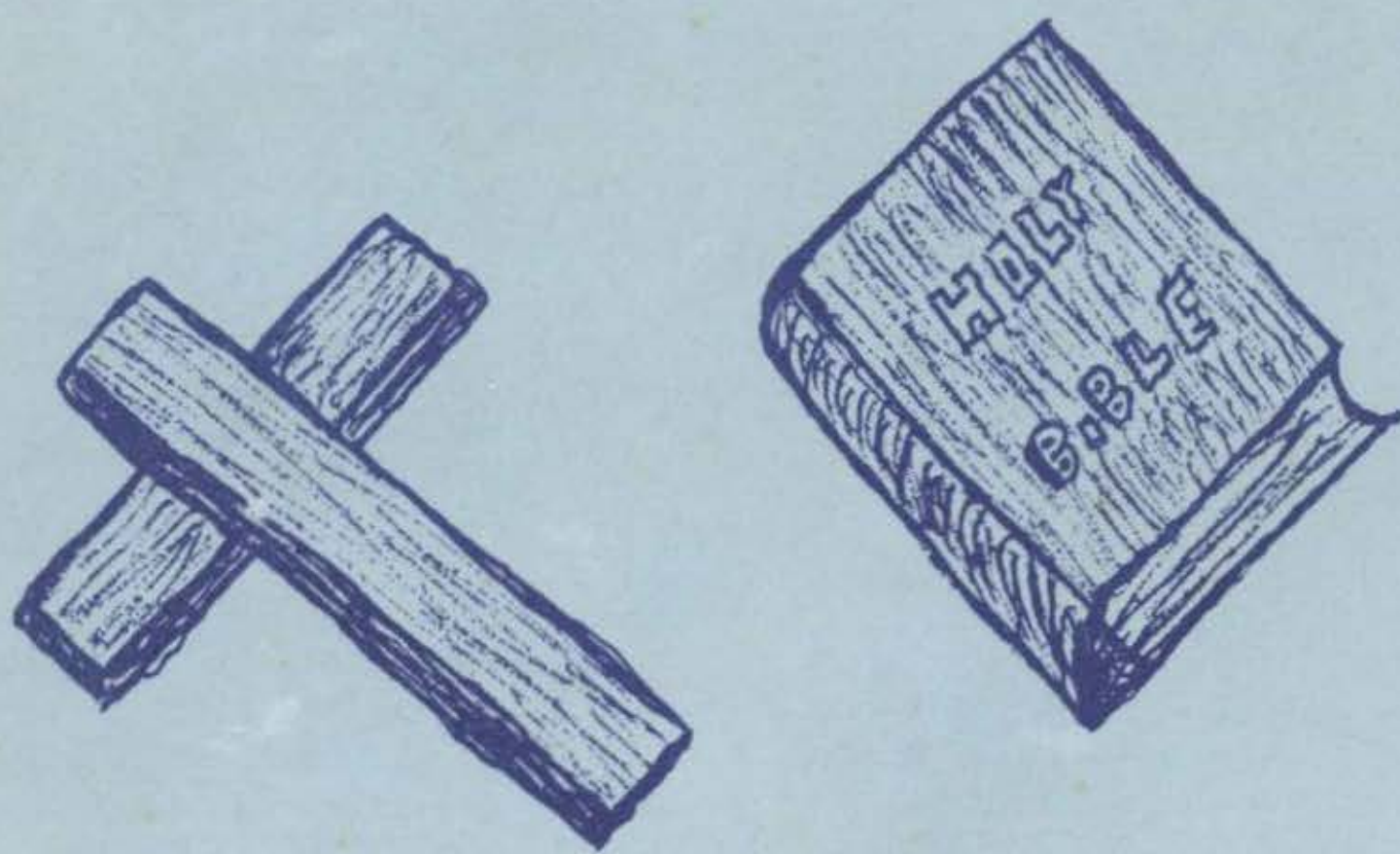


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of  
Birmingham District Association  
of  
Free Will Baptist  
Forty-second Annual Session Held  
With  
Bonita Park Free Will Baptist Church  
at  
Lovick, Alabama**

**September 8, 1980**



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FREE WILL BAPTIST  
FORTY SECOND ANNUAL SESSION HELD  
WITH  
BONITA PARK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
AT  
LOVICK, ALABAMA  
SEPTEMBER, 8 1980

MODERATOR-----REV:JOHNY TILLERY  
ASSISTANT MODERATOR-----REV:BIL DUTTON  
CLERK-----BRO:E.M.MCDANIEL  
ASSISTANT CLERK-----SIS:LOUISE BARNETT

The Semi-Annual Conference will convene with the LIBERTY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH on Saturday March 7, 1981 at Lawley, Alabama.

