keeton - 105 Woodland Avenue, Centreville, Alabama
Rev. George Cline - Rt. 2 Box 132, Trussville, Alabama
Rev. George Davis - Gantts Quarry, Alabama
Rev. James Horn - 1100 Huffman Road, Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. Johnny Wood - Rt. 1, Harpersville, Alabama

Thanks Memorial
Bro. E. M. McDaniel
Bro. C. E. DeCray
Bro. A. H. Barnett

DEACON'S ROLL

BONITA PARK
 Bro. W. P. Williams

CEDAR GROVE
 Bro. Erman Cardwell
 Bro. Manning Davis
 Bro. A. J. Davis

COMMUNITY
 Bro. Junior Gibson
 Bro. Leroy Pardue

HIGH POINT
 None listed

JEFFERSON PARK
 Bro. M. C. Brown

LIBERTY
 Bro. J. U. Keeton
 Bro. Virgil Foster
 Bro. J. D. Shackelford

MEADOWS CHAPEL
 Bro. Alfred Dutton
 Bro. Irkle Gunter
 Bro. H. E. Ramey

PLEASANT HILL
 Bro. Clyde Hood

SATURDAY MORNING

Conference convened with song service conducted by Sister Turney after which the assistant moderator took charge of the proceedings. The congregation gathered at the Alter for special prayers for the mother of Brother McDaniel, who is very ill, also for Rev. James Elmore who is very ill, also. The prayer was led by Rev. Frank Duskin.

A letter from Jefferson Park Free Will Baptist Church, requesting membership into the Birmingham District Association, was read and given to the business committee to act upon; namely if found worthy, be given membership. Rev. Henderson was selected to deliver the eleven o'clock message. Brother Dutton led the congregation in a song after which Brother Barnett, the Birmingham District Association trustee to the children's home, expressed his and the gratefulness of the home for what each church has done to the home during the last year. He also gave a verbal report on the last trustee meeting, and the different projects planned for the ensuing year.

A partial report was given by the business committee, namely, that the Jefferson Park Church be accepted into full fellowship of the Birmingham Association. The right hand of fellowship was extended each member as the congregation sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms". After a short recess, the body reconvened with a song conducted by Brother Dutton, after which a ladie's quartet from the High Point Church sang two numbers.

Brother Henderson delivered a wonderful message, his theme being "Looking Up". His scripture for the sermon was taken from the sixth chapter of Isaiah. The invitational song was "When Our Lord Shall Come Again". At the noon hour, the closing prayer was led by Brother Lester Gann.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After the lunch hour, the body reconvened with the song service conducted by Brother Alfred Dutton. A duet from the High Point Church sang, also one of the ladies sang a solo. The congregation was led in prayer by Brother Dutton.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

All committee reports were accepted by proper move and second.

DEVOTIONAL Rev. T. E. Yarbrough, Friday noon, Rev. S. R. Henderson, Friday evening and Rev. Henderson, Saturday noon.

TEMPERANCE We, the temperance committee, believe that you should not over indulge in anything, not only alcohol, but anything that is of the world. We believe in living a life that can glorify God.

AUDITING We, the auditing committee, have examined the books and found them in order and good shape. We want to commend the clerk and her assistant for good bookkeeping.

SUNDAY SCHOOL We, the Sunday School committee, believe that each church should have Christian Sunday School teachers, and, if possible, they be members of the church. We recommend that each church use Free Will Baptist literature for their teaching. We recommend that each teacher encourage their class to invite others to attend Sunday School with them.

DECEASED We, the deceased committee regret to report 3 deaths in our association during the year. They were Brother Clement Smith of Liberty Free Will Baptist Church, Brother Leonard Murphy of the Cedar Grove Church and Sister Linie Bailey of the Pleasant Hill Church. We extend our sympathy to the loved ones left behind.

CAMP GROUND Brother Hanks gave a verbal report on the progress youth camp fund as follows:

Brought forward from 1963	\$522.57
Received in 1964	277.53
Total on hand	800.10

BUSINESS

We, the business committee recommend that a new Ordaining Council be appointed at this session of the association, and that each year, one be replaced, according to the expiration date of the one to be replaced.

We recommend that the association pay the amount of thirty dollars to help pay the expenses of Brother and Sister Barnett to the National Association in Kansas City, Mo. this year, 1964.

We recommend that the business committee be given the authority to act as the placement committee for this year.

We recommend that there be but one ruling for the Minister's and Deacon's Conference. A motion was made from the floor that the board of peers work out a set of rules for said conference to be added to the Rules of Decorum, for the protection of the board of peers.

We recommend that the association send twenty dollars and that each church send five dollars to the State Association to help defray expenses of same.

We recommend that the association accept no minister or deacon who cannot, or will not, conform to the qualifications set forth in the Decorum or The Free Will Baptist Treatise.

We recommend that Rev. Davis go before the ordaining council, and if found worthy, be ordained to preach the gospel.

We recommend that Rev. Elvis Drummond go before the ordaining council, and if found worthy, be ordained to preach the gospel.

We recommend that Rev. Johnny Wood serve as a licensed minister under the watch care of the church for one year, as the Treatise states.

We recommend that two new trustees be elected to replace the two who have left the Birmingham District Association. The two elected are Brother C. E. LeCroy, Chairman and Rev. Harold Lotta.

