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**OF**

**FREE WILL BAPTIST**

**FIFTY\_SECOND ANNUAL SECESSION HELD**

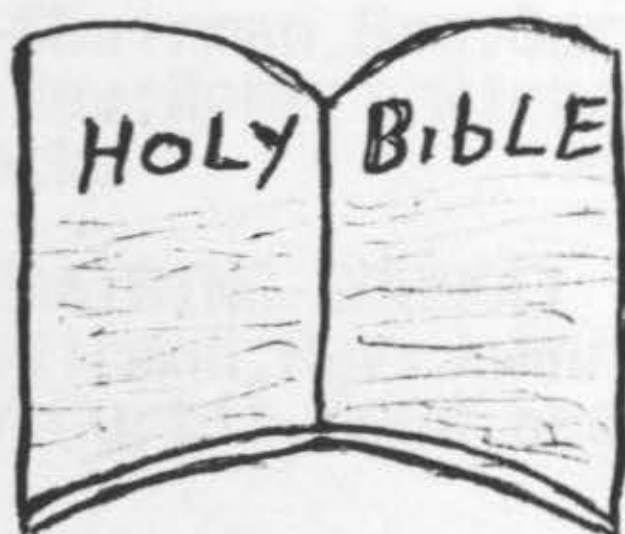
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MODERATOR FOR(1990-1991)-----Rev:Ray W.Ritch

ASSISTANT MODERATOR(1990-1991)Rev:Jimmy Bailey

This covers the March 2, 1991 and the september 14, 1991 secessions.

The Semi-Annual Conference will convene with the Bonita Park Free Will Baptist at LOVICK, Alabama on March 2, 1991

The Annual Conference will convene with the Liberty Free Baptist at LAWLEY, Alabama on September 14, 1991.

✓ BUSINESS COMMITTEE ✓

Rev:Ronnie Davis-Chairman, Bro:Curtis Fountain,  
Rev:Jimmy Bailey, Rev:Robert Richardson, and  
Bro:James Glasscock ✓

✓ ORDAINING COUNCEL ✓

Rev:J.M.Dutton-Chairman, Rev:Johnnie Tillery,  
Rev:Lynne Roe, Rev:Curtis Todd and Rev:Louie  
Bates. ✓



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## BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF

### FREE WILL BAPTIST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

HELD AT

HANK'S MEMORIAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 15,1990

Rev: Ray W.Ritch Moderator

Rev: Ronnie Davis Assistant Moderator

Meeting opened with a song directed by Bro: James Beasley. Prayer offered by Rev: Ronnie Davis.

The Moderator's devotional was from Matt.15: 21. His thought"WHAT HAVE GOT".

1--We have a service LUKE-19:10.

2The assurance of Jesus' Peace Matt.28:20.

3--We have the message Matt.28:18-20.

4--We have the methods through the Pulpit, Radio,and Television.

5--Why isn't the job getting done ? Jonah 11: 5-6.

Too many Christians are asleep.A challenge, to Preachers,Deacons,and Lay people,to arise and go to work.

A very inspiring devotional.Enjoyed by all.

The Reading Committee was appointed and letters were read from the represented Churches.

The letters were accepted by the Standing Delegates. Delegates from each Church seated.

The Devotional Committee was appointed and they selected Rev: Johnie Tillery for the 11 o'clock message.

Minutes of the Semi-Annual Conference were read and accepted by move,second,and showing of hands.

A short recess was declared.

Congregation reconvened with song service conducted by Bro: James Beasley,and Prayer by Rev: J.M.Dutton Jr.

Sis: Tillery and Sis: Ashmore sang a beautiful duet"HE HAS RISEN". Rev: Ray W.Ritch sang



sanga solo "THE OLD SHIP OF ZION".

Rev: Tillery requested that Bro: Beasley to conduct the song, "AMAZING GRACE", before his message.

After Prayer by Rev: Tillery, he spoke on the prophesy concerning the conflict in the Middle East. He emphasized the carelessness of people in not preparing for the SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST. ALSO Christians carelessness in their Prayer life, and not seeing results of their Prayers.

The message was a challenge to every Christian, and Church, to be constant and sincere in their Prayers. A very inspiring message.

An offering of \$126.00 was received for the Children's Home.