The Annual Conference will convene with the CEDAR GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH at Wilsonville, Alabama on Saturday September 5, 1981

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The Minister's and Deacon's Conference will convene with the Cedar Grove Free Will Baptist Church at Wilsonville, Alabama on Friday night September 11, 1981.  
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# MINISTER'S AND DEACON'S CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 5, 1980

Conference opened by a Deacon of the church in absents of the Pastor, welcoming the Conference to the Church.

Request was made for Prayer for Bro: Sewell and another person that had been stabbed.

A song was sung by the Congregation, "AMAZE AND GRACE".

Rev: G.H.Latta was appointed to lead in the Devotion. Quoting Scripture from Acts 26:12-? and commented on same. A good Testimony Service was conducted and many Testimonies were made and enjoyed by all.

Moderator made a good comment of the Testimony Service.

Moderator read from 1st Psalms, "BIBLE AS THE WORDD OF GOD", and commented on same.

Conference opened by the Clerk, for all business that may come before this Conference.

Moderator asked for the reading of the minutes of the last Conference.

Motion made to accept minutes of last Conference. Motion accepted by the vote of the Body.

Minister's and Deacon's Rules of the Conference were read by the Moderator.

Song, led by Bro: Tillery and Bro: Dutton, while invitation was given to join Conference.

New members joined and accepted by the Body in proper form were: Rev: L.H. Wilson-Unity Church, Rev: Gordon Browing-High Point Church, and Bro: Fred Glasscock-Deacon-Unity Church.

Minister's and Deacon's Roll was read by the Moderator.

Song, led by Bro: Bates "SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER". Alter Prayer led by Bro: Calvert.

Rev: Bill Dutton brought message, reading from Hebrews 7:24-25. Topic: GOD IS ABLE, Prayer, led by Bro: Dutton, asking the Lord to be upon the Brouthern of the Conference.



Bro: Dutton commented on the subject:  
GOD IS ABLE.

- 1---ABLE TO SAVE.
- 2---ABLE TO TRANSFORM LIVES.
- 3---ABLE TO KEE US FROMM FALLING-JUDE:24 chapter.
- 4---ABLE TO FILL OUR HEARTS WITH JOY.
- 5---ABLE TO USE YOU IN HIS SERVICE.
- 6---ABLE TO KEEP PROMICES.
- 7---ABLE TO RAISE US FROM THE DEAD.

Prayer by Bro: Dutton.

Message enjoyed by all.

Nomination open for Moderator for the next  
Conference.

1--Bro: J.Tillery, 2--Bro: J.Dutton.Motion made  
to close on these two,accepted in proper form.  
Bro:Dutton--7 votes Bro:Tillery--6 votes.  
Bro:Dutton-Moderator Bro: Tillery-Assistant.

TO BRING MESSAGE FOR 1981

Bro:Davis and Bro: Wilson nominated,  
Nomination closed on these two.

Bro:Davis-9 votes Bro: Wilson-3  
Bro:Davis to bring message for 1981.

Motion made to move Minister's and Deacon's  
Conference to Friday Night after the Association.  
Motion accepted by the Body in proper form.

Motion to ajourn made by Bro:H.Latta.  
Prayer by Bro:Lipsey.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

##### MINISTER'S AND DEACON'S CONFERENCE

BROUGHT FOWARD-----	\$191.00
RECEIVED 1980-----	\$ 33.00
TOTAL-----	\$224.00

##### MINISTER'S AND DEACON'S CONFERENCE RULES

- #1---This Conference shall be Known as Minister's  
and Deacon's Conference of the Birmingham Dist-  
rect 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 and Semi-Annual Conference,Minister  
or 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:James Keith
Rev:Arlie Bevans	Rev:G.H.Latta
Rev:Gordon Browning	Rev:Curtis Sewell
Rev:Wayne Bullard	Rev:Johnny Tillery
Rev:D.M.Calvart(LIFE)	Rev:Amos Ragsdale
Rev:G.W.Cline	Rev:A.L.Venable(LIFE)
Rev:Ronnie Davis	Rev:L.H.Wilson
Rev:J.M.Dutton	Rev:Jesse Womack
Rev:Jesse Drummonds(LIFE)	Rev:Willie Jenkins
Rev:Lester Gann	Rev:T.E.Yarbourgh
Rev:Eward Gomer	



