

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE-WILL BAPTIST
FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
HELD WITH
BONITA PARK FREE-WILL BAPTIST
CHURCH
AT
TRUSSVILLE, ALABAMA
ON
SEPTEMBER 20, 1997



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OF
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HELD WITH
BONITA PARK FREE-WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 20, 1997

RICK ANDREWS WELCOMED EVERYONE TO
BONITA PARK CHURCH AND ASKED BRO. CORDELL
TO OPEN MEETING WITH PRAYER.

MODERATOR ASKED EVERYONE TO WELCOME THE
LORD IN BY CLAPPING OF HANDS.

CONGREGATION SONG PAGE #121 "OLD TIME POWER"
AND PAGE #339 "I SHALL NOT BE MOVED"

MODERATOR THEN READ FROM 1 PETER 1:18-19
TOPIC "BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST"
WE DON'T HAVE TO SHOUT BUT THERES NO REASON
WHY WE CAN'T. FOCUS TODAY ON THE PRECIOUS
BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST. THE BLOOD OF JESUS
CHRIST REDEEMS US FROM SIN. THE BLOOD OF
JESUE CHRIST DRAWS US TOGETHER. THE BLOOD
OF JESUS CHRIST CLENSES US.

CONFERENCE MEETING WAS DECLARED OPEN BY
BRO. E.M. McDANIEL FOR ALL THE BUSINESS THAT
MAY COME BEFORE THIS SESSION.

MODERATOR APPOINTED READING COMMITTEE.
SIS. CHARLINE GOTHARD AND SIS. LOUISE BARNETT

BRO. J.M. DUTTON Jr. MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT
LETTERS AS READ. BRO. JERRY DAVIS SECOND THE
MOTION. CONGREGATION WAS 100% IN AGREEMENT.

MODERATOR MADE ROLL CALL AND THE DELEGATES
WERE SEATED AND ACCEPTED BY VOTE OF THE BODY
IN PROPER FORM.

MODERATOR GAVE CONGREGATION A SHORT
INTERMISSION.

MODERATOR ASKED SIS. THERESA KELLEY TO
READ THE MINUTES FROM THE SEMI-ANNUAL
MEETING HELD ON MARCH 1, 1997. BRO. J.A. COX
MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES AS READ.
BRO. CURTIS FOUNTAIN SECOND THE MOTION.

MODERATOR MADE ROLL CALL OF BUSINESS
COMMITTEE TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE WAS HERE.

MODERATOR MADE ROLL CALL OF ORDAINING
COUNCIL. BRO. LECROY WAS'T HERE.
MODERATOR REPLACED HIM WITH BRO. SCOTT
ISBELL.

MODERATOR APPOINTED DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE
BRO. LAWRENCE HEATH, BRO. JERRY DAVIS AND
SIS. FRANCIS LANGSTON.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE
SIS. WILLIE HEATH, SIS. SUE PONDS AND
SIS. LOUISE GLASCOCK.

DECEASED COMMITTEE
BRO. MIKE BURCKET, BRO. FRANK MOORE AND
SIS. BELINDA FISHER.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
BRO. SAMUEL WALLACE, SIS. LOUISE BARNETT
AND SIS. DANA FINEY.

AUDITING COMMITTEE
BRO. STEVE KELLEY, BRO. GEORGE POND AND
SIS. KELLY KELLEY.

MODERATOR WELCOMED RICHARD CORDELL AND
ASKED HIM TO COME AND SPEAK TO US.
HE SAID OUR CHURCHES AND PREACHERS NEED
ENCOURAGEMENT. WE NEED TO GET OUT AND
WITNESS TO THE LOST. IF WE DO THIS OUR
CHURCHES WILL GROW.

BRO. J.M. DUTTON, Jr. MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT
BRO. RICHARD CORDELLS MESSAGE BRO. CURTIS
TODD SECOND THE MOTION.

SIS. ALICE KELLEY SANG SPECIAL SONG
"THE BLOODS STILL THERE"

BRO. RICK ANDREWS CAME AND ASKED SIS.
BELINDA FISHER TO COME AND SING AS WE
TAKE AN OFFERING UP FOR BRO. RICHARD
CORDELL. BRO. DUTTON ASKED BLESSING
OVER OFFERING. SIS. BELINDA FISHER SANG
"SAVED BY GRACE".

