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of the
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT
ASSOCIATION OF
FREEWILL BAPTIST INC.

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

Held With

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FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

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Moderator Rev: Gene Dawson
Assistant Moderator
Clerk Bro: E.M. McDaniel
Assistant Clerk Sis: Mrs. Dorathy Foster

The Semi-Annual Meeting will convene with Pleasant Hill Freewill Baptist Church at Sipsey Alabama on March 1, 1975.

The Minister's & Deacons Association will convene on Friday night September 5, 1975 with Hank's Memorial Freewill Baptist Church at Alton, Alabama.

The Annual Meeting will convene with Hank's Memorial Freewill Baptist at Alton, Alabama on September 6, 1975.

MINISTER'S AND DEACON'S CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 6, 1974

In the absence of the Moderator, Bro: Hanks being senior Minister assumed responsibilities of Moderator.

Brother Kenneth Martin acted as Clerk in the absence of the Clerk.

Songs were led by Bro: Rev. Joe Martin. Opening Prayer led by Bro: Eugene Taylor.

Bro: Rev. Lee Hanks opened by quoting scripture from the Bible. Songs were lead to give the chance to join the Minister's and Deacon's Conference.

Vote was taken to see if enough Minister's & Deacons present to have a meeting.

Motion was made to reorganize tonight because no officers were present. Motion was seconded and question called for. Motion was noted into effect.

Nominations of Moderator were: Bro. Eugene Dawson and Bro. Eugene Taylor. Motion for nomination be closed, nomination seconded and question called for.

Voted: Bro. Eugene Dawson was elected Moderator. Bro. Eugene Taylor Assistant Moderator.

Bro: Eugene Dawson assumed the office of Moderator. Bro. Eugene Taylor assumed the office of Assistant Moderator.

Challenge made by Moderator to improve the Minister's & Deacon's meetings by letting God take charge.

Motion made for the Moderator to have control to appoint Clerk. Motion seconded and question called for. Voted to accept this motion.

Bro. E. M. McDaniel was appointed as Secretary and Treasury of Minister's and Deacon's Conference at the 1974 session at Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist at Sipsey Alabama. Bro. Nathan Aaron was appointed as assistant.

There was discussion of business that the Minister's and Deacon's Association deal with business before the Annual Association. Motion was made that Minister's & Deacon's Conference be allowed to issue the Certificate of Standing Cards. Voted on and passed by body.

Motion made that we have Minister's and Deacon's Conference at both the Simi Annual and Annual Conferences. No vote.

Motion was made and passed by body to finance trip to get papers and money from past Clerk if need he goes to his house to get them.

Motion was made that Bro. E. M. McDaniel be Treasurer and keep all cash for expense of Minister's and Deacon's Association. Voted by body to accept motion.

Brother Rev. Lee Hank's brought the evening Message.

Motion was made to adjourn by Bro. Brown. Prayer by Rev. Joe Martin.

PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 7, 1974

Conference opened with a song led by Rev. Joe Martin. Prayer by Rev. Jesse Drummonds.

The Moderator Rev. Gene Dawson requested that Unity would prevail in this session.

Conference being declared in session by Clerk, the Moderator appointed the Reading Committee: Sis: Mrs. A. H. Barnett, Sis: Mrs. Kathleen Davis.

MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE RULES

1. This conference shall be known as the Minister's and Deacon's Conference of the Birmingham District Association of Free Will Baptists.
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 quarterly conferences, a minister or deacon should belong to the minister's and deacon's conference.
6. Ordained ministers coming from another denomination shall be eligible to belong to the 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.

ORDER OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

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

MEMBER'S OF MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

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| Rev. Joe Martin | Rev. Ronald Chapman |
| Rev. Arline Dawson | Rev. Eugene Howard |
| Rev. Eugene Taylor | Rev. Jesse Drummonds |
| Rev. Lee Hanks | Rev. Latta |
| Rev. C. C. Fuller | Rev. Jessie Womack |
| Rev. Billy J. Banks | Rev. Eugene Taylor |
| Rev. Amos Ragsdale | Rev. Curtis Sewell |

DEACONS ROLL

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| Bro: Ralph Foster | Bro: E. M. McDaniel |
| Bro: J. D. Shackerford | Bro: Edward E. Gomer |
| Bro: Bevans | Bro: Billy Joe Banks |
| Bro: A. H. Barnett | Bro: J. R. Martin |
| Bro: Eulas Partain | Bro: Nathan Aaron |
| Bro: Colman Burton | Bro: Curtis Bailey |
| Bro: M. C. Brown | |

THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES REPORTED

Bonita Park Free Will Baptist

Bro: John L. Gomer
 Bro: Jessie Womack
 Bro: Justice
 Sis: Jean Justice
 Sis: Walls - Sis: Womack
 Sis: Horace Gomer
 Bro: Horace Gomer