## DEACONS

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

## MINISTER'S REPORTS

REV: LOUIE BATES

CHURCHES PASTORED-1, SERMONS PREACHED-84,  
FUNERALS CONDUCTED-4, BAPTIZED-2, MARRIAGES PER-  
FORMED-1, MILES TRAVELED-2100, MEMBERS RECEIVED-  
3, SICK CALLS-272, AMOUNT OF OFFERING RECEIVED-  
\$2000.00, EXPENSE OF MINISTORIAL WORK-\$200.00.

REV: GORDEN L. BROWNING

CHURCHES PASTORED-1, SERMONS PREACHED-150,  
FUNERALS CONDUCTED-1, BAPTIZED-3, REVIVALS ASSISTED  
IN-2, MARRIAGES PERFORMED-3, MILES TRAVELED-1000,  
MEMBERS RECEIVED-4, CHURCHES ORGANIZED-0, SICK  
CALLS-30, AMOUNT OF OFFERING RECEIVED-0, EXPENSE  
OF MINISTORIAL WORK-0.

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, SICK CALLS-100 or more,  
OFFERING RECEIVED-0.

REV: J. M. DUTTON

CHURCHES PASTORED-1, SERMONS PREACHED-110,  
FUNERALS CONDUCTED-2, BAPTIZED-0, REVIVALS ASSISTED  
IN-2, MARRIAGES PERFORMED-2, MILES TRAVELED-1500,  
MEMBERS RECEIVED-2, CHURCHES ORGANIZED-0, SICK  
CALLS-No record, OFFERING RECEIVED-\$5200.00,  
EXPENSE OF MINISTORIAL WORK-\$2500.00

REV: WILLIE JENKINS

CHURCHES PASTORED-1, SERMONS PREACHED-110,  
BAPTIZED-4, REVIVALS ASSISTED IN-1, MILES  
TRAVELED-7000, MEMBERS RECEIVED-3, SICK CALLS-10,  
OFFERING RECEIVED-\$3150.00, EXPENSE OF MINISTORIAL  
WORK-\$600.00.

REV: G. H. LATTA

CHURCHES PASTORED-0, SERMONS PREACHED-75,  
MARRIAGES PERFORMED-1, MILES TRAVELED-5000, SICK  
CALLS-50, OFFERING RECEIVED-\$1000.00, EXPENSE  
OF MINISTORIAL WORK-\$1000.00.

REV: JOHN H. TILLERY

CHURCHES PASTORED-1, SERMONS PREACHED-104,  
FUNERALS CONDUCTED-4, BAPTIZED-1, REVIVALS ASSISTED  
IN-1, MILES TRAVELED-3000, MEMBERS RECEIVED-3,  
SICK CALLS-150, OFFERING RECEIVED-\$3920.00,  
EXPENSE OF MINISTORIAL WORK-\$2000.00.

REV: A. L. VENABLE

CHURCHES PASTORED-1, SERMONS PREACHED-3,  
MILES TRAVELED-1500, SICK CALLS-30, EXPENSE  
OF MINISTORIAL WORK-\$800.00

REV: LESLIE H. WILSON

CHURCHES PASTORED-1, SERMONS PREACHED-70,  
FUNERALS CONDUCTED-1, BAPTIZED-1, MEMBERS RECEIVED  
9.

## No Ministers Report From The Following

REV: GEORGE CLINE, REV: RONNIE DAVIS, REV: LESTER  
GANN, REV: WILLARD SCOTT, REV: CURTIS SEWELL,  
REV: JESSE WOMACK, REV: EDWARD GOMER, REV: JAMES  
KEITH, REV: AMOS RAGSDALE, AND REV: T. E. YARBOROUGH.

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



BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL  
BAPTIST

SEPTEMBER 6, 1980 BONITA PARK CHURCH

Conference opened with songs led by Sis: Eskridge Langford, and Sis: Opal Henderson. Songs: "VICTORY IN JESUS" and "OLD TIME POWER".

Prayer led by Bro: Harold Latta. Another Prayer led by Bro: Ronny Davis.

