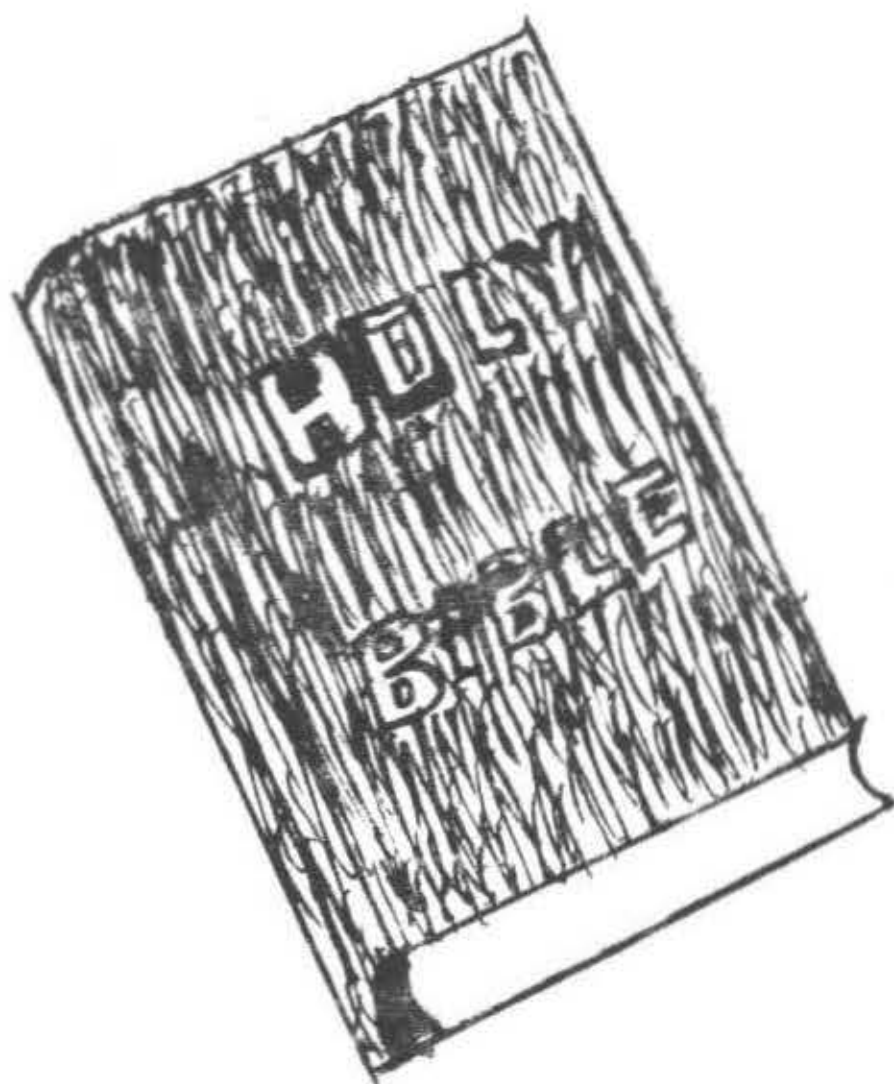


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OF
THE BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
FORTY FIRST ANNUAL SESSION HELD
WITH
OAK GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
AT
GARDENDALE, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 8, 1979



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MINUTES OF THE BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FORTY FIRST ANNUAL SESSION HELD WITH OAK GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH AT GARDENDALE, ALABAMA SEPTEMBER 8, 1979

MODERATOR----- REV: JESSE WOMACK
ASSISTANT MODERATOR----- REV: LOUIE BATES
CLERK----- Bro: E.M.M CDANIEL
ASSISTANT CLERK----- SIS: LOUISE BARNETT

The Semi-Annual Conference will convene with the Hank's Memorial Church on March 1, 1980 at Alton, Alabama.

The Annual Conference will convene with the Bonita Park Church on September 6, 1980 at Lovick, Alabama.

The ministor's and Deacon's Conference will convene with the Bonita Park Church Friday night September 5, 1980 at Lovick, Alabama.

MINISTER'S AND DEACON'S
CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER &, 1979

Opened Conference with song, "Let my Life be a blessing". Prayer led by Rev: Amos Ragsdale.