MODERATOR ASKED BRO. RICK ANDREWS TO
COME AND BRING THE MESSAGE FOR THE HOUR.

BRO. RICK ANDREWS SPOKE FROM EZEKIEL
33: 2-10. ARE WE PREACHING THEM INTO
LIBERTY OR INTO BONDAGE.

1 CORINTHIANS 8:9. WE FORGET WE HAVE
WEAK CHRISTAINS AND WE TRY TO FORCE
THEM ON TO QUICKLEY TO THE MEAT. WE
NEED TO TAKE THEM BY THE HAND AND LEAD
THEM. WE JUST DONT HAVE THE TIME. WE
NEED TO MAKE THE TIME.

JEREMIAH 23:1. GOD WILL LEAD US IF WE
WILL JUST FOLLOW THE PATH HE LAID OUT
FOR US. THEN WE COULD LEAD OTHERS TO
CHRIST.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17. WHERE THE SPIRIT OF
THE LORD IS THERE IS LIBERTY.

MODERATOR CAME CONGREGATION GAVE THE
LORD A HAND CLAP OF PRAISE.

MODERATOR DISMISSED FOR LUNCH. BRO. TILLERY
ASKED BLESSING OVER THE LUNCH.

CONFERENCE WAS OPENED WITH SPECIAL SONG
FROM BELINDA FISHER "MIDNIGHT CRY"

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE
READ BY SIS. FRACIS LANGSTON
WE THE DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE HAVE ASK
BRO. CURTIS TODD TO BRING THE DEVOTION
AT THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING. WE ASK BRO.
TILLERY TO BE THE ALTERNATE.

BRO. SCOTT ISBELL MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT
AS READ. BRO. RONNIE THOMAS SECOND THE
MOTION.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE
WE THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE
TO SAY THAT CHRIST TEACHES US BROTHERLY
LOVE. EVERY MAN THAT STRIVETH FOR THE
MASTERY IS TEMPERATE IN OUR CHRISTIAN
WITNESS. WE SHOULD STRIVE TO BE TEMPERATE
IN ALL THING ACCORDING TO GOD'S WORD.
BRO. POND GAVE REPORT FOR HIS WIFE.

BRO. CURTIS TODD MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT AS
READ. BRO. TILLERY SECOND THE MOTION.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
READ BY SIS. DANA FINEY.
WE THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL
AND PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSION, VOICE
THEIR APPION. STUDY LESSON REGULARLY. TO BE
STRONG CHRISTIANS AND BE FAITHFUL TO GOD'S
COMMEANDMENTS. WITH CHILDREN WHEN TEACHING
THEM OF GOD STAY ON THEIR LEVEL AND MAKE IT
AN ENJOYABLE EXPERIMENT.
FOR THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET AND LIGHT
UNTO MY PATH AND THY WORD WILL I HIDE IN MY
HEART THAT I MAY NOT SIN AGAINST GOD.
BRO. DUTTON MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT AS READ.
BRO. FOUNTAIN SECOND THE MOTION.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

READ BY SIS. KELLY KELLEY
WE THE AUDITING COMMITTEE HAVE CHECK THE
BOOKS AND FIND THEM CORRECT AND IN ORDER.

BRO. DUTTON MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT AS READ.
BRO. CURTIS TODD SECOND THE MOTION.

DECEASED COMMITTEE

READ BY BRO. MIKE BURCKET
WE THE DECEASED COMMITTEE HAVE RECEIVED THE
LETTER PLACED BEFORE US AND FOUND THAT THE
FOLLOWING PEOPLE HAVE PASSED AWAY FROM US
DURING THE PAST YEAR.
SIS. MARGRETT HEROD, SIS. ALUE TRAPP,
BRO. JAMES WALLACE, AND BRO. J.D. SKACKLEFORD
MAY WE ALL STAND FOR A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER
TO HONOR THEIR MEMORY. AND THE WORKS THEY DID
HERE ON EARTH FOR OUR CHRIST.
IN CHRIST NAME WE PRAY AMAN.

