

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTIST  
FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
HELD WITH  
BONITA PARK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
AT  
LOVICK, ALABAMA  
ON  
SEPTEMBER 18, 1993



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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT :098

Song after break by Congregation "WHERE

SHALL I BE?"



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MODERATOR FOR-(1993-1994)REV: CURTIS TODD  
ASSIST.MODERATOR)1993-1994)REV:J.M.DUTTON

SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE WILL CONVENE WITH  
THE ASHMORE MEMORIAL FREE WILL BAPTIST  
CHURCH ON MARCH 5, 1994 AT 9:0'CLOCK A.M.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE WILL CONVENE WITH THE  
LIBERTY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ON  
SEPTEMBER 17, 1994 AT 9:0'CLOCK A.M.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE 1993-1994  
BRO: JOHN GOMER REV: ROBERT RICHARDSON  
REV: RANDY KEEF  
BRO: TROY BAILEY REV: KEN ANDERSON

ORDAINING COUNCIL 1993-1994  
REV: JOHNNIE TILLERY REV: CURTIS TODD  
REV: TONY LATHAM  
BRO: J.D.SHACKLEFORD BRO: J.A.COX

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Conference opened with a song "POWER IN  
THE BLOOD", led by Sis: Coy Davis. Prayer  
rendered by Rev: Robert Richardson, praising  
all God did for the Association.

Song "Getting Ready To Leave This World".  
Moderator read Scripture: 1-Peter-5:6-11.  
Prayer, by Moderator Rev: J.M.Dutton Jr.,  
for help of God to help him and the Conference  
to do as best as we can do.

Text: 1 Peter 6:7, God's for you. Moderator  
commented on the above Scripture. Used Isaiah  
27:3 to stress points of care for us. Also  
Proverbs: 17:17.

Used Deuteronomy, 33:10 Used eyes to  
explain the care by closed lids.

Used Proverbs 17:10 to prove to us there  
is a friend in our Life.

Used Psalms 121:4-8 to prove he looks  
after us from day to day. Guarding ANGLE is  
there to care for us.

Used Colossians 3:3 for security.  
Prayer rendered by the Moderator: Rev:  
J.M.Dutton Jr.

Moderator appoints Reading Committee  
sis: Coy Davis Rev: Ken Anderson

Letters were read, motion made to accept  
the letters, by Bro: J.A.Cox, second by Bro:  
Troy Bailey. Letters read were accepted by  
proper vote of the Conference.

Moderator called for silent Prayer for  
those deceased in Association.

Break

Song after break by Congregation "WHERE  
SHALL I BE".



Special song by Sis: A.J.Davis "AINT NO GRAVE".

Speacial song by Rev: Tony Latham and wife "CHILD OF THE KING". Wife, sang a song "WE SHALL MEET AGAIN".

All the special songs were enjoyed by the Congregation.

Moderator selected the other Committees.

#### DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Sis: Terrice Heath      Sis: Estel Langford  
Sis: Betty Davis

#### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Bro: Willie Heath,      Bro: Howard Trapp  
Bro: Sam Wallace

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL COMITTEE

Sis: Alice Kelley      Sis: Robby Harkness  
Sis: Louise Barnett

#### DECEASED COMMITTEE

Bro: Walter Ashmore      Sis: Pat Scott  
Sis: Bessy Tillery

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE

Bro: Earl Thompson      Bro: Bill Harkness  
Bro: Danny Finney

Song by Congregation: "HEAVEN'S JUBILEE".

Offering for Children's Home: \$73.00.

Special song was rendered while collection of offering "PRAISE THE LORD". Prayer on the Offering.

Offering for Bible College \$ 43.20. Prayer on this Offering.

#### DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Rev: Randy Keef was appointed in March to bring the Message in September 1993.

We, the Devotional Committee elected Rev: Robert Richardson to bring the Message in March 1994.

Rev: Tony Latham to bring Message if Rev: Robert Richardson is absent.

Rev: Randy Keef brought the 11'OCLOCK Message in September 1993 on the "LOVE OF GOD". Using Romans 1:15-32. Prayer to Preach according to the Scripture. Things wrong with the CHURCHES to-day. The man of God is to fear GOD. Preach the WORD regardless of what may happen.

He asked for an invitation song at close of Message. Song "JUST AS I AM". The Message was hard and true, but enjoyed by the Congregation.

Rev: Curtis Todd blessed the food for lunch. Lunch was enjoyed by all.

Gathering after Lunch with songs: "I WILL FLY AWAY and REDEEMED". These songs sang by the Congregation.