The Pastor of the Church, Rev: Louie Bates, welcomed the Conference into his Church. Talked about fellowship.

Moderator, Rev: Bill Dutton read from Exodus: 14:13, 14, 15. "Marching Order To The Church." Commented on same, asking the Ministers and Deacons to go forward in the work for "God". Prayer led by Rev: Bill Dutton.

Conference opened by Clerk to take care of all Business that comes up before this session.

Request for Prayer made by several for sick, the unsaved and the Churches. After Prayer recognized for this Prayer.

Minutes, of last session, were read and accepted by the Body in proper order.

Moderator read the rules of the Conference.

Moderator made roll call of the Minister's and Deacon's Conference.

Song led by Rev: Johnny Tillery, "Sweet Hour Of Prayer". Hand shake was called for during above song.

Message brought by Rev: Wayne Bullard. Read from Nehemiah: 1:4, 2:17, 3:?, and 4: ?. "What Walls are made of". Commented on same, and preached on "Rebuilding broken wall". To see our Churches reunited in Love for God. These walls not made of stone nor wood, but Unity and Love of each other, and to build wall in Conference.

This message was enjoyed by all.

Rev: Curtis Sewell led Prayer after message asking praise for message and messenger.

Moderator opened Conference to new members.

Rev: George Kline, Rev: A.L. Venible, and Rev: Lee Browning accepted this invitation.

Motion made to receive Bro: Kline, and Bro: Venible back into the Conference. Accepted by the Body in proper form.

Motion made to receive Bro: Browning into the Watch Care of the Conference. Accepted by Body in proper order.

Moderator opened nomination for Moderator for 1980.

Rev: Louie Bates, and Rev: Johnny Tillery was nominated. Bro: Bates 8 votes, Bro: Tillery 8 votes. Tie broken by Moderator giving Bro: Bates 9. Bro: Bates will be Moderator for 1980.

Message for 1980 will be delivered by Rev: Bill Dutton.

Moderator asked for motion to adjourn. Motion made to adjourn. Conference was dismissed with a Prayer. Social was held at Church after the Conference.

CLERK: Bro: E.M. McDaniel
Rt. 11 Box 1205
B'ham, Al. 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 the end of each session for the next session.

#5---Clerk to be elected every five (5) years and shall be elected by majority present.

#6---To be eligible to be a standing delegate to the Annual and Semi-Annual Conference, a Minister and a 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 and Deacons making application for membership, must be the husband of one living wife, or none.

#9---Ministers and Deacons coming from another Association must bring a letter from his Association and must be in good standing.

MINISTER'S AND DEACON'S
ROLL

MINISTERS

Rev: Louie Bates, Rev: Arlie Bevens, Rev: Gordon Brown, Rev: Wayne Bullard, Rev: D.M. Calvert (Life), Rev: G.W. Cline, Rev: Ronnie Davis, Rev: C.L. Deavers, Rev: J.M. Dutton, Rev: Jesse Drummonds (Life), Rev: Willie Jenkins, Rev: James Keith, Rev: G.H. Latta, Rev: Edward Gomer, Rev: David Scott, Rev: Willard Scott, Rev: Curtis Sewell, Rev: Johnny Tillery, Rev: Amos Ragsdale, Rev: A.L. Venable, Rev: Jesse Womack, and Rev: T.E. Yarbrough.

DEACONS

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

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

MINISTER'S REPORTS

REV: LOUIE BATES:

Churches Pastored-1, Sermons Preached-91, Funerals Conducted-3, Baptized-3, Revivals Assisted In-1, Marriages Performed-1, Miles Traveled-21,000, Members Received-4, Churches Organized-0, Sick Calls-296, Amt. Of Offering-\$2,000.00, Expense of Ministerial Work-\$2,000.00

REV: GORDON L. BROWNING:

Churches Pastored-1, Sermons Preached-40, Funerals Conducted-1, Baptized-3, Revivals Assisted In-0, Marriages Performed-1, Miles Traveled-500, Members Received-17, Churches Organized-0, Sick Calls-100, Amt. Of Offering-

Received-\$400.00, Expense Of Ministerial Work-\$200.00.