BRO. CURTIS TODD MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT AS READ.
BRO. J.A. COX SECOND THE MOTION.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

READ BY BRO. CURTIS FOUNTAIN
[1] REMOVE ITEM FROM TABLE CONCERNING TWO
MEETING'S TO ONE MEETING. AFTER FEED BACK FROM
THE CHURCHES. WE RECOMMEND LEAVING IT AS IS.
[2] WE RECOMMEND THAT BRO. JIM GOTHARD BE
LICENCED TO PREACH FOR ONE YEAR.
[3] WE RECOMMEND THAT WOOTEN CHAPLE BE EXTENDED
THE RIGHT HAND OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AND
WELCOME THEM INTO THE BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT
ASSOCIATION.

BRO. J.A. COX MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT AS READ.
BRO. DUTTON SECOND THE MOTION.

[1] MOTION CARRIED BY EVERYONE STANDING TO
THEIR FEET.

[2] BRO. DUTTON MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT.
BRO. CURTIS TODD SECOND. 100% BY RAISING
OF HANDS.

[3] BRO. DUTTON MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT.
BRO. J.A. COX SECOND THE MOTION.

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BRO. CURTIS TODD PASTOR OF WOOTEN CHAPLE
AND MEMBERS THAT WERE PRESENT CAME TO THE
FRONT OF THE CHURCH AND EVERYONE CAME
AROUND TO GIVE THEM RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP.

BRO. DUTTON STOOD AND OFFERED HANKS MEMORIAL
CHURCH FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 1998.

BRO. CURTIS TODD OFFERED WOOTEN CHAPEL CHURCH
FOR THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 7, 1998.

BRO. RICK ANDREWS ASKED BRO. ROBERT RICHARDSON
TO COME AND GIVE CHILDRENS HOME REPORT.
IT IS IN BETTER SHAPE THEN EVER. THEY ARE
CELEBRATING THEIR 50th YEAR. WE GOT THREE NEW
SET'S OF HOUSEPARENTS WHICH ARE BIBLE GRADUATES.
ALL OF THE CHILDREN ARE OUT OF THE OLD BUILDING.
WE NOW HAVE THREE NEW BUILDINGS AND 11,000.00
TO START ANOTHER ONE.

BRO. RICK ANDREWS SANG "GOD IS YOUR OASIS"
WHILE AN OFFERING OF \$480.00 WAS RECEIVED.

BRO. DUTTON MADE MOTION TO SEND BRO. ROBERT
RICHARDSON TO THE CHILDREN'S HOME. BRO. J.A.
COX SECOND THE MOTION.

MODERATOR APPOINTED ORDAINING COMMITTEE FOR
THE YEAR 1998. BRO. JOHNNY TILLERY, BRO. J.M.
DUTTON, Jr., BRO. J.A. COX, BRO. SCOTT ISBELL
AND BRO. TROY BAILEY.

MODERATOR APPOINTED BUSINESS COMMITTEE FOR
THE YEAR 1998. BRO. CURTIS FOUNTAIN, BRO. CURTIS
TODD, BRO. JACKIE ADCOX, BRO. STEVE KELLEY AND
BRO. JIMMY GOTHARD.

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MODERATOR OPENED FLOOR FOR NOMINATIONS
FOR CLERK.

SIS. ALICE KELLEY NOMINATED BRO. E.M.
McDANIEL. BRO. CURTIS FOUNTAIN NOMINATED
SIS KIM ISBELL. BRO. J.A. COX NOMINATED
SIS. THERESA KELLEY. SIS KIM ISBELL AND
SIS THERESA KELLEY WOULD LIKE FOR IT TO
STAY LIKE IT IS. BRO. DUTTON NOMINATED IT
TO STAY LIKE IT IS.

BRO. DUTTON MADE MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS.
BRO. CURTIS TODD SECOND THE MOTION.

MODERATOR APPOINTED DELEGATES TO GO TO THE
STATE ASSOCIATION MEETING. NOV. 6 & 7.
BRO. SCOTT ISBELL, BRO. GEORGE POND,
BRO. RONNIE THOMAS, BRO. JIMMY GOTHARD
AND BRO. CHARLES RAY.