Prayer by Sis: Louise Barnett with, Blessings on this meeting.

#### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Temperance Committee recommend that We Pray without ceasing. Pray Christians open line to HEAVEN. We recommend that you study GOD'S word, to know the AUTHER of the BIBLE, and HIS books. We recommend that you teach and train your children the way of GOD, but be sure you go that way yourselves. We recommend that the best way to get a church on it's feet, is to get it's people on their Knees.

Voted and passed in proper form.

#### DECEISED COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Dceased Committee, regret to report eight deaths from our Association.

Liberty Free Will Baptist: Sis: Vera Wallace, Sis: Mary Chapman, and Bro: Leroy Fountain.

Rose Hill Free Will Baptist: Rev: Roy G. Stokes.

Bonita Park Free Will Baptist: Bro: Ricky Ritch, Bro: Dennis Falkner.

Cedar Grove Free Will Baptist: Bro: A.D. Stinson, Sis: Lillie Self. They are Sorely missed, but our loss is HEAVEN'S gain. Our sorrow and Prayers are with the LOved ones left behind.



### AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Auditing Committee find the books in order, with no errors.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Sunday School Committee, recommend that each Teacher be dedicated in their Christian lives, live what they teach, to set a good example and thus be more effective. We also recommend that Parents bring their children to Sunday School instead of sending them.

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

WE, the Business Committee examined the papers of the candidates, and found them in good standing with the Association. We recommend they be turned over to the Ordaining Committee to be Ordained.

Bro: James Heath, Bro: Scott Isbell and Bro: Steve Kelley from Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church. The Ordaining Committee gave the Charge to the above candidates and requested that they receive Ordaining Certificate of good standing in the Birmingham District Association of Free Will Baptist.

### TRUSTEE OF CHILDREN'S HOME

Moderator appointed Rev: Robert Richardson. He was accepted by the Body in proper form.

Moderator from September 1993-September 1994.

### NOMINATION

Rev: Curtis Todd Rev: J.M. Dutton Jr.

Vote By Raising Of Hands

Rev: Curtis Todd--20 Rev: J.M. Dutton Jr.--12.

Rev: Curtis Todd will be the Moderator from September 18, 1993- September 1994.

Rev: J.M. Dutton Jr. will be the Assistant Moderator for same period of time.

Clerk-September 18, 1993-September-1994

Clerk appointed by Moderator from September 18, 1993 to September, 1995. Rev: Ken Anderson accepted by vote of Body in proper form.

Assistant-Clerk appointed by the Moderator

from September 18, 1993 to September, 1995., was Sis: Theresia Kelley, accepted by the Body in proper form.

### STATE ASSOCIATION DELEGATES

Kelley Kelley

Rose Hill F.W.B. Church

Sam Wallace

Liberty F.W.B. Church

Barry Williams

Bonita Park F.W.B. Church

Louise Barnett

Hank's Memorial F.W.B. Church

Sandy Keef

Cedar Grove F.W.B. Church

Bessy Tillery

Ashmore Memorial F.W.B. Church

Alice Kelley

Birmingham District F.W.B.

The State Association will meet with the Forestdale F.W.B. Church on November 11-12, 1993.

The Birmingham District Association will convene with ASHMORE MEMORIAL F.W.B. CHURCH on March 5, 1994 at 9:0'clock A.M.

Birmingham District Association will convene with Liberty F.W.B. Church on September 17, 1994 at 9:0'clock.

### MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORTS

Rev: Tony Latham

Churches Pastored--1, Sermons Preached--105, Revivals Assisted in--1, Marriages Performed--1, Miles Traveled--2,500, Amount of Offering Received--\$8,000.00.

Rev: Robert Richardson

Churches Pastored--1, Sermons Preached--200, Funerals Conducted--4, Baptized--7, Revivals Assisted In--2, Marriages Performed--1, Miles Traveled--Many, Members Received--7, Sick Calls--Many, Offering Received--\$200.00.

Rev: Johnie Tillery

Churches Pastored--1, Sermons Preached--100, Funerals Conducted--1, Miles Traveled--Unknown.



Sick Calls--Many, Expenses Of Ministerial Work--\$1000.00.

Rev: Randy Keef

Churches Pastored--1, Sermons Preached--Many, Funerals Conducted--5, Revivals Assisted In--1, Marriages Performed--2, Miles Traveled--Many, Sick Calls--Many.