REV: D.M. CALVERT:

Churches Pastored-0, Sermons Preached-8, Funerals Conducted-0, Baptized-0, Revivals Assisted In-0, Marriages Performed-0 Miles Traveled-?, Members Received-0 Churches Organized-0, Sick Calls-100, Amt. Of Offering Received-0, Expense Of Ministerial Work-0

REV: GEORGE CLINE:

Churches Pastored-0, Sermons Preached-7, Funerals Conducted-2, Baptized-0, Revivals Assisted In-0, Marriages Performed-5, Miles Traveled-200, Members Received-0, Churches Organized-0, Sick Calls-0, Amt. Of Offering Received-0, Expense Of Ministerial Work-0.

REV: RONNIE DAVIS:

Churches Pastored-1, Sermons Preached-114, Funerals Conducted-2, Baptized-0, Revivals Assisted In-4, Marriages Performed-2 Miles Traveled-?, Members Received-4, Churches Organized-0, Sick Calls-?, Amt. Of Offering Received-0, Expense Of Ministerial Work-0.

REV: J.M. DUTTON:

Churches Pastored-1, Sermons Preached-114, Funerals Conducted-4, Baptized-7, Revivals Assisted In-2, Marriages Performed-2, Miles Traveled-2,040, Members Received-9, Churches Organized-0, Sick Calls-?, Amt. Of Offering Received-\$5,200.00, Expense Of Ministerial Work-\$2,600.00.

REV: LESTER GANN:

Churches Pastored-Assist-1, Sermons Preached-40, Funerals Conducted-0, Baptized-0, Revivals Conducted-0, Marriages Performed-0, Miles Traveled-?, Members Received-0, Churches Organized-0 Sick Calls-20, Amt. Of Offering Received-0, Expense Of Ministerial Work-?.

REV: WILLIE JENKINS:

Churches Pastored-1 Sermons Preached-100, Funerals Conducted-0, Baptized-0, Revivals Assisted In-1 Marriages Performed-0, Miles Traveled-2,500, Members Received-1, Churches Organized-0,

Sick Calls-50, Amt. Of Offering Received-\$2,007.55,
Expenses Of Ministerial Work-\$500.00.

REV: G.H.LATTA:

Churches Pastored-1, Sermons Preached-125,
Funerals Conducted-2, Baptized-10, Revivals Assisted
In-4, Marrages Performed-1, Miles Traveled-15,000,
Members Received-7, Churches Organized-0, Sick
Calls-150, Amt. Of Offering Received-\$2,600.00,
Expense Of Ministerial Work-\$,600.00.

REV: WILLARD SCOTT:

Churches Pastored-1, Sermons Preached-85,
Funerals Conducted-0, Baptized-1, Revivals Assisted
In-7, Marrages Performed-1 Miles Traveled-8,000,
Members Received-4, Churches Organized-0, Sick Calls-
75, Amt. Of Offering Received-\$1,200.00, Expense Of
Ministerial Work-?.

REV: CURTIS SEWELL:

Churches Pastored-1 Assisted, Sermons Preached-
25, Funerals Conducted-1, Baptized-7, Revivals
Assisted In-0, Marrages Performed-0, Miles Traveled-
?, Members Received-0, Churches Organized-0, Sick
Calls-50, Amt. Of Offering Received-\$1,300.00,
Expense Of Ministerial Wok-?.

REV: JOHN H.TILLERY:

Churches Pastored-1, Sermons Preached-100,
Funerals Conducted-0, Baptized-1, Revivals Assisted
In-1, Marrages Performed-0, Miles Traveled-5,000,
Members Received-2, Churches Organized-0, Sick
Calls-300, Amt. Of Offering Received-\$2,605.00,
Expense Of Ministerial Work-\$1,000.00.

REV: JESSE WOMACK:

Churches Pastored-1, Sermons Preached-110,
Funerals Conducted-2, Baptized-16, Revivals Assisted
In-0, Marrages Performed-1, Miles Traveled-15,000,
Members Received-9, Churches Organized-0, Sick
Calls-?, Amt. Of Offering Received-?, Expense Of
Ministerial Work-?.

