

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT
ASSOCIATION, INC.
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION HELD
WITH
UNITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
THORSBY, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 9, 1978



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MINUTES OF THE BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION HELD WITH UNITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH AT THORSBY, ALABAMA SEPTEMBER 9, 1978

MODERATOR.....	Rev: Johnny Tillery
ASSITANT MODERATOR.....	Rev: G.H.Latta
CLERK.....	Bro: E.M.McDaniel
ASSISTANT CLERK(Temporary).....	Sis: Mrs. J.Tillery

The Semi-Annual meeting will convene with the Cedar Grove Church, Rt. 1 Box 657 Wilsonville, Ala. on March 3, 1979.

The Annual Association will convene with the Oak Grove Church, Rt. 5 Box 635 Gardendale, Ala on September 8, 1979.

The Minister's and Deacon's Conference will convene on Friday night, September 7, 1979.

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 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 provide things honest in sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligation in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret Prayers, 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; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the Church, of its poor and all of 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, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the Church and of the Gospel.

We will every where hold Christian principles 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 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".

MINISTER'S AND DEACON'S CONFERENCE

1978

Rev: G.H.Latta, the Assistant Moderator took charge of the Conference.

Rev: Johnny Tillery opened the Conference with a song "AMAZE AND GRACE". Prayer led by Rev: Bill Dutton.

Moderator read from ACTS 15 Chapter and 13th verse and commented on same. To build what "GOD" wants to build. Asking Prayer for Bro: A.H. Barnett and others that are sick.

A special Alter Prayer for all the sick requests, led by Rev: G.H.Latta.

Clerk declared the Conference open for all business that comes before the Conference.

Rev: Tillery led a song as new members were invited into the Conference.

Rev: Louoe Bates, Rev: D.M. Calvert accepted this invitation into the Conference.

Motion made by Rev: D. Scott to accept these new members into the Conference. Voted on and accepted by the Body. Hand-shake of fellowship was given to these new members.

Moderator called for the reading of the last minutes.

Minutes were read by the Clerk. Motion made to accept the minutes as read by Rev: W. Scott. Minutes accepted by the Body in proper form.

Motion made for Moderator to appoint Assistant Moderator for this session. Rev: Ronnie Davis was appointed for this session.

Rev: Bill Dutton appointed for Devotional.

Rev: Willard Scott was appointed for the evening Message.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

Request made to recognize the Elders of our Association. this request acknowledged by the Body

Rev: Dutton read from "St. Math. 16th Chapter and 18th Verse". Commented on "Rights Of Our Lord's Church."

Devotion was enjoyed by all and the Testimonies were Spiritual and enjoyed by all.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR FOR 1979

Nominated

1 Rev: Louie Bates

2 Rev: Bill Dutton

Nomination was closed by motion and second by the Body.

Rev: Bill Dutton was elected Moderator with 10 votes.

Rev: Louie Bates elected Assist Moderator with 8 votes.

MESSAGE FOR MINISTER'S & DEACON'S CONFERENCE FOR 1979

Nominated

1 Rev: Waine Bullock

2 Rev: Ronnie Davis

Nomination was closed by motion and second of the Body.

Rev: Waine Bullock was elected to bring the Message for 1979 with 11 of 18 votes cast by Body.

Rev: Willard Scott read Scripture from St. John: Chapter 1, and commented on same. Message was enjoyed by all.

The Spirit was present very strong throughout the Conference.

Motion made to adjourn by Bro: James Fountain. Conference dismissed by Prayer.

FINANCIAL REPORT

MINISTER'S & DEACON'S CONFERENCE

Amount brought forward	\$ 126.00
Amount received September 8, 1978	\$ 27.00
Total	\$ 153.00

Paid Out	\$ 000.00
Balance In Treasure	\$ 153.00

CLERK: E.M. McDaniel
Rt. 11 Box 1205
B'ham, Al. 35210

MINISTER'S & DEACON'S CONFERENCE RULES

1 This Conference shall be known as the Minister's & 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 the 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 & Semi-Annual Conference, a Minister and Deacon should belong to the Minister's & 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 and Deacons coming from another Association must bring a letter from his Association and must be in good standing.

