MINUTES

OF

THE BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST INC ..

HELD WITH

HIGH POINT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

AT

TRUSSVILLE, ALABAMA

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CHURCH COVENANT

Maving 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 appearances 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 provid things honest in 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 endeaver to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Crist."

Wewill 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 Lov, endeavering to "Keep the unity of the Spirit," in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, 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 denomintional enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistict 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.

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SEPTEMBER 10,1977

MODERATOR	JOHNNY TILLERY
ASSISTANT MODERATOR_	G.H.LATTA
CLERK_	E.M.McDANIEL
ASSISTANT CLERK	LOUISE BARNETT

The Semi-Annual Conference will convene with the Bonita Park Free Will Baptist Church at Lovick, Alabama, on March 4, 1978.

The Minister's & Deacon's Conference will convene on Friday night, September 8, 1978, with the Unity Free Will Baptist Church at Thorsby, Alabama.

The Annual Conference will convene with the Unity Free Will Baptist Church at Thorsby, on Saterday September 9,1978.

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MINISTER'S AND DEACON'S CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 10,1977

Conference opened with a song, "Victory
in Jesus", led by Rev; G.H. Latta.
Bro: A.H.Barnett led the opening Prayer.
Rev; G.H.Latta led another song, "When we
all get to Heaven".
Acting Moderator read some Scripture from
St. Mathew, chapter4, verse 18 and committed
on same.
Motion called for the election of Modi-
rator. Nominated; first, G.H. Latta, second,
Amos Ragsdalc.
Motion made to close nomination, by C.W.
Sewell, seconded by A.H.Barnett.
Voted: Rev: Ragsdale4
Rev: Latta 1
Rev: Amos Ragsdale was elected Modirator
Rev: G.H. Latta elected Assistant Moderator.
Motion made by Rev: Latta to accept Rev:
Lester Gann, Rev: Willard Scott, and Bro: Daward
Scott into the Minister's & Deacon's
Conference. Seconded by Bro: Barnett.
Song led by Rev: Jesse Drummonds, as
hand of Fellowship was given.
Nomination for Devotion and Preaching.
Devotion: 1-Bro: A.H.Barnett, 2- Rev: Lester
Gann. VOTE: Rev: Gann3
Bro: Barnett5
Bro: Barnett elected for Devotion.
Preaching: Rev: Willard Scott, Rev: Curtis
Sewell. VOTE: Rev: Sewell5
Rev: Willard Scott2
Rev: Sewell elected for Preaching.
Motion made to retain same Clerk for (5)
years. Motion accepted by vote in proper order.
Motion made to accept Minutes as read by
Rev:Latta, seconded by Rev: Sewell.

OLD BUSINESS NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Talk, made by Bro: Barnett, on how to work and discuss ways to help Conference.

#1 Elect Moderator at the end of each session. #2 To rewrite the Rules of the Decorum.

#3 To elect Board of Peers.

#4 Motion made to pay Rev: Latta for gas and oil for the trips to the Unity Church in Thorsby.
#5 Motion made to transfer \$200.00 dollars to general funds of the B'ham District Associatio.
#6 Motion made to transfer \$ 125.00 dollars to general funds. Having previous motion for \$75.00 dollars to be transfered to general funds. This will make the \$260.00 mentioned in item #5.
This motion accepted by the vote of the body.
#7 Motion made to elect Moderator for next session at this Conference, also elect the Assistant Moderator for the next session. Voted and accepted by the body.

#8 Motion made by Rev: Sewell, to retain the same Moderator and Assistant Moderator for the next session. Seconded by Bro: Barnett. Carried by vote of body in proper form.

#9 Nomination of Willard Scott, to bring the message at the next Conference. Voted on and acepted in proper form. If man nominated is absent, the Moderator will preach. Accepted by body.

Bro:Barnett took charge of Devotion.He read scripture from 1st psalms and commented on same. Devotion was injoyed by all.

Rev: Sewell read scriptures from 11th chapter of Leviticus and 44th verse,6th chapter of Ephesians and 16th verse,119th Psalms and 130th verse, and 5th chapter of hebrews and 12th through 14th verses and commented on same.

Message injoyed by all.

#10 Motion made to ammend item #4 from reading:
The Moderator shall be elected at each session
and remain in office until the election and installation of his successor, To read: Moderator to be
elected at the end of each session for the next
session.

#11 Motion made to ammend item#5 from reading:
The Clerk shall be elected for one year and shall
be elected by the majority present, To read: To elect
the Clerk every five(5) years. Motion accepted by
the body by proper vote.