REV: A.L.VENABLE:

Churches Pastored-0, Sermons Preached-5, Fune-
rals Conducted-0, Baptized-0, Revivals Assisted In-
0, Marrages Performed-2, Miles Traveled-1,000,
Members Received-0, Churches Organized-0, Sick Calls-
15, Offering Received-0, Expease Of Ministerial Work-0.

BIRMINGHAM'S DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL
BAPTIST

SEPTEMBER 8, 1979

OAK GROVE CHURCH

Conference opened with a song, led by Bro:
Louie Bates, and Prayer was offered by Bro: Gene
Miller.

Bro: Bates, the host Pastor and also the Assis-
tant Moderator, extended a cordial welcome to
every one present.

Bro: JESSE Womack, the Moderator, read a portion of
Acts the 9th Chapter, and commented on same.

After an Alter Prayer, led by Bro: Johnny
Tillery, the Clerk declared the Conference in
session.

The Reading Committee appointed by the
Moderator was; Sis: Opal Henderson and Sis:
Kathleen Davis.

The letters from the representing Churches were
read and accepted by proper move, second and vote of
the Body and the Delegates seated.

The Devotional Committee was appointed, and
excused, to select the Ministers to bring the
eleven o'clock message and the afternoon message.

Bro: Ronnie Davis was elected for the eleven
o'clock message and Bro: Bill Dutton for the after-
noon message.

The following Committees were appointed.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Sis: Jerry Pylant, Bro: Mac Williamson, and
Sis: Barbara Jones.

DECEASED COMMITTEE

Bro: Allen Foster, Bro: Sam Wallace, and Bro:
Oliver Glass.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Sis: Shirley Commings, Bro: Jones, and Sis:
Minnie Pickett.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Sis: Sandra Foster, Sis: D.M. Calvert, and Sis:
Ocie Robershaw.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Sis: Martha Leathers, Sis: Peggy Gomer, Sis: Theresa Williamson, and Sis: Agnes Kelly.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev: J.M. Dutton, Bro: M.C. Brown, Bro: A.J. Davis, Rev: Duvard Scott, and Rev: Johnny Tillery.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Rev: Ronnie Davis, Rev: G.H. Latta, Rev: D.M. Calvert, Rev: Willard Scott, Rev: Humphry.

During the absence of the various Committees, Bro: Bates conducted song and testimony service, with many taking part.

The "Gospel Valley Boys Duet" led the Congregation in singing. They sang two special songs also.

Rev: Davis took his message from 2 Samuel 23:11, reading 12 verses. Message was very inspiring.

An invitation was given for anyone with a problem, cold, and indifferant, troubled, etc. to kneel in the Alter for special Prayer. One young man responded.

Bro: Bates, the host Pastor, extended an invitation to everyone to have lunch with the Church. The Body was dismissed with Prayer and the Blessing on the food by Bro: Barnes.

After a delightful lunch, the Body reconvened with the song service conducted by Bro: Bates, and a Prayer by Bro: Dutton.

Bro: Dutton's message was taken from Ephesians 6:10-13, his topic or thought being, "The Church should take a definite STAND about: 1-SALVATION, 2-The coverage of SALVATION, 3-The effects of SALVATION, and 4-A seperation from the World, 5-A stand about Christian service, and 6-A definite stand on the second coming of Christ.

It was a wonderful message, and was an inspiration to everyone.

A standing vote of appreciation was given to the ladies of the Church for a wonderful lunch.

The Sunday School report, The Temperance report, The Auditing report, and The Deceased report, was accepted by proper move, second and vote of Body.

Prayer, in memory of the deceased members of the Conference, was offered by Bro: Dutton.

The Business Committee's report was given and accepted by proper move, second, and vote of the Body, and disposed of item by item.

#1-We, The Business Committee recommend that Bro: Leslie H. Wilson be under watch care of the Association for one (1) year, then be turned over to Ordaining Council to exchange Papers from Independant Baptist to Free Will Baptist.

#2-We, The Business Committee, recommend that Bro: Gordon Browning be turned over to Ordaining Council, and if found worthy, to exchange Ordination Papers in one (1) year.