Rev: Ken Anderson

Churches Pastored--0, Sermons Preached--1, Marriages Performed--1, Miles Traveled--Many, Sick Calls--Many.

Rev: J.M. Dutton Jr.

Churches Pastored--1, Sermons Preached--102, Funerals Conducted--4, Miles Traveled--Many, Sick Calls--No Record, Offering Received--\$5,200.00.

Rev: Curtis Todd

Churches Pastored--108, Funerals Conducted--5, Baptized--9, Revivals Assisted In--2, Marriages Performed--2, Sick Calls--Many.

### Church Letters

Ashmore Memorial F.W.B. Church

No Report at this time. Fees--\$50.00.

Bonita Park F.W.B. Church

Churches Membership--272, Members Received--15, Sunday School--75, Mid-week Service--50, Ordained Ministers--5, Licensed Ministers--1, Ordained Deacons--3.

### Financial Report

Pastor's Salary--\$10,550.00, Evangelistic work--\$5,542.00, Building and Repairs--\$57,253.85, Literature \$2,137.14, Other--\$21,895.24. Total Spent for Local Causes--\$97,378.23. Outside Causes--Children's Home--\$8,900.00. Total Outside Causes--\$8,900.00. Total Expenditures--\$106,278.23.

Value Of Church Property--\$3550,000.00, Amount For Fees--\$50.00.

Cedar Grove F.W.B. Church

Pastor's Salary--\$3,700.00, Evangelistic Work--\$1,600.00, Building and Repairs--\$87.74, Literature--\$180.87, Other--\$2,566.42, Total--\$8,135.13 spent for Local Causes. Outside Causes--Children's Home--\$300.00. Total Expenditures--\$8,435.13, Value Church Property--\$85,000.00. Amount for Fees--\$50.00. Church Membership--113, Ordained Ministers--1, Ordained Deacons--1, Sunday School--25, Mid-week Service--23.

Hank's Memorial F.W.B. Church

Membership--82, Members Dismissed--3, Sunday School--52, Master Men--12, Ordained Ministers--5, Ordained Deacons--5.

### Financial Report

Local Causes--Pastor's Salary--\$10,400.00, Evangelistic Work--\$200.00, Building and Repairs--\$596.14, Literature--\$331.72, Total Local Causes--\$11,527.86. Outside Causes--Foreign Mission--\$577.88, Home Mission--\$577.88, Bible College--\$577.88, Children's Home--\$3,341.31, Associational Projects--\$50.00, Total spent for Outside Causes--\$11,527.86. Total Spent--\$16,652.81.

LIBERTY F.W.B. CHURCH

Membership--72, Members Received--4, Members Dismissed--3, Sunday School--50, Mid-week Services--25, Ordained Ministers--1, Ordained Deacons--3.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Local Causes--Pastor's Salary--\$7,925.00, Evangelistic Work--\$1,550.00, Building and Repairs--\$4623.00, Literature--\$634.00, Other--\$9,733.00, Spent for Local Causes--\$24,465.00. Outside Causes--Foreign Missions--\$478.00, Home Mission--\$478.00, Children's Home--\$741.00, Spent for Outside Causes--\$1,697.00. Total Expenditures--\$26,162.00. Amount for Fees--\$50.00.



# ROSE HILL F.W.B.CHURCH

Church Membership--39, Members Received--7,  
Members Dismissed--7, Sunday School--39, Mid-week  
Service--40, Ordained Ministers--1, Ordained  
Deacons--1.

## Financial Report

Pastor's Salary--\$3,000.00, Evangelistic Work--  
\$872.00, Building and Repairs--\$11,065.91,  
Literature--\$170.75, Spent for Local Causes--  
\$15,108.66, Outside Causes--Foreign Mission--  
\$236.51, Children's Home--\$1,250.00, Total Outside  
Causes--\$1486.51. Total spent--\$16,595.17, Value  
of Church property--\$50,000.00. Amount for  
Fees--\$50.00

Bro: E.M.McDaniel

Clerk

The new Clerk: Rev: Len Anderson, appointed  
by the Moderator, and accepted by the Body by  
showing of hands. He will serve from September  
19, 1993 to September meeting in 1995.

Assistant-Clerk: Sis: Therisia Kelley was  
elected by motion and raising of hands. She  
will serve from September 19, 1993 to September  
meeting in 1995.

# BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FINANCIAL REPORT

August 1992 To August 18 1993

|                                    |           |    |         |
|------------------------------------|-----------|----|---------|
| Amount brought forward             |           | \$ | 2070.94 |
| 8-18-92 Interest                   | \$ 3.88   | \$ | 2074.82 |
| 9-21-92 Church Fees & Offerings    | \$529.37  | \$ | 2604.19 |
| 9-28-92 Children's Home            | \$ 522.04 | \$ | 2082.15 |
| 9-29-92 Bible College              | \$ 146.70 | \$ | 1935.45 |
| 9-24-92 Clerk's Expenses           | \$ 75.00  | \$ | 1860.45 |
| 10-16-92 Stamps                    | \$ 5.80   | \$ | 1854.65 |
| 10-19-92 Interest                  | \$ 3.93   | \$ | 1858.58 |
| 11-17-92 State Association Fee     | 150.00    | \$ | 1708.58 |
| 12-19-92 Interest                  | \$ 329    | \$ | 1711.87 |
| 12-17-92 Forms (Ministers, Deacon) | 57.78     | \$ | 1654.09 |
| 12-17-92 Interest                  | \$ 3.19   | \$ | 1657.28 |
| 1-19-93 Printing of Minutes        | \$ 29.03  | \$ | 1628.25 |
| 1-19-93 Postage on Books           | \$ 9.39   | \$ | 1618.86 |
| 1-19-93 F.I.D.C Fee                | \$ .15    | \$ | 1618.71 |
| 1-19-93 Interest                   | \$ 3.41   | \$ | 1622.12 |
| 2-16-93 F.D.I.C                    | \$ .14    | \$ | 1621.98 |
| 2-16-93 Interest                   | \$ 2.92   | \$ | 1624.90 |
| 3-18-93 Donations                  | \$192.02  | \$ | 1816.92 |
| 3-18-93 Interest                   | \$ 3.19   | \$ | 1820.11 |
| 3-18-93 Children's Home            | \$ 192.02 | \$ | 1628.09 |
| 3-18-93 F.D.I.C Fee                | \$ .15    | \$ | 1627.94 |
| 4-19-93 Interest                   | \$ 3.22   | \$ | 1631.16 |
| 4-19-93 Clerk's Expenses           | \$ 75.00  | \$ | 1556.16 |
| 4-19-93 F.D.I.C                    | \$ .14    | \$ | 1556.02 |
| 5-18-93 Interest                   | \$ 2.91   | \$ | 1558.93 |
| 5-18-93 F.D.I.C Fee                | \$ .14    | \$ | 1558.79 |
| 6-17-93 Interest                   | \$ 3.01   | \$ | 1561.80 |
| 6-17-93 F.D.I.C Fee                | \$ .14    | \$ | 1561.66 |
| 7-19-93 Interest                   | 3.22      | \$ | 1564.88 |
| 7-19-93 F.D.I.C Fee                | \$ .14    | \$ | 1564.74 |
| 8-18-93 Interest                   | \$ 3.02   | \$ | 1567.76 |
| 8-18 93 F.D.I.C Fee                | \$ .14    | \$ | 1567.62 |

Clerk: Bro: E.M.McDaniel

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## 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 amsements 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 obligations in reference to the study of the SCRIPTURES, Secret Prayer, 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 SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST".

WE will not foresake the assembling of OUR- 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 ADMOTION 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 Srenghthen the WEEK, ENCOURAGE 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 SACRED, and CHRISTIAN obligations and enterprises SUPREME, counting it our cheif 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.

To this end WE, agree to labor for the Promotion of EDUCATIONAL and DENOMINATIONAL enterprises, the Support of MISSIONS, THE, SUCCESS SUNDAY SCHOOLS, and EVANGELISTIC EFFORTS for the Salvation of WORLD.

## CHURCH COVENT (cont.)

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 CHRISTIANS, let us PRAY Contentiously for the people in battle, that they will be protected from injury. Pray that the LORD will take charge of the enemy, so this conflict will end, so our people can return home to their FAMILIES.

## RULES OF THE DECORUM

- 1--The Clerk shall call the Association to order. In, (his) or (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 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. To SERVE two Years.
- 7--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 must call on the Assistant Moderator to Preside while he is Speaking.
- 8--EACH CHURCH is Entitled to THREE (3) Delegates.
- 9--A Majority of the Members Present in each Session, SHALL RULE IN ALL CACES.
- 10--Delegates SHALL ABSENT HIMSELF OR HERSELF from the meeting without the Consent of Moderator.



- 11--All Business shall come before the Business Committee and shall be disposed of by 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 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 & Assistant Clerk elected to serve Two(2) years SEMI-ANNUAL and Annual Conference Meetings.