

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

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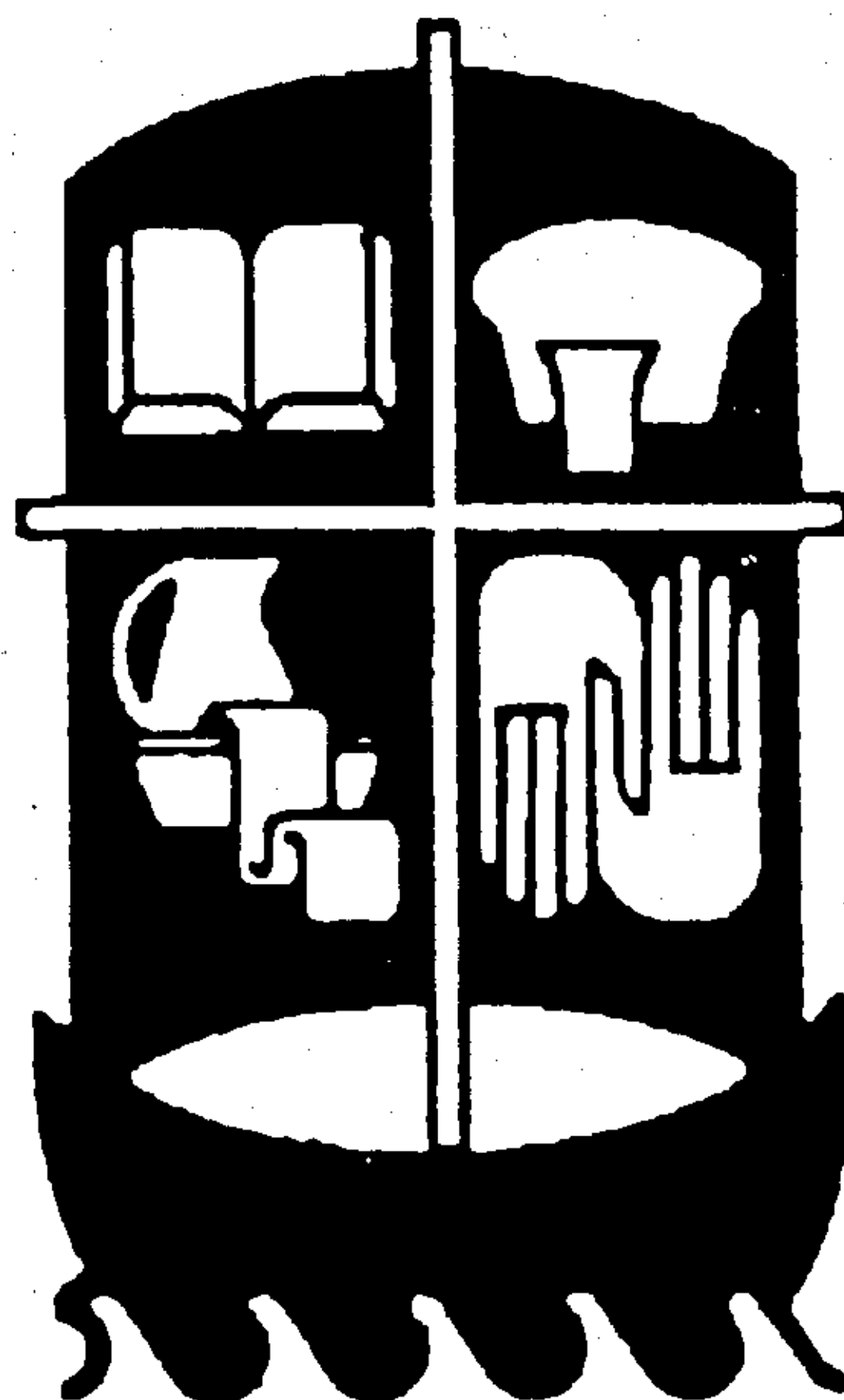
ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

HELD WITH

HANKS MEMORIAL FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

ON

SEPTEMBER 19, 1998



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**BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF
FREEWILL BAPTIST**

**HELD WITH
HANKS MEMORIAL FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**ON
SEPTEMBER 19, 1998**

**MODERATOR FOR 1998
ANNUAL MEETING
REV. ROBERT RICHARDSON**

**ASSISTANT MODERATOR FOR 1998
ANNUAL MEETING
REV. RICK ANDREWS**

SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**SEMI-ANNUAL WILL CONVENE AT
ROSE HILL FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
MARCH 6, 1999**

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE WILL CONVENE AT
BONITA PARK FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 18, 1999**

**BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
OF
FREEWILL BAPTIST ANNUAL ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH
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SEPTEMBER 19, 1998**

Moderator welcomed everyone to Hanks Memorial, and the 60th Annual Association Meeting. Sis. Theresa Kelley and Sis. Peggy Richardson led a song. Congregation sang page # 92 "Just A Little Talk With Jesus".

