

Semi-Annual Conference
March 3 1984

Held at Oak Grove Church, Gardendale, Al.
Moderator - Rev. J. M. Wutton
Assistant Moderator - Rev. Johnny Tillery
The meeting was opened with a song
conducted by Sis. Mary Halt, with
prayer by Bro. Weaver. The host pastor,
Bro. James Bates, extended a welcome
to everyone present. The moderator's
devotional was taken from James 4:
14-17, his thought being on wasted
time, redeeming the time and the
shortness of our lives. He compared our lives
to a shadow, a weaver's shuttle, a span of
the hand, a shepherd's tent, a story that is
told and like a preached sermon. He
offered prayer at the conclusion of the
devotional, after which, he read the
Rules of Decorum. The clerk declared
conference in session. Bro. Tillery, the
assistant moderator was recognized
by Bro. Wutton, who ~~made~~ ^{made} some
remarks on ~~the~~ keeping the unity
and harmony in our associational
meetings. The reading committee
appointed was Sis. Opal Henderson and

Sis. Judy Dountain and Sis. Shessi Litch. The church letters were read and accepted by prayer, name, second and vote of body, and delegates seated with roll call of same.

Nominational Committee appointed was Sis. Bates, Sis. Jerry Dylent and Sis. Nelda Price. Their selections were Bro.

Tillery eleven o'clock and Bro. Heaver afternoon. Bro. Harold Latta and Bro.

Tray Bailey were temporary replacements for the absent members of the business committee, Bro. Tillery, Bro. Terry Davis, Bro. John Muir, and Bro. Curtis Dountain were replacements for absent members of the ordaining

council. After a song, a ten minute recess was declared. The body reconvened with an instrumental with ~~by~~ the piano and organ, Kim Brown at the piano and Janeen Tidwell at the organ. After a song, the minutes of preceding semi-annual conference were read and accepted by name, second and vote of body. Bro. Gene Barnett sang a solo, "I Stand Arranged" which we enjoyed very much.

Bro. Tiller's message was to encourage senior citizens not to fear or be discouraged and his text was from John 14:1-9, 27. It was very inspirational. An invitation was extended to all believers to shake hands and Bro. Wutton's land. Bro. Bates invited every one to remain for lunch, Bro. Terry Davis dismissed the congregation with prayer and blessing on the food.

After a delicious lunch, the lady reconvened with song service, and prayer by Bro. Muir. Bro. Weaver, who has recently organized a New Hill Baptist Church in Bessemer requested prayer for his new work. He took his message from Ezekiel 22:30, his thought being on missions, repentance and loving each other.

Sis. Mary Helt gave a report on youth activities in our churches. Since Bro. Meyer, who was coordinator with Sis. Helt, has left our denomination, Bro. Wutton appointed Bro. Curtis Doerflinger to replace him. The business committee report was given, accepted by name, record and vote of bodies to be. Dispersed of items

Registers.

1. The business committee recommend that the association give Bro. Weaver \$100.00 toward the new work in Bessemer.
 2. The recommend that the following be turned over to the ordaining council and if found worthy, be ordained as deacons. Bro. Ricky Ritch, Bro. Franky Price and Bro. Roger Porter.
 3. The recommend that the association give \$100.00 to the youth program of the Churches.
 4. The recommend that a love offering be received for Bro. Hornack who is ill.
- Each item was accepted by move, second and vote of the body. In the absence of the ordaining council, a trio, Sis. Tillery, Sis. Ashmore and Bro. Franky Price sang. An offering of \$102.00 was received for Bro. Hornack. The ordaining council report was received by move, second and vote of body. Bro. Tillery gave the charge to each candidate and their wives. We read the qualifications and duties of a deacon, from God's word, Acts 6:1-4, 1 Tim. 3:1-14.

Each member of the ordaining
council, after kissing the bible, laid
hands on the candidates, prayer
being offered by Bro. Cresto Darentain.
The right hand of fellowship was
extended to each by the congregation.
An offering of \$40.00 was received for
the Children's Home. The youth
musicians were recognized and a
standing vote of appreciation was
given the ladies of the host church for
a wonderful midday meal.
The conference closed with the
singing of "Victory in Jesus" and the
benediction by Bro. C. E. Henderson.

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Annual Association Free Will Baptist
September 8, 1984

Annual Association held with Liberty
Free Will Baptist Church at Sawley Ala.

Conference opened with a song by
Sis: Fountain. Song "Revive Us Again," and
Prayer by Bro: Curtis Fountain.

