

**MINUTES**  
*Of The*  
**BROTHERHOOD**  
**QUARTERLY CONFERENCE**  
*Of*  
**Free Will Baptist**  
**1971 - 1972**

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**OFFICERS**

Rev. Odie Curvin ..... Moderator

Mrs. Elizabeth Waldrep ..... Clerk

Rev. Archie Lee Harris ..... Treasurer

Odie Curvin  
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## FIFTH SESSION

The fifth session of the Brotherhood Quarterly Conference convened at East Side Free Will Baptist Church, Falkville, Alabama, on October 30-31, 1971.

### SATURDAY NIGHT PROCEEDINGS:

Conference called to order by moderator, Rev. Archie Lee Harris, with all three Churches represented.

Welcome given and devotion, using text Ecclesiastes 8:8, by Rev. Robert Watwood pastor of host Church; followed by altar prayer.

Rev. Robert Watwood appointed reading Clerk this session due to absence of Sister Sue Reynolds.

Brother Bill Goodwin appointed to serve on Credentials Committee for Brother Herman Freeman, who is not present at this time.

Call for petitioning letters for membership — received none.

Call for acknowledgements — received none.

Call for peace and fellowship — in peace.

Invited visiting Brothers and Sisters to sit with us.

Call for correspondence — none.

Credentials Committee Report: We find all letters in order. Midway requests the next session of this conference meet with their Church.

Is your pastor faithful in his duties? — 3 yeses.

Are your officers faithful in their duties? — 3 yeses.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report by Sister Earlene Curvin read and approved by body as follows: Had in minute fund \$36.76; printing minutes cost \$74.08; lack \$37.32 for paying printing minutes. Offering for money needed totaled \$38.42; leaving \$1.10 in minute fund. \$70.10 in Mission Fund; offering for mission fund \$16.86; balance of \$86.96 in Mission Fund.

Mission Fund to be spent by Evangelist anyway he sees fit for evangelistic work only.

EVANGELIST'S REPORT: Rev. Charles Lindsey asked to have a revival at each Church in conference. He also asked that the Sunday morning radio program, now being sponsored by the First Church, be sponsored by this conference, with each Church donating \$16.00 every third week for financing program.

Brother Bill Goodwin moved that each Church decide individually to donate \$16.00 every third week for radio program and report decision to next session of conference in their letter to conference. Seconded by Bro. Lelton Russell. Motion carried.

Move by Rev. Charles Lindsey that we have a Ministers & Deacons meeting once every quarter in this conference. Rev. Robert Watwood seconded. Motion carried.

Move by Rev. Robert Watwood that Ministers & Deacons meeting be on Saturday night preceding the Saturday night this conference meets. Bro. Bill Goodwin seconded. Motion carried.

Motion by Rev. Odie Curvin, seconded by Rev. Charles Lindsey, that Ministers & Deacons meeting be held at the First Church. Motion carried.

Motion by Bro. Bill Goodwin that Ministers & Deacons meeting begin at 7:30 on appointed night. Seconded by Rev. Robert Watwood. Motion carried.

Rev. Robert Watwood moved that each Church donate \$10.00 to minute fund, to be sent with their letter, at each session of this conference. Bro. Bill Goodwin seconded. Motion carried.

Motion by Rev. Robert Watwood that our Saturday night business meeting begin at 7:00 P.M. Seconded by Bro. Malcolm Pevihouse. Motion carried.



Motion by Bro. Bill Goodwin, seconded by Rev. Robert Watwood, to strike the word "association" from our By-Laws and replace it with the word "conference". Motion carried.

Rev. Charles Lindsey moved, Rev. Robert Watwood seconded, that each Ordained Minister of this conference have his ordination recorded in county seat where he resided. Motion carried.

The next session of this conference will convene at Midway Free Will Baptist Church on January 29, 1972.

Meeting adjourned with prayer.

#### SUNDAY PROCEEDINGS:

After a wonderful lunch served by the host church, conference re-assembled with special singing and preaching intermittently throughout the afternoon. Special singers were The Stanley Family, Evangelears, Heavenly Airs, and The Heavenly Teens.