#12 Motiom made to adjourn by Rev: G.H. Latta, and prayer by Rev: Lester Gann.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

MINISTER'S AND DEACON'S CONFERENCE

Amount	brought foward_	\$315.00
Amount	received September 10,1977_	\$ 23.00
Total		\$338.00

PAID OUT

	\$200.00
Rev: Latta, for gas &oil, for trips to the Unity Church in Thorsby	\$ 12.00 \$212.00
Amount brought forward_	\$338.00
Paid out	\$212.00
Balance in treasure	\$126.00

Clerk: Bro: E.M.McDaniel Rt. 11, Box 1205 B'ham, Ala. 35210

MINISTER'S AND DEACON'S CONFERENCE RULES

- #1 This Conference shall be known as the Minister's and Deacon's Conference of the B'ham District Association of Free Will Baptist Inc.
- #2 It shall be composed of Ordained Ministers and Deacons.
- #3 When in session, it shall be composed of duly elected Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Clerk.
- #4 Moderator to be elected at end of each session for the next session.
- #5 Clerk to be elected every five(5) years, and shall be elected by the majority present.
- #6 To be eligible to be a standing delegate to the Annual and Semi-Annual Conference, a Minister and Deacon should belong to the Minister's and Deacon's Conference.
- #7 Ordained Ministers coming from another
 Denomination shall be eligible to belong to
 the Conference, but must serve for one year
 under the watch care of this body before
 being granted Ordination Papers from this body.
- #8 Ministers or Deacons coming from another Association must bring a letter from his Association and must be in good standing.
- #9 Ministers or Deacons making application for membership must be the husband of one living wife, or none.

MINISTER'S AND DEACON'S

ROLL

MINISTERS

Revs	Amos Ragsdale	Rev:	Jessa Womack
Rev;	Curtis W. Sewell	Rev:	Eward Gomer
Rev:	Johnny Tillery	Rev:	Lester Gann
Rev:	Jesse Drummonds(life)	Rev:	Claudia L.Deavers
Rev: (G.H.Latta	Rev:	Dovard Scott
Reva	Eltion Keith	Rev:	Willard Scott
Rev:	Arlie Bevens	Rev:	Ronnie Davis

DEACONS

Bros	J.D. Shackerford	Bro:	Willard Binion
Bro:	James Kitchens	Bro:	A.J.Davis
Bro:	Donald Vick	Bro:	Colman Burton
Bro:	James Lee	Bro:	Curtis Bailey
Bro:	Ralph Forster	Bro:	Curtis Fountain
Bro:	Virgil Foster(life)	Bra:	A.H.Barnett(life)
Bro:	Douglas Scott	Bro:	John Gomer

Bro: E_M_McDaniel

MINISTR'S	REV: JESSE DRUMONBS	GANN GANN	REV: EDWARD GOMER	ELTION .	REV: G. H.	REV: AMOS RAGSDALE
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NUMBER BAPTIZED	0	1	0	0	8	0
REVIVALS ASSISTED IN	0	0	0	0	3	0
MARRIAGES PERFORMED	0	1	0	0	2	0
MILES TRAVELED	?	?	0	0	10, 600	0
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CHURCHES ORGANIZED	0	0	0	0	0	0
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ANNUAL

CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 10,1977

Conference opened with a song, "JESUS SAVES" and a Prayer led by Rev: Louis Bates. The Moderator read portion of Mathew: 12 chapter and commented on same.

The Congregation participated in an Alter Prayer, especially, for this session of the Association.

Body was declared in Conference by the Clerk.
A reading Committee was appointed by the
Moderator.

Sis: Kathleen Davis and Sis: Jerry Pylant were appointed for the reading Committee.

Letters were read and accepted by proper vote of the Body, and the Delegates seated.

Committees were appointed by the Moderator.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Sis: Betty Vick, Sis: Myrtle Fountain, and Sis: Minnie Pickett.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Bro: Frank Moore, Sis: Myrtle Fountain, and Sis: Jerry Pylant.

DECEASED COMMITTEE

Bre: Woody, Sis: Christine Scott, And Sis: Salars.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Bro: Ralph Foster, Bro: Lawrence Jones, Bro: John Gomer, Rev: Willard Scott, and Bev: Eltion Keith.

ORDAINING COUNCIL TEMPORARY MEMBERS

Rev: Curtis Sewell, Rev: Daverand Scott, Bro: J.D. Shackerford, and Bro: Vinyard.

