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# MINUTES

— OF THE —

**Fifty-Fourth Annual Session**

— OF THE —

**CAHABA RIVER**

**Free Will Baptist Association**

CONVENED WITH

**Pleasant Valley Church**

**CHELSEA, SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**September 29-30, October 1-2**

**1932**



## OFFICERS:

T. J. FINCH.....	Moderator
A. J. DAVIS.....	Assistant Moderator
L. W. KENDRICK.....	Clerk and Treasurer

The next Session of this Association will be held with Bethel Church, Marvel, Bibb County, Alabama, beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October 1933, at 730: P. M.

The Banner Print Shop, Clanton, Ala.

## PROCEEDINGS

The Fifty-Fourth Annual Session of the Cahaba Free Will Baptist Association convened with Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Shelby County, Alabama, on September 29th, 30th, October 1st and 2nd, 1932.

### THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Sermon by Rev. Lige Isabel, reading 7th chapter of St. John, text 39th verse.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The house was called to order by the clerk. Prayer by Rev. T. J. Finch, song. Devotional services conducted by moderator.

The roll of churches was called, and their delegates seated as follows:

Pleasant Valley—Lexie M. Kendrick, W. B. Shirley, Mrs. Mary Shirley, Cecil Kendrick, J. B. Davis.

Union Hill—F. Lynn, Austin Parker, J. W. Isabel, A. J. Cox.

Clara's Chapel—Albert McSpadden, Mrs. Sam Peeples.

Bethel—Frank Harris, Luther Pickett, Louise Boothe.

Bellview—David Davis, Amos Faulkner, Colonel Patmon, Earnest Minor.

Providence—O. Fallon, J. F. Henson, Lester Harris, Fred Henson, Lillie Henson, Myrtie Harris, Ortimesie Harris.

Mount Zion—Tom Mitchell, Robert <sup>RITCHIE</sup> Reach, LeRoy Smith, D. E. Terrell, Allen Higginbotham, Johnie Jones, Napoleon Polk.

Mount Olive—By letter.

Mount Pleasant—H. T. Rogers, Roy Hodgins, Ray Nichols, Robbie Nichols, Delia Rogers, S. B. Rogers, Ulman Nichols.

Hepsebah—H. E. Hewitt, Henry McLaughlin, General Glass.

Liberty—M. E. Smith, J. J. Wallace.

Pleasant Grove—D. J. O'Donald, H. D. O'Donald.

The Credential Committee was appointed by the moderator, who were, W. B. Shirley, P. Harris, J. J. Wallace, D. J. O'Donald, J. W. Isabel, Tom Mitchell, Albert McSpadden.



After a short recess the Credential Committee reported all letters in due form. Bros. Johnnie Isabel, H. E. Hewitt and Napoleon Polk were appointed as reading committee. The letters were read and accepted as associational property.

By motion the body went into the election of moderator and assistant; also clerk and assistant, which resulted in the election of Rev. T. J. Finch, Moderator; Rev. A. J. Davis, assistant; L. W. Kendrick, Clerk; and Napoleon Polk, Assistant Clerk.

The doors of the association were then opened for reception of new churches. Pilgrim Rest, Meadows Chapel and Kerr's Chapel presented themselves. By motion these churches were accepted and delegates seated. Clerk was instructed to place their names on roll.

The moderator appointed Bros. Bud Isabel, D. J. O'Donald, Tom Mitchell, with the deacons of Pleasant Valley church, on the devotional committee.

A partial report from the Devotional Committee was accepted and committee retained.

The moderator appointed David Davis, H. E. Hewitt, J. H. Harris, F. Lynn, W. A. Parker, Frank Harris, and S. B. Rogers on a Business Committee.

The body was adjourned until 1:30 p.m.

#### 11:00 O'clock Service

Sermon by Rev. A. J. Davis, text, John 3:14.

#### 1:30 P. M.

House was called to order by the clerk. Devotional services by moderator, reading Psalms 23. Prayer by Rev. Eddie Wilkinson.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

Family Religion—Henry McLaughlin, L. M. Davis, LeRoy Smith, Lexie M. Kendrick, W. A. Murphy, and Johnnie Isabel.

Sabbath Schools—Earnest Minor, General Glass, O. O. Fowler, L. H. Harris, Mrs. Sam Peeples, Myrtie Harris, Ortomesie Harris.

Literature—Jim Hinson, D. J. O'Donald, Albert McSpadden, J. B. Davis, Rev. Lee Hanks.

Temperance—D. E. Terrell, Luke Harris, Napoleon Polk, Lillie Henson, Mrs. Mary Shirley and Mrs. M. E. Smith.

Education—H. W. Smith, J. M. Shirley, G. W. Hollis, Deceased Members—Rev. Richmond Howard, Earl Isabel, L. N. Barber and Robert Reach. *RTCH*

Standing of the Ministry—W. B. Shirley, G. D. B. Isabel, Rufus Franklin, R. W. Wiggins, and A. E. Faulkner.

Resolutions—Rev. A. W. Kendrick, T. Reach, Rev. Eddie Wilkinson, Rev. H. T. Perkins, and Rev. Lige Isabel.

Auditing—H. W. Smith, Fred Henson, Colonel Patmon, J. A. Jones, Louise Boothe, and Luther Pickett.

By motion the house accepted a partial report from Business Committee.