An offering of \$101.00 was received for the Bible College.

Bro: Beasley conducted a song and the congregation was dismissed for lunch.

Rev: Robert Richardson offered the dismissal Prayer, and the Blessing on the food.

After lunch, the congregation reconvened with song service.

Sis: Tillery and Sis: Ashmore sang a duet, and Rev: Ray W. Ritch sang a solo.

Many sweet Testimonies were given.

## THE FOLLOWING REPORTS WERE GIVEN

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The report was given and received by move, second and show of hands, to be disposed of, item by item.

1--We recommend that the Annual fees of \$50.00 not be raised to \$75.00

2--WE recommend that the Clerk and Associate Clerk of the Birmingham District Association be elected every two years, on the even years. This item was tabled to be disposed of at the Semi-Annual meeting in March.

3--We recommend that all ORDAINED and LICENSED

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE continued

men attend Associational meetings if possible.

Each item of business was passed by move, second, and vote of the Delegates.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We recommend that all members be encouraged to attend Sunday School and be faithful to GOD'S word and not to man's traditions. To look to our CHURCH COVENANT, as it points to the WORD OF GOD, and also encourage lost people to attend SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

### DECEASED COMMITTEE

We want to offer our love, Prayer, and sympathy to families who have lost their love ones. We would also urge our Brothers and Sisters in Christ, to live in such a way that that one day we can be reunited with our loved ones, who have gone to be with the LORD.

WE ask that we all stand for a moment of Prayer in remembrance of: Sis: Lois Bailey, Bro: Hermon M. Bailey, Bro: Fred Bailey.

### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

James 1:13-15, Christ has no part in Sin. As Christians, we should be Temperate in all things. We not only hurt ourselves, but also hinder our Christian witness.

### AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the Clerk's books and found them to be in order.

### REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME

Rev: Louie Bates, our Trustee to the Children's Home, gave an oral report on the home. At

At this time there are thirty-two (32) children there. Many improvements have been made at the home. Dr. Cory and staff are doing a wonderful job. At this time there is one colored boy there. The home is in dire need of a trial or, or mobile home for more room.



The Moderator appointed a committee to visit Pilgrim Free Will Baptist Church to see why they have missed the conference meetings. They are: Rev:Robert Richardson,Rev: Jimmy Bailey,Bro: E.M.McDaniel.

MODERATOR for ensuing year(1990-1991)

Rev: Ray W.Ritch

Assistant Moderator for ensuing year(1990-1991)

Rev: Jimmy Bailey

The SEmi-Annual Conference will convene with Bonita Park Free Will Baptist Church on March 2, 1991,at Lovick,Alabama.

The Annual Conference will convene with the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church,at Lawley, Alabama.

Rev: J.M.Dutton Jr.,retired as Pastor of Hank's Memorial Free Will Baptist Church.

New Pastor: Rev: Ray W. Ritch.

#### DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Sis; Louise Barnett, Sis: Margaret Dutton, Bro: Sam Wallace, Sis: Judy Fountain,and Bro: E.M. McDaniel

Rev: Ray W.Ritch made motion to ajourn,and Rev: Louie Bates rendered the benedictional Prayer.

#### COLLECTIONS

Children's Home-----\$126.00

Bible College-----\$101.00

CLERK: E.M.McDaniel Assist.Clerk: Louise Barnett

*E.M. McDaniel*  
4559 central ave.

Irondale,Alabama 35210

Telephone 836-1412

#### MINISTER'S REPORTS

Rev:James Lee Bailey

No.Churches Pastored	0
No.Sermons Preached	6
No.Funerals Conducted	0
No.Baptized	0
No.Revivals Asst.In	0
No.Marriages Performed	0
No.Miles Traveled	Unknown
No.Members Received	0
No.Churches Organized	0
No.Sick Calls	Unknown
Amt.of Offering	0
Expense of Ministerial Work	0

Rev:J.M.Dutton Jr.