MODERATOR OPENED FLOOR FOR NOMINATIONS
FOR MODERATOR.

BRO. DUTTON NOMINATED BRO. ROBERT RICHARDSON
FOR MODERATOR AND BRO. RICK ANDREWS FOR
ASSISTANT MODERATOR.
BRO. J.A. COX SECOND THE MOTION.

BRO. JERRY DAVIS MADE MOTION TO CLOSE
NOMINATIONS. 100% BY RAISING OF HANDS.

BRO. J.A. COX STOOD AND THANKED THE
LADIES FOR LUNCH.

MODERATOR ASKED EVERYONE TO STAND TO BE
DISMISSED AND ASKED BRO. JERRY DAVIS TO
SAY PRAYER.

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT

REV. JACKIE ADCOX

NO. CHURCHES PASTORED	1
NO. SERMONS PREACHED	125
NO. FUNERALS CONDUCTED	1
NO. BAPTIZED	1
NO. REVIVALS ASSISTED IN	0
NO. MARRIAGES PERFORMED	1
NO. MILES TRAVELED	MANY
NO. MEMBERS RECEIVED	1
NO. CHURCHES ORGANIZED	1
NO. SICK CALLS	MANY
AMOUNT OF OFFERING RECEIVED	10,500.00
EXPENSE OF MINISTERIAL	UNKNOWN

REV. RICK ANDREWS

NO. CHURCHES PASTORED	1
NO. SERMONS PREACHED	210
NO. FUNERALS CONDUCTED	3
NO. BAPTIZED	10
NO. REVIVALS ASSISTED IN	3
NO. MARRIAGES PERFORMED	1
NO. MILES TRAVELED	UNKNOWN
NO. MEMBERS RECEIVED	0
NO. CHURCHES ORGANIZED	0
NO. SICK CALLS	UNKNOWN
AMOUNT OF OFFERING RECEIVED	7,950.00
EXPENSE OF MINISTERIAL	—

REV. ROBERT RICHARDSON

NO. CHURCHES PASTORED	1
NO. SERMONS PREACHED	MANY
NO. FUNERALS CONDUCTED	2
NO. BAPTIZED	3
NO. REVIVALS ASSISTED IN	2
NO. MARRIAGES PERFORMED	2
NO. MILES TRAVELED	MANY
NO. MEMBERS RECEIVED	3
NO. CHURCHES ORGANIZED	0
NO. SICK CALLS	MANY
AMOUNT OF OFFERING RECEIVED	UNKNOWN
EXPENSE OF MINISTERIAL WORK	UNKNOWN

REV. JOHN TILLERY

NO. CHURCHES PASTORED	1
NO. SERMONS PREACHED	54
NO. FUNERALS CONDUCTED	0
NO. BAPTIZED	0
NO. REVIVALS ASSISTED IN	0
NO. MARRIAGES PERFORMED	1
NO. MILES TRAVELED	MANY
NO. MEMBERS RECEIVED	3
NO. CHURCHES ORGANIZED	0
NO. SICK CALLS	UNKNOWN
AMOUNT OF OFFERING RECEIVED	UNKNOWN
EXPENSE OF MINISTERIAL WORK	UNKNOWN

REV. J.M. DUTTON, Jr.

NO. CHURCHES PASTORED	1
NO. SERMONS PREACHED	96
NO. FUNERALS CONDUCTED	3
NO. BAPTIZED	0
NO. REVIVALS ASSISTED IN	1
NO. MARRIAGES PERFORMED	0
NO. MILES TRAVELED	—
NO. MEMBERS RECEIVED	0
NO. CHURCHES ORGANIZED	0
NO. SICK CALLS	MANY
AMOUNT OF OFFERING RECEIVED	13,000.00
EXPENSE OF MINISTERIAL WORK	5,200.00

REV. CURTIS TODD

NO. CHURCHES PASTORED	1
NO. SERMONS PREACHED	MANY
NO. FUNERALS CONDUCTED	3
NO. BAPTIZED	4
NO. REVIVALS ASSISTED IN	2
NO. MARRIAGES PERFORMED	3
NO. MILES TRAVELED	MANY
NO. MEMBERS RECEIVED	0
NO. CHURCHES ORGANIZED	0
NO. SICK CALLS	MANY
AMOUNT OF OFFERING RECEIVED	—
EXPENSE OF MINISTERIAL WORK	—