TEMPERENCE COMMITTEE

Sis: Myrtle Fountain, Sis: Ruth Vick, and Sis: Roberta Wallace.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Bro: Junior Lovett, Sis: Roberta Wallace, and Sis: Minnie Pickett.

BOARD OF PEERS

Bro: A.H.Barnett, Rev: G.H.Latta, Bro: ralph Foster, Bro: Donald Vick, and Rev: Jesse Womack.

Rev: Johnny Tillery was elected Moderator and Rev: G.H.Latta as Assistant-Moderator for this session. September 10,1977.

Rev: Tillery commented on the lack of intrest in the Conference by our Churches, and requested Prayer for same. Prayer was offered by Rev: Eltion Keith.

Rev: Jesse Womack was elected to bring the mid-day message, by the Devotional Committee.

The Business Committee was dismissed to transact such business as would come before it.

After a short recess, the Congregation was led in singing by Sis: Fountain, and Prayer by Bro: Barnett.

Sis: Tillery and Sis: Fountain sang a duet, "I DON'T KNOW ABOUT TOMORROW."

Rev: Womack took his Text from Marks chapter 14, Verses 3 through 9, for his very inspiring Message. His thought being, " SHE HAS DONE WHAT SHE COULD, " referring to the ANOINTING of " JESUS" by Mary.

The invitational song, led by Sis: Fountain "JUST AS I AM."

Rev: Bates, Pastor of Cak Grove Fre will Baptist Church, gave a word of Testimony, which we enjoyed very much.

The Congregation was dismissed for lunch with Prayer, by Sis: Myrtle Fountain.

Bro: Barnett asked the Blessings on the food. Following a wonderful lunch and sweet fellowship, the Congregation assembled for song service, coducted by Sis: Fountain and Prayer led by Rev: Johnny Tillery.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, the Sunday School Committee, recommend outside activities for youth to get the Aults involved in Sunday School.

Activities such as: Visiting, Home gatherings for singings Prayer meetings, and receation. Byassociating closely with the young people.

They will be more apt to become interested in coming to Church to hear the word of the Bible taught.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, The Auditing Committee, have checked the Clerk's records and found them in order.

REPORT OF THE TEMPERENCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperence Committee, think first; the Church should show real Christian love to each other, and always be careful what we say or do, so as not to offend anyone. Let Christ be seen in our daily lives, by the World.

REPORT OF DECEASED COMMITTEE

We, the Deceased Committee deeply regret the loss of SiS: Mae Foster, of the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church at Lawley, Ala. We, of the Association, extend our deepest sympathy to the loved ones. Remember our loss is Heaven's gain.

In the absence of the Ordaining Council, song was conducted by Sis: Fountain.

Sis: Jerry Pylant and Sis: Louise Barnett sang a duet, and Rev: Bates sang a solo.

REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

#1 We, the Business Committee, recommend that Bro: Gene Graham be dismissed from this Association, since he is attending another Church in another Association.

#2 We, the Business Committee, recommend that Bro:
Romnie Davis be turned over to the Ordaining
Council and if found worthy, be Ordained to preach
Gospel.

#3 We, the Business Committee, recommend that the next Annual Conference, be held at the Unity Free Will Baptist Church at Thorsby, Alabama on September 9,1978.

#4 We, the Business Committee, recommend that the Moderator and Assistant Moderator for ensuing years be elected at the end of each Annual Association.

John Gomer be regiven the charge of Deacon, since he was not married when he was Ordained.

#6 We, the Business Committee, recognize the request of Bonita Park Free Will Baptist Church to have the next Semi-Annual Conference on March 4,1978.

#7 We, the Ordained men of the Unity F.W.B.Church, after visiting with Robert Reliford, Lester Dannis, and Don Fondren, have brought evidence befor our Church and have releived them from Deacons and also have dismissed them from membership.

Their statements were as following:

Robert Rreliford has joined another Denomination. . We asked for his Papers, he gave them up freely.

Lester Dennis has denied the Faith and Practice of the Free Will Baptist, and has removed himself from the Denomination. When asked for his Papers, he said he had burned them up.

Don Fondren has failed his duties as a Deacon, failed to fellowship, and to support the Church for more than two years. When asked for his papers, he said he had never received any.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that Bro: Ronnie Davis be Ordained as a Minister of the Gospel.

The charge was given to Bro: Davi and his wife, by Rev: Jesse Womack, who read a portion of 2nd Timothy, chapter 3.

By request Bro: John Gomer, a Deacon, and his wife were given the same charge. The charge given

them was very inspirational.