No.Churches Pastored	1
No.Sermons Preached	104
No.Funerals Conducted	3
No.Baptized	3
No.Revivals Asst In	0
No.Marrages Performed	0
No.Miles Traveled	Unknown
No.Members Received	3
No.Churches Organised	0
No.Sick Calls	Unknown
Amt.Offering Received	\$5200.00
Expense Of Ministorial Work	\$5200.00

Rev:Ronnie Davis

No.Churches Pastored	1
No.Sermons Preached	100
No.Funerals Conducted	10
No.Baptized	25
No.Revivals Assisted In	0
No.Marrages Performed	6
NO.Miles Traveled	Many
No.Members Received	11
No.Churches Organized	0



# MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT continued

Rev: Ronnie Davis

No. Sick Calls	Many
Amt. of Offering Received	\$100.00
Expense of Ministerial Work	Unknown

Rev: Terry Davis

No. Churches Pastored	0
No. Sermons Preached	45
No. Funerals Conducted	2
No. Baptized	3
No. Revivals Assisted In	0
No. Marrages Performed	1
No. Members Received	0
No. Miles Traveled	Many
No. Churches Organized	0
No. Sick Calls	Many
Amt. Offering Received	\$100.00
Expense of Ministerial Work	Unknown

Rev: Randy Keef

No. Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons Preached	Many
No. Funerals Conducted	5
No. Baptized	10
No. Revivals Assisted In	1
No. Marrages Performed	3
No. Miles Traveled	Many
No. Members Received	2
No. Churches Organized	0
No. Sick Calls	Unknown
Amt. Offering Received	Unknown
Expense of Ministerial Work	Unknown

Rev: Claude E. LeCroy

No. Churches Pastored (Assistant to)	1
No. Sermons Preached	22
No. Funerals Conducted	2

# MINISTER'S Annual Report continued

Rev: Claude E. LeCroy

No. Baptized	0
No. Revivals Assisted In	0
No. Marrages Performed	0
No. Miles Traveled	200
No. Members Received	0
No. Churches Organized	0
No. Sick Calls	10
Amt. of Offering Received	\$1650.00
Expense of Ministerial Work	Unknown

Rev: John Muir

No. Churches Pastored	0
No. Sermons Preached	Many
No. Funerals Conducted	0
No. Baptized	2
No. Revivals Assisted In	0
No. Marrages Performed	0
No. Miles Traveled	Unknown
No. Members Received	0
No. Churches Organized	0
No. Sick Calls	Many
Amt. of Offering Received	Unknown
Expense of Ministerial Work	Unknown

Rev: Robert E. Richardson

No. Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons Preached	Many
No. Funerals Conducted	2
No. Baptized	9
No. Revivals Assisted In	0
No. Marrages Performed	2
No. Miles Traveled	Unknown
No. Members Received	7
No. Churches Organized	0
No. Sick Calls	Unknown
Amt. of Offering Received	\$100.00
Expense of Ministerial Work	Unknown



# MINISTERS ANNUAL REPORT continued

Rev: Lynn Roe

No.Churches Pastored	1
No.Sermons Preached	100
No.Funerals Conducted	0
No.Baptized	2
No.Revivals Assisted In	0
No.Marrages Performed	0
No.Miles Traveled	Many
No.Members Received	7
No.Churches Organized	0
No.Sick Calls	Unknown
Amt.of Offering Received	Unknown
Expense of Ministerial Work	Unknown

Rev: Johnnie Tillery

No.Churches Pastored	1
No.Sermons Preached	108
No.Funerals Conducted	1
No.Baptized	0
No.Revivals Assisted In	0
No.Marrages Performed	1
No.Miles Traveled	5,000
No.Members Received	2
No.Churches Organized	0
No.Sick Calls	Many
Amt.of offering Received	\$1000.00
Expense of Ministerial Work	\$900.00

Rev: Curtis Todd

No.Churches Pastored	None
No.Sermons Preached	Unknown
No.Funerals Conducted	3
No.Baptized	2
No.Revivals Assisted In	2
No.Marrages Performed	3
No.Miles Traveled	Unknown
No.Members Received	Unknown

# MINISTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT continued

Rev: Curtis Todd

No.Churches Organized	0
No.Sick Calls	Many
Amt.of Offering Received	0
Expense of Ministerial Work	Unknown

Rev: Bill Williams

No.Churches Pastored	0
No.Sermons Preached	Unknown
No.Funerals Conducted	0
No.Baptized	0
No.Revivals Assisted In	0
No.Marrages Performed	0
No.Miles Traveled	Unknown
No.Members Received	0
No.Churches Organized	0
No.Sick Calls	Many
Amt.of Offering Received	0
Expense of Ministerial Work	0

## STANDING Delegates

All the Ordained men of each Church, are Standing Delegates from the Church to the Associational Meetings, State Meetings, and National Meetings.