Bro: Dutton read scripture from
Gen: 12: 5, 6, 7. His subject: "Is your all
on the Altar".

After an inspiring short message
and prayer by Bro: Lillie, the Host pastor,
Bro: Thomas, welcomed the congregation.

Bro: Dutton read the Rules of the
Decorum.

The Clerk called the meeting into order.

The Moderator elected a reading Committee
as following: Sis: Fountain, Sis: Bates,
Sis: Davis.

Letters were read and adopted, and
the Delegates were seated.

The Minutes of the Semi-Annual
meeting were read by the Clerk, Bro:
McDaniel.

Motion made by Bro: Bates, seconded.

by Bro: Williams to adopt the minutes
as read.

Motion accepted in proper form
Devotional Committee appointed by
the Moderator are as follows: Sis: Jenkins
Sis: Dutton, Bro: Raymond Peoples.

Temperance Committee
Sis: Bates, Bro: Walter Alexander, Bro: Ed.
Avery.

Sunday School Committee
Sis: Sherril Hodges, Sis: June Sipsy,
Sis: Louise Glasscock.

Deceased Committee
Bro: Leroy Fountain, Sis: Elizabeth Alexander,
Sis: Rita Hughes.

Auditing Committee
Sis Kathleen Davis, Bro: Sandy Keef, Bro:
Richy Rich.

Business Committee
Bro: Bates (Chairman), Bro: Fred Glasscock,
Bro: Willie Jenkins, Bro: Cecil Henderson,
Bro: Curtis Fountain, Replacing Bro: Elton Keith.

Ordaining Council
Bro: Harold Latta (Tem. Chairman), Bro: Terry
Davis (Tem), Bro: Sipsy, Bro: Williams, Bro
J. A. Cox.

Body recessed for ten minutes before the 11:00 O'clock message.

Body reconvened with a song led by sis: Fountain "A Child Of The King".

Bro: Dalton led in a word of prayer.

A solo by Marsha Fountain "The Healer". It was greatly enjoyed by all.

Bro: Ronnie Davis chose as his ~~subject~~ subject "The Holy Bible". He read from Deuteronomy, 29:29.

After prayer, he brought a message to the Church of today. He quoted from Sir Walter Scott, who quoted from St. John 14: 9-17.

The word of God can save and keep. We must apply it to our hearts. The worst critics of the Bible are those who never read it. He stressed four special things about the Bible.

1 - It is the Revelation of God.

2 - He will return, the Bible tells us, according to the teachings.

3 - We must pray constantly, and very important, we must read ~~the~~ and study. The Bible is the most read, and the most influential Book ever written.

4 - It answers the greatest need of man
It is the only sword against Satan.

For the invitation, the congregation
led by Sis: Fountain, sang "Softly and Tenderly".
Then sang "Amazing Grace".

The Host Pastor welcomed everyone
to have lunch. The Blessings were given
by Bro: Troy Bailey as he prayed the
benediction. We recessed for lunch.

We reconvened after a bountiful
lunch, with a prayer by Bro: Ricky Rich.

The Host Church's Trio sang "The Sun
Coming Up In The Morning". The congregation
sang "The Old Rugged Cross".

Committee Reports

Temperance Committee

Temperance - We the Temperance Committee,
recommend that we put God first in
our lives. That we abstain from the
things of the world that tempt Christians.
That we will be willing at all times to
serve any way we can to better our
Christian lives and influence others.

Sunday School Committee

Sunday School - We, the Sunday School
Committee, recommend that we use
~~Free Will Baptist Literature and~~

Free Will Baptist Literature and ~~illustrated~~
illustrations for smaller Children.
We recommend that we encourage our
youth to take part in our Youth Competition.
We recommend that we encourage larger
enrollment by inviting more people to
come to our Churches, planning Social
Events for Youth and Adults with Christian
instructors.

Deceased Committee
Deceased — We, the deceased Committee
Regret to have losing our loved ones,
but our Bible tells us to Cry when we
are born, rejoice when we die
(Psalm 119). Precious in the sight of the
Lord, is the Death of his Saints.

In Memory of The Following
Sis: Vera Kelley — Cedar Grove
Bro: Fred Fulkner — Hank's Memorial
Bro: J. A. Cox — Hank's Memorial
Auditing Committee

We, the auditing Committee, have
examined the Book and have found
it to be in good standing.

Sis: Kathleen Davis, Bro: Sandy Reef.
Bro: Ricky Rich

Business Committee

The Business Committee gave a full report. The report was accepted and voted to dispose of item by item.