After singing "Amazing Grace", the Congregation gathered at the Alter for Prayer, led by Bro: Dutton, for the sick and the unsaved.

Bro: Tillery welcomed everyone and requested Prayer for this session. His scripture was 2 Timothy 3:1-7 and commented on same. He requested that each of us make a commitment, that We would be Soul winners for Jesus Christ.

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

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

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES WERE APPOINTED  
READING COMMITTEE: - Sis: Deborah Elliot, and Sis: Betty Langford.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: - Sis: Bro: Cecil Henderson, Sis: Deborah Elliot, and Bro: Sam Wallace.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: - Bro: Ronny Davis, Bro: G. H. Latta, Bro: D. M. Calvert, Bro: Humphry, Bro: Wayne Bullard.

DECEASED COMMITTEE: - Sis: Clara Wilson, Sis: Betty Langford, and Bro: Junior Lovett.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE: - Sis: Lucy Jenkins, Sis: Eskridge Langford, and Bro: Frank Burkes.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: - Sis: Nettie Humphries, Sis: Louise Leathers, and, Bro: Micky Taylor.

AUDITING COMMITTEE: - Bro: H. M. Bailey, Sis: Peggy Gomer, and Bro: Jim Leathers.

COMMITTEES CONTINUED

ORDAINING COUNCIL: - Bro: J. M. Dutton, Bro: M. C. Brown, Bro: A. J. Davis, Bro: Johnny Tillery, and Bro: Willie Jenkins. (temperary).

In absence of the Committees, Bro: Tillery conducted the song service. Many good Testimonies were given, enjoyed by all.

Bro: J. M. Dutton was selected for the 11 A.M. message and his Scripture was Math. 16:18. Topic: "THE KIND OF CHURCH JESUS CHRIST IS BUILDING".

Message was very Spiritual, Heart worming and Inspiring.

The host Pastor, Bro: Ronny Davis Welcomed everyone to stay for lunch. Dismissed in Prayer and Grace on food by Bro: Harold Williamson.

After a wonderful lunch, the Body assembled with song service directed by Sis: Tillery and Sis: Langford, Prayer by Bro: Tillery.

Bro: Coy Davis and Sis: Davis sang several specials.

The following Committee reports were accepted as read, by proper move, second, and vote of Body.  
READING COMMITTEE: -

Letters were read and motion made to accept letters as read and seat the Delegates. Motion accepted by Body in proper form.

Deborah Elliot, and Betty Langford  
DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: -

We, the Devotional Committee, have chosen for the 11 o'clock service, - Bro: Bill Dutton. For after-noon service, if one be needed - Bro: Ronny Davis.

Cecil Henderson, Deborah Elliot, and Sam Wallace

DECEASED COMMITTEE: -

We, the Deceased Committee, regret to report the deaths of two (2) members of the Birmingham District Association within the last year.

Sis: Margie Lovett----- Liberty Free Will Baptist  
Sis: Bessie Lawley----- Pilgrim Free Will Baptist

Clara Wilson, Betty Langford,  
Junior Lovett



## COMIITTEE REPORTS CONTENUED

### SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE:-

We, the Sunday School Committee, believe that every Born Again Christian should be out working and wittnessing to the Lost about Jesus Christ. Our major goal should be to get people in the House OF GOD, not only for morning Worship, but for Sunday School and night services also.

Frank Burks, Eskredge Langford,

Lucy Jenkins

### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:-

We, the Temperance Committee, beleive that as true children of God, we should do all things in the likeness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, with modesty and a humble Spirit in Truth and Rightousness. And be a separated people from the World.

Louise Leathers, Nettie Humphrey

Mickay Taylor

### AUDITING COMMITTEE:-

We, the Auditing Committee, find the financial report to be in order.

Peggy Gomer, H.M. Bailey, Lewis Kelly.

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

Business Committee report read. Motion made to accept report as read and to be disposed of item by item. Moticn accepted by the Body by move, second, and vote.

#-1--We, the Business Committee, request that Rev: Leslie H. Wilson be brought before the Ordaining Council and if found worthy, be given papers to preach in the Birmingham District Of Free Will Baptist. Request granted by the Body in proper form.

#-2--We, the Business Committee, request that Bro: Fred Glasscock's papers be changed from Independant Baptist to Free Will Baptist.