## BONITA PARK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev:Ronnie Davis(Pastor)	Bro:John Gomer
Rev:John Eric Muir	Bro:Barry Williams
Rev:James Lee Bailey	Bro:Danny Easterwood
Rev:William P.Williams	Bro:Jim Gothard
Rev:Curtis Todd	Bro:Ricky Ritch
	Bro:Harold Williams

## ASHMORE MEMORIAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev:Johnnie Tillery	Bro:Fred Glasscock
Rev:Elton Kieth	Bro:James Glasscock Jr.



STANDING DELEGATES continued

CEDAR GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev:Randy Keef                      Bro: Donald Vick  
    Bro:A.J.Davis

FAITH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev: Steve Timms                      Bro:Ernie Winchester

HANK'S MEMORIAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev:Ray W.Ritch(Pastor)      Bro: W.Troy Bailey  
Rev:Howard W.Coshatt              Bro: W.Earl Thompson  
Rev:Claude E.LeCroy              Bro: J.A.Cox  
Rev:John M.Dutton Jr.              Bro: Cecil E.Henderson  
Rev:Amos Ragsdale                  Bro: L.Ray Graves

LIBERTY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev:Lynn Roe(Pastor)      Bro:J.D.Shackleford  
Bro:James C.Fountain      Bro:Ralf Foster

ROSE HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev:Robert Richardson(Pastor)Bro:Scott Carpenter

CHURCHES ANNUAL REPORTS

ASHMORE MEMORIAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev:Johnnie Tillery(Pastor). Sis:Dorothy Glasscock  
Rt.-1 Box 4530                      Rt. 3 Box 5250  
Jemison,Alabama 35085              Jemison,Al. 35085

Membership-17,Members Received-2,Members Dis-  
missed-0,Sunday School-26,Mid-week Service-  
13,No.Ordained Ministers-2,No.Licensed Mini-  
sters-2,No.Ordained Deacons-2

FINANCIAL REPORT

LOCAL CAUSES:

Pastor's Salary-0,Evangelistic Work-0,

CHURCHES ANNUAL REPORT continued

ASHMORE MEMORIAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Building and Repairs-\$5,628.88,Literature-  
\$211.18,Other-\$1,636.42. Total spent for  
Local Causes-\$7,476.48.

OUTSIDE CAUSES:

Orphanage-\$200.00. Total spent for OUT-  
Side Causes-\$200.00. Value of Church Property-  
\$25,000.00. Fees-\$50.00.

BONITA PARK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev:Ronnie Davis(Pastor) Sis:Barbara Williams(Clerk)  
Rt.3 Box 687R-1                      Rt.3 Box 686-H  
Trussville,Al. 35173                  Trussville,Al. 35173

Membership-225, Members Received-11,Members  
Dismissed-2,Sunday School-137,Sunday School  
Average-73,Mid-Week Service-50,No.Ordained  
Ministers-6,No.Ordained Deacons-6.

FININACIAL Report

Local Causes:

Pastor's Salary-\$16,900.00,Evangelistic  
Work-\$3,102.25,Building and Repair-\$16,213.53,  
Literature,\$2,332.60,Other-\$23,782.70.Total  
Local Causes-\$62,331.08.

OUTSIDE CAUSES:

Orphanage-\$3,700.00,Total Spent Outside Causes-  
\$3,700.00,Total spent \$66,031.08. Value of  
Church Property-\$300.000.00. Fees-\$50.00.

FAITH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev: Steve Timms(Pastor) Bro:D.C.Johnson  
4148 Redman Hall Rd.              545 Collette St.  
Pinson,Al. 35216                      B'ham,Al. 35214



## FAITH-FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH-continued

Membership-72, Members Received-19, Members Dismissed 5, Sunday School-40, Sunday School Average-35, Master Men-14, Master's Men average-10, Mid-Week Service-26, No. Ordained Ministers-2, No. Ordained Deacons-1.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### LOCAL CAUSES:

Pastor's salary-(weekly)\$200.00, Evangelistic work-\$850.00, Building and Repairs-\$40,000.00, Literature-\$600.00, Total spent Local Causes-\$41,650.00.

