Minutes of

The Birmingham District Association

of

Freewill Baptist Inc.

held with

Liberty Freewill Baptist Church

at

Lawley, Alabama

September 11, 1976



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THE BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST INC.

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LIBERTY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

LAWLEY, ALABAHA

SEPTEMBER 11 1976

MODER ATOR	Rev:	Amos Ra	gsdale
ASSISTANT	MODERATORRev:	G.H.Lat	ta
	Bro:	E.M.McI	aniel
ASSISTANT	CLERKSis:	Louise	Barnett

The Semi-Annual Conference will convene with the Pleasant Hill Free "ill Baptist Church at Sipsey Alabama on March 5, 1977

The Minister's & Deacon's Conference will convene on Friday night, September 9, 1977 with the High-Point Free will Baptist Church at Trussville Rt.2.

The annual Conference will convene with High-Point Free Will Baptist Church at Trussville Rt.2. on September 10, 1977.

MINUTES

OF

MINISTER' & DEACON'S

CONFERENCE 1976

Conference opened with a song."I Had Rather Be

Prayer, led by Rev: C.C.Fuller.

Acting Moderator read some scripture from Galations 6:9 "Workers of the Lord," and commented on same.

Nomination for Moderator for this session was called for by acting Moderator.

Bros: Rev: G.H.Latta, and Rev: Johnny Tiller were rominated. Both rejected nomination.

Bros: Amos Ragsdale, votedRev: Jesse Drummonds were nominated, voted on by body.

Rev: Amos Ragsdale----

Rev: Jesse Drummonds this session.

Rev: ".esse Drummonds elected Assistant Hoderate Another song led by Rev: Johnny Tillery. "Watching You."

Moderator called for the reading of the last minutes of Minister's & Deacon's Conference.

Minutes were read and were accepted by the body in proper form.

Devotional committee appointed Rev: Johnny Tillery to bring the evening message.

Invitational song to join this Conference.

Bro: Kitchens accepted the invitation. Motion was made to accept Bro: Kitchens. Accepted in proper order by the body.

Song" Amazing Grace was sung as fellowship was extended to Bro: Kitchens. He spoke on beleaf and Willingness to work for "GOD".

All injoyed the testimonies given by the body.

Motion was made to keep the same Clerk. voted on and accepted in proper form.

Financial Report was read by the clerk.

Motion was made to accepted this report as read.

Accepted by vote in proper order.

Motion made to accept report given by Bro:
Benion. Accepted and voted acknowledgement of Bro:
Scott leaving the church and wants to come back
into conference. Second and voted on by body.

Rev: Johnny Tillery's message for the evening:
PSALMS: Chapter 85, using several verses. Subject:
"Rights shall go before us." Commented on this
Scripture. Repenting and coming back to God. He
made a wonderful talk for th Lord, on serving and
working for the lord.

After sermon had fellowship with one another, Song "Living by Faith".

Motion made adjourn by Rev: Jesse Drummonds. closed with prayer by Rev: Jesse Drummonds.

Clerk Bro: E.M.McDaniel Rt; 11 Box 1205 Birmingham, Ala 35210

FINANCIAL REPORT

Clerk: Bro. E.M.McDaniel Rt.11 Box 1205 Birmingham, Alabama Zip Code 35210

MINISTER'S AND DEACON'S ROLL MINISTERS

Rev:	Amos	Rev:	Curtis C.Ful
Rev:	Burtis W. Sewell		Edward Gomer
Rev:	Johnny Tillery		Lester Gann
Rev:	Jesse Drummonds		Eugene Taylo
Rev:	G.H.Latta		Billy Joe Ba
Rev:	Eltion Keith		Joe Martin
	Rev: Jesse		

DEACONS

Bro:	John D. Shackerford	Bro:	Eulas Partain
Bro:	James Kithens	Bro:	J.R. Martain
Bro:	A.J.Davis		Colman Burton
Bro:	Donald Vick	Bro:	Kenneth Martin
	James Lee	Bro:	Curtis Bailey
Bro:	Ralph Foster	Bro:	Charles N. Aar
Bro:	Virgil Foster-(Life Life)	Bro:	Almous Barnett
Bro:	Curtis Fountain		John Gomer
Bro:	Troy Aaron	Bro:	E.M.MeDaniel

MINISTER'S AND DEACON'S CONFERENCE RULES

This conference shall be known as the Minister and Deacon's Conference of the Birmingham District Association of Free Will Baptist, Incorporated.

II It shall be composed of Ordained Ministers and Deacon's.

III When in session, it shall be composed of duly elected Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Clerk.

IV The Moderator shall be elected at each session and remain in office untill the eletion and installation of his successor.

