

# **BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION, INC.**



**THIRTIETH  
ANNUAL SESSION**

**Held With  
COMMUNITY  
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
in Harpersville, Alabama**

**September 6 & 7, 1968**

MINUTES  
of the  
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT  
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Moderator.....Bro. Jesse Drummonds  
Assistant Moderator.....Bro. Ira Hanks  
Clerk.....Sister Betty Gibson  
Assistant Clerk.....Sister Helen Yarbrough

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Liberty Church, Lawley, Alabama, December 7, 1968

High Point Church, Trussville, Alabama, March 1, 1969

Bonita Park Church, Trussville, Alabama, June 7, 1969

The next session of this Association will convene with Pleasant Hill  
Free Will Baptist Church in Jasper, Alabama on Friday and Saturday  
September 5th and 6th, 1969.



10. FREEDOM OF THE WILL-The human will is free and selfcontrolled, 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 or 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.

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. After an introductory sermon is preached, the association shall be called to order by the moderator who presided over the last session. In case of his absence, the assistant moderator shall call the body to order, the former clerk also officiating until organized.
2. This body shall be composed of all ministers, deacons, church clerks, and delegates present from each church.
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 election and installation of his successor. It shall be his duty to keep order, enforce the rules of decorum and 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 them 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 the consent of 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. No business shall be voted on without the whole delegation is present.
14. This decorum may be altered, amended or abridged at any session of the association by a majority vote of members present.
15. The minister who 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 who reach the age of sixty be given a lifetime certificate of standing.

#### AMENDMENTS:

1. We recommend that if any ordained member of this body is absent for four successive meetings without provential reasons, or refuses to support this body, it be a violation of the covenant and is sufficient reason for dismissal from body.
2. Any minister not having been licensed by the Birmingham Association or quarterly meeting must carry a license from the association for one year.
3. We recommend that this body, henceforth, refuse a request from any church in this organization to ordain or license any minister or deacon who has two living wives.

## Proceedings

### FRIDAY MORNING

The service began with the moderator of the last session, Bro. T.E. Yarbrough in charge. Bro. Jesse Drummonds leading everyone in song "Amazing Grace". Bro. Jr. Gibson lead the congregation in prayer. The Proceedings Clerk, Sis. Betty Gibson declared this session in order to convene with the business. Bro. Yarbrough read from the 46th Psalms and made comments about how Satan was working among people and the Nation. The letters from the Churches were read and accepted by vote, and all delegates were seated. New officers for the session were elected. Bro. Jesse Drummonds, Moderator; Bro. Ira Hanks, Assistant Moderator. Both Clerks, Sis. Betty Gibson and Sis. Helen Yarbrough were retained. All committees were elected by the Moderator and released. Bro. Jesse Drummonds leading song "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" and then sang a special "Stand By Me." Bro. Billie Sharpston was given permission to speak about a study committee appointed by the State Association. All visiting Ministers were accepted as advisors in our meeting. Bro. Ed Ledlow was selected by the Devotional Committee to preach the 11 O'clock message using 1st John, Chapter 3 as the scripture. The subject being putting God first in our love. The Pastor of the Church, Bro. Jim Drummonds made everyone welcome and invited each one for lunch. Bro. Ira Hanks dismissed in prayer.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After a wonderful lunch, service reconvened with an Alter Prayer. Readings of four of the Committees were read. Motion to accept and release the Committees were made. Bro. Jesse Drummonds led the congregation in two songs. Bro. Harold Latta and Bro. Wayne Nails preached two short, inspiring sermons. Service was dismissed by Bro. Jim Drummonds.



# PROCEEDINGS OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 6, 1968

Moderator--Bro. Jesse E. Drummonds

Body declared in conference  
Invitation given for new members  
United-

Bro. Gene Dawson  
Bro. A.J. Fuller  
Bro. Pickett  
Bro. LeRoy Pardue  
Bro. Brown  
Bro. Junior Gibson  
Bro. W.P. Williams  
Bro. A.J. Davis  
Bro. J.O. Drummonds

Moved and seconded to accept all new members.  
Suggestion made by Bro. Hanks for each Minister and Deacon to make a  
comment on rules of Free Will Baptist.

New Business  
Elected Moderator-----Bro. Gene Dawson  
Assistant-----Bro. G.H. Latta  
Clerk and Treasurer---Bro. J.O. Drummonds  
Assistant-----Bro. Junior Gibson

Bro. George Davis asked for letter in good standing from this  
Association. Moved and seconded that letter be granted.

Motion to adopt Ministers and Deacons that have lifetime certificate  
be exempt from this rule (Rule No. 5)

Moved and seconded to elect Minister to preach at next Ministers and  
and Deacons conference. Bro. J.O. Drummonds was elected.