#-3--We, the Business Committee, request that the Clerk to send a letter of good standing for the Rev: Claudie L. Deavers, from the Birmingham District to the Cahaba River Association.

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT CONTENUED

#-4--We, the Business Committee, recomend that the next available Semi-Annual Association meeting be held at Liberty Free Will Baptist Church, at Lawley, Alabama.

#-5--We, the Business Committee, request that Bro: Mike Williamson, be brought before the Ordaining Council to be examined and if found worthy, be Ordained as a Deacon.

#-6--We, the Business Committee, request that Bro: Charlie Mach Davis to be Licensed to Preach for one(1) year.

#-7--We, the Business Committee, request that Bro: Terry Michail Davis be Licensed to Preach for one(1) year.

#-8--We, the Business Committee, request that Bro: A.L. Venable be given a certificate of good standing for life, from the Birmingham District Association.

#-9--We, the Business Committee, request that each Pastor send letter to Bro: McDaniel, listing all Ministers and Deacons of each church, giving phone numbers and address with zip code. Also the Clerk's name, phone number and address with zip code.

#-10--We, the Business Committee, recommend that Bro: McDaniel be given autherty to form a Directory with all the Ordained men and Clerks of each Church, with phone numbers and adresses with zip codes, so copies can be sent to each Church.

#-11--We, the Business Committee, recommend that the Annual Association be with the Cedar Grove Free Will Baptist Church at Rt. 1, Wilsonville, Alabama.

#-12--We, the Business Committee, request that Bro: Herbert Bell be Ordained as a Minister.

#-13--We, the Business Committee, request that Rev: Gordon Browning be given papers to Preach in the Birmingham District of Free will Baptist.

All request and recommendations were accepted by the Body, by motion, second and vote.



## ORDAINING COUNCIL:-

The charge to both Candidates and their wives was given by Rev: Bill Dutton. The Ordaining Council laid hands on each couple and Rev: J.H. Tillery offered the Prayer for them. The right hand of Fellowship was extended to them by the Congregation.

## MODERATORS FOR COMING YEAR

MODERATOR-----Rev: Ronny Davis  
ASSISTANT MODERATOR-----Rev: Wayne Bullard

An offering was received for the Children's Home of \$141.86.

Motion was made to adjourn and the Association was dismissed with a Prayer by Rev: Wayne Bullard.

## Financial Report

### Birmingham District Association Inc.

AMOUNT BROUGHT FOWARD-----	\$ 1755.92
AMOUNT RECEIVED (SEPT. 1980)-----	\$ 500.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED (CHILDREN'S HOME)-----	\$ 141.86
TOTAL RECEIVED-----	\$ 2397.78

## PAID OUT

ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION-----	\$ 100.00
CHILDREN'S HOME-----	\$ 141.86
CLERK (ANNUAL ASSOCIATION)-----	\$ 50.00
ASSISTANT CLERK (ANNUAL ASSOCIATION)-----	\$ 15.00
CLERK (SEMI-ANNUAL ASSOCIATION)-----	\$ 15.00
ASSISTANT CLERK (SEMI-ANNUAL ASSOC.)-----	\$ 15.00
STAMPS AND CARDS-----	\$ 2.46
LARGE ENVELOPES-----	\$ 1.67
TOTAL PAID OUT-----	\$ 340.99
TOTAL RECEIVED-----	\$ 2397.78
TOTAL PAID OUT-----	\$ 340.99
TOTAL BALANCE-----	\$ 2056.79

CLERK: Bro: E.M. McDaniel  
RT. 11 Box 1205  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Zip Code 35210

## 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, the Clerk will officiate until organized. (Same Clerk for five 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 installation of his successor. It shall be his duty to keep order, enforce the rules of 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 (3) 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 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 Moderator.



## RULES OF THE DECORUM CONTENUED

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

### 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 Scripture, 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, 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.

## CHURCH COVENANT CONTENUED

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".

### 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 COMMITTEE (FOR ONES ABSENT) BOTH
  - ORDAINING COUNCIL (FOR ONES ABSENT) BOTH
- #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 REPORTS
- #15--USE TIME FOR SHORT MESSAGE WHILE COMMITTEES ARE OUT (BOTH SESSIONS)
- #16--ORDAINING (WHEN NEEDED)
- #17--MOTION TO AJOURN



## ARTICLES OF FAITH

- #1---THE BIBLE--The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the 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 assigned to the Holy Spirit are 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 his 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.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH CONTENUED

- 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---PERSERVANCE--All believers in CHRIST, who through Grace perserve 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, or ordinances to be perpetuated under the GOSPEL. 3-Foot Washing, an ordinance, teaching humility of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers.
- #14---TITHING--GOD commanded tithes and offering in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the 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".