V The Glerk shall be elected for one year and shall be elected by the majority present.

VI To be eligible to be standing delegate to the Annual and Semi-Annual Conference, a minister or deacon should belong to the Minister's and Deacon's Conference.

VII 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.

VIII Ministers coming from another Association must bring a letter from his Association and must be in good standing.

IX Ministers or Deacons making application for membership must be the husband of one living wife, or none

PASTER S NAMES	REV: BILLY JOE BANKS	REV: JESSE DRUMMONDS	REV: CURTIS C.FULLER	REV: L. J'ER	EV: EDWARD	REV: ELTION KEITH	REV: G.H. LATTA	REV = JOE	SDALE	REV: CURTIS	REV: EUGENE TAYLOR	REV: JOHNNY TILLERY	REV: JESSE WOMACK				
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REVIVALS ASSISTED IN	0	0	2	0	0	0	1		0	0	0	1	1				
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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT

OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST INC.

Conference opened with a song "Glory To His Name", ledoby Sis; Louise Barnett. Prayer led by Rev. Lester Gann.

Moderator: Rev: Amos Ragsdale

Moderator read Scriptures from "Ephesians" Chapte: #3 Verse#20 and commented on same.

Song "Glory Land Way", led by Sis: Barnett.
Regretes offered to conference for the doath

Regretes offered to conference for the death of Rev: Ira Lee Hanks.

Conference declared in session, by the Clerk, Bro: E.M.McDaniel.

Reading Committee appointed by Moderator.

Reading Committee: Sis: Tillery, and Bro: Jim Leathers from seven Churches were read, and accepted as read, and delegates seated.

Moderator elected for this session was Rev: Amos Ragsdale, and Assistant Moderator Rev: G.H.Latta.

Song, "Are You Washed In The Blood", led by Rev: Johnny Tillery.

SOLO sang by Sis: Christine Leathers "Now I Have Everything", with Sis: Pe..ny Wright at the piano.

SOLO sang by Bro: Jerry "right, "I Could Still Go

Free", with Sis: Pe..ny Wright at the piano.

Both songs were a blessing to everyone.

The Moderator appointed thefollowing committees.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Bro: James Woody, Sis: Kathleen Davis, and Sis: Chapmon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Bro: Raymond Chapman, Sis: Betty Chapman, and Br.
Leroy Fountain.

Sis: Aline Partain, Sis: Irene Partain, and Bro: Jim Leathers.

BUSINESS COMMITTE:

Johnny Tillery, Rev: Lester Gann, and Bro: Ralph Foster.
ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev: Jesse Womack, Bro: A.H.Barnett, Bro: Eulas Partain, Rev: Elton Keith, and Bro: James Kitchens.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Sis: Christine Leathers, Sis: Irene Cardwell, and Sis: Nomeen Crump.

TEMPERANCE COM.ITTIL

Sis: Bertha Kelly, Bro: Leroy Fountain, and Bro: Raymond Chapman.

In absents of the Committees a song was led by, Rev: Johnny Tilley, "At Calvary".

SOLO: "Coming Home", by Sis: Christine Leathers, blessed everyones heart.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Devotional Committee, have chosen Rev, G.H Latta for the 11:Oclock message.

Song service conducted by Rev: Johnny Tillery before the 110clock message.

Late letter, read, accepted by body and the Melegates seated.

Sis: Langford led song, "Amazing Grace".

Rev: Latta's message was taken from "Daniel, Chapter 5, verse5 "The Handwriting On The Wall", was theme Warned of false security, when we think we stand. Be mindful lest we fall. There will be a day of reckoning. Use what talents we have for "GOD".

Message was very inspirational.

Invitation was given.

Invitation song "I must Tell Jesus".

Dismissed by Moderator. Dismissal prayer and blessing on food was offered by Bro: Barnett.

Lunch and fellowship was injoyed by everyone.
songs led by Sis: Barnett. Songs were: "Victory In

Jesus" and "Heaven's Jubilee".

Many good Testimonies were given while committees

are out on business.

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Bro: Barnett gave a report on Children nome. This report accepted by body.

Offering for Children's Home on September 11, 1976 was for \$51.11.

REPOT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

and found theme to be in order.

This report accepted by proper motion, second and vote of the body.

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee, think: First; CHURCH show real Christian Love, one to another, SECOND; be Considerate of the other person's feelings, THIRD; Show Compassion at all times; Fourth; Always be careful one (1) year under the watch care of the Church. what we say or do, as not to affend any one. Letting the World see CHRIST in our daily lives and our conversations.