In the absence of the ordaining council, for examination of the ministers to be ordained, the three groups of special singers who were present sang several specials.

Rev. Frank Duskin gave a very inspirational devotional, giving the congregation a chance to testify. There were many very inspiring testimonies.

The ordaining council report was accepted and the candidates, with their wives received the charge, which was given by Rev. O.A. Davis. He read as his text a portion of Timothy; stating the duties of a minister and his companion, after which the ordaining council laid hands upon each of them and had a special prayer for their guidance by the Holy Spirit. The right hand of fellowship was extended to each of them while the congregation sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms".

The motion for adjournment was made by Bro. Barnett, and the benediction was given by Rev. Elvis Drummond.

CHURCH	CLERK	PASTOR	CHILDREN'S HOME	PAID EVANGELIST	BUILDING & REPAIRS	DECEASED	MEMBERS RECEIVED	MEMBERS DISMISSED	SUNDAY SCHOOL	MINISTERS	MEMBERS	MISCELLANEOUS	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY
BONITA PARK	MRS. JEAN JUSTICE Rt. 2 Box 740 Trussville, Alabama	REV. G.H. LOTTA 2825 First Ave. So. Leeds, Alabama	15.30	182.21	784.60		2	5	30	2	30	255.80	3500.00
CEDAR GROVE	MRS. KATHLEEN DAVIS Rt. 1 Wilsonville, Alabama	REV. GEORGE DAVIS Gantt's Quarry Alabama				1			30		77	25.74	2500.00
COMMUNITY	MRS. BETTY GIBSON P.O. Box 182 Vincent, Alabama	REV. JOHNNIE WOOD Route 1 HARPERSVILLE, ALA.	43.25	79.06	835.72		14		35	4	82	496.48	
HANKS MEMORIAL	MRS. OPAL HENDERSON P.O. Box 344 Alton, Alabama	REV. S.R. HENDERSON 3000 Ashville Road Leeds, Alabama	440.64	105.00	192.06		8	1	45	5	45	2731.24	20,000.00
HIGH POINT	MRS. OTHELL TURNEY Rt. 2 Trussville, Alabama	REV. LESTER GANN Rt. 2 Trussville, Alabama	10.00		254.82			2	30	3	37		
JEFFERSON PARK	MRS. GEORGE CLINE Rt. 2 Trussville, Alabama	REV. GEORGE CLINE Rt. 2 Box 132 Trussville, Alabama											
LIBERTY	MRS. DOROTHY FOSTER Centreville Alabama	REV. DALTON FORD Vincent Alabama	96.89	74.85	325.00	1		4	53	1	87	79.25	6000.00
MEADOWS CHAPEL	MRS. JEANETTE FRANKLIN Blossburg Alabama	REV. T.E. YARBROUGH Rt. 7 Box 345 Birmingham, Alabama	95.03	100.00					35	2	40	326.10	
PLEASANT HILL	MRS. VERDIE AARON Rt. 1 Box 156 Jasper, Alabama	REV. CURTIS WILLIAMS Rt. 1 Jasper, Alabama	100.00				4	12	45	2	75	48.90	3000.00

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK

RECEIVED 1963 - 1964

Brought Forward.....	\$ 260.00
Association Letters.....	104.60
Quarterly Meeting Letters.....	184.00
Children's Home.....	25.00
Sale of Treatise.....	7.00
Total Received.....	<u>\$ 580.60</u>

PAID OUT 1963 - 1964

Clerk.....	\$ 65.00
Assistant Clerk.....	30.00
Children's Home.....	25.00
State Association.....	20.00
N & R Printing Co.....	93.60
Forms & Treaties.....	12.55
Bank Charges.....	5.88
Total Paid Out.....	<u>\$ 252.03</u>

TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 580.60
TOTAL PAID OUT	252.03
BALANCE ON HAND	328.57

LOCATIONS OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR ENSUING YEAR

DEC. 5, 1964..Pleasant Hill, Jasper, Ala. Rt. 1 (Sipsy)
 MARCH 6, 1965..NOT ASSIGNED AS OF PRINTING DATE
 JUNE 5, 1965..Cedar Grove, Wilsonville, Alabama
 SEPT. 10-11, 1965..Meadow's Chapel, Blossburg, Alabama

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 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 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.

NAME	No. Churches Pastored	No. Baptized	No. Sermons Delivered	No. Funerals Conducted	No. Revivals Assisted	No. of Weddings Performed	No. Members Received	No. of Sick Calls	Amount of Offering Received	Expense of Ministerial Work	No. of miles Traveled
Rev. S. R. Henderson	1	7	100	1	4	3	8	45	\$1162.00	\$270.00	3500
Rev. A. L. Venable		4	30								15,000
Rev. O. A. Davis	1		70		1	1	16	50	\$100.00	\$200.00	1200
Rev. Dalton Ford	1		23					35	\$116.59	\$237.50	1085
Rev. Elvis Drummond			42	1					\$13.24		
Rev. Jesse Drummonds			63	1		2			\$47.00		
Rev. Ira Hanks			50	2	1	1			\$127.50		
Rev. Gene Dawson	1		104	3	4			5	\$1000.00		2800
Rev. G. H. Lotta	1		60	1	1	1	1	150	\$241.00	\$500.00	2000