9 Ministers and Deacons making application for membership must the husband of one living wife, or none.

MINISTER'S AND DEACON'S

ROLL

MINISTERS

Rev: Amos Ragsdale	Rev: Jessie 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
Rev: Eltion Keith	Rev: Willard Scott
Rev: Arlie Bevens	Rev: Ronnie Davis
Rev: J.M. Dutton	Rev: T.E. Yarbough
Rev: Louie Bates	Rev: Willie Jenkins
Rev: D.M. Calvert	Rev: Waine Bullard

DEACONS

Bro: J.D. Shackerford	Bro: Bill Williams
Bro: James Kitchens	Bro: A.J. Davis
Bro: Donald Vick	Bro: Colman Davis
Bro: James Lee	Bro: Curtis Bailey
Bro: Ralph Foster	Bro: Curtis Fountain
Bro: Virgil Foster(life)	Bro: Leo Lipsey
Bro: Douglas Scott	Bro: John Gomer
Bro: E.J. McClure	Bro: Robert Richardson
Bro: Charles Thrasher	Bro: Ralph Boyles
Bro: C. Brown	Bro: E.M. McDaniel

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT CONFERENCE OF FREE WILL

BAPTIST

SEPTEMBER 9, 1978

Annual conference

Conference began with songs led by Brother Louie Bates.

Moderator made request that we have a standing silent Prayer to honor Bro: A.H. Barnett, that could not be with us.

A song led by Bro: Louie Bates and an Alter Prayer for all the sick of the Association.

Moderator made talk on what he would like done to improve the association.

Moderator read Scripture from St. Mark 16th Chapter and 15th Verse, and commented on same.

Conference called into session by Clerk, to transact all business brought before this session.

Song led by Bro: Bates as fellowship was carried with hand-shake.

Moderator, appointed Reading Committee: Sis: Kathleen Davis, and Sis: Sadra Foster.

Letters were read and motion made to assept letters as read and seat the Delegates.

Motion accepted in proper form. A Second and Vote of the Body.

Moderator selected the following Committees.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Sis: Barbara Jones	Sis: Roberta Wallace
Sis: Crump	

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Sis: Beatrice Sewell	Bro: M.C. Brown
Sis: Lillie Bates	

DECEASED COMMITTEE

Sis: Shelly Jean Avery	Sis: Ocie Robertshaw
Sis: Linda Mullins	

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT

CHURCHES PASTORED	SERMONS PREACHED	FUNERALS CONDUCTED	NUMBER BAPTIZED	REVIVALS ASSISTED IN	MARRIAGES PERFORMED	MILES TRAVELED	MEMBERS RECEIVED	CHURCHES ORGANIZED	SICK CALLS	OFFERING RECEIVED	MINISTERIAL EXPENSES	MINISTER'S NAMES
												REV: CURTIS SEWELL
												REV: JOHNNY TILLERY
												REV: JESSIE WOMACK
												REV: J.M. DUTTON
												REV: EDWARD GOMER
												REV: JESSE DRUMMONDS
												REV: G.H. LATTA
												REV: AMOS RAGSDALE
												REV: D.M. CALVERT

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												REV: WAINE BULLARD
												REV: T.E. YARBOUGH
												REV: WILLIE JENKINS
												REV: LOUIE BATES
												REV: WILLARD SCOTT
												REV: ELTION KEITH
												REV: LESTER GANN
												REV: DOVARD SCOTT
												REV: ARLIE BEVENS
												REV: CLAUDIA L. DEAVERS
												REV: RONNIE DAVIS

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TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Sis: Sandra Forster Bro: J.E. Robertshaw
Bro: Ed Avery

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Sis: Betty Vick Sis: Woody
Sis: Kelly

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Rev: Ronnie Davis, Rev: Louie Bates, Bro: Ralph Foster, Rev: Curtis Sewell, Bro: John Gomer

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev: Jesse Womack, Rev: J.M. Dutton, Rev: Davard Scott, Bro: Donald Vick.

The Business Committee was dismissed to receive and transact the business at hand.

A wonderful Testimony service was conducted and several wonderful Testimonies were given. They were enjoyed by all.

Song led by Sis: Myrtle Fountain before preaching hour. (Mansion Over The Hill Top).

Rev: J.M. Dutton was chosen to bring the 11: A.M. Message.

Bro: Dutton read from St. Luke 24th Chapter and the 49th Verse. (Text) What Makes The Church Great?

