

**THE BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

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AT  
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**ANNUAL CONFERENCE WILL CONVENE AT  
BONITA PARK FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**SEPTEMBER 18, 1999**

Bro. Robert Richardson came and welcomed everyone to the 61<sup>st</sup> Semi-Annual meeting of the Birmingham District Association of Freewill Baptists.

Congregation sang page. 212 "Keep on the Firing Line". Bro. Jackie Adcox led the church in prayer. Bro. Scott Isbell came and welcomed everyone to Rose Hill Freewill Baptist Church.

Moderator, Bro. Robert Richardson, read from Psalm 133: 1-3. "Unity" God is more intelligent than we will ever be. He knows what works! How good and pleasant it is for the brethren to come together. Memories of good preaching and singing. What has happened? Things change and the world has changed. One thing that never changes is God. Jeremiah 6: 14-16 . Show the world the peace and healing of God. Go back to the old path and walk in that path.

Conference meeting declared open by Clerk, Sis. Charlene Gothard for all the business that may come before this session.

Letters from the churches was presented in the form of a spread sheet. Moderator read from the spread sheet and called for each delegate present to stand when their name was called. Bro. Jerry Davis made a motion to seat the delegates, second by Bro. E.M. McDaniel.

The Devotional Committee was not needed at this session as the speaker had been selected for September at the Annual meeting.

Moderator made roll call of the Business Committee, present were: Bro. Curtis Todd, Bro. Jackie Adcox, Bro. Steve Kelley, Bro. Jim Gothard, and Bro. Curtis Fountain.

Moderator made roll call of the Ordaining Committee, present were: Bro. Johnny Tillery, Bro. Scott Isbell, Bro. Troy Bailey and Bro. Tommy Warren. Bro. J.M. Dutton was not present due to illness, but was not replaced because no one was presented to be ordained.

Sis. Peggy Richardson led the congregation in singing page 169, "Let My Life Be a Light".

Sis. Charlene Gothard read the minutes from the Annual meeting held on September 19, 1998. Bro. Jerry Davis made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Bro. J.A. Cox second the motion. Moderator announced taking a short break and dismissal of the Business Committee to attend to the business at hand. Bro. Joel Watson led the congregation in dismissal prayer.

Moderator welcomed everyone back from the break. Moderator stepped aside and the Assistant Moderator, Bro. Rick Andrews, stepped up to introduce Bro. Rick Cash, Promotional Director of the Alabama State Association of Freewill Baptists and Acts 1:8. Bro. Cash gave his personal testimony. He spoke about FWB Youth Camp and the FWB Digest. Everybody deserves to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He announced that the Alabama FWB sent 3 groups of missionaries off to the foreign mission fields this year. One couple went to Uruguay, one man went to Asia, and 2 home missionaries. Bro. Cash spoke of the Acts 1:8 program. This program exceeded its monetary goal for 1998. Sending the light of the Gospel to a dark world.

The Assistant Moderator had a few comments about Acts 1:8 and then turned The meeting back over to the moderator. Moderator asked Sis. Tillery and Sis. Bevie Ashmore to come and sing a song. They sang "The King is Coming Back" While Bro. Randy Tillery played the piano. Bro. Randy Tillery also sang and played Another special song. Sis. Peggy Richardson and Sis. Theresa Kelley sang page 368, "Nothing But the Blood". Moderator asked at this time would anyone like to testify. Several people stood and told how God was blessing their lives and how thankful they were. Some gave thanks for their Salvation and physical healing. Moderator asked for special prayer for Bro. and Sis. Dutton during their illness. Other members of the congregation asked for special prayer for sick family members. Bro. Robert Richardson led the church in prayer.

Moderator asked Bro. Curtis Fountain to come and give the Business Committee Report. The Business Committee recommended that the spread sheet of the church Letters be adopted as a permanent thing. Bro. Jerry Davis made a motion to adopt this motion. Bro. E.M. McDaniel second. Questions called for, vote taken and passed 100 % by the raising of hands. The Business Committee also recommended that the minutes from the prior meeting be passed out and reviewed by the standing and seated delegates. Instead of having the Clerk read the minutes at each meeting. Bro. J.A. Cox made a motion to table this matter until the next meeting in September, second by Bro. Jerry Davis.

Asst. Clerk asked for the FWB Children's Home report and offering. Moderator turned meeting over to the Assistant Moderator. Bro. Richardson reported that at present the Children's Home has 17 children. Several more are on the way. The Home is licensed for 30 children. Recent activities include a general clean-up and selling of some old equipment. All children are out of the old building. The Multi-purpose building is nearly complete. Prayer was requested for Bro. Roger Bennett and his wife. Invitation was given to go and visit the Children's Home. Bro. Robert Richardson announced that he was going to have to step down from this position as Trustee of the Children's Home in September. Bro. Jerry Davis made a motion to accept report as given, second by Bro. Scott Isbell. Motion carried by raising of hands. Bro. Rick Andrews turned the meeting back over to the moderator. An offering of \$115.55 was taken up to be given to the Children's Home.

Moderator asked Bro. Rick Andrews to come and sing, he sang "The Anchor Holds". Bro. Jim Gothard read a poem entitled "If You Could See Me Now" by Kim Bates. Moderator asked Bro. Tommy Warren to come and bring the message for the hour.

Bro. Tommy Warren read from Matthew 24:3-8, "Soon Coming World Shaking Events". We have no idea what will happen in the future. We have heard to prepare for Y2K. Trouble will probably besiege us in the future. God created the Earth and the Light. He created everything. God created a masterpiece when He created man. And then man fell.

But God has a mediator in Jesus Christ who can pull man to God. Jesus is the only way for man to reach God. Luke 23: 44-46. Jesus died on the cross, and the disciples watched and wept, and wondered. They did not understand that Jesus was giving His life for them. Luke 23:40. The thief on the cross was unreasonable. God tries to reason with man. Luke 23: 40. The other thief demonstrated the highest intelligence. He feared God and rebuked the other thief for doubting him. The only security is in Christ Jesus. Don't wait until you are lying on your deathbed to make your peace with God. Acts 9: 3-5. The conversion of Saul; a lot of us love the Lord but we don't want to obey the Lord.

We need to get in the traces and plow for the Lord. The Gospel will either pull you like a magnet or push you away. I Thessalonians 4: 13-16. Think about when we put our hand in the hand of Jesus. Matthew 24: 27-31. Amos 4:12. Revelation 6: 12-17. The day is coming! Bro. Warren gave an invitation as Sis. Alice Kelley sang "Please Forgive Me" and "Wall of Prayer". Several people came forth for prayer. Moderator Asked the congregation to give hand clap of praise.

Bro. Robert Richardson made closing comments. Invitation was made to stay for lunch. Moderator asked everyone to stand. Bro. Curtis Todd gave the dismissal prayer.