## CHURCH REPORTS

BONITA PARK--Lovick, Al.-PASTOR: Rev: Ronny Davis, Rt. 3 Box 687-Rt. 1, Trussville, Al. 35173, -Clerk: Sis: Peggy Gomer, Rt. 3 Box 744-A, Trussville, Al. PAID PASTOR: 0, EVANGELIST: \$1350.00, MEMBERS RECEIVED-26, MEMBERS DISMISSED-0, SUNDAY SCHOOL-105, CHURCH MEMBERS: 105, ORDAINED MINISTERS-2, ORDAINED DEACONS-2, BUILDING AND REPAIRS: \$10,798.46, CHILDREN'S HOME-\$2,024.63, VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY-\$70,000.00.

CEDAR GROVE-Rt. 1 WILSONVILLE, AL. 35186, PASTOR: REV: JESSE WOMACK-7824-6th Ave No. B'ham, Al. 35206, CLERK: KATHLEEN DAVIS; Rt. 1 Box 657, WILSONVILLE, AL. 35186. PAID PASTOR-\$1350.00, EVANGELIST WORK-\$690.00, MEMBERS RECEIVED-26, MEMBERSHIP-80, SUNDAY SCHOOL-55, ORDAINED MINISTERS-2, ORDAINED DEACONS-3 BUILDING AND REPAIRS-\$3227.63, CHILDREN'S HOME \$303.04, VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY-\$40,000.00.

HANK'S MEMORIAL-Alton, Al. 35015, PASTOR-REV: J.M. DUTTON JR., 702 WHITMIRE STREET, LEEDS, AL. 35094, CLERK: SIDNEY E. PARTRIDGE: P.O. BOX 261, TRUSSVILLE, AL. 35173., PAID PASTOR-\$5,200.00, ASSOCIATE PASTOR-\$1,300.00, EVANGELIST-\$250.00, MEMBERS RECEIVED-2 MEMBERS DISMISSED-1, SUNDAY SCHOOL-32, CHURCH MEMBERS-65, ORDAINED MINISTERS-3, ORDAINED DEACONS-2, BUILDING AND REPAIRS-\$1,394.95, CHILDREN'S HOME-\$1,544.79, VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY-\$30,000.00.

HIGH POINT-Rt. 2 BOX 131, TRUSSVILLE, AL. 35173, PASTOR-REV: GORDEN BROWNING, Rt. 2 BOX 131, ODENVILLE, AL. 35120, CLERK: SIS: JEAN EASON, Rt. 2 BOX 131, TRUSSVILLE, AL. 35173, PAID PASTOR-?, MEMBERSHIP-40, ORDAINED MINISTERS-4, ORDAINED DEACONS-0, SUNDAY SCHOOL-40.

LIBERTY-Rt. 1 LAWLEY, AL. 35793, PASTOR-REV: WAYNE BULLARD, Rt. 1 BOX 243-C, COLUMIANA, AL., CLERK: SIS: JANIS MOORE, Rt. 1 BOX 93-A, LAWLEY, AL., PAID PASTOR-\$3,750.00, EVANGELIST-\$400.00, MEMBERS RECEIVED-?, MEMBERS DISMISSED-4, MEMBERSHIP-66, SUNDAY SCHOOL-78, ORDAINED MINISTERS-3, ORDAINED DEACONS-4, DECEASED-1, BUILDING AND REPAIRS-\$16,354.77, 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. 35068, CLERK-BERTHA KELLY, Rt. 3 BOX 908, BIRMINGHAM, AL. 35214, PAID PASTOR-?, MEMBERS RECEIVED-2, MEMBERS DISMISSED-2, MEMBERSHIP-15, SUNDAY SCHOOL-10, ORDAINED MINISTERS-1, ORDAINED DEACONS-1, VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY-?.