Moderator ask Bro. Jim Gothard to open meeting with Prayer.

Moderator then read from Acts 2:1

Topic: "Lets Come Together In One Accord"

Gods people are trying to work together. On the day of Pentecost the people came together in one mind and one accord and in one place. It's time for us to come together and take care of business
Psalms 137:1 The Church is at this place today. The day of Revival is come. Time for Gods People to Come Together !

Conference meeting declared open by Bro. E.M. McDaniel for all the business that may come before this session.

Letters from churches were presented to the meeting in a form of a spread sheet for review. Assistant Moderator read the letters from the churches requesting a letter of good standing for their ministers and deacons. The moderator heard the reading and ask for questions. Their were no questions. Reading was 100 % accepted by raising of hands.

Moderator made roll call and the delegates were seated. No report or delegates from Cedar Grove Freewill Baptist Church . Bro. Jerry Davis made motion to accept delegates second by Bro. Curtis Todd vote of the body taken and carried by raising of hands.

Moderator appointed the following committees.

Devotional Committee:

Bro. Jerry Davis, Bro. Ralph Foster, Bro. George Pond.

Temperance Committee:

Sis. Willie Heath, Sis. Francis Langston, Sis. Robbie Harkness

Sunday School Committee:

Sis. Kelly Kelley, Sis. Nyra Johnson, Sis. Lynda Davis

Deceased Committee:

Bro. Lawrence Heath, Sis. Roberta Thomas, Bro. Sam Wallace

Auditing Committee:

Bro. Ronnie Thomas, Bro. Allen Argo, Sis. Jennifer Argo

Moderator made roll call of Business Committee: Bro. Curtis Todd , Bro. Jackie Adcox, Bro. Steve Kelley, Bro. Jim Gothard present. Bro. Curtis Fountain out Replaced by Bro. Ed Avery.

Moderator made roll call of Ordaining Council: Bro. Johnny Tillery, Bro. J.M. Dutton, Bro. Scott Isbell, Bro. Troy Bailey, present. Bro. J.A. Cox out replaced by Bro. Tommy Warren.

Moderator ask Sis. Jennifer Argo to sing a song: Sis. Jennifer sang " In the Garden - Melody of Songs".

Moderator ask at this time would anyone like to testify. Several people stood and told how God was blessing their lives, and they wanted to thank him. Some wanted to thank him for their their physical healing, and let everyone know Gods still in the healing business.

Moderator ask Sis. Theresa Kelley and Sis. Peggy Richardson to come and lead a song. They sang page 169 "Let My Life Be A Light".

Moderator gave congregation a short intermission. Bro. Johnny Tillery dismissed with Prayer.

Moderator Ask Sis. Theresa Kelley and Sis. Peggy Richardson to come and lead a song. They led the congregation in page 212 "Keep on the Firing Line".

Moderator ask Sis. Charlene Gothard to the read the minutes from the Semi-Annual meeting held on March 7, 1998. Bro. J.M. Dutton made motion to accept minutes as read, second by Bro. Jerry Davis. No questions, vote taken and carried by raising of hands.

Moderator announced that Bro. E.M. McDaniel , Clerk would like to retire. Bro. McDaniel said he has enjoyed being the Clerk for years. However he was physical not able to continue doing this job. He reminded all churches to get their letters in on time so that clerk could have things ready for the association meeting. There is a \$1.00 fee for License and for Cards of Ordination. Bro. J.M. Dutton stood and said he he appreciated all the work Bro. McDaniel had done and ask him to come to front for hand of fellowship. He was also given hand clap of praise for a job well done. Sis. Theresa Kelley also said she would be resigning her duties as Assistant Clerk.

Moderator called for nominations for Clerk, and Assistant Clerk. Bro. J.M. Dutton made motion for Sis. Charlene Gothard to be Clerk and Sis. Berry Andrews to be Assistant Clerk second by Bro. Curtis Todd. Their were no other nominations. Bro. Curtis Todd made motion to close nominations second by Bro. Jerry Davis. Vote taken and carried by showing of hands Sis. Charlene Gothard will be Clerk, and Sis. Berry Andrews will be Assistant Clerk.