#### OUTSIDE CAUSES:

Cooperative Plan-\$240.00, Education BIBLE College-\$240.00, Orphanage-\$240.00. Total spent for Outside Causes-\$720.00, Total spent-\$42,370.00. Value of Church Property-\$22,000.00. Fees-\$50.00.

## CEDAR GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev: Randy Keef(Pastor) Sis: Kathleen Davis  
397 County Road 30 299 County Road 5  
Wilsonville, Al. 35186 Wilsonville, Al. 35186  
Membership-109, Members Received-2, Sunday School-100, Sunday School average-45, Mid-Week service-25, No. of Ordained Ministers-1, No. of Ordained Deacons-1.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### LOCAL CAUSES:

Pastor's salary-\$3,675.00, Evangelistic Work-\$800.00, Building and Repairs-\$309.38, Literature-\$438.14, Other-\$5,375.66, Total spent for LOCAL CAUSES-\$10,598.15.

#### OUTSIDE CAUSES:

Orphanage-\$728.26. Total spent for OUTSIDE CAUSES-\$728.26. Total Spent-\$11,326.44. Value of Church Property-\$8,500.00. Fees-\$50.00.

## CHURCHES ANNUAL REPORT continued

## HANK'S MEMORIAL FEE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Re: J.M. Dutton Jr. (Pastor) Sis: Opal Henderson (clerk)  
702 Whitmire Street 5441 Bahenle Lane  
Leeds, Alabama 35094 Birmingham, Al. 35210

Membership-84, Members Dismissed-5, Sunday School average-40, Master's Men-17, Master's Men average-12, No. of Ordained Ministers-5, No. of Ordained Deacons-5.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### Local Causes:

Pastor's salary-\$5,200.00, Pastor's expense \$5,200.00, Evangelistic work-\$479.11, Building and Repairs-\$472.71, Literature-\$1,007.71, Associate Pastor's salary-\$1,300.00, Associate Pastor's expense-\$1,300.00. Total spent for Local Causes-\$23,987.23.

#### OUTSIDE CAUSES:

Foreign Mission-\$1,421.82, Home Mission \$821.82 Education-\$821.82, Orphanage-\$5,127.16, Associational Projects-\$50.00, State and National Projects-\$118.00 Total spent for OUTSIDE CAUSES-\$8,360.62, Total spent for Local and Outside causes-\$32,347.85. Value Church Property-\$300,000.00. Fees-\$50.00.

## LIBERTY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev: Lynn Roe(Pastor) Sis: Sandra Foster  
Rt. 1 Box 128  
Lawley, Alabama 36793

Membership-74, Members Received-7, Sunday School-53, Sunday School average-45, Mid-Week Service-25. No. of Ordained Ministers-1, No. of Ordained Deacons-3.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### LOCAL CAUSES:

Pastor's salary-\$5,320.00, Evangelistic Work-\$2,050.00, Building and Repairs-\$6,855.04,



# FINANCIAL REPORT continued

## LIBERTY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Literature-\$919.84, Other-\$3,018.95, Total spent for Local Causes-\$18,167.83.

### OUTSIDE CAUSES:

Foreign Mission-\$558.91, Home Mission-\$558.91, Orphanage-\$1,033.70, Ala. Board of Retirement and Insurance-\$80.00, Associational Projects-\$50.00, Other-\$447.15. Total spent Outside Causes-\$2,729.55. Total spent for Local and Outside Causes-\$20,897.38. Amt. for Fees-\$50.00.

## ROSE HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev: Robert Richardson (Pastor) Sis: Theresa Kelly (Clerk)  
Rt. 4 Box 196 3789 Fair Haven Drive  
Leeds, Alabama 35094 B'ham, Alabama

Membership-47, Members Received-7, Members dismissed-6, Sunday School-47, Sunday School average-52, Mid-Week Service-40, No. of Ordained Ministers-1, No. of Ordained Deacons-1.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### LOCAL CAUSES:

Pastor's salary-\$1,200.00, Evangelistic Work-\$537.00, Building and Repairs-\$731.00, Literature-\$192.80, Total spent for Local Causes-\$2,660.80.