The moreator appointed Revs. J. E. Hodgins, Eddie Wilkinson, H. T. Perkins, W. F. Isabel, and Richmond Howard to serve as Ordaining Council after 11 o'clock service Saturday.

By motion this association accepts as its legal discipline, the "Cooperative General Discipline," published 1917 and revised in 1927.

The body adjourned until 8:30 Saturday a.m.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT

Minister's Conference.

#### SATURDAY, 8:30 A. M.

The house was called to order by the clerk. Devotional services conducted by the moderator, reading Romans 12. Prayer by moderator, song.

The minutes were read, and adopted as read.

By motion the body accepted a partial report from the Business Committee.

By motion the body agreed to discontinue the devotional services at 11 o'clock for further business.

The Business Committee made their final report, some of which was accepted, and some rejected. The committee was retained until adjournment.

The ordaining council ordained Rev. Lee Hanks; also examined LeRoy Smith and recommended that he have license. The following were ordained as dacons:—W. A. Murphy, W. T. Rich, T. C. Mitchell, B. E. Martin, H. T. Rogers, I. R. Nichols, A. Scott, D. West, J. B. Davis and R. R. Franklin.

#### SATURDAY 1:30 P. M.

House was called to orded by the clerk. Devotional services conducted by Rev. A. J. Davis.



By motion the request from Meadows Chapel was referred to Home Mission Board.

The following committees made their reports, and were discharged. (See reports.) Standing of the Ministry, Family Religion, Sabbath Schools, Temperance, Literature, Education, Home Missions, Auditing, Deceased Members, Resolutions, Devotional.

By motion the next session of the association will meet with Bethel church, Marvel, Ala., Rte. 1, beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1933.

The clerk was ordered to have 450 minutes printed.

By motion the body was adjourned.

Rev. T. J. FINCH, Moderator,

L. W. KENDRICK, Clerk.

Home Mission Board—R. W. Wiggins, G. W. Hollis, David Davis.

Standing Committee—Curtis Taylor, Pell City, Ala., W. B. Shirley, Chelsea, Ala., Rte. 1; J. H. Harris.

#### SATURDAY 7:30 P. M.

Communion and feet washing, conducted by Rev. J. E. Hodgens, reading Mark 8:38. This service was enjoyed by all present.

#### SUNDAY 11:00 O'CLOCK

Sermon by Rev. E. J. Carlisle, reading Romans 6:23.

#### MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Fifty-Fourth annual session of the Ministers' Conference of the Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association was called to order by the clerk on Friday night, September 30, 1932, at 7:30 p.m.

Devotional services were conducted by the Moderator, Rev. T. J. Finch. After prayer, the body went into the election of a moderator and clerk, which resulted in the election of Bro. W. G. Hollis as Clerk and Rev. Eddie Wilkinson, Moderator.

The Moderator then invited visiting ministers to seats in the conference.

The ministerial roll was called and their reports received, as follows:

Rev. J. E. Hodgens—Miles traveled, 1,375; sermons preached, 95; funerals conducted, 2; assisted in 4 revivals; baptized, 5; churches pastored, 3; expenses, none; collections, \$114.75; resigned one church.

T. J. Finch—Miles traveled, 450; expenses, \$2.00; collections, \$8.35; sermons preached, 30; baptized, 1; assisted in revivals, 2; funerals conducted, 2.

A. W. Kendrick—Churches pastored, 2; assisted in revivals, 4; sermons preached, 44; miles traveled, 282; collected, \$26.15; expenses, \$28.40; baptized, 1.

L. M. Davis—Present; collections, \$5.00; sermons preached, 14; married couples, 3; funerals conducted, 1; have acted as superintendent of Sunday school the entire year.

Lee Hanks—Present; miles traveled, 1,600; sermons preached, 34; assisted in revivals, 4; funerals conducted, 2.

Forrest Davis—By letter; miles traveled, 15; sermons preached, 14; assisted in revivals, 2.

E. M. Kitchens—By letter, miles traveled, 150; expenses, \$2.70; collections, \$3.00; sermons preached, 6.

R. E. Drummonds—Present; miles traveled, 803; expenses, \$33.72; collections, \$4.05; sermons preached, 43; assisted in revivals, 2; had one regular appointment.

A. B. Lee—By letter; miles traveled, 95; expenses, \$3.50; collections, 25 cents, sermons preached, 10.

L. N. Barber—Present; miles traveled, 550; sermons preached, 28; expenses, \$23.90; collections, \$15.50; assisted in revivals, 3.

E. L. Isbell—Present; miles traveled, 564; expenses, \$15.00; collections, \$17.20; sermons preached, 43; baptized, 6; married couples, 2; assisted in revivals, 3.

R. H. Howard—Present; miles traveled, 332; sermons preached, 35; assisted in revivals, 3; conducted funerals, 2; married couples, 4; helped organize churches, 1; baptized, 2; expenses, \$6.60, collections, \$19.35.

E. D. Wilkinson—Present; miles traveled, 1,862; expenses, \$23.40; collections, \$23.50; sermons preached, 33; funerals conducted, 1; days lost in the work, 13; churches pastored 2, assisted in organizing churches, 1.

H. T. Perkins—Present; miles traveled, 2,009; churches pastored, 2, sermons preached, 57; received into the church, members, 21; baptized, 19; married couples, 1; assisted in revivals, 3; collections, \$67.75; expenses, \$27.65.

A. J. Davis—Present; collections, \$34.55; baptized, 8.

W. F. Isbell—Present; miles traveled, 100; expenses, 50