## CHURCH REPORTS CONTENUEDD

OAK GROVE-Rt. 5 BOX 633, GARDENDALE, AL. 35071, PASTOR-REV: LOUIE BATES, 322-11th AVE. N.E., GRAYSVILLE, AL. 35073, CLERK-SIS: MARY HOLT, Rt. 2 BOX 258BB, MOUNT OLIVE, AL. 35117, PAID PASTOR-\$2,000.00, MEMBERS RECEIVED-6, MEMBERS DISMISSED-1, CHURCH MEMBERSHIP-79, SUNDAY SCHOOL-50, ORDAINED MINISTERS-2, ORDAINED DEACONS-1, VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY-\$55,000.00.

PILGRIM-NO ADDRESS GIVEN, PASTOR-REV: JOHN H. TILLERY, Rt. 1 JEMISON, AL. 35085, CLERK-SIS: MINNIE PICKET, Rt. 4 BOX 316, MONTEVALLO, AL. 35115, PAID PASTOR-\$3,920.00, MEMBERS RECEIVED-2 CHURCH MEMBERSHIP-18, SUNDAY SCHOOL-45, ORDAINED MINISTERS-1, ORDAINED DEACONS-1, CHILDREN'S HOME-\$200.00, VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY-?.

ROSE HILL-Rt. 11 BIRMINGHAM, AL., PASTOR-REV: WILLIE JENKINS-Rt. 1 BOX 306J, ODENVILLE, AL. 35120, CLERK-SIS: BERTHA GLASS, Rt. 4 BOX 816, BIRMINGHAM, AL., 35210, MEMBERS RECEIVED-1, MEMBERSHIP-82, SUNDAY SCHOOL-25, ORDAINED MINISTERS-1, LICENSED MINISTERS-2, ORDAINED DEACONS-3, VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY-?.

UNITY-JEMISON, AL. 35085, PASTOR-REV: LESLIE H. WILSON, Rt. 2 BOX 181-E2, JEMISON, AL. 35085, CLERK: SIS: CLARA N. WILSON, Rt. 2 BOX 181-E2, JEMISON, AL. 35085, PAID PASTOR-\$227.20, MEMBERSHIP-35, SUNDAY SCHOOL-35, ORDAINED MINISTERS-1, ORDAINED DEACONS-1, BUILDING AND REPAIRS-\$1,991.30, HOME MISSION-\$428.30, CHILDREN'S HOME-\$109.19, VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY-\$25,000.00.



BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION DUES RECEIVED IN  
SEPTEMBER 1980.

DATE	CHURCH	AMOUNT
8-12-80	HIGH POINT -----	\$ 50.00
8-13-80	PILGRIM-----	\$ 50.00
8-13-80	CEDAR GROVE-----	\$ 50.00
8-14-80	UNITY-----	\$ 50.00
8-21-80	OAK GROVE-----	\$ 50.00
8-21-80	BONITA PARK-----	\$ 25.00
8-25-80	BONITA PARK-----	\$ 25.00
8-26-80	ROSE HILL-----	\$ 50.00
8-26-80	MEADOW'S CHAPEL-----	\$ 50.00
8-26-80	LIBERTY-----	\$ 50.00
8-31-80	HANK'S MEMORIAL-----	\$ 50.00
TOTAL-----		\$500.00

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

BONITA PARK CHURCH

MINISTERS

REV:RONNY DAVIS  
Rt.3 Box 687-R1  
TRUSSVILLE, AL.35173  
PHONE: 956-5101

REV:HAROLD LATTA  
LEEDS, AL.