#### OUTSIDE CAUSES:

Orphanage-\$600.00, Total spent for Outside Causes-\$600.00. Total spent for Local and Outside Causes-\$3,260.80. Value of Church Property-\$30,000.00. Fees-\$50.00.

# BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning of year August 17, 1989 To August 17, 1990  
Debits Credits

8-17-89	Amt. Brought Forward		\$2035.03
8-19-89	Interest	\$8.10	\$2043.13
9-19-89	Church Fees & Offering	\$554.00	\$2597.13
9-19-89	Interest	\$7.87	\$2605.00
9-29-89	Cards (Min. & Deacons)	\$47.50	\$2557.50
9-29-89	Printing Minutes	\$167.50	\$2390.00
9-25-89	F.W.B. Children Home	\$123.00	\$2267.00
9-25-89	F.W.B. College	\$51.00	\$2216.00
10-2-89	Clerk Fee (Sept. '89)	\$75.00	\$2141.00
10-13-89	Assist. Clerk (Sept. '89)	\$25.00	\$2116.00
11-14-89	Al. State Assoc. Fee	\$160.00	\$1956.00
10-24-89	Post Master (stamps)	\$5.50	\$1950.50
10-25-89	Al. Type Co. (repair)	\$61.74	\$1888.76
11-6-89	Al. Type Co. (supplies)	\$26.75	\$1862.01
11-18-89	Interest	\$7.12	\$1869.13
12-15-89	Interest	\$6.53	\$1875.66
1-18-90	Interest	\$7.69	\$1883.35
1-22-90	Office Depot (paper)	\$22.46	\$1860.89
2-7-90	Post Master (Cards)	\$2.70	\$1858.19
2-7-90	Post Master (postage)	\$2.56	\$1855.63
2-13-90	Post Master (postage)	\$1.92	\$1853.71
2-16-90	Interest	\$6.51	\$1860.22
3-26-90	Collections	\$199.55	\$2059.77
2-26-90	Printing Minutes '89)	\$45.00	\$2014.77
3-13-90	F.W.B. College	\$91.55	\$1923.22
3-12-90	F.W.B. Children Home	\$108.00	\$1815.22
3-12-90	Clerk's Fee (3-89)	\$25.00	\$1790.22
3-12-90	Interest	\$6.96	\$1797.18
3-26-90	Asist. Clerk's Fee	\$25.00	\$1772.18
4-17-90	Interest	\$6.21	\$1778.39
5-17-90	Interest	\$6.43	\$1784.82
6-18-90	Interest	\$6.88	\$1791.70
7-19-90	Interest	\$6.70	\$1798.40
8-13-90	Post Master (cards)	\$1.80	\$1796.60
8-17-90	Interest	\$6.29	\$1802.89



## RULES OF THE DECORUM

- 1---The Clerk shall call Association to order. In his(her) absence the oldest Minister will call the meeting to order.
- 2---Association shall be opened by reading of SCRIPTURE, and Prayer by the MODERATOR.
- 3---This BODY shall be composed of Ministers, Deacons and Delegates present from each CHURCH.
- 4---By two-thirds(2/3) votes, any Decision of the Moderator may be Amended.
- 5---The Officers of the Association, shall consist of a MODERATOR, ASSISTANT MODERATOR, Clerk, Assistant CLERK, to be chosen from the MEMBERS present
- 6---It shall be the duty of the MODERATOR to preside over the BODY during the Session, to KEEP ORDER and ENFORCE the RULES OF THE DECORUM, and DECIDE all QUESTIONS, DISCIPLINE, and in a tie VOTE Cast the deciding Ballot. He may speak on any Subject, but call on the Assistant MODERATOR to Preside while he is speaking.
- 7---It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep all the Minutes of the Proceedings and Read them when called upon by the body.  
The Clerk shall Prepare the Minutes for Publication.  
The Clerk and Assistant Clerk to Serve Five(5) Year Terms.
- 8---Each CHURCH is Entitled to THREE(3) DELEGATES.
- 9---A Majority of the Members Present in each Session SHALL RULE in all cases.
- 10---Delegates SHALL NOT ABSENT HIMSELF OR HERSELF from the house without the Consent of the MODERATOR.

