

MINUTES

OF THE

109th

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE



HELD ON

April 28th, 1956

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Which Convened at

DILWORTH CHURCH

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CONFERENCE CALLED TO ORDER BY CLERK.

Churches represented were:	Amount
Dilworth	\$ 5.00
Oak Grove	5.00
East Birmingham	5.00
North Birmingham	5.00
Fair View	5.00
Shady Grove	5.00
Lindburgh	5.00

Bro. Jack Rollins, Moderator could not attend. Business was taken over by the Assistant Moderator, Bro. Lashum.

A Business Committee was appointed by Moderator, which was Bro. Staab, Chairman. Bro. Roy Johnson, Bro. Pugh

133 Psalms was read by Moderator.
A song Love Lifted Me was sung.

Church letters were examined by Business Committee, found in order to be read. Read by Bro. Walton and Bro. Franks. Letters accepted as read and delegates seated.

Assistant Moderator, for this session was elected by the Body. Which was: Bro. Marlow, Bro. Walton, Led Dev. service, Bro. Callie preached 11:00 o'clock Message in Matt. 22nd Chapter. Minutes read by clerk accepted as read.

Bro. Franks in charge of a program, showing a film of Mission work in Cuba. A young man from Nashville showed the film. A collection of \$10.55 was taken for his expense.

Voted and passed to have 100 copies of the business, and the new rules printed to be paid for with conference expense money.

Moderator for Next Session

Bro. Marlow

Asst. Bro. Franks

July 28th, 1956

At Oak Grove Church.

Three Churches ask for next conference. The three were voted on by the body and Oak Grove got most of the votes. Next Session will be at Oak Grove. Adjourned for Lunch.

One O'clock

Conference resumed for afternoon session:

Ladies Auxiliary Program:

Sis. Goodwin President

Letters were from:

Fairview, North Birmingham, Oak Grove, Shady Grove

Letters read by Sis. Kinbrough. Passed as read, delegates seated.

Prayer by Sis. Fredreick, Scripture

Reading John 14:16 by Louise Webb.

Song, Offering taken for Children's Home - Amount \$8.14. Bro. Franks took it to the home.

RULES OF DECORUM

I

1. The clerk or assistant clerk, or in their absence, the senior minister in years shall call the Quarterly 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.

2. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to enroll the delegates to the Quarterly Conference, who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein, and those enrolled by the Clerk shall compose the Quarterly Conference. In case of questionable representation, however, the cases under question shall be referred to the credential committee.

3. It shall be the duty of every church belonging to this Quarterly Conference to send a letter to every Quarterly Session of this Quarterly Conference, reporting in the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work, and its statistics. Any church belonging to this Quarterly Conference, which shall fail to report itself for two successive sessions, may be dismissed from this Quarterly Conference by a majority vote of all members present.

Song: Program by children of Dilworth Church. Sis. La Shum in charge. Bro. Staab read the new rules made by a committee of seven men, which were approved to do this January 28th, 1956, at North Birmingham Church.

All the new rules were carried as read: All old rules in minutes were abolished, new rules are in effect hereafter.

Business Committee reads that the ministers be organized into a ministers conference in this district. First meeting be held at North Birmingham Church, Saturday Night, May 5th, 1956.

Voted and Passed by:

Louie Bates
A. M. Cagle

\$36.51	in Treasury
<u>35.00</u>	Church Fees
71.51	Total

\$ 35.00	Church Fees
12.50	Expense
22.50 - 10%	Home Mission \$2.50

\$ 71.51	
<u>14.75</u>	Expense & 10% for Home Mission
\$ 56.76	Balance

36.12 for Printing of Minutes
20.64 Bal

4. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.
5. By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of the moderator can be overruled.
6. This Quarterly Conference may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.
7. This Quarterly Conference shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.
8. Any person not a member of this Quarterly Conference may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission from the moderator.
9. It shall be the duty of all the members of the Quarterly Conference to be present at the time appointed for each meeting, and any one wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator.
10. No member shall absent himself from the Quarterly Conference during its meetings without first obtaining permission from the moderator.
11. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.

12. The moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

13. Any one desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.

14. The "yeas" and "nays" may be counted on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.

15. No member of this Quarterly Conference shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission from the moderator.

16. It shall be the duty of the moderator to seat delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

17. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of the Quarterly Conference by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

II

1. The Ladies shall be given a separate time in which to carry out their Business and present their program.

2. The Moderator and Assistant Moderator shall be elected at the close of each quarterly conference and they shall not succeed themselves more than one time.
3. The Clerk of the Conference shall be elected at the first Quarterly Conference after the Annual Association. They shall serve one year and an election will be held each year.
4. The Executive Committee of the Conference shall be elected at the first Quarterly Conference after the Annual Association. This Committee shall consist of three ordained men. They shall serve terms of one year, two year, and three year. The man elected for one year shall act as Chairman and each year one ordained man shall be elected for a three year term replacing the man serving the one year term. At these elections the man serving for 2 years shall move up to the position of Chairman and serve in that position his remaining year. The three year man move up to 2 year term, etc. The Executive Committee shall serve as Business Committee at the Quarterly Conference along with 2 other ordained men (if they are available) appointed by the Moderator or elected by the Conference.
5. All other Committees needed at the Quarterly Conference shall be appointed by the Moderator.