The Ordaining Council and each Ordained man present, gathered in Prayer for the candidates and their wives, with the laying on of hands, and Prayer led by Rev: sewell. The right hand of fellowship was extended to the candidates and their wives. This was very spiritual and touching.

Each Committee's report was accepted by proper

move, second and vote of the Delegation.

REPORT OF CHILDREN HOME

A report on the Children's Home was given by Bros Barnett, Trustee Board Member of Birmingham District Association. Thi report was accepted by proper vote of the Delegation.

An offering was taken in the amount of \$68.60

for the Children's Home.

Rew: Jesse Womack was elected as Trustee for the Children's Home, from the Birmingham District, for the ensuing year.

DELEGATES TO STRITE ASSOCIATION

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Wallace Mr. &Mrs C.E.Henderson Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Fountain Mr. &Mrs.Clyde Lovet Jr. Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Partridge Mrs. Eskridge Langford Mrs. A.H.Barnett MR. E.M.McDaniel

Rev: Johnny Tillery was elected as Moderator and Rev: G.H.Latta as Assistant Moderator for the ensuing year.

Motion was made to adjourn, and Rev: Eltion Keith dismissed this session with Prayer.

> Clerk: Bro: E.M.McDaniel Rt. 11, Box 1205 Birmingham, Alabama 35219

FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount brought foward	\$1509.48
Amount received from Minister's and Deacon's Conference Annual Association Children's Home	\$ 200.00 \$ 325.00 \$ 99.76
Total AmountPAID OUT	_\$2134.24
State Association Children's Home Clerk: (Annual Association) Assistant Clerk (Annual Association) Clerk (Semi-Annual Association) Assistant Clerk (Semi-Annual) Expenses for trips to Unity Church Prenting of minutes Total paid out	\$ 40.00 \$ 99.36 \$ 50.00 \$ 15.00 \$ 15.00 \$ 12.00 \$ 157.50 \$ 404.26
Amount ReceivedAmount paid out	\$2134.24 \$ 404.26
Balance	\$1729.98

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

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CHURCH	CLERK	PASTOR	PAID	PAID EV ANGELIST	RECEIVED	MEMBERS	SUNDAY	CHURCH	H S	ORDAINED	LICENSED	H 34	CHILDREN	VALUE OF CHURCE PROPERTY	DECEASED
BONITA PARK LOVICK ALABAMA	SIS: PEGGY GOMER.RT A BOX THAC A TRUSSVILLE ALABAMA	DAVIS RT.3 BOX TRUSSVILLE ALABAMA 3/7	2350.00	325.00	5	1	27	27	1.	1	1	\$1884.04	874.67	?	0
CEDAR GROVE WILSONVILLE ALABAMA 35186	SIS:KATHLEED DAVIS.RT.2 BOX 71 WILSONVILLE ALA.35186	ENGLE RT. 1 HARPERSVILLE ALABAMA	32038	385.00	0	0	34	34	1	3	0	\$1328.12	131.25	40,000.00	0
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RULES OF THE DECORUM

#1 After an introductory sermon is preached the Association shall be called to order by Moderator that 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 i

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 election and installation of his successor. It shall be his duty to keep order, enforce the rules of the Decorum, and decide all questions, discipline, and in ease of a tie vote .cast the deciding ballot. He may speak on any subject, but must call on the Assistant Moderator to presde while he is speaking. #5 Itshall 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 Charch 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 brother shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject under discussion, or uses words of personal reflection.
- #11 No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject, nor more than ten minutes each time, without permission of Moderator.

#12 Only one person shall be allowed to speak at a time and he must arise and address the Moderator.

MODERATOR'S OUTLINE

ANNUAL AND SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCES

#1	Song
#2	Prayer
#3	Remarks by Moderator
#4	Meeting called into order by Moderator
#5	Letters read Delegates seated
#6	Reading of Minutes (Semi-Annual only)
#7	Comittees appointed by Moderator
	Reading
	Devotional
	Sunday School (Annual only)
	Deceased(Annual only)
	Business(for ones absent)
	Ordaining(for ones absent)
	Temperance(Annual only)
	Auditing(Annual only)
The state of the s	Report of Devotioal Committee
#9	_Songs and Testimonies may be used while
Commi	ttees are out in the morning
C-1	_Preaching at 11.00 A.M.
	_Lunch from 12.00 Noon to1.00 P.M.
	_Song to start the afternoon session
#13_	_Use time for short messages while
Comm	ittees are out in afternoon
#14_	Committee's reports
#15_	Ordaining(when needed)
#16_	Motion to adjourn