

Birmingham District Association Of Tree Hill Baptists

Semi-Annual Meeting

March 2, 1985 at Nankes Memorial Tree
Hill Baptist Church, Alton, Al.

The meeting opened with song service
directed by Bro. C. E. Henderson and
prayer by Bro. Curtis Fountain. Bro.
Don Mayo gave the welcoming address.
The moderator, Bro. Watten, took his
devotional from Acts 3:1-11, his thought
being, "It's Time to Get Excited". He expounded
on God's business concerning the duties
of preachers, deacons and the Church as
they relate to the lame man in his text,
who sat at the temple at the house of prayer
and received his healing from Peter and
John. He made the following points in
his message. Excitement of blind
Bartimaeus and Zacharias when Jesus
passed by, the killing of the Egyptian
by Moses, Nehemiah building the walls
to the city of ~~Jerusalem~~ Jerusalem, Jacob's
wrestling with the angel until he won
the victory, Daniel's purpose and

faithfulness, Elijah demonstrating his faith, he didn't give up. It has been said, we should be as these men, instant in season and out of season and seek that eternal home or city that Abraham sought, he concerned for lost souls. He closed his devotional with prayer. The conference was declared in session by the clerk, Bro. M. Daniel. The reading committee appointed was Sister Judy Fountain and Sister Brenda Bailey. Church letters were read and received by proper name, record and vote of the body. After roll call of delegates, they were seated. The following committees were appointed. Devotional, Sister Debby Davis, Bro. David Nail and Bro. Raymond Peaples. In the absence of members of the business committee, temporary ones appointed were Bro. Dillery, chairman and Bro. Rennie Davis. The devotional ^{com.} selected Bro. Don Mayo for the eleven o'clock message and Bro. Robert Richardson for afternoon. After a short recess, body was convened with song service directed by Bro. C. E. Henderson with prayer by Bro. Dewey Thomas.

They enjoyed special singing by the group from Pilgrim Church, Sister Tillery, Sister Ashmore and Bro. Price. Bro. Mayo's message was taken from Exodus 14:13, 14 concerning the parting of the waters of the Red Sea ^{by Moses} and his admonition to the Israelites to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, have no fear, don't care what people think about us if we are pleasing God. As Romans 8 says, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Our leaders were challenged to perform our duties as Christians. After a song of invitation, there were testimonies by the congregation. The ladies were dismissed for lunch by Bro. Tracy Bailey, who also asked the blessing on the food. When the ladies reconvened after lunch, song service was conducted by Sister Dorothy Foster. The assistant moderator, Bro. Jimmy Bailey, gave a short talk concerning working with lost young people, how he has a burden for them. He requested special prayer for his ministry. After special singing by the group from Pilgrim Church and prayer, Bro. Richardson took as his text Mark 16:24-36,

his thought being, "Following Jesus,
Work It while it is Day". The business
committee report was given and
accepted by motion, second and vote of
delegates, to be disposed of item by item.

1. That Bro. Frank Price be granted a
license to preach the gospel if found worthy.
2. That Bro. Bruce Darnson be granted a
license to preach the gospel, if found worthy.
3. High Point Free Will Baptist Church,
having been visited by the board of
peers, wish, by their own statement,
to withdraw from the Birmingham
District Association of Free Will Baptist.
The business committee recommend
that the association withdraw fellowship
ship from them and request all
licenses and ordination papers held
by their ministers and deacons.
4. Bro. Michael Williamson is pastoring
a church, Pleasant Grove Free Will
Baptist in Liberty No. 2 Association
and requests a letter of recommendation
from the Birmingham District
Association to the Liberty No. 2 Association.
5. We recommend that the starting time
of Association meetings be at 9:30 A.M.

and he listed in the minutes.
Each item was ~~acted~~ passed by move,
second and vote of delegates.
A certificate ~~of~~ license was presented
to Bro. Frank Price and Bro. Bruce
Wamerson to preach by Bro. Wutton.
Meeting was adjourned with benediction
by Bro. Wutton.

Bro. Wutton. Moderator
Bro. Jimmy Bailey - Assistant.
Bro. E. M. McDaniel - Clerk.

Birmingham District Association
of Free Will Baptist
Annual Conference

Annual Conference of Birmingham District
of Free Will Baptist, September 7, 1985 at Bonita
Park Free Will Baptist Church, Lovick Ala.
Rev: J. M. Sutton Jr. - Moderator.
Rev: Jerry Davis - Assistant Moderator.

Conference opened with song directed
by Sister Carol Davis and prayer by
Bro: Jimmy Bailey. Bro: Ronny Davis,
the host pastor gave the welcoming
address. The moderator's devotion was
taken from John 4: 7-10, his thought
being, "How much do we love God?"
It concerned love, the test of true
discipleship, our attitude toward God's
house, God's family and the world.

Everyone was urged to promote
God's work. At the conclusion of his
devotional, he led the congregation in
prayer and read the Rules of Decorum
and guide lines for Ordination.

Conference was declared in session by the Clerk Bro: E. M. M. Daniel.

Visiting ministers, Bro: Paul Davis of Liberty No. 2 Association, and Bro: Harold Satta, of Cahaba River Association, were recognized by the moderator.

The reading Committee appointed was Sis: Lillie Mae Bates, Sis: Bobbie Beasley and Sis: Judy Fountain.