Pilgrim Rest Church welcomed into this Association.

Treasurer Report: Brought Forward---\$71.00  
Received-----\$20.00  
Total-----\$91.00

Paid Out-----\$20.00  
(Bro. Latta \$15)  
(Bro. Sewell \$5)

Bal. in Treasure--\$71.00

Bro. J.O. Drummonds  
Clerk and Treasurer

## SATURDAY MORNING

The Moderator, Bro. Jesse Drummonds began the service by leading the  
congregation in song, "I Would Not Be Denied" and then led everyone  
in an Alter Prayer. Remaining letters were read and delegates seated.  
Delegates were dismissed for business. Bro. Curtiss Service gave a  
short message. He gave thought about the condition the world is in  
and how the Communist are taking over. Several class songs were led  
by Sis. Betty Gibson and Bro. O.C. Thomas. The Business Committee  
report was read and accepted by each item. Some discussion was left  
open until after the lunch hour. Bro. Gene Dawson was elected to  
bring the 11 O'clock message. His subject being "It's Going To Rain".  
The Pastor of the Church invited each for lunch. Service dismissed  
by Bro. O.C. Thomas.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Service reconvened with the Moderator leading a song "Sweet Hour Of  
Prayer". Bro. Marlin Hodgins led the congregagion in prayer. The  
business held open from the Business Committee was discussed. The  
body voted to start building a building on our camp ground. A Building  
Committee was elected and a new Board of Peers. The Business and  
Ordaining Committee were released. Bro. Eulas Partain gave a record  
on the Children's Home. An offering of \$16.07 was taken for the Home.  
A standing ovation was given for the ladies who prepared lunch both  
days of the meeting. Bro. Latta made a motion to adjourn.

## CONFERENCE RULES

1. This conference shall be known as the Minister's and Deacon's Con-  
ference of the Birmingham District Association of Free Will Bap-  
tists.
2. It shall be composed of ordained ministers and deacons of said  
association.
3. When in session, it shall be composed of duly elected moderator  
and assistant moderator and a clerk.
4. The moderator shall be elected at each session and remain in office  
until the election and installation of his successor. The clerk  
shall be elected for one year and shall be elected by the majority  
present.
5. To be eligible to be a standing delegate to the annual and quart-  
erly conferences, a minister or deacon must belong to the minis-  
ter's and deacon's conference.
6. Ordained ministers coming from another denomination shall be eligi-  
ble to belong to this order but must serve for one year under the  
watch care of this body before being granted ordination papers  
from this body.
7. Ministers coming from another association must bring letter from  
his association and must be in good standing.
8. Ministers or deacons making application for membership must be the  
husband of one living wife, or none.



## DELEGATES FROM CHURCHES REPRESENTED

Jefferson Park  
Sis. Barbara Carey  
Sis. Lurleen Horn  
Bro. James Jacks

Bonita Park  
Sis. Henrietta Latta  
Sis. Lottie Wells  
Sis. Becky Glass

High Point  
Sis. A.L. Venable  
Sis. Bobbie Winslett  
Sis. James Thomas

Meadows Chapel  
Sis. Hattie Hurst  
Sis. Nettie Hagan  
Sis. Bertha Kelly  
Sis. Ruby Gunter

Community  
Sis. Evelyn Davis  
Sis. Paralee Thomas  
Sis. Cumie Hatcher

Liberty  
Sis. Crola Smith  
Sis. Idell Smith  
Sis. J.U. Keeton

Pilgrim  
Sis. Minnie Pickett  
Sis. Linda Hodgins

Hanks Memorial  
Sis. Jerry Pylant  
Sis. Beatrice Sewill  
Bro. Cecil Henderson

Pleasant Hill  
Sis. Joan Taylor  
Sis. Mildred Martin  
Sis. Evelyn Banks

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

DEVOTIONAL-Bro. Ed Ledlow, Friday Noon.  
Bro. Gene Dawson, Saturday Noon.

TEMPERANCE-We, the Temperance Committee, Believe in clean living, staying unspotted from the world, temperance in all things.

DECEASED-We, the Deceased Committee, wish to extend our sympathy and prayers to the Pleasant Hill Church, and especially the families and loved ones of Bro. Eckford Capps and Sis. Ramona Gurthie.

AUDITING-We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the Clerk's books and found them in perfect order.

SUNDAY SCHOOL-The Sunday School Teachers should study to show themselves approved. (2 Timothy 2:15) Unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

ORDAINING-The Ordaining Council had no business to attend to, as the delegate was not present.