## RULES OF THE DECORUM CONTENUED

- 11--All Business shall come before the BUSINESS COMMITTEE, and shall be disposed of by the BODY.
- 12--No person shall be interrupted while Speaking UNLESS he departs from the SUBJECT, UNLESS Discussion, or USES WORDS OF PERSONAL reflection.
- 13--No person shall be allowed to speak more than TWICE(2) on the same Subject, NOR more than FIVE(5) Minutes each time without the PERMISSION of the MODERATOR.
- 14--Only one Person shall be allowed to speak at a time. He must Stand and Address the Moderator.
- 15--The terms of Office for Moderator and Assistant Moderator shall be for ONE(1) year.
- 16--The Clerk and Assistant Clerk elected to serve FIVE(5) years, both Semi-Annual and Annual Conference Meetings.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

- 1--THE BIBLE---The Scriptures of the OLD and New Testament were given by the Inspiration of GOD, and are 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 Governorn 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 GOD, in His human nature truly man. The MEDIATOR between GOD, 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



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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 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 Work 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 become a child of God.

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 the 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

## ARTICLES OF FAITH continued

of life freely.

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

13--Gospel Ordinances---Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. Feet Washing, an ordinance, teaching humility, is of universal obligation, and is to be ministered to all true believers.

14--Tithing---God commanded Tithes and Offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus endorsed it 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." [1 Cor. 16:2a.

15--The Christian Sabbath---The Divine Law requires that one day in seven, set apart from secular employments and amusements, for Rest, Worship, Holy Work, and 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 will "go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal LIFE.



## GUIDE LINE FOR ORDINATION

- 1--This Association Ordaines no one that has more than one(1)Living wife,nor a man whose wife has more than one(1)Living husband.
- 2--Every Licensed Minister carry a License until he is eather called to a Church or enters full time Evangelistic Work. The Licenses of Minister Licensed by this Association are to be reissued each year,IF and Only if the Church of which they are a member makes this requist.
- 3--This Association Ordaines no one that donot Beleive and Practice Tithing.
- 4--This Association Ordains NO ONE that DO NOT Beleave Fully,the Faith and Practice of the FREE WILL BAPTIST TREATY.
- 5--This Association WILL NOT ORDAIN WOMEN TO PREACH THE GOSPEL.
- 6--This Association ORDAINS NO ONE THAT DONOT BELEIVE in the VERBAL INSPIRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD.
- 7--This Association WILL NOT ORDAIN ANYONE THAT IS AFFILIATED with the WORLD COUNCIL of CHURCHES.
- 8--This Association WILL NOT ORDAIN ANNYONE with a BAD CHARACTER WITH THEM THAT ARE WITHOUT.
- 9--This Association WILL NOT ORDAIN ANYONE THAT DOES NOT BELEIVE AND PRACTICE THE ORDANANCE OF THE CHURCH.
- 10--This Association WILL NOT ORDAIN ANYONE THAT DO NOT Beleive a Person canApostize and be LOST.

## CHURCH COVENENT

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 for all all Sinful amusements and UNHOLY confomity to the WORLD,from all sanction of the use and sale of INTOXICAYING BEVERAGES,and to"provide things Honest in the sight of all men.

WE agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures,Secret Prayer,family DEVOTIONS,and Social WORSHIP;and by SELF-DÉNIAL,FAITH,and GOOD WORKS endeavor to"GROW in Grace and the KNOWLEDGE of OUR LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST".

WE will not foresake the assembling of OURSELVES 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 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,and SEEK to Strengthen the WEAK,ECOURAGE the AFFLICTED,ADMONISH the ERRING,and as far as we are able,PROMOTE the success of the CHURCH and of the GOSPEL.

WE will everywhere hold CHRISTIAN principle SASRED 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 HEAVEN.



## CHURCH COVENENT contenedued

To this end WE agree to labor for the promotion of EDUCATIONAL and DENOMINATIONAL enter prises, 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 comming of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

AS A PRAYING BAND OF CHRISTIAN, LET US PRAY CONTENTIOUSLY FOR THE PEOPLE IN BATTLE, WILL BE PROTECTED FROM ENGERY .

PRAY THAT THE LORD WILL TAKE CHARGE OF THE ENEMY, SO THIS CONFLICT WILL END, SO OUR PEOPLE CAN RETURN HOME TO THEIR FAMILIES.