#1 — We the Business Committee, recommend that the Board of Peers visit the High Point Church to ~~determine~~ determine if they are in trouble, or need assistance of any kind.

#2 — We the business committee, recommend that we give Bro: Harold Ladd a letter of good standing to the Cahaba River Association. He is now serving as pastor of Davis Chapel in that Association.

#3 — We the Business Committee, recommend that Bro: Edgar Ira Hodge be turned over to the Ordaining Council and if found worthy, to be ordained for Deacon.

#4 — We the Business Committee, recommend that Bro: Randy Alan Keep, be turned over to Ordaining Council and if found worthy, to be ordained a minister, so he can serve as Associate Pastor.

#5 — We the Business Committee recommend that Bro: Dewey Thomas be granted a Certificate of Good standing as an Ordained Minister in this Association. He comes

from Mount Moriah Association.

#6 — We, the Business Committee recommend that Rev. James Sazy Gardner be granted a certificate of good standing as an Ordained Minister in this Association. He comes from the State Line Association.

#7 — We, the Business Committee recommend that the Semi-Annual Conference meeting convene with the Hanks Memorial Church on March 2, 1985.

#8 — We, the Business Committee recommend that the Annual Conference meeting convene with Bonita Park Church on September 7, 1985.

Each item was voted on and passed with a motion, second by Body.

The Congregation sang "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes."

The moderator appointed the following to a board of peers.

Bro: Ronnie Davis — Bro: Jerry (otton) Davis

Bro: Jimmy Bailey

They accepted and will visit the High Point Church.

Delegates to State Association

Sis: Bates
Sis: Barnett
Sis: Tillery
Bro: Leroy Fountain
Sis: Rodnie Davis
Sis: Kathleen Davis
Sis: Jenkins

An offering was taken for the Children's Home. The amount of offering was \$108.00.

Bro: McDaniel gave a report from the Children's Home. He attended the Trustees' Meeting, representing the Bham District Association. Bro: Gomack is ill and unable to attend. This report was accepted as information.

State Youth Competition Report was given by Bro: Curtis Fountain.

Committee appointed to serve on State Youth Competition is as following:

Bro: Curtis Fountain
(Chairman)

Bro: Gary Gardner — Bro: J. A. Cox

Ordaining Council Report

We the Ordaining Council recommend that Bro: Edgar Hedges be Ordained as a Deacon.

Ordaining Council Report Cont-

We, the Ordaining Council recommend that Bro: Randy Keef be Ordained as a Minister.

The Charge was given by Bro: Harold Latta, to Candidates and their wives.

He read scripture from First Timothy Second Chapter. The congregation sang, "The Old Hospital Ship, as they were given the right hand of Christian Fellowship."

Committees For 1985

Business Committee

Bro: Luise Bates

Bro: Curtis Fountain

Bro: Cecil Henderson

Bro: Fred Glasscock

Bro: Willie Jenkins

Ordaining Council

Bro: Dewey Thomas

Bro: Terry Davis

Bro J. A. Cox

Bro: Leo Lippsey

Bro: Bill Williams

Nominees For Moderator

Bro: Jimmy Bailey Bro: J.M. Dutton
Bro: Michael Williamson

Bro: Dutton was elected by the highest number of votes of the Body.

Bro: Jimmy Bailey was elected by second highest number of votes of the Body, and serve as Assistant Moderator.

Bro: Latta gave his regrets in leaving the Bham District Association, But he must go where God leads.

A standing vote of Appreciation was given to the Host Church, for a bountiful Lunch and a welcome to worship with them.

Meeting adjourned by a standing motion and Prayer.

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Birmingham District Association

Financial Report

September 1985

Am't Brought Fwd -	\$2393.50	\$243.88
Fees Received -		\$350.00
Children's Home (March + Sept) -		\$140.00
Gift: (Bro: Womack) Sick -		\$102.00
Total -	\$2985.50	\$825.88

Pay Outs

State Association -	\$140.00
Bank Check Book -	\$4.00
Stamps -	\$4.40
Cards -	\$2.10
Children's Home (March + Sept) -	\$140.00
Youth Program -	\$100.00
Gift (Bro: Womack) collection (sick) -	\$102.00
Clerk (March + Sept) -	\$100.00
Assistant Clerk (March + Sept) -	\$50.00
Total Paid Out -	\$642.50

Pd Out 642.50

Am't in Treasury -	\$2985.50	\$835.88
Am't Paid Out -	\$642.50	\$42.50
Bal. In Treasury -	\$2343.00	\$793.38

Chk E. M. McDaniel

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