BUSINESS-We, the Business Committee, recommend that we discontinue reading of the letters at the opening of our Association, and have a Credentials Committee to examine them and report to the body. We recommend that the Association leave it up to each individual Church to support the Home Missions Board in placing a field worker on the field. We recommend that a trustee be appointed to represent our Association to the Children's Home. We recommend Bro. Johnnie Wood be turned over to the Ordaining Council, and if found worthy be ordained for a deacon. We recommend that the Clerk write the Cahaba River Association for a letter to the Birmingham District Association for the Pilgrim Church. We recommend that we start building on the camp ground one building only, or sell the property. All committees were read and accepted by the proper move.

## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

Reading  
Sis. Evelyn Davis  
Sis. J.U. Keeton

Sunday School  
Bro. Jr. Gibson  
Bro. Harold Latta

Devotional  
Sis. Opal Henderson  
Sis. Idell Smith  
Sis. Nettie Hagan

Deceased  
Bro. Leroy Pardue  
Sis. R.M. McNeice  
Sis. Evelyn Banks

Auditing  
Sis. Croley Smith  
Sis. J.U. Keeton  
Sis. Evelyn Davis

Temperance  
Bro. Jim Drummonds  
Sis. Minnie Pickett  
Sis. Hattie Hurst

Ordaining  
Bro. Gene Dawson  
Bro. J.U. Keeton  
Bro. Curtiss Sewill  
Bro. Marlin Hodgins (Temp.)  
Bro. Jim Drummonds (Temp.)

Business  
Bro. R.M. McNeice  
Bro. Henry Pickett  
Bro. Jr. Gibson  
Bro. George Clines  
Bro. Gene Graham



## MINISTERS ROLL

Bro. Ira Hanks, 324 Lullabye Lane, Birmingham, Ala.  
 Bro. Jesse Drummonds, Rt. 11, Box 730, Birmingham, Ala.  
 Bro. G.H. Latta, 1820 Montevallo Road, Leeds, Ala.  
 Bro. Elvis Drummond, Rt. 1, Jasper, Ala.  
 Bro. James Drummond, 227 W. St. No., Talladega, Ala.  
 Bro. James Thomas, Pell City, Ala.  
 Bro. Curtiss Sewill, 112 No. 52nd St., Birmingham, Ala.  
 Bro. Gene Dwason, P.O. Box 123, Vincent, Ala.  
 Bro. George Cline, Rt. 2, Trussville, Ala.  
 Bro. O.C. Thomas, 910 Anniston Ave., Sylacauga, Ala.  
 Bro. Joe Martin, Sr., Rt. 1, Jasper, Ala.  
 Bro. Curtiss Fuller, 4005 4th Ave. So., Birmingham, Ala.  
 Bro. William Lawrence, Rt. 1, Box 274B, Jasper, Ala.  
 Bro. George Davis, Rt. 1, Sterrett, Ala.  
 Bro. A.L. Venable, Rt. 2, Box 134, Trussville, Ala.  
 Bro. Marlin Hodges, Chelsea, Ala.  
 Bro. T.E. Yarbrough, 1719 Dement Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

## DEACONS ROLL

### Community

Bro. Jr. Gibson  
 Bro. Leroy Pardue

### Meadows Chapel

Bro. H.E. Ramey  
 Bro. Gene Graham

### High Point

(None listed)

### Bonita Park

Bro. W.P. Williams

### Liberty

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

### Hanks Memorial

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

### Jefferson Park

Bro. M.C. Brown  
 Bro. P.R. Boyles

### Pleasant Hill

Bro. Clyde Hood  
 Bro. Ruskin McNeice  
 Bro. Eulas Partain  
 Bro. J.R. Martin

### Pilgrim

Bro. Henry Pickett

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK

### RECEIVED 1967-68

Brought Forward.....	\$249.68
Association Fees.....	135.00
Sale of Treatise.....	4.85
Quarterly Meetings.....	200.00
Children's Home.....	36.65
Total Received.....	\$626.18

### PAID OUT 1967-68

Clerk for Association.....	\$50.00
Assistant Clerk for Association.....	15.00
State Association Fees.....	45.00
Supplies.....	21.35
Quality Printers.....	231.00
Children's Home.....	36.65
Clerk for quarterly meetings.....	15.00
Assistant Clerk for quarterly meetings.....	15.00
Total Paid Out.....	\$429.00

TOTAL RECEIVED.....	\$626.18
TOTAL PAID OUT.....	\$429.00
BALANCE.....	\$197.18

## ORDER OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call for peace and fellowship of the Church.
2. Opportunity for new membership.
3. Invite visitors to sit with us.
4. Reading of minutes of last conference.
5. Call for acknowledgements.
6. Deacons report.
7. Unginised business.
8. New business.
9. Report from Sick Committee.
10. Motion to adjourn.