Moderator, Bro. Robert Richardson turned meeting over to the Assistant Moderator, Bro. Rick Andrews. Bro. Rick ask Bro. Robert Richardson to come and give us a report from the Children's Home. More changes than every are taken place . Bro. Corey resigned because of his health, and Bro. Roger Bennett has taken over. He is a great man of God, and he also is an ex- military person. He will be able to keep things well in order. The state says he must however be under observation by Bro. Lambert for 2 years before he can be on his own. The finances are holding up well. Getting ready to build office and kitchen in the multi-purpose building. Some of the kids have gone home for the summer. We had several kids saved in youth camp. We ask each church to support the children's home as much as possible. Bro. Robert said he would like to step down as trustee and get a younger man to replace him. Someone who would commit and work hard for the children's home. We need to pray for God to send us this person. Bro. J.M. Dutton made motion to accept report as given, second by Bro. Jerry Davis. Bro. Rick Andrews ask for offering to be taken. Offering of \$159.25 was given to Children's Home. Bro. Rick Andrews turned meeting back over to Bro. Robert Richardson.

Moderator ask for the committees to come and give their reports.

Devotional Committee

Read by: Bro. George Pond

We the devotional committee recommend Bro. Tommy Warren for the March semi-annual meeting. Bro. Curtis Todd for the September annual meeting. Bro. Johnny Tillery for the alternate at both of these meetings.

Bro. J.M. Dutton made motion to accept as read, second by Bro. Scott Isbell. Carried by showing of hands.

Temperance Committee

Read by: Sis. Frances Langston

We the Temperance Committee think we should be temperate in every phase of our life. Daily live according to the Bible, God's word and his teaching. Galatians 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Bro. J.M. Dutton made motion to accept as read, second by Bro. Johnny Tillery. Carried by showing of hands.

Sunday School Committee

Read by: Sis. Lynda Davis

We the Sunday School Committee recommend that we encourage people to attend Sunday School and participate in the discussion and give their opinion. We need to study our lesson's regularly and be strong Christians. Also we need to be faithful to God's Commandments. Most of all we need to be faithful to God our Father and his son Jesus. When we are teaching children; teach them on their level, and make it enjoyable for them. For the word is a lamp unto my feet and light unto my path and thy word will I not hide in my heart that I may not sin against God.

Bro. E.M. McDaniel made a motion to accept as read, second by Bro. Ronny Thomas. Carried by showing of hands.

Deceased Committee

Read by: Bro. Sam Wallace

We the Deceased Committee have received the letter before us and found that the following people have passed away from us during the past year. Reading from John 14 1:3.

Hanks Memorial: Sis. Opal Henderson , Bro. Howard Trapp

Ashmore Memorial: Sis. Amanda Moody

Wootens Chapel: Sis. Juanita Coffee

Congregation stood for a moment of silent Prayer to Honor their memory. "Amen"

Bro. J.M. Dutton made a motion to accept as read, second by Bro. Jerry Davis. Carried by showing of hands.

Business Committee

Read by: Bro. Curtis Todd

Sis. Theresa Kelley has given us a letter of resignation. " I am resigning as Assistant Clerk of the Birmingham Freewill Baptist Association.

Bro. J.M. Dutton made a motion to accept as read, second by Bro. Troy Bailey.

Moderator ask for Sis. Jennifer Argo to sing a song. Sis. Jennifer sang. "He'll Do It Again".

Moderator asked Bro. Jackie Adcox to come and bring the message for the hour.

Bro. Jackie Adcox spoke from John 3 1-7. Am I Really Saved? When we get an answer from Jesus we can walk away knowing the answer. Jesus never gave a bad answer. Give to the poor, take up our cross and follow Him. If you are saved today, you don't need to ask anyone, you will know it ! We know we have passed from death unto life because we love our brother. We love coming to church, we love fellowship, we love everything about God...

How do you know it? You don't walk the same way, you don't like the things you used to love. You can't love the world and love God. Give yourself a self-examination. I Thessalonians 5: 1-2 of the times and seasons for Jesus' return you have no knowledge. Another way you can know you are saved is to be willing to forgive. Are you willing to forgive? I John 5: 6-12 You can know without a doubt you are saved. Bro. Jackie Adcox gave an invitation as the congregation sang "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be". Page 105

Moderator ask congregation to give the Lord a hand clap of Praise.