6. The Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Clerk, shall act as Devotional Committee for each session.
7. The standing delegates of this Quarterly Conference shall consist of all ordained Ministers and Deacons.
8. Each Church that is a member of this Quarterly Conference shall send the sum of \$5.00 with their letter to the Conference.
9. The Moderator shall be paid the sum of \$5.00, the Assistant Moderator \$2.50 and the Clerk \$5.00 at each Quarterly Conference.
10. The regular Conference outline will be used in carrying on all Conferences with changes to be made as deemed necessary from time to time.

RULES FOR PREACHERS

1. Each Minister must be a member in good standing of the 1st District Ministers Conference.
2. A minister must preach at least 12 Sermons each year to be eligible for a certificate of Standing.
3. All ministers wishing to become members of this Quarterly Conference must be recommended from the church from which they are members, and will be called upon

to present their credentials for examination and answer satisfactorily such questions as may be asked them. Their church must recommend them for License or Ordination where they have not received such.

4. All preachers shall attend all business meetings either in person or by letter.

5. Any minister who behaves himself unbecomingly to his high and exalted calling shall be reported by the credential committee to the Quarterly Conference, who shall deal with him.

6. All ministers will be required to strictly adhere to the teachings of the Free Will Baptists according to the Articles of Faith.

7. No minister shall speak slanderously or cast personal reflections upon another minister that will hurt his influence or ministerial standing.

8. All ministers shall be required to support and stand by all boards and committees appointed by the Quarterly Conference and do their utmost to make them a success.

9. All ministers must make an annual report of the work done by them and

submit the report to the Association at its regular session.

10. An aspirant to the ministry must be recommended to the Executive Committee by his church for license, and if they find him worthy, they recommend him to the Quarterly Conference.

11. If, at the end of one year, he has proven himself worthy, and the church of which he is a member recommends him to the Quarterly Conference, he then goes before the Executive Committee. If he is worthy and sound in faith, he is to be ordained by the Ordaining Council.

12. Anyone desiring to be licensed or ordained as a Deacon or Minister in the 1st District of the Cahaba River must fill out an application form and submit it to the Ordaining Council.

13. These Rules (or By-Laws) may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of the Minister's Conference of the 1st District of the Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association, by a majority vote of the members present.

1. Name _____ Age _____
2. Member of what Church? _____
3. Church request _____ Pastor _____
4. Has your church instructed you in Doctrine, Faith and Practice of Free Will Baptist? Yes _____ No _____ (1 Tim. 4:15-16, Matt. 28:19-20)
5. Have you ever been licensed? Yes _____ No _____ Ordained? Yes _____ No _____
6. If so, by what Church _____
Full name of church, if none write "none"
7. Do you believe the "Bible" is the revealed word of God? Yes _____ No _____ (2 Peter 1:18-21, 2 Tim. 3:16-17)
8. Do you believe God endowed man with power of free choice? Yes _____ No _____ (Josh. 24:15, Deut. 30:19, John 7:17)
9. Do you believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God? Yes _____ No _____ (John 4:42, Matt. 16:16)
10. Do you believe the Bible teaches regeneration or New Birth? Yes _____ No _____ (John 3:1-7, 2 Cor. 5:17)
11. Do you believe the doctrine of progressive Sanctification? Yes _____ No _____ (1 Thess. 5:23, 2 Peter 3:18)
12. Do you believe in organized church? Yes _____ No _____
13. Do you believe in Home Missions? Yes _____ No _____ Foreign Missions? Yes _____ No _____ (Acts 1:8) (Matt. 28:19-20)
14. Do you believe in paying tithes to the church? Yes _____ No _____ (Mal. 3:8-12, 1 Cor. 16:1-2, Matt. 23:23)

15. Do you believe saved men can forsake their belief in God and be lost? Yes _____ No _____ (2 Peter 1:10, John 15:6)
16. Do you believe Emersion is the proper mode of Baptism? Yes _____ No _____ (Mark 16:16, Acts 8:38-39, John 3:23)
17. Would you give members of your church permission to wash feet? Yes _____ No _____ (John 13:4-17, 1 Tim. 5:10)
18. Do you believe in Second Coming of Christ? Yes _____ No _____ (Heb. 9:27-28, Acts 1:11)
19. Do you believe in the resurrection of bodies of all men? Yes _____ No _____ (Phil. 3:21, 1 Cor. 15:52, John 5:28-29)
20. Do you believe in a future Judgment Day? Yes _____ No _____ (Acts 17:31, 2 Cor. 5:10)
21. Do you believe those who are judged wicked will go into eternal punishment? Yes _____ No _____ (Matt. 24:51, Matt. 25:41)
22. Do you believe the righteous will enter into Eternal Life? Yes _____ No _____ (Matt. 25:34, Rev. 21:7)
23. Number of years in school? Grammar _____ High _____ College _____ (2 Tim. 2:15)
24. Name of school or schools attended? _____ Specify all special courses _____
25. Have you been divorced? Yes _____ No _____ Have you re-married? Yes _____ No _____ (Matt. 19:9)
26. Have you been married to a divorcee? Yes _____ No _____ (1 Tim. 3:1-13)

27. Do you believe Ministers and Deacons should live Holy?
Yes _____ No _____ (Titus 1:5-10, Titus 2:11-12)
28. Will you attend or report by letter to all business conferences
and support them with your finance? Yes _____ No _____
29. Will you surrender your certificate in default of above
questions? Yes _____ No _____
30. Approval of Executive Committee. Yes _____ No _____
31. Approval of Ordinating Council. Yes _____ No _____
32. Ordained Date _____
Rejected Date _____

ORDAINING COUNCIL