NAME	CHURCHES PASTORED	NUMBER BAPTIZED	SERMONS DELIVERED	FUNERALS CONDUCTED	REVIVALS ASSISTED
Bro. J.L. Hanks			36	1	
Bro. Jesse Drummonds	1		112		
Bro. A.L. Venable			15		
Bro. G.H. Latta	1	9	76	1	1
Bro. Elvis Drummond	1	5	90	3	4
Bro. George Davis			30		
Bro. William Lawrence	1		76	2	
Bro. Curtiss Fuller	1			2	1
Bro. Joe Martin	1	8	108	1	2
Bro. James Drummond			58	1	3
Bro. James Thomas			40	1	1
Bro. Curtiss Sewill	1		99		
Bro. George Cline	1		125	2	
Bro. Gene Dawson	1	1	120	1	2
Bro. O.C. Thomas	1		52	2	1

WEDDINGS PERFORMED	SICK CALLS MADE	OFFERINGS RECEIVED	EXPENSE OF WORK	MILES TRAVELED	MEMBERS RECEIVED
3		\$152.50			
		\$800.00			
	95		\$400.00	2100	
2	55		\$400.00	3500	17
1			\$860.00		
	25	\$300.00	\$185.00	3300	
	10	\$64.00	\$105.00	1590	
	50	\$527.00	\$450.00	600	
1		\$2,000.00			
1		\$280.00	\$354.00	100	
	35				
	35	\$200.00	\$1,000.00	4000	
3	100	\$200.00	\$350.00	3000	4
1	120	\$1,556.18	\$890.00	8900	
	10			1000	1



CHURCH	CLERK	PASTOR	CHILDREN'S HOME	PAID PASTOR	PAID EVANGELIST	BUILDING AND REPAIRS	DECEASED	MEMBERS REC'D	MEMBERS DISMISSED	SUNDAY SCHOOL	MINISTERS	MEMBERS	MISCELLANEOUS	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY
COMMUNITY	Mrs. Betty Gibson P.O. Box 182 Vincent, Ala.	Bro. J.O. Drummonds 227 W. St. No. Talladega, Ala.	\$20.00	\$248.25	\$86.46	\$232.89		3		35	3	82	\$311.30	\$2,500.00
PILGRIM	Mrs. Minnie Pickett Route 1 Marvel, Ala.	Bro. Marlin Hodges Chelsea, Ala.	\$10.15	\$1170.00	\$75.00	\$700.53		2	1	45	1	25		\$5,500.00
HANKS MEMORIAL	Mrs. Opal Henderson P.O. Box 344 Alton, Ala.	Bro. Curtiss Sewill 112 No. 52nd St Birmingham, Ala.	\$247.87	\$2080.00	\$100.00	\$527.66			1	43	1	36		\$20,000.00
BONITA PARK	Mrs. Deltha Jackson Rt. 2, Box 687 Trussville, Ala.	Bro. G.H. Latta 1820 Montevallo Rd. Leeds, Ala.	\$204.80	\$330.00	\$40.00	\$6.73		17	4	35	2	49	\$686.80	\$3,500.00
PLEASANT HILL	Mrs. Aline Partain Rt. 1, Box 278 Jasper, Ala.	Bro. Wayne Nails Route 2 Vinemont, Ala.	\$157.58	\$780.00	\$100.00	\$4814.00	2	2	4	60	3	109	\$125.45	\$20,000.00
HIGH POINT	Mrs. Othell Turney P.O. Box 184 Leeds, Ala.	Bro. George Cline Route 2 Trussville, Ala.						4	2	35	3	45	\$122.47	\$3,000.00
JEFFERSON PARK	Mrs. Grace Jacks 2929 4th Ave. So. Leeds, Ala.	Bro. Curtiss Fuller 4005 4th Ave. So. Birmingham, Ala.	\$20.00	\$527.00	\$80.00	\$70.00		11		24	2	32	\$65.00	\$300.00
MEADOWS CHAPEL	Mrs. Modera Graham Rt. 1, Box 140 Graysville, Ala.	Bro. T.E. Yarbrough 1719 Dement Ave. Birmingham, Ala.	\$321.27	\$1300.00				3		35	1	40		
LIBERTY	Mrs. Dorothy Foster Route 2 Centerville, Ala.	Bro. Gene Dawson P.O. Box 123 Vincent, Ala.	\$30.00	\$1556.18	\$325.06				3	43	1	85		\$6,000.00