Moderator ask Bro. Troy Bailey to come and say a word. He welcomed everyone to Hanks Memorial and invited all to stay for lunch. Bro. William Bailey asked blessing over the lunch.

Conference was Re-opened with special song by Sis. Jennifer Argo. "Holy" and "The Old Rugged Cross".

Moderator came and ask for reports from the remaining committees.

Ordaining Council

Read by: Bro. J.M. Dutton

We the Ordaining Council recommend that Bro. Jim Gothard be re-issued a licensed to preach the Gospel for one year in the Freewill Baptist Association.

Bro. J.M. Dutton made motion to accept as read, second by Bro. Curtis Todd.

Auditing Committee

Read by: Bro. Ronny Thomas

We the Auditing committee have examined the books and find it to be correct. Luke 18:16

Bro. Curtis Todd made motion to accept as read, second by Bro. Scott Isbell.

Moderator appointed Ordaining Council for year 1999 Bro. Johnny Tiller, Bro. J.M. Dutton, Bro. Troy Bailey, Bro. Scott Isbell, Bro. J.A. Cox.

Moderator appointed Business Committee for year 1999. Bro. Curtis Todd, Bro. Jackie Adcox, Bro. Steve Kelley, Bro. Jim Jim Gothard, Bro. Curtis Fountain.

Bro. J.M. Dutton nominated Bro. Robert Richardson to be moderator for 98-99. Bro. Curtis Todd second. Bro. E.M. McDaniel nominated Bro. Rick Andrews, Bro. Jerry Davis second Bro. Robert Richardson stepped down for vote. Bro. J.M. Dutton stepped in as moderator. Vote taken Bro. Robert received 16 votes Bro. Rick received 5. Bro. Robert Richardson will be Moderator for 98-99. Bro. Rick Andrews will be Assistant Moderator for 98-99.

Rose Hill Freewill Baptist Church offered to host the Semi-Annual meeting March 6, 1999.

Bonita Park Freewill Baptist Church offered to host the Annual meeting September 18, 1999.

State Association will be held at Madison Freewill Baptist Church in Madison Alabama on November 5-6, 1998. Individual Ministers will notify Clerk who will attend.

Bro. Allan Argo took up offering for FWB Bible College. Bro. Tommy Warren prayed over the offering. \$37.00 was given.

Bro. Robert Richardson made closing comments. Bro. J.M. Dutton thanked the ladies of the church for the delicious lunch.

Moderator asked everyone to stand, Bro. Curtis Todd gave dismissal prayer.

MINISTER ANNUAL REPORT

Rev. Rick Andrews

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| No. Churches Pastored | 1 |
| No. Sermons Preached | 268 |
| No. Funerals Conducted | 4 |
| No. Baptized | 14 |
| No. Revivals Assisted In | 3 |
| No. Marriages Performed | 2 |
| No. Miles Traveled | Numerous |
| No. Members Received | 7 |
| No. Churches Organized | 0 |
| No. Sick Calls | Numerous |
| Amount Of Offering Received | --- |
| Expense Of Ministerial Work | --- |

Rev. Curtis Todd

| | |
|-----------------------------|------|
| No. Churches Pastored | 1 |
| No. Sermons Preached | Many |
| No. Funerals Conducted | 6 |
| No. Baptized | 2 |
| No. Revivals Assisted In | 1 |
| No. Marriages Performed | 3 |
| No. Miles Traveled | Many |
| No. Members Received | 13 |
| No. Churches Organized | 0 |
| No. Sick Calls | Many |
| Amount Of Offering Received | --- |
| Expense OF Ministerial Work | --- |

Rev. J. M. Dutton

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| No. Churches Pastored | 1 |
| No. Sermons Preached | 78 |
| No. Funerals Conducted | 4 |
| No. Baptized | 3 |
| No. Revivals Assisted In | 1 |
| No. Marriages Performed | 1 |
| No. Miles Traveled | Unknown |
| No. Members Received | 3 |
| No. Churches Organized | 0 |
| No. Sick Calls | Unknown |
| Amount Of Offering Received | \$6,500.00 |
| Expense Of Ministerial Work | \$6,500.00 |