Evening services opened with congregational singing and altar prayer.

Devotional service by Rev. Archie Lee Harris, using text St. John 5:9-14, with testimony service following.

Message brought by Rev. Odie Curvin using as text Luke 15:11.

Benediction prayer by Rev. Charles Lindsey.

### SIXTH SESSION

The sixth session of the Brotherhood Quarterly Conference convened at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Cullman, Alabama, on January 29-30, 1972.

#### SATURDAY NIGHT PROCEEDINGS:

Conference called to order by moderator, Rev. Archie Lee Harris, with two Churches, East Side and First of Cullman, being represented.

Welcome given and devotion, using at text II Timothy 4:5, by Rev.

A. L. Harris, pastor of host church, preceded by altar prayer.

Call for Acknowledgements — received none.

Invited visiting brethren to sit with us.

Call for peace and fellowship — in peace.

Call for petitioning letters for membership — received none.

Call for correspondence — none.

The reading of the last minutes were approved by the body.

Is your pastor faithful in his duties? East Side - yes; First - yes.

Are your church officers faithful in their duties? East Side - yes; First - yes.

Credentials committee reports all letters in order.

With Bro. Charles Lindsey as moderator, Bro. A. L. Harris moved to leave by-law number -2 worded as is. Bro. Robert Watwood seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. Malcolm Pevihouse moved, Bro. A. L. Harris seconded, we do not omit fifth Sunday night services at home churches to have conference services at host church. Motion carried.

Evangelist Report — Rev. Charles Lindsey reported a successful revival in each of the three churches.

Rev. Archie Lee Harris moved we elect an assistant Evangelist Treasurer, Sister Virginia Goodwin seconded. Motion carried.

Rev. Charles Lindsey elected as Assistant Evangelist treasurer.

Free Will Evangelist offering totaled \$16.62.

With Rev. Archie Lee Harris returning as moderator, Rev. Robert Watwood moved that the young people from each church decide and re-

port by next Sunday if they want a youth rally. Bro. Malcolm Pevihouse seconded. Motion carried.

The next session of this conference will convene at East Side Free Will Baptist Church, Falkville, Ala. on April 29, 1972.

Meeting adjourned.

#### SUNDAY PROCEEDINGS:

After a wonderful lunch, the conference re-assembled with singing and prayer.

Special singing was presented by Sister Effie Hudson, The Stanley Family, The Watwood Family, The Heavenly Teens, and The Lindsey Family.

Afternoon message by Bro. Herman Allen, using as his text Galatians 5:1-14, followed by testimony service.

Closed with prayer.

First Church of Cullman

Midway of Hanceville

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Archie Lee Harris

Rev. Odie Curvin

Rev. Wiley Waldrep

Rev. Gerald Wilson

Rev. Hermon Freeman

Rev. Charles Lindsey

#### ORDAINED DEACONS

Bro. Bill Goodwin

Bro. Delbert Lindsey

#### LICENSED MINISTERS

Bro. Herman Allen

Bro. David Curvin

Bro. Buddy Jackson

### SEVENTH SESSION

The seventh session of the Brotherhood Quarterly Conference convened at East Side Free Will Baptist Church, Falkville, Ala. on April 29, 1972.

#### SATURDAY NIGHT PROCEEDINGS:

Business meeting omitted until later date due to revival services at host church.

#### SUNDAY PROCEEDINGS:

After a wonderful lunch served by the host Church, the Conference re-assembled with singing and prayer with testimony service following.

Bro. Felton Cheatwood served as moderator.

Afternoon messages by: Rev. Wiley Waldrep, Rev. Hermon Freeman, Rev. Archie Lee Harris, Rev. Thompson, Rev. Odie Curvin, and Rev. Sonnie Wilson.

Closed with song and prayer.

#### SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS CONFERENCE:

Conference called special business meeting on May 5, 1972.

All three churches represented.

After a song and prayer, welcome given by Rev. Robert Watwood, pastor of host church.