This report accepted by proper move, second and vote of body.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, the Sunday School Committee report ways to improve attendance in Sunday School and Church. #1 Meet and invite more to Sunday School and Church. "2 More Social Activities in Christian Love for everyone This report accepted by proper action of body. REPORT OF DECEASED COMMITTE

We, the Business Committee, regret the lose of these members, and express our deepest simpathy to their Families and Association members.

This report accepted by proper vote of the Body.

REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

41 We, the Business Comittee acknowledge the request for the Cemi-Annual Conference be held with the Pleasant fill Free Will Baptist Church on March 5, 1971 at Sipsey, Ala.

This item passed on by body in proper form. 1/2 We, the Business Committee recommend that the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk be elected for a five (5) year period.

This item, voted on and accepted by Body.

#3 We, the Business Committee, acknowledge the request for the Annual Conference he held with the High Point Free Will Baptist Church on September 10,1977

at Trussville Rt.2. This item accepted by proper vote of Body. #4 We, the Business Committee, acknowledge the apology of Rev: Willsra Scott to the Association, but We, the Auditing Committee, have checked the records since the Association has no Authority to grant a certificate of good standing without the Church's request, We the Business Committee request Rev: Willard Scott go back to the church of which he is affiliated with to get a request for a certificate of good standing. #5 We, the Business Committee, recommend that Bro: Jerry Wright be Dicensed to carry the Gosple for #6 We, the Business Committee, request, that since no record exists of the amounts contributed by each Church in this Association to the Camp Ground Fund, that all money, including interest drawn, bedivided

equally among all Churches which are members of this Associa tion as of August 31, 1976, with the ex eption of (\$1000.00) one thousand dollars of total amount to be turned over to the general fund of the Dirmingham District Association of Free Will Baptist. #7 We, the Business Committee, recomend that the Trustees now in charge of money, be given the authority to with-draw the Camp Ground Funds and divide the moneyequally to the eight Churches in Association as of August 31,1977, with the exception of (\$1000.00)

> ORDAINING COULCIL No business as of this session DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION

one thousand dollars to go to the general funds.

C.E.Henderson Bro; &Sis; Jim Leathers Bos& Sis: Sam Wallace Bro; &Sis; John Gomer Bro; &Sis: Sis; Estridge Langford Bro; & Leroy Partain Sis; Louise Barnett

Standing vote of thanks was given to the host Church for the wonderful lunch and fellowship.

Bro; A. .. . Ba nett

Trustee of Children home

Motion was made to adjourn by REV: G. H. Latta. Dismissed in prayer by REV: Jesse Drummonds.

CLERK: Bro. E.M.McDaniel Rt. 11 Box 1205 Birmingham, Al. 35210

BALANCE

OLD SAVINGS ACCOUNT BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST INC.

Amount	in	savings_				\$9,066.80
Amount	Tra	ansfered	to	General	Funds_	\$1,000.00
Balance	=					\$8,000.80

Balance to be equally divided between the Churches in the Birmingham District of Free Will Baptist as of August 31,1976.

BONITA PARK(10-8-1976	check#844848)-\$1,008.35
CEDER GROVE(10-8-1976	check#844849)-\$1,008.35
HANK'S MEMORIAL	10-8-1976	heck#844850)-\$1,008.35
HIGH POINT(10-8-1976	check#844851)-\$1,008.55
LIBERTY(10-8-1976	check#844852)-\$1,008.35
MEADOW'S CHAPEL(10-8-1976	check#844853)-\$1,008.35
PILGRIM(10-8-1976	check#844854)-\$1,008.35
PLEASANT HILL(10-8-1976	check#844855)-\$1,008.35

FINANCIAL REPORT

A CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY O	
AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD	344.48
AMOUNT RECEIVED ALOUAL CONFERENCE	£300.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED FO: CHILD.EN'S HOME	\$ 69.00
ALOUNT RECEIVED FOR SAVINGS	\$1:300.00
TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED_	,713.72
PAID OUT	
CHILDRES OF ORG	\$ 69.24
STATE ASSOCIATION	\$ 40.00
CLERK'S FRES (ANNUAL)	\$ 50.00
ASSISTANT CLERK'S FEES (AULUAL)	\$ 15.00
CLERK'S FRES (SEMI-ANNUAL)	\$ 15.00
ASSISTANT CLERK'S FEE (SEMI-ANEUAL)	\$15.00
TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED	\$1713.72

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Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Chris 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 appearances of evil, to abstrate from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the World, from all sanction of the use and safe of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligation 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 Savior 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: mor 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 repproof 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 stregthen the
weak, encourage theafflicted, 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 World. And may the God of Peace sanctify us wholly, and perserve us blameless unto the coming of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

#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. Also, the former clerk will officiate until organized.