Rev. Robert Richardson

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| No. Churches Pastored | 1 |
| No. Sermons Preached | Many |
| No. Funerals Conducted | 4 |
| No. Baptized | 12 |
| No. Revivals Assisted In | 4 |
| No. Marriages Performed | 1 |
| No. Miles Traveled | Many |
| No. Members Received | 20 |
| No. Churches Organized | 0 |
| No. Sick Calls | Many |
| Amount Of Offering Received | --- |
| Expense Of Ministerial Work | Unknown |

BONITA PARK FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Church Membership | 40 |
| Members Received | 7 |
| Members Excluded | 41 |
| Sunday School Enrollment | 25 |
| Average Attendance | 18 |
| Mid-Week Service Avg. Attendance | 20 |
| Number Ordained Ministers | 1 |
| Number Ordained Deacons | 1 |
| Number Licenses Ministers | 1 |

FINANCIAL REPORT

LOCAL CAUSES

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Pastor's Salary | \$7,800.00 |
| Evangelistic Work | 8,788.52 |
| Building & Repair | 2,712.13 |
| Literature | 74.30 |
| Other | <u>7,474.65</u> |
| Total Spent | \$26,849.60 |

OUTSIDE CAUSES

| | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Foreign Mission | \$ 100.00 |
| Orphanage | <u>1,300.00</u> |
| Total Spent | \$1,400.00 |

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|--------------------------|--------------|
| Total Expenditures | \$28,249.60 |
| Value of Church Property | \$250,000.00 |
| Amount Enclosed For Fees | \$75.00 |

HANKS MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

| | |
|---------------------------|----|
| Church Membership | 70 |
| Members Received | 3 |
| Members Deceased | 2 |
| Sunday School Enrollment | 42 |
| Average Attendance | 20 |
| Masters Men | 11 |
| Average Attendance | 9 |
| Number Ordained Ministers | 4 |
| Number Ordained Deacons | 5 |

FINANCIAL REPORT

LOCAL CAUSES

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Pastor's Salary | \$13,000.00 |
| Building & Repair | 52.75 |
| Literature | 589.51 |
| Other | <u>863.57</u> |
| Total Spent | \$14,505.83 |

OUTSIDE CAUSES

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Foreign Missions | \$ 698.79 |
| Home Missions | 698.79 |
| Education | 698.79 |
| Orphanage | <u>\$2,249.20</u> |
| Total Spent | \$ 4,345.57 |

Total Expenditures \$18,851.40

Value Of Church Property \$250,000.00

LIBERTY FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

| | |
|---------------------------|----|
| Church Membership | 78 |
| Members Received | 1 |
| Sunday School Enrollment | 54 |
| Average Attendance | 40 |
| Mid-Week Attendance | 15 |
| Number Ordained Ministers | 1 |
| Number Ordained Deacons | 2 |

FINANCIAL REPORT

LOCAL CAUSES

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Pastor's Salary | \$12,330.00 |
| Building & Repair | 3,794.00 |
| Literature | 1,252.00 |
| Other | <u>7,338.00</u> |
| Total Spent | \$24,714.00 |

OUTSIDE CAUSES

| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Foreign Missions | \$2,229.00 |
| Home Missions | 5,292.00 |
| Orphanage | <u>2,647.00</u> |
| Total Spent | \$10,168.00 |

Total Expenditures \$34,882.00

Value of Church Property \$120,000.00

ASHMORE MEMORIAL FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

| | |
|---------------------------|----|
| Church Membership | 30 |
| Member Received | 2 |
| Sunday School Enrollment | 20 |
| Average Attendance | 20 |
| Number Ordained Ministers | 2 |
| Number Ordained Deacons | 3 |

FINANCIAL REPORT

LOCAL CAUSES

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Pastor's Salary | \$ 2,600.00 |
| Evangelistic Work | 132.60 |
| Building & Repair | 7,472.34 |
| Literature | 695.96 |
| Other | <u>640.00</u> |
| Total Spent | \$11,540.90 |

OUTSIDE CAUSES

| | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Foreign Missions | \$ 980.00 |
| Orphanage | 0 |
| Association Projects | <u>75.00</u> |
| Total Spent | \$ 1,055.00 |

Total Expenditures \$12,595.90

Value of Church Property \$100,000.00

Amount Enclosed for Fees \$75.00

ROSEHILL FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Church Membership | 45 |
| Members Received | 20 |
| Members Excluded | 10 |
| Sunday School Enrollment | 45 |
| Average Attendance | 40 |
| Mid-Week Service Avg. Attendance | 40 |
| Number Ordained Ministers | 2 |
| Number Ordained Deacons | 2 |