LETTERS FROM CHURCHES TO ASSOCIATION

LIBERTY FREE-WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP 77

MEMBERS RECEIVED 2

MEMBERS DECEASED 1

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENT 54

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE 38

MID-WEEK AVERAGE ATTENDANCE 12

NUMBER OF ORDAINED MINISTERS 1

NUMBER OF ORDAINED DEACONS 2

LIBERTY FINANCIAL REPORT

SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES

PASTORS SALARY 12,160.00

EVANGELISTIC WORK 1,514.00

BUILDING AND REPAIR 3,984.00

LITERATURE 917.00

OTHER 3,353.00

TOTAL SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES 21,928.00

SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

FOREIGN MISSION 1,727.00

HOME MISSION 2,049

ORPHANAGE 1,642.00

TOTAL SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES 5,499.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 27,427.00

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY 120,000.00

VALUE OF PARSONAGE PROPERTY 17,000.00

AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR FEES 75.00

BONITA PARK FREE-WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP 81

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 25

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE 20

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ENROLLMENT 10

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE 10

MID-WEEK SERVICE AVERAGE ATTENDANCE 20

NUMBER ORDAINED MINISTERS 2

NUMBER ORDAINED DEACONS 2

BONITA PARK FINANCIAL REPORT

PASTOR'S SALARY 7,950.00

EVANGELISTIC WORK 5,500.52

BUILDING AND REPAIRS 2,311.25

LITERATURE 676.20

OTHER 15,700.93

TOTAL SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES 32,138.90

SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

HOME MISSION 100.00

ORPHANAGE 142.50

TOTAL SPENT OUTSIDE CAUSES 242.50

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 32,381.40

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY 250,000.00

AMOUNT INCLOSED FOR FEES 75.00

ROSEHILL FERR-WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP 34
MEMBERS RECEIVED 3
MEMBERS EXCLUDED 7
SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 34
AVERAGE ATTENANCE 40
MID-WEEK SERVICE AVERAGE ATTENDANCE 35
NUMBER OF ORDAINED MINISTERS 1
NUMBER OF ORDAINED DEACONS 2

ROSEHILL FINANCIAL REPORT

EVANGELISTIC WORK 1,460.00
BUILDING AND REPAIR 647.40
LITERATURE 200.47
TOTAL SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES 2,307.87

SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

FOREIN MISSIONS 900.00
HOME MISSIONS 1,900.00
ORPHANAGE 4,622.00
TOTAL SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES 7,422.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 9,729.87
VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY 60,000.00
AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR FEES 75.00

ASHMORE MEMORIAL FREE-WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP 25
MEMBERS RECEIVED 3
SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 25
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE 30
NUMBER ORDAINED MINISTERS 2
NUMBER ORDAINED DEACONS 3

ASHMORE MEMORIAL FINANCIAL REPORT

SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES

PASTOR'S SALARY 2,750.00
EVANGELISTIC WORK 1,560.00
BUILDING AND REPAIR 2,541.24
LITERATURE 493.10
OTHER 2,329.08
TOTAL SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES 9,573.42

SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

FOREIN MISSION 992.00
ORPHANAGE 2,000.00
ASSOCIATIONAL PROJECTS 75.00
TOTAL SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES 300.00
VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY 75,000.00
AMOUNT INCLOSED FOR FEES 75.00

HANKS MEMORIAL FREE-WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP 71
MEMBER DECEASED 2
SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 46
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE 25
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ENROLLMENT 11
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE 9
MASTER'S MEN ENROLLMENT 12
AVERAGS ATTENDANCE 10
NUMBER OF ORDAINED MINISTRES 4
NUMBER OF ORDAINED DEACONS 5

HANKS MEMORAL FINANCIAL REPORT

SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES

PASTOR'S SALARY 13,250.00
EVANGELISTIC WORK 635.00
BUILDING AND REPAIRS 1,616.46
LITERATURE 452.32
OTHER FLOWERS AND GIFTS 998.81
JANITOR, PIANIST AND CLERK 4,502.50
TOTAL SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES 2,565.00

SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

FOREIN MISSION 364.82
HOME MISSION 364.82
EDUCATION BIBLE COLLEGE 364.82
ORPHANAGE CHILDREN HOME 2,603.48
TOTAL SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES 3,616.75
VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY 250,000.00
AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR FEES 75.00

WOOTEN CHAPEL FREE-WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP 75
MEMBERS RECEIVED 8
MEMBERS DECEASED 1
SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 25
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE 15
MID-WEEK SERVICE AVERAGE ATTENDANCE 15
NUMBER OF ORDAINED MINISTERS 1
NUMBER OF LICENSED MINISTERS 1
NUMBER OF ORDAINED DEACONS 3

WOOTEN CHAPEL FINANCIAL REPORT

SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES

PASTOR'S SALARY 10,400.00
EVANGELISTIC WORK 385.00
BUILDING AND REPAIR 275.00
LITERATURE 186.01
TOTAL SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES 11,246.01

SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

HOME MISSION 540.00
EDUCATION 200.00
ORPHANAGE 1,850.00
TOTAL SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES 2,590.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 15,686.01
VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY 169,800.00

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 SIGHT OF ALL MEN.

WE, AGREE FAITHFULLY TO DISCHARGE OUR OBLIGATION IN REFERENCE TO THE STUDY OF THE SCRIPTURE, SECRET PRAYER, FAMILY DEVOTION 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 FOR CHURCH CONFERENCES, PUBLIC WORSHIP AND THE OBSERVANCE OF THE ORDINANCE OF THE GOSPEL; NOR FAIL TO PAY ACCORDING TO OUR ABILITY, FOR SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH, IT'S POOR AND ALL OF IT'S BENEVOLENT WORK.

WE, AGREE TO ACCEPT CHRISTIAN ADMONITION AND RE-PROOF, WITH MEEKNESS AND TO WATCH OVER ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE, ENDEAVORING TO KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOUNDS OF PEACE, TO BE CAREFUL OF ONE ANOTHER'S HAPPINESS AND REPUTATION AND SEEK TO STRENGTHEN 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 CHIEF BUSINESS IN LIFE, TO EXTEND THE INFLUENCE OF CHRIST IN SOCIETY, CONSTANTLY PRAYING AND TOILING THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD MAY COME,

TO THIS END, WE AGREE TO LABOR FOR THE PROMOTION OF EDUCATION AND DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISES, THE SUPPORT OF MISSIONS, THE SUCCESS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND EVANGELISTIC EFFORTS FOR THE SALVATION OF THE WORLD.

AND MAY GOD OF PEACE SANCTIFY US HOLY AND PRESERVE US BLAMELESS, UNTO THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

RULES OF THE DECORUM

[1] THE CLERK SHALL CALL THE ASSOCIATION TO ORDER. IN [HIS] OR [HER] ABSENCE, THE OLDEST MINISTER WILL CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

[2] ASSOCIATION SHALL BE OPENED WITH 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 THE PUBLICATION. THE CLERK TO SERVE TWO [2] YEARS AT A TIME.

[7] IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE MODERATOR TO PRESIDE OVER THE BODY DURING EACH 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 OVER MEETING, BEFORE HE MAY SPEAK.

[8] EACH CHURCH IS ENTITLED TO THREE [3] DELEGATES.

[9] A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT IN EACH CONFERENCE SHALL RULE IN ALL CASES.

[10] NO DELEGATE SHALL ABSENT HIMSELF OR HERSELF FROM THE MEETING, WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE MODERATOR.

[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 OF DISCUSSION, OR USES WORDS OF PERSONAL REFLECTION.

[13] NO PERSON SHALL BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK MORE THEN TWICE [2] ON THE SAME SUBJECT, NOR MORE THEN 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 FOR ONE YEAR ONLY.

[16] THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE CLERK AND ASSISTANT CLERK FOR TWO [2] YEARS. TWO [2] SEMI-ANNUAL AND TWO [2] ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEETINGS.