#3-We, The Business Committee, recommend that Bro: Claudie Deavers be turned over to Ordaining Council, and if found worthy, be Ordained as a Minister of the Gospel.

#4-We, The Business Committee, recommend that Bro: Michael Harold Williamson be licensed to Preach the Gospel for one (1) year.

#5-We, The Business Committee, recommend, that Bro: Hubert Bell be licensed to Preach the Gospel for one (1) year.

#6-We, The Business Committee, Recommend, that the Semi-Annual Conference be held at the Hank's Memorail Free Will Baptist Church at Alton, Al. on March 1, 1980.

#7-We, The Business Committee, recommend that the Annual Conference be held at the Bonita Park Free Will Baptist Church at Lovick, Al. on September 6, 1980.

#8-We, The Business Committee, recommend that all Church letters to the Annual Conference, be sent to the Clerk, two (2) weeks before the date of the Conference, to help with time and book work.

P.S. Please give names and addresses of all the requested Ministers and Deacons of your Church, with zip code number and telephone number.

Items #1 through #8 passed on by the Body in proper form.

In the absence of the Ordaining Council, the Jenkins family sang several songs which was enjoyed very much.

An offering was received in the amount of \$173.00, for Bro: Ingall's wife, who is ill with cancer and has been hospitaized several times.

Bro: Bates gave a brief Devotion, then the ladies of the Church led the Congregation in singing a song.

The Ordaining Council took charge of the service and Ordained Bro: Claudie Lee Deavers, of Liberty Church, to Preach the Gospel. Bro: Dutton gave the charge to Bro: Deavers and his wife, each member of the Council laying hands on each. Bro: Tillery offered the Ordination Prayer and the right hand of Fellowship was extended to Bro: and Sis: Deavers.

Bro: Womack, the Children's Home Trustee, from the Birmingham Association, gave an oral report on the home. An offering of \$64.66 was received for the Children's Home.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, The Temperance Committee want to let CHRIST be seen through us, by being considerate of others and show true love for one another.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

We, The Devotional Committee have selected Bro: Ronnie Davis for the 11:00 O'clock message, and Bro: Bill Dutton for afternoon message, if time permits.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, The Sunday School Committee recommend that we, as parents, should encourage our own children to attend Sunday School and Church.

DECEASED COMMITTEE

We, The Deceased Committee, regret to report the deaths of three (3) members of The Birmingham District Association within the last year.

Bro: Ramey and Sis: Ruby Garner, of Meadow's Chapel Church, and Bro: A.H. Barnett of Hank's Memorial Church.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

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

Motions were made to accept the reports as read. Accepted by seconds and votes of the Body.

Motion was made to adjourn and the Conference dismissed with a Prayer.

DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Bro: and Sis: C.E. Henderson, Bro: and Sis: Sam Wallace, Bro: and Sis: Leroy Fountain, Sis: Bates, Sis: Eskridge Langford.

FINACUAL REPORT

Amt. Brought Foward-----	\$1,908.63
Amt. Received (Annual)-----	\$ 350.00
Amt. Received (Semi-Annual)-----	\$ 100.00
Children's Home (Annual)-----	\$ 64.66
Children's Home (SEMI-Annual)-----	\$ 64.11
Total Received-----	\$2,487.40

AMOUNT PAID OUT

State Association-----	\$ 45.00
Children's Home--	\$ 128.77
Clerk (Annual)-----	\$ 50.00
Assistant Clerk (Annual)-----	\$ 15.00
Clerk (Semi-Annual)-----	\$ 15.00
Assistant Clerk (Semi-Annual)-----	\$ 15.00
Printing Of Minutes-----	\$ 235.00
Cards & Stamps-----	\$ 1.20
Total Paid Out-----	\$ 504.97

Total Amount Received-----	\$2,487.40
Total Amount Paid Out-----	\$ 504.97
Balance-----	\$1,982.43

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

CHURCH REPORTS

Bonita Park-Lovick Al., Pastor: Ronnie Davis,
Rt. 3 Box 687B-1 Trussville, Al., Clerk: Peggy Gomer:
Rt. 3 Box 744-A Trussville, Al., Paid Pastor-0, Paid
Evangelist \$200.00, Special Singers \$300.00,
Members received-4, Members dismissed-0, Sunday
School-44, Church members-44, Ordained Ministers-2,
Ordained Deacons-2, Licensed Ministers-0, Deceased-
0, Building and Repairs-\$2,246.43, Children's
Home-\$3,023.59, Value of Church Property-\$70,000.00.