The letters were read and adopted in proper form after a roll call of delegates, and they were seated.

The minutes, of the Semi-Annual meeting, were read by the Clerk ^{Shop} and were received by move, second and vote of delegation present.

The Committees appointed by Moderator are as follows:

Devotional Committee

Bro: Raymond Peoples, Sis: Beverly Ashmore and Bro: Walter Alexander.

Sunday School Committee

Sis: Bobbie Beasley, Sis: Judy Fountain and Sis: Mary Holt.

Temperance Committee

Sis: Elizabeth Alexander, Bro: Curtis ~~Fountain~~ Todd, and Sis: Bessie Tillery.

Deceased Committee
Sis: Ruth McFee, Sis: Dorothy Foster
and Bro: Jerry Davis.

Quitting Committee
Bro: John Muir, Bro: James Beasley and
Sis: Lily May Bates.

Business Committee (Semi Annual Conference)
Bro: Lennie Bates, Bro: Willie Jenkins, Bro:
Fred Glasscock, Bro: Cecil Henderson, and
Bro: Curtis Fountain.

Ordaining Council
(Semi Annual Conference)
Bro: Dewey Thomas, Bro: Jerry Davis, Bro:
Leo Lippay, Bro: Bill Williams, and Bro: J. A. Cox.

The devotional committee appointed
Bro: Dewey Thomas for the eleven (11) O'clock
message and Bro: Harold Sotta for the
afternoon message.

Before Bro: Thomas' message, the
congregation was led in singing by Sis:
Carol Davis, and we enjoyed special
singing by Sis: Lilly, Sis: Ashmore, and
Sis: McFee from Pilgrim Church. Bro: Curtis
Fountain offered prayer.

Bro: Thomas' message was very
inspiring and challenging to Christians,
thought being:

"Our Great Need as Christians." He used several passages of scripture to demonstrate these needs, Ps: 119:1-16, 1 Peter, Heb 4:12-16, Ps: 97, Ps: 105.

We should pattern ~~ourselves~~ ^{our lives} after David and realize God's mercy and love toward us, and that He is the Answer to all things. He closed with prayer.

Bro: Ronnie Davis, the host pastor, extended an invitation to everyone for lunch. Bro: Terry Davis offered the blessings on the food and also prayed the benediction.

We reconvened after a nice lunch and fellowship, with a song led by Sis: Carol Davis, and prayer by Bro: Paul Davis.

Our trustee to the Children's Home, Bro: Louie Bates, gave an oral report on the Home. An offering in the amount of \$127.00 was received for the Children's Home.

Committee Reports

Deceased Committee
We, the deceased Committee have

examined the letters and have found two deaths. Rev: Jesse Wornack, and Sis: Ruth Vick.

We, our association, express our deepest sympathy to the families of these two. "Blessed are those that die in the Lord."¹²

Temperance Committee

We, the Temperance Committee, recommend that the love of God be put first in our lives, that we abstain from worldly pleasures, seek God's will and serve him. That we be willing to show ~~ourselves~~ our love and help to others daily.

Sunday School Committee

We, the Sunday School Committee, recommend that we use Free Will Baptist literature, and use illustrations for smaller children. We urge people to attend Church, even on vacation, and urge others to do the same.

We recommend that transportation be available to those, who have no way to attend services.

Don't forget, "Train up a child in the

way he should go and when he is old,
he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

Auditing Committee

We Auditing Committee have
examined the Clerks Books and found
them in order.

Business Committee

We, the Business Committee, did
not have any Business to attend to
at this meeting.

Each Committee report was
adopted by, move, second and vote of
the delegation present.

Delegates To State Conference
of Free Will Baptist to be held in
Huntsville, Ala. Nov. 7-9, 1985 are:
Sis: Bessie Tillery, Sis: Louise Barnett,
Bro: Curtis Todd, Bro: Sam Wallace, Sis
Sillie Mae Bates and Sis: Debbie Davis.

The moderator elected for
ensuing year was Bro: J. M. Dutton Jr.

The Assistant Moderator elected for
ensuing year was Bro: Jimmy Tillery.

A standing vote of appreciation
for the good lunch, was given by
the Congregation.

Financial Report

September 1985

Received	
Amt Brought Forward	\$ 1993.94
Children's Home (March 85)	\$ 40.00
Children's Home (Sept 85)	\$ 100.00
Fees Sept 85	\$ 350.00
Gift (for Bro. Womack)	\$ 102.00
Total	2585.94
	\$ 2585.94

Paid Out	
State Association	\$ 140.00
Check Book	\$ 4.00
Stamps	\$ 4.40
Cards	\$ 2.10
Children's Home (March)	\$ 40.00
Children's Home (September)	\$ 100.00
Youth Program	\$ 100.00
Gift (Bro. Womack)	\$ 102.00
Clerk March	\$ 25.00
Clerk Sept	\$ 25.00
Asst Clerk March	\$ 25.00
Asst Clerk Sept.	\$ 25.00
Total Paid Out	\$ 642.00
Amt In Treasury	\$ 2585.94
Amt Paid Out	\$ 642.50
Balance In Treasury	\$ 1943.44

Annual Association will convene
with the Bonita Park Free Will Baptist
Church on September, 1986

Semi-Annual Association will
convene with the Oak Grove Free Will
Baptist Church on March 1, 1986.

Clerk: Bro: E. W. Daniel

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Balance In Treasury

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