GUIDE LINE FOR ORDINATION

- [1] THIS ASSOCIATION ORDAINS NO ONE THAT HAS MORE THEN ONE [1] LIVING WIFE, NOR A WHOSE WIFE HAS MORE THEN ONE [1] LIVING HUSBAND.
- [2] EVERY LICENSED MINISTER CARRY A LICENSE UNTIL HE IS EITHER CALLED TO A CHURCH OR ENTERS FILL TIME EVANGELISTIC WORK. THE LICENSES OF MINISTERS, LICENSED BY THIS ASSOCIATION, ARE TO BE RE-ISSUED EACH YEAR, IF AND ONLY WHEN THE CHURCH OF WHICH THEY ARE A MEMBER, MAKES THIS REQUEST. AMENDMENT - LICENSED MINISTERS WILL NOT CONDUCT THE ORDAINS OF BAPTISM, FOOT WASHING, COMMUNION SERVICE, OR PERFORM MARRIAGE CEREMONIES.
- [3] THIS ASSOCIATION ORDAINS NO ONE THAT DOES NOT BELIEVE AND PRACTICE TITHING.
- [4] THIS ASSOCIATION ORDAINS NO ONE THAT DOES NOT BELIEVE FULLY THE FAITH AND PRACTICE OF FREE-WILL BAPTIST TREATY.
- [5] THIS ASSOCIATION WILL NOT ORDAIN WOMEN TO PREACH.
- [6] THIS ASSOCIATION WILL NOT ORDAIN NO ONE THAT DOES NOT BELIEVE IN THE VERBAL INSPIRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD.
- [7] THIS ASSOCIATION WILL NOT ORDAIN ANYONE THAT IS AFFILIATED WITH THE WORD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.
- [8] THIS ASSOCIATION WILL NOT ORDAIN ANYONE WITH BAD CHARACTER WITH THEM THAT ARE WITH OUT.
- [9] THIS ASSOCIATION WILL NOT ORDAIN ANYONE THAT DOES NOT BELIEVE AND PRACTICE THE ORDINANCES OF THE FREE-WILL BAPTIST.
- [10] THIS ASSOCIATION WILL NOT ORDAIN ANYONE THAT DOES NOT BELIEVE A PERSON CAN APOSTATIZE AND BE LOST.

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BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		1,078.90
8-21-96 CHECK ENCLOSURE	1.00	1,077.90
8-21-96 OFFICE MAX [MATA]	21.58	1,056.32
9-19-96 DEPOSIT & CREDIT	746.00	1,802.32
9-19-96 CHILDREN"S HOME	185.00	1,617.32
9-19-96 BIBLE COLLEGE	105.00	1,512.32
9-19-96 ASSISTANT CLERK	25.00	1,487.32
9-24-96 CLERK	75.00	1,412.32
9-24-96 POSTSGE STAMPS	6.40	1,405.92
9-30-96 CHECK ENCLOSURE	1.00	1,404.92
9-23-96 FREE-WILL BAPTIST STATE ASSOCIATION	300.00	1,104.92
10-22-96 CHECK ENCLOSURE	1.00	1,103.92
11-19-96 CHECK ENCLOSURE	1.00	1,102.92
12-19-96 CHECK ENCLOSURE	2.00	1,100.92
1-22-97 PRINTING MINUTES	56.27	1,044.65
1-22-97 TYPE WRITER RIBBON	20.76	1,023.89
1-22-97 CHECK ENCLOSURE	2.00	1,021.89
3-19-97 DEPOSIT	502.00	1,523.89
3-19-97 CHECK ENCLOSURE	2.00	1,521.89
3-3-97 CLERK	25.00	1,496.89
3-7-97 ASSISTANT CLERK	25.00	1,471.89
4-18-97 CHECK ENCLOSURE	2.00	1,469.89
5-2-97 CHILDREN,S HOME	502.00	967.89
5-19-97 CHECK ENCLOSURE	2.00	965.89
6-18-97 CHECK ENCLOSURE	2.00	963.89
7-21-97 CHECK ENCLOSURE	2.00	961.89
8-19-97 CHECK ENCLOSURE	2.00	959.89
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