CEDAR GROVE-Rt. 1 Box 657 Wilsonville, Al. 35186,
Pastor- Jesse Womack, 7824-6th Av. North No.
B'ham, Al., Clerk: Kathleen Davis, Rt. 1 Box 657
Wilsonville, Al., Paid Pastor-\$1,440.00, Paid Evang-
elist-\$970.00, Members received-11, Members dis-
missed-0, Sunday School-50, Church members-54, Or-
dained Ministers-2, Ordained Deacons-3, Licensed

Ministors-0, Deceased-0, Building & Repairs-\$2,582.22, Children's Home-\$195.70, Value of Church Property-\$40,000.00.

HANK'S MEMORIAL-Alton, Al. 35015, Pastor-J.M. Dutton Jr. 702 Whitmire St. Leeds, Al. 35094, Clerk: Sidney E. Partridge P.O. Box 261 Trussville, Al., Paid Pastor-\$4,840.00, Paid Evangelist-\$145.00, Members received-7, Members dismissed-1 (Deceased), Sunday School-24, Church members-64, Ordained Ministors-3, Ordained Deacons-1, Licensed Ministors-0, Deceased-1, Building & Repairs-\$4,343.63, Children's Home-\$1,313.18, Value of Church Property-\$30,000.00.

HIGH POINT-Rt. 2 Box 131 Trussville, Al. 35173, Pastor-Gordon Browning, Rt. Box 180 Odenville, Al. Clerk: Jean Eason, Rt. 2 Box 131 Trussville, Al., 35173, Paid Pastor-\$2,200.00, Paid Evangelist-0, Members received-17, Members dismissed-0, Sunday School-50, Church members-40, Ordained Ministors-5, Ordained Deacons-0, Licensed Ministors-0, Deceased-0, Building & Repairs-\$500.00, Children's Home-0, Value of Church Property-?.

LIBERTY-Rt. 1 Lawley, Al. 35793, Pastor-Wayne Bullard, Rt. 1 Box 243-C Columbiana, Al., Clerk: Janis Moore, Rt. 1 Box 93-A Lawley, Al., Paid Pastor-\$3,900.00, Paid Evangelist-\$275.00, Members received-7, Members dismissed-1, Sunday School-78, Church members-71, Ordained Ministors-2, Ordained Deacons-4, Licensed Ministors-1, Deceased-0, Building & Repairs-\$13,506.02, Children's Home-\$200.00, Value of Church Property-\$50,000.00.

MEADOW'S CHAPEL-Rt. 1 Box 500 Graysville, Al. 35073, Pastor-T.E. Yarbrough, 1719 Dement Ave. Fultondale, Al., Clerk-Bertha Kelly, Rt. 3 B'ham, Al. 35214, Paid Pastor-?, Paid Evangelist-0, Members received-3, Members dismissed-3, Sunday School-24, Church members-19, Ordained Ministors-1, Ordained Deacons-1, Licensed Ministors-0, Deceased-2, Building & Repairs-0, Children's Home-0, Value of Church Property-?.

OAK GROVE-Rt. 5 Box 633 Gardendale, Al., Pastor-Louie Bates 322-11th Ave. N.E., Graysville, Al. 35071, Clerk: Mary Holt, Rt. 2 Box 258-BB Mt. Olive Al. 35117, Paid Pastor-?, Paid Evangelist-0, Members received-4, Members dismissed-0, Sunday School-50,

Church Members-74, Ordained Ministors-2, Ordained Deacons-2, Licensed Ministors-0, Deceased-0, Building & Repairs-0, Children's Home-0, Value of Church Property-\$55,000.00.