1--Concerned about getting People to JESUS CHRIST.

2--One Solution to every problem--(Prayer).

3--One Source of Power--(Holy Ghost).

4--One Message--(JESUS).

5--JESUS should be real to us.

The message was Inspirational and enjoyed by all.

Rev: Wayne Bullard for short message if needed.

The Pastor of the Church welcomed and invited everyone to have lunch with them.

Dismissed for lunch, with Prayer, to bless the food prepared, by Rev: Wayne Bullard.

A wonderful lunch and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

The Conference opened after lunch with a song (Account Settled Long Ago) led by Sis: Myrtle Fountain.

Another Prayer for Bro: Barnett led by Rev: Jesse Womack.

REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE-- We, the Temperance Committee want to remind everyone to show real Love to one another and be considerate of others, and let the World see Christ in our daily lives.

DECEASED COMMITTEE-- We, the Deceased Committee regret the loss of Sis Erline Womack and express our deepest sympathy to her family and Association members.

Sunday School Committee-- We, the Sunday School Committee, recommend that we keep our Children in Church activities, such as visiting, singings and Prayer Meetings. We also recommend that the Church plan and provide clean holism recreation. When ever possible use the Youth in Bible reading and Bible study and other parts Church Worship. Train up a child in the way it should go and when it is older it will not depart from it. Pray that each child becomes a Christian.

Auditing Committee-- We, the Auditing Committee, find the financial report in order.

The reports of the above listed Committees were accepted by the Body in proper form by Motion, Second, and Vote. Each Committee above was released.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

#1--We, the Business Committee, recommend that we change our checking account from the Budget Plan to the regular checking Account.

#2--We, the Business Committee, recommend, that the next Annual Association be held with the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church at Gardendale, Al. on September 8, 1979. Also the Minister's & Deacon's Conference on Friday night of September 7, 1979.

#3--We, the Business Committee, recommend that the Board Of Peers, go and talk to the Deacons of the Pilgrim Free Will Baptist Church, to see if our Association can retain their fellowship.

#4--We, the Business Committee, recommend that Rev: Bill Dutton be put on the Board Of Peers, until Bro: Barnett can be back with us.

The Business Committee's full report accepted by Motion, Second and Vote of the Body and to dispose item by item.

#1--Accepted by Motion, Second and Vote of Body.

#2--Accepted by Motion, Second and Vote Of Body.

#3--Accepted by Motion, Second and Vote of Body.

#4--Accepted by Motion, Second and Vote of Body.

Moderator for the year 1979 was called for.

Motion made for nomination of Moderator, Second, and Vote accepted by Body.

Nominated: 1 Rev: Louie Bates 16 votes.
2 Rev: Jesse Womack 25 votes.

Rev: Jesse Womack was elected Moderator for 1979.

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME

Bro: Womack made talk on Children's Home The need for a retirement fund for the workers at the Home was discussed. Good report enjoyed by all.

Song led by Sis: Fountain while collection was made for Childre's Home. Amount \$205.00.

A standing vote of thanks, for the good lunch, enjoyed by all.

A talk was made for retirement for retired Ministers, asking for support of this cause.

Bro: Jesse Womack was elected Trustee to the Children's Home from the Birmingham District Association Of Free Will Baptist for 1979.

Motion made for ajournment and Conference dismissed with a Prayer.

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

FINANTUAL REPORT

Amt. Brought Foward-----	\$1698.63
Amt. Received(Annual Conference)----	\$ 325.00
Amt. Received(Semi-Annual Conference)	\$ 25.00
Amt. Received(Children's Home)-----	\$ 273.00
Total Amt. Received-----	\$2321.63

PAID OUT

State Association-----	\$ 45.00
Children's Home-----	\$ 273.00
Clerk (Annual Conference)-----	\$ 50.00
Assistant Clerk(Annual Conference)---	\$ 15.00
Clerk(Semi-Annual Conference)-----	\$ 15.00
Total Paid Out-----	\$ 413.00

Amount Received-----	\$2321.63
Amount Out-----	\$ 413.00
Balance-----	\$1908.63

RULES OF THE DECORUM

#1 After an introductory Sermon is preached, the Association shall be called to order by the Moderator, that presided over the last Session. In case of his absence, the Assistant Moderator shall call the Body to order. Also the Clerk will officiate until organized. (Same Clerk for five(5) years.)