Hank Memorial Free Will Baptist

Sis: Mrs. Louise Barnett
 Sis: Mrs. Jerry Pylant
 Bro: J. A. Cox
 Bro: Sidney Partridge
 Sis: Joe Partridge

Liberty Free Will Baptist

Sis: Eskridge Langford
 Sis: Roberta Wallace
 Bro: Kenneth Lawrence
 Bro: Garland Cash

Pilgrim Free Will Baptist

Sis: Cynthia Purdle
 Sis: Dililah Harris
 Sis: Beatrice Howard

Rose Hill Free Will Baptist

(Formerly Jefferson Park F.W.B)

Bro: M. C. Brown
 Bro: Ralph Boyles
 Bro: Rev. Curtis Fuller
 Sis: Bertha Glass

Cedar Grove Free Will Baptist

Bro: Sonny Bevans
 Bro: J. E. Robersshaw
 Bro: Tina Lee
 Sis: Ocie Robersshaw
 Sis: Betty Vick

High Point Free Will Baptist

Sis: Gomer
 Bro: Buck Leathers
 Sis: Othel Turner
 Sis: Louise Leathers

Meadows Chapel Free Will Baptist

Sis: Henrietta Latta
 Sis: Patsy Graham
 Sis: Kathy Graham
 Sis: Norene Crump
 Sis: Hattia Hurst

Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist

Bro: Curtis Bailey
 Bro: Kenneth Martin
 Bro: Carlton Allred

Motion was made to accept the letters as read and seat the Delicates into the Conference. This motion was seconded and questioned. Vote was to accept motion.

| Church Name | Clerk | Pastor | Paid Pastor | Paid Building Repairs | Children's Home | Deceased | Members Received | Members Dismissed | Sunday School | Members | Ministers | Deacons | Value of Church Property |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------|----------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Bonita Park At: Lovick Al. | Sis: Jean Justice | Bro: Womack | \$1225.00 | \$0 | \$642.00 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 46 | 4 | 1 | None Listed |
| Hank's Memorial At: Alton Al. | Bro: Sidney Partridge | Rev: Amos Ragsdale | \$2270.00 | \$0 | \$805.37 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 57 | 2 | 2 | \$20,000.00 |
| Liberty At: Lawley Al. | Sis: Sandra Foster | Rev: Johnny Tillery | \$2084.81 | \$0 | \$10.02 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 58 | 98 | 1 | 4 | \$15,000.00 |
| Cedar Grove At: Wilsonville Al. | Sis: Betty Vick | | \$1157.25 | \$0 | \$33.43 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 40 | 2 | 2 | \$10,000.00 |
| High Point At: | Sis: Estell Kubes | Rev: Jessie Drummonds | \$ 600.00 | 0 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 25 | 25 | None Listed | 2 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Meadows Chapel At: Blosburg Al. | Sis: Modera Graham | Rev: G.H. Latta | \$1660.00 | \$10 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 43 | 3 | 2 | None Listed |
| Pilgram At: Rt. 3 Montivallo | Sis: Minnie Picket | Rev: Eugene Howard | \$2170.00 | 0 | \$120.00 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 35 | 35 | 2 | 1 | None Listed |
| Pleasant Hill At: Sipsey Al. | Sis: Aline Partain | Rev: Joe Martin | None Listed | 0 | \$301.70 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 119 | 137 | 4 | 7 | None Listed |
| Rose Hill At: Rose Hill | Sis: Bertha Glass | Rev: Curtis Fuller | \$ 610.00 | 0 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 50 | 87 | 2 | 2 | None Listed |
| Unity At: | Sis: Dorothy Brown | Rev: Gene Dawson | No Report | | | | | | | | | | |

DECEASED COMMITTEE

Sis: Elnora Partrige
Sis: Louise Barnett
Sis: Picket
Bro: Rev. Joe Martin
Sis: Gomer

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Sis: Roberta Wallace
Sis: Henrietta Latta
Sis: Sandra Foster
Bro: Arlie Bevins
Sis: Hattie Hurst

ORDAINING COUNCEL

Bro: Partain
Bro: Arline Dawson
Bro: Rev. Jesse Womack
Bro: Rev. Eugene Howard
Bro: Joe Martin (Temp: this sitting only)

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Sis: Easter Howard
Sis: Eskridge Langford
Bro: Lister

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Bro: Rev. J. Drummonds
Bro: Rev. Latta
Bro: Rev. Johnny Tillery
Bro: J. D. Shackelford
Bro: Donald Vick

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Bro: Ralph Foster
Bro: Nathan Aaron
Sis: Gomer
Sis: Lilla Harris
Sis: Sonny Bevins

The eleven o'clock message was delivered by Bro: Gene Walker. His Text taken from portions of 23rd Psalms and 2nd Chronicles 7th chapter. His theme or thought being "Leadership of The Holy Spirit, Unity and Oneness". Message enjoyed by all.