PILGRIM-No Address, Pastor-Johnny Tillery, Rt. 1 Jemison, Al. 35085, Clerk-Minnie Pickett, Rt. 4 Box 316 Montivallo, Al. 35115, Paid Pastor-\$2,605.00, Paid Evangelist-0, Members received-2, Members dismissed-0, Sunday School-45, Church Members-25, Ordained Ministors-1, Ordained Deacons-1, Licensed Ministors-0, Deceased-0, Building & Repairs-0, Children's Home-\$200.00, Value of Church Property-?.

ROSE HILL-Rt. 11 B'ham, Al. 35210, Pastor-Willie Jenkins, Rt. 1 Box 306 Odenville, Al. 35120, Clerk-Bertha Glass Rt. 4 Box 816 B'ham, Al. 35210, Paid Pastor-?, Paid Evangelist-?, Members received-1, Members dismissed-0, Sunday School-25, Church Members-82, Ordained Ministors-1, Ordained Deacons-2, Licensed Ministors-1, Deceased-0, Building & Repairs-?, Children's Home-0, Value of Church Property-?.

UNITY-Jemison, Al. 35085, Pastor-Leslie H. Wilson, Rt. 2 Box 181-E2 Jemison, Al. 35085, Clerk-Clara N. Wilson, Rt. 2 Box 181-E2 Jemison, Al. 35085, Paid Pastor-?, Paid evangelist-0, Members received-6, Members dismissed-0, Sunday School-40, Church Members-25, Ordained Ministors-2, Ordained Deacons-1, Licensed Ministors-0, Deceased-0, Building & Repairs-0, Children's Home-0, Value of Church Property-\$25,000.00.

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 Ministors, 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 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 of 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 (10) minutes each time, without permission of the Moderator.

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

THE 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 the 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 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, 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".

ARTICLES OF FAITH

#1---THE BIBLE---The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of GOD, and our infallible rule of faith and practice.

#2---GOD---There is one living and true GOD, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and

Righteous Governor of the Universe; and in the Scriptures as FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST; yet as one GOD, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to LOVE, ADORE, and Obey.

#3---CHRIST---CHRIST is GOD manifested in the flesh; in His divine nature truly, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between GOD and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

#4---THE HOLY SPIRIT---The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

#5---THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD---God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

#6---THE SINFULNESS OF MAN---Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies, that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before GOD.

#7---THE WORKS OF CHRIST---The Son of God by His Incarnation, Life, Sufferings, Death, and Resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of Salvation by Faith.

#8---THE TERMS OF SALVATION---The conditions of Salvation are: 1-Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2-Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to CHRIST as Savior and LORD, with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the Soul is renewed by the Holy SPIRIT, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God. 3-Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

#9---ELECTION---God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of Salvation. Hence by Faith in Christ men become His elect.

#10---FREEDOM OF WILL---The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

#11---SALVATION FREE---God desires the Salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

#12---PERSISTENCE---All believers in Christ, who through Grace persevere in Holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal Salvation.

#13---GOSPEL ORDINANCES---1-Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, 2-The Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. 3 Feet Washing, an ordinance, teaching humility of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers.

#14---TITHING---God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week, let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" (Cor. 16:2a).

#15---THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH---The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, Holy works, activities, and for personal communion with God.

#16---RESURRECTION, JUDGEMENT, 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."

FINANCIAL REPORT OF
MINISTOR'S AND DEACON'S CONFERENCE

AMOUNT BROUGHT FOWARD-----\$ 153.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 7, 1979-----\$ 38.00
TOTAL-----\$ 191.00

PAID OUT-----\$ 000.00
BALANCE IN TREASURE-----\$ 191.00

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MODERATOR'S OUTLINE

- #1---SONGS
- #2---PRAYER
- #3---REMARKS BY MODERATOR
- #4---MEETING CALLED INTO SESSION BY 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 COMMITTEE
 - DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE
 - TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE(Annual Only)
 - SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE(Annual Only)
 - DECEASED COMMITTEE(Annual Only)
 - AUDITING COMMITTEE(Annual Only)
 - BUSINESS COMITTEE(for ones absent) BOTH
 - ORDAINING COUNCIL(for ones absent) BOTH
- #9---REPORT OF DEVOTIOAL 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 MESSAGE WHILE
COMMITTEES ARE OUT
- #16---ORDAINING(When Needed)
- #17---MOTION FOR AJOURNMENT