#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 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 case of a tie vote, 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 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 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 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 stand and address the Moderator.

MODERATOR'S OUTLINE

#1---Songs

#2---Prayer

#3---Remarks by Moderator

#4---Meeting Called into Session by the Clerk

#5---Reading Committee appointed by Moderator

#6---Letters read and Delegates seated

#7---Reading Of Minutes (Semi-Annual Only)

#8---Committees appointed by Moderator

Reading

Devotional

Temperance (Annual Only)

Sunday School (Annual Only)

Deceased (Annual Only)

Auditing (Annual Only)

Business (for ones absent)

Ordaining (for ones absent)

#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---Songs to start the afternoon session

#14---Committee's Report

#15---Use time for short messages while

Committees are out

#16---Ordaining (when needed)

#17---Motion for Ajournment

CHURCHES	CLERKS & ADDRESSES	PASTORS & ADDRESSES	PAID PASTORS	PAID EVANG. LIST	MEMBERS RECEIVED	MEMBERS DISMISSED	SUNDAY SCHOOL	CHURCH MEMBERS	ORDAINED MINISTERS	ORDAINED DEACONS	LICENSED MINISTERS	DECEASED	BUILDING AND	REPAIRS CHILDREN	HOME VALUE OF	CHURCH PROPERTY
BONITA PARK LOVICK, AL.	PEGGY GOMER Rt. 3 Box 744A Trussville, Al.	Ronnie Davis Rt. 3 Trussville Al.	\$ 400.00	\$ 620.00	6	0	38	38	2	2	0	0	\$3487.18	\$1294.07	\$70000.00	
CEDAR GROVE Rt. 1 Box 657 Wilsonville Al. 35186	Kathleen Davis Rt. 1 Box 657 Wilsonville Al. 35186	Jesse Womack 7824 6Av. No. B'ham, Al.	\$1405.00	\$ 925.00	9	3	40	40	2	3	0	1	\$1558.53	\$ 187.17	\$40000.00	
HANK'S MEMORAIL Alton, Al. 35015	Sidney E. Partridge P.O. Box 261 Trussville Al.	John M. Dutton Jr. 702 Whitmire St. Leeds Al. 35094	\$3640.00	\$ 245.00	3	3	15	57	3	2	0	0	\$2204.49	\$1019.51	\$30000.00	
HIGH POINT Rt. 2 Box 131 Trussville, Al. 35173	Jean Eason Rt. 2 Box 131 Trussville, Al. 35173	Jesse Drummonds Box 328 Leeds Al. 35094	\$1100.00	\$ 0	8	4	25	30	2	0	0	0	\$1694.00	\$ 35.00	\$?	
LIBERTY Rt. 1 Lawley, Al. 36793	Janis Moore Rt. 1 Box 93A Lawley, Al. 36793	Wayne Bullard Rt. 1 Box 243C Columbiana, Al. 35051	\$3970.00	\$ 400.00	5	3	78	66	1	4	2	0	\$2474.51	\$ 200.00	\$?	
MEADOWS CHAPEL Blossburg Al.	Bertha Kelly Rt. 3 Box 908 B'ham, Al. 35214	T. E. Yarbrough 1719 Dement Av. Fultondale, Al. 35068	\$2000.00	\$ 0	2	2	22	22	2	1	0	0	\$ 675.00	\$ 0	\$?	
OAK GROVE Rt. 5 Box 635 Gardendale, Al. 35071	Mary Holt Rt. 5 Box 635 Gardendale, Al. 35071	Louie Bates Box 12 Graysville, Al. 35073	\$ 0	\$ 181.04	3	1	60	86	2	3	0	1	\$3406.05	\$ 33.51	\$55000.00	
ROSE HILL Rt. 11 B'ham, Al. 35210	Bertha Glass Rt. 4 Box 816 B'ham, Al. 35210	Jenkins Rt. 1 Box 308J Odenville, Al.	\$ 0	\$ 0	0	0	25	25	0	3	1	0	\$ 200.00	\$ 0	\$5000.00	
UNITY Jemison, Al.	Christine Scott Rt. 3 Box 353 Jemison, Al.	Davard Scott Rt. 3 Box 353 Jemison, Al. 35085	\$?	\$?	9	0	54	43	2	1	2	0	\$?	\$?	\$?	