Call for acknowledgements — received none.

Invited visiting brothers and sisters to sit with us

Call for peace and fellowship — in peace.

Invitation for new members — received none.

Correspondence — none.



The reading of the minutes of the last meeting were approved by the body.

Is your pastor faithful in his duties? All three - yes.

Are your officers faithful in their duties? All three - yes.

Sister Earlene Curvin resigned as treasurer. Bro. Robert Watwood moved, Bro. Vernon Holloway seconded, that Bro. Charles Lindsey fill treasurers office as assistant until next election. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report — \$16.62 in mission fund and \$20.00 in minute fund.

Evangelist's report — Rev. Charles Lindsey reported he hopes to go to work in a new field soon.

Ministers and Deacons meeting report — Bro. Bill Goodwin reported there had been no activity since last meeting.

Credentials Committee report — Letters for First Church and Midway in order, and accepted 100%. Letter from East Side states they do not wish to be represented in Brotherhood Quarterly Conference.

The next session of this conference will convene with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Cullman on July 29, 1972.

Closed with prayer.

## EIGHTH SESSION

The eighth session of the Brotherhood Quarterly Conference convened at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Cullman on July 29-30, 1972.

### SATURDAY NIGHT PROCEEDINGS:

Conference called to order by moderator, Rev. Archie Lee Harris, with two churches represented, First of Cullman and Midway of Hanceville.

Welcome given by Rev. Archie Lee Harris followed by altar prayer.

Call for acknowledgements — received none.

Call for peace and fellowship — in peace.

Invited visiting brothers and sisters to sit with us.

Call for correspondence — none.

Credentials Committee report — We find each letter in order. Midway asked that the next session meet at their church.

Sister Elizabeth Waldrep accepted as next conference clerk, Sister June Lindsey assisted.

Rev. Odie Curvin elected as next Moderator for coming year.

Rev. Archie Lee Harris moved moderator appoint presbytery, Rev. Charles Lindsey seconded. Motion carried.

Committee appointed:

Rev. Archie Lee Harris — Chairman

Rev. Charles Lindsey

Rev. Wiley Waldrep

Visitation committee:

Rev. Charles Lindsey — Chairman

Rev. Wiley Waldrep

Bro. Delbert Lindsey

Rev. Archie Lee Harris moved, Rev. Charles Lindsey, seconded, we discontinue by-laws committee. Motion carried.

Evangelist committee:

Rev. Wiley Waldrep — Chairman

Rev. Charles Lindsey

Credentials committee appointed by moderator:

Rev. Charles Lindsey — Chairman

Bro. Delbert Lindsey

Rev. Wiley Waldrep

Treasurer — Rev. Archie Lee Harris elected by body.

Reading Clerk — Sister Jane Lindsey elected by body.

The reading of the last minutes were approved by the body.

Is your pastor faithful in his duties? First - yes; Midway - yes.

Are your officers faithful in their duties? First - yes; Midway - yes.

Bro. Charles Lindsey, clerk of Ministers & Deacons Conference, reported next session will be held at Midway on 4th Saturday night before 5th Saturday night and Sunday Conference.

Bro. Archie Lee Harris moved, Bro. Wiley Waldrep seconded, our young people from each church meet together once a month. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report — \$60.00 in treasury with offering of \$12.50 tonight making total of \$72.50.

Sister Jane Lindsey moved, Rev. Archie Lee Harris seconded, we have 50 minutes printed. Motion carried.

Rev. Charles Lindsey reported for Evangelist Committee, three revivals, one at each church. First Church 2 saved, several rededications from East Side and several at Midway. No contacts of starting any new missions or organizing new churches.

New business — none.

The next session of this conference will convene at Midway Free Will Baptist Church in Hanceville on October 28-29, 1972.

Meeting adjourned, closed with prayer led by Rev. Charles Lindsey.

### SUNDAY PROCEEDINGS:

After a wonderful lunch, the conference reassembled with song & prayer.