DEACONS

BRO:JOHN GOMER  
Rt.3 Box 744A  
TRUSSVILLE, AL.35173  
PHONE: 956-5207

BRO:BILL WILLIAMS  
Rt.3  
TRUSSVILLE, AL.35173  
PHONE: 956-4646

CEDAR GROVE CHURCH

MINISTERS

REV:JESSE WOMACK  
7824-6th Ave north  
BIRMINGHAM, AL.35206  
PHONE: 836-1296

CEDAR GROVE CONTENUED

DEACONS

BRO:A.J.DAVIS  
NO ADDRESS GIVEN  
NO PHONE GIVEN

BRO:DONALD VICK  
NO ADDRESS GIVEN  
NO PHONE GIVEN

BRO:JAMES LEE  
NO ADDRESS GIVEN  
NO PHONE GIVEN

HANK'S MEMORIAL CHURCH

MINISTERS

REV:J.M.DUTTON  
702 WHITMIRE STREET  
LEEDS, AL.35094  
PHONE: 699-6633

REV:CURTIS W.SEWELL  
5817-5th Ave South  
B'HAM, AL. 35212  
PHONE: 592-8308

REV:AMOS RAGSDALE  
P.O.BOX 52  
LEEDS, AL. 35094

DEACONS

BRO:JAMES O.MULLINS  
Rt.4 BOX 94  
B'HAM, AL. 35210  
PHONE: 956-2825

BRO:E.M.McDANIEL  
Rt.11 BOX 1205  
B'HAM, AL. 35210  
PHONE: 836-1412

HIGH POINT CHURCH

MINISTERS

REV:GORDON BROWNING  
Rt.2 BOX 180  
ODENVILLE, AL. 35120  
PHONE: 640-5953

REV:LESTER CANN  
Rt.3 BOX 50  
LEEDS, AL. 35094  
PHONE: 640-7488

REV:GEORGE CLINE  
Rt.2 BOX 132  
TRUSSVILLE, AL. 35173  
PHONE:640-5784

REV:A.L.VENABLE  
Rt.2 BOX 133  
TRUSSVILLE, AL.35173  
PHONE: 640-6113

DEACONS

NO DEACONS LISTED ON LETTER

LIBERTY CHURCH

MINISTERS



REV: WAYNE BULLARD  
Rt.1 BOX 243-C  
COLUMBIANA, AL. 35051  
NO PHONE GIVEN

DEACONS

BRO: VIRGIL FOSTER(LIFE)  
NO ADDRESS GIVEN  
NO PHONE GIVEN

BRO: CURTIS FOUNTAIN  
NO ADDRESS GIVEN  
NO PHONE GIVEN

MEADOW'S CHAPEL CHURCH

MINISTERS

REV: EDWARD YARBOROUGH  
1719 DEMENT AVE.  
FULTONDALE, AL. 35068  
PHONE: 631-4929

DEACONS

BRO: NARVEL FRANKLIN  
NO ADDRESS GIVEN  
NO PHONE GIVEN

OAK GROVE CHURCH

MINISTERS

REV: LOUIE BATES  
322-11th AVE NORTH EAST  
GRAYSVILLE, AL. 35073  
PHONE: 674-5102

DEACONS

BRO: LEO LIPSEY  
NO ADDRESS GIVEN  
NO PHONE GIVEN

PILGRIM CHURCH

MINISTERS

REV: JAMES E. KEITH  
NO ADDRESS GIVEN  
NO PHONE GIVEN

REV: JOHNNY TILLERY  
Rt 1  
JEMISON, AL. 35085  
NO PHONE GIVEN

BRO: RALPH FOSTER  
NO ADDRESS GIVEN  
NO PHONE GIVEN

BRO: J.D. SHACKLEFORD  
NO ADDRESS GIVEN  
NO PHONE GIVEN

DEACONS

BRO: HENRY PICKETT(LIFE)  
NO ADDRESS GIVEN  
NO PHONE GIVEN

ROSE HILL CHURCH

MINISTERS

REV: WILLIE JENKINS  
Rt.1 BOX 306J  
ODENVILLE, AL. 35120

NO DEACONS NAMES LISTED ON LETTER

UNITY CHURCH

REV: LESLIE H. WILSON  
Rt. 2 BOX 181-E2  
JEMISON, AL. 35085  
NO PHONE GIVEN

NO DEACONS NAMES LISTED ON LETTER

Other names of Ministers not listed are;

BONITA PARK

REV: CHARLIE MAC DAVIS  
Rt. 4 BOX 852  
B'HAM, AL. 35210  
PHONE: 956-1245

REV: MICHAEL DAVIS  
Rt. 2 BOX 521  
LEEDS, AL. 35094  
NO PHONE GIVEN



$100.00$  - National Assn.  
 $100.00$  - State Assn.  
 $200.00$  - Total

.55 per day -  
 3.85 per week

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 52 \overline{) 200.00} \\ \underline{156} \\ 440 \\ \underline{416} \\ 240 \\ \underline{208} \\ 32 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 \overline{) 55} \\ \underline{35} \\ 20 \\ \underline{14} \\ 6 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 385 \\ \underline{52} \\ 770 \\ \underline{1925} \\ 20020 \end{array}$$

17 years ago.  $3.00$  per church  
 3 years ago  $5.00$  per church  
 1 year ago  $10.00$  per church.