#2 This body shall be composed of 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 occer and to preside until reorganized and election and installation of his successor. It shall be his duty to keep order, enroce the rules of the Decorum, and decide all questions, discipline, and 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 whil he is speaking.

#5 It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep the minutes of the procedings and 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 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 discussing, 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 abridg at any session of the Association by a majority vote of the members present.

#15 The Minister who receives the most votes shall be Moderator and the next highest votes, Assistant Moderator.

#16 We recommend that we correspond and ask correspondence with other Associations.

#17 We recommend that all Preachers and Churches coming from other Associations or Denominations, be examined by a committee before being received into this body.

#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.

AMMENDMENTS

We recommend that this body, henceforce, refuse a request from any church in this organization to ordain or lincense any Minister or Deacon who has two living wives.

#2 Any Minister not having been licensed by the Birmingham Association or quarterely meeting must carry a license from this Association for one year.

#3 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 this body.

OUTLINE FOR MODERATOR AT BOTH ANNUAL AND SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

#1---SONG

#2---PRAYER

#3---REMARKS BY MODERATOR

#4---MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CLERK

#5---READING COMMITTEE APOINTED BY MODERATOR

#6---LETTERS READ AND DELEGATES SEATED

#7---READING OF MINUTES (SEMI-CONFERENCE ONLY)

#8---COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

DEVOTIONAL

SUNDAY SCHOOL (ANNUAL ONLY)

DECEASED (ANNUAL ONLY)

BUSINESS(FOR ONES WHO ARE ABSENT)

ORDAINING (FOR ONES WHO ARE ABSENT)

TEMPERANCE (ANNUAL ONLY)

AUDITING (ANNUAL CONFERENCE ONLY)

#9---REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

#10--SONGS AND TESTIMONIES MAY BE USED WHILE COMMITTEES ARE OUT IN THE MORNING

#11--PREACHING AT 11:00 A,M.

#12--LUNCH FROM 12:00 NOON TO 1:00 P.M.

#13--SONG TO START THE AFTERNOON SESSION

#14--COMMITTEE'S REPORTS

#15--USE TIME FOR MESSAGES WHILE COMMITTEESARE OUT

#16--ORDAINING (WHEN NEEDED)

#17--MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

CHURCHES	CHURCH	PASTOR	PAID	PAID FX ANG EV. E.B.T.	MEMBERS	SUNDAY SCHOOL.	MEMBERS	ORDAINED	ORDAINED	MINISTERS	BUILDING & REPAIRS	HOME	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	DECEASED
BONITA PARK LOVICK ALABAMA	SIS:PEGGY GOMER.RT2 BOX136C	REV:JESSE WOMACK	1,575.00		0	30	27	1	1	1	\$975.00	\$638.68	?	0
CEDER GROVE WILSONVILLE ALABAMA 35186	SIS:KATH- LEEN DAVIS RT.2BOX71 WILSONVILLE	ALABAMA REV:CLAY ENGLE RT. 1BOX178A HARPERSVILLE ALABAMA	1068.50	\$150.0	0	40	37	2	3	0	\$983.41	\$74.77	?	0
HANK'S MEMORIAL ALTON ALABAMA	BRO:SIDNEY E.PARTRIDGE P.O.BOX261	REV: AMOS RAGSDALE	3025.00	\$150.0	2	35	5 59	2	2	0	\$3503.41	\$1094.13	\$20,000.00	0
35015 HIGH POINT RT.2 TRUSSVILLE	SIS: OTHELL TURNEY	35094 REV: JESSIE DRUMMONDS BOX 328	\$120.00	\$000.0	8 0	30	30	2	0	2	\$3248.87	0	?	- a
ALA.35173 LIBERTY RT.1 LAWLEY ALABAMA	LEEDS.ALA. SIS: SANDRA FOSTER	LEEDS ALA. REV: JOHNMY TILLERY	2500.00	\$200.0	12 0	58	3 55	1	4	1	\$1447.13	\$250.00	?	3
MEADOW'S CHAPEL	ALA.36793 SIS:BERTHA	ALABAMA REV: G.H. LATTA	2,00.00	2000		0 2	4 ?	1	2	0	\$3632.00	0	?	0
BLOSSBURG PILGRIM RT.3	SIS: MINNIE	RT.3BOX 169D REV: JAMES E.KEITH	1560.00	\$000.0	1 1	2 4	5 35	1	2	C	?	0	3	- 0
MONTEVALLO PLEASANT HILL SIPSEY ALABAMA 35584	SIS:GERALDINE	72	\$ 000.00	\$395.8	1 2	1 1	9 13	7 5	7		\$2701.90	\$300.00	?	-