Singing that afternoon was by Sister Ruby Lindsey, Congregation, Church Quartet, Sister Curvin & Son, and Lindsey Family.

Afternoon devotion by Rev. Odie Curvin, using as his text St. Matthew 26:45. Evening message by Rev. Willard Smith using as his text John 17:1-20, John 1:1-4, and I John 3.

Dismissed with song and prayer at church, services continued at baptizing.

## 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 appearance 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 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 Savior Jesus Christ."



We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, 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, 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 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 God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **CALLED FOR CONFERENCE**

1. Called for acknowledgements.
2. Called for peace and fellowship.
3. Invitation to visiting brethren.
4. Invitation for membership.
5. Called for correspondence.
6. Reading of last minutes.
7. Is pastor faithful in his duties.
8. Are officers faithful in their duties.
9. General business.

### **CHURCH**

First FWB  
Cullman

Midway  
East Point

### **PASTOR**

Rev. Archie Lee Harris  
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Rev. Odie Curvin  
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Blountsville, Ala. 35031

### **CLERK**

Mrs. Jane Lindsey  
Route 1, Box 89-A  
Falkville, Ala. 35622

Mrs. Earlene Curvin  
Route 2  
Blountsville, Ala. 35031

## **ARTICLES OF FAITH**

1. The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice. II Peter 1:18-21; II Timothy 3:16-17.

2. God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor 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. Heb. 1:2; Duet. 6:4.

3. Christ. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord. Acts 17:28; Psalms 19:1-2.

4. The Holy Spirit. The Scripture assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. Acts 13:2; I Cor. 2:11.

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. Rev. 4:11; I Tim. 6:17.

6. The Sinfulness of Man. Man was created innocent, but by 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. John 6:44; I Cor. 2:14.

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. Rev. 2:13; I Tim. 3:16.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith of the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour 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 becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death. Rom. 10:10; Acts 16:31.

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. I John 2:2; Rom. 9:11.

10. Freedom of the 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. Rev. 22:17; John 11:12.

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 water of life freely. John 3:16; Isa. 45:22.

12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation. Acts 3:19; II Chron. 15:2.

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. Matt. 28:19; Joel 2:28.

14. Tithing. God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" (I Cor. 16:2a). Mal. 3:8-10.



15. The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God. Gen. 2:3; Mark 2:27.

16. Resurrection, Judgment, 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 into the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." Rev. 20:12; Eccl. 12:7.

## BY-LAWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

1. The clerk or assistant clerk, or in their absence, the senior minister in years shall call the conference into conference, and if a quorum is present the moderator or in his absence, the assistant moderator shall take charge; and if neither of them is present, the senior minister in years shall act as moderator. I Cor. 14:40.

2. It shall be the duty of the clerk to enroll the delegates to the Conference, who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seat therein, and those enrolled by the clerk shall compose the Conference. In case of questionable representation, however, the cases under question shall be referred to the credentials committee. Acts 15:22-23.

3. It shall be the duty of everybody belonging to this conference to send a letter to every quarter session of this conference, reporting in the same spiritual condition, benevolent work, and its statistics. Anybody belonging to this conference, which shall fail to report itself for two successive sessions may be dismissed from the conference by two-thirds vote of all members present. St. Matt. 18:16-18.

4. The meetings open with congregational singing and prayer. Eph. 5:10-21; Job 2-9-13.

5. By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of the moderator can be over-ruled. Acts 1:26; Heb. 13:7-17.

6. This Conference may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies. Acts 15:3-4.

7. This Conference shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee of the whole. St. John 18:20-21.

8. It shall be the duty of all members of the Conference to be present at the time appointed for each meeting, and anyone wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator. Heb. 10:25.

9. The moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a Christian Spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division. James 3:5.

10. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator, but shall not speak further until recognized by moderator. I Cor. 14:40.

11. The yeas and nays may be counted on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present. Acts 1:26.

12. No Preacher shall be ordained for preferably one year after receiving their license, or at which time he shall be called to Pastor a church. I Tim. 3:5.