FINANCIAL REPORT

LOCAL CAUSES

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Evangelistic Work | \$1,400.00 |
| Building & Repair | 0 |
| Literature | <u>165.07</u> |
| Total Spent | \$1,565.07 |

OUTSIDE CAUSES

| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Foreign Missions | \$6,300.00 |
| Home Missions | 2,150.00 |
| Orphanage | <u>5,502.74</u> |
| Total Spent | \$13,952.74 |

Total Expenditures \$15,517.81

Value of Church Property \$60,000.00

Amount Enclosed for Fees \$75.00

WOOTENS CHAPEL FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

| | |
|---------------------------|----|
| Church Membership | 87 |
| Members Received | 13 |
| Members Deceased | 1 |
| Sunday School Enrollment | 27 |
| Average Attendance | 17 |
| Mid-Week Attendance | 18 |
| Number Ordained Ministers | 1 |
| Number Ordained Deacons | 3 |
| Number Licensed Ministers | 1 |

FINANCIAL REPORT

LOCAL CAUSES

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Pastors Salary | \$10,400.00 |
| Evangelistic Work | 600.00 |
| Building & Repair | 2,000.00 |
| Literature | <u>185.00</u> |
| Total Spent | \$13,185.00 |

OUTSIDE CAUSES

| | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Home Missions | \$ 600.00 |
| Education | 350.00 |
| Orphanage | <u>1,800.00</u> |
| Total Spent | \$2,750.00 |

Total Expenditures \$15,935.00

Value Church Property \$169,800.00

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, and 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 persons 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 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) (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 than one (1) living wife, nor a wife who has more than one (1) living husband.
2. Every licensed minister carries a license until he is either called to a church or enters full 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 Ordinances 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 Freewill Baptist Treaty.
5. This Association will not ordain women to preach.
6. This Association will not ordain anyone 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 World 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 Freewill Baptist.
10. This Association will not ordain anyone that does not believe a person can apostatize and be lost.

**PASTOR'S AND CLERK'S
ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER**

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CONFERENCE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

AUGUST 20, 1997 - AUGUST 19, 1998

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|
| BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD ----- | | | \$959.89 |
| 9-19-97 | CHECK ENCLOSURE | 2.00 | 957.89 |
| 9-20-97 | DEPOSIT & CREDITS | 1,058.00 | 2,015.89 |
| 10-21-97 | CHECK ENCLOSURE | 2.00 | 2,013.89 |
| 10-21-97 | ASSISTANT CLERK | 25.00 | 1,988.89 |
| 10-21-97 | REV. RICHARD CORDELL | 115.00 | 1,873.89 |
| 10-21-97 | CLERK'S EXPENSE | 75.00 | 1,798.89 |
| 10-21-97 | CHILDREN'S HOME | 480.00 | 1,318.89 |
| 10-22-97 | CHECK ENCLOSURE | 2.00 | 1,316.89 |
| 11-18-97 | F.W.B. ASSOCIATION | 300.00 | 1,016.89 |
| 12-18-97 | CHECK ENCLOSURE | 2.00 | 1,014.89 |
| 1-21-98 | CHECK ENCLOSURE | 2.00 | 1,012.89 |
| 1-22-98 | STAMPS & POST CARDS | 7.80 | 1,005.89 |
| 2-02-98 | OFFICE DEPOT | 9.93 | 945.16 |
| 2-18-98 | CHECK ENCLOSURE | 2.00 | 943.16 |
| 2-19-98 | CHILDREN'S HOME | + 103.00 | 1,041.16 |
| 2-19-98 | CLERK'S EXPENSE | 25.00 | 1,021.16 |
| 2-19-98 | ASST. CLERKS EXPENSE | 25.00 | 996.16 |
| 2-19-98 | CHECK ENCLOSURE | 2.00 | 994.16 |
| 3-20-98 | CHILDREN'S HOME | 103.00 | 891.16 |
| 4-20-98 | CHECK ENCLOSURE | 2.00 | 889.16 |
| 5-18-98 | CHECK ENCLOSURE | 2.00 | 887.16 |
| 6-18-98 | CHECK ENCLOSURE | 2.00 | 885.16 |
| 7-21-98 | CHECK ENCLOSURE | 2.00 | 883.16 |
| 8-19-98 | CHECK ENCLOSURE | 2.00 | 881.16 |

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 Saviour Jesus Christ".

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together 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, of it's poor and all it's 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 bounds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, 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, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday school, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.