Conference adjourned for lunch at 12:00 noon. Every one enjoyed the wonderful food and fellowship during lunch.

Conference convened at 1:00 P.M. to finish business at hand. Song was led by Bro: Rev. Joe Martin "Title" "Not Made With Hands". Had prayer led by Bro: Rev. Eugene Howard. Another song led by Bro: Rev. Joe Martin "Title" "I Am Coming Soon".

An offering was taken for the Children's Home at Eldrige Alabama which amounted to \$60.00. A prayer was rendered to bless this offering for the children's home. Song: "I Had Rather Be An Old Time Christian Than Anything I Know. Bro: A. H. Barnett was appointed to represent Children's Home as a Trustee for coming year. He made a short talk on Children's Home. Another song "Uncloudy Day" Bro: Eugene Howard had a short Sermon while Business was being taken care of. The Message was enjoyed by all.

A Testimony service was called and several took part. These Testimonies were enjoyed by all. Another song: "I Want To Be A Worker".

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend that:

1. Eugene Taylor be turned over to Ordaining Council to be licensed.
2. John Q. Gomer to be turned over to Ordaining Council.
3. James Lee be turned over to Ordaining Council. Motion made on each to be released to Ordaining Council. Motion accepted by Body.
4. Business Committee recommends that Bro. A. H. Barnett be given a life time Certificate of Standing. This item was accepted by Body.
5. Business Committee recommends that Association to sell Camp Ground Property to Bro. Ira Hanks. Motion made to accept this article of Business. Voted on and accepted by Body. Motion made to accept Camp Ground Committee funds of \$1450.76. Seconded and questioned and accepted by Body. Bro. Hank's offer was \$8,000 for property voted on and accepted by Body. Songs led by Sis: Louise Barnett "Victory in Jesus", "Eastern Gates", "That Glad Reunion Day".
6. Business Committee recommends that we appoint some one to replace Bro: Junior Gibson on Camp Ground Funds Committee. Moderator appointed Bro: E. M. McDaniel to replace Bro: Gibson.
7. Business Committee recommended that we go back to Old Quarterly meeting.
Voted on by Body:
For Quarterly Meetings ----- 15
For Simi Annual Meetings ----- 16
Vote largest to have Simi Annual and Annual meeting (two meetings a year).

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Found: Bro: Gomer worthy to be Ordained as Deacon, Bro: James Lee worthy to be Ordained as Deacon and Bro: Eugene Taylor worthy to be licensed for one year as a Minister in Birmingham Free Will Baptist Association. Change was given by Bro: Rev. Joe Martin. The charge was on duties of Deacons and Ministers. After charge hand shake was extended to candidates by everyone. Song: "I Feel Like Traveling On".

DECEASED COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Deceased Committee wish to extend our heart felt sympathy to the families and to the churches in the deaths of Bro: Taylor Terry of Liberty Church, Sis: Banks of Pleasant Hill Church and Bro: W. A. (Pa) Bailey of Hank's Memorial Church.

OUR LOSS IS HEAVEN'S GAIN

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, believe as church members, we should be more active by inviting more people and encouraging young people to take part in Sunday School activities.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Auditing Committee have examined the church books and our findings are as following:

The computation of the amounts shown as received and paid out are accurate for the figures posted.

DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION

From Hanks Memorial

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| Sis: Opal Henderson | Bro: Cecil Henderson |
| Sis: Louise Barnett | Bro: Almos Barnett |

From Bonita Park

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| Sis: Womack | Bro: Womack |
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Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist requested the Simi Annual Association next March 1, 1975.

Hank's Memorial Free Will Baptist requested the Annual Association next September 6, 1975.

Bro: Eugene Howard, Bro: Joe Martin and Bro: Ragsdale nominated for Moderator. Bro: Joe Martin declined from nomination voted on Bro: Ragsdale and Bro: Howard.

Bro: Ragsdale was elected by the body for Moderator for next setting of this Association.

Bro: Howard as Assistant Moderator.

Motion was made to adjourn.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CLERK

Received 1973-1974

Brought Forward \$ 60.56

Birmingham Association Fees. 193.00

Sales of Treatise. 1.05

Children's Home. 60.00

Total Received \$314.61

PAID OUT

State Association. \$ 45.00

Children's Home. 60.00

Printing of minutes. 130.00

Clerk (Assn.) 50.00

Assistant Clerk (Assn.) 25.00

Total Paid Out \$314.40

Total Received \$314.61

Total Paid Out 314.40

Balance. \$ 0.21

Board of Peers

Brother Clyde Hood, Chairman

Brother Gene Graham

Brother Eulas Partain

Brother A. H. Barnett

Trustee to Children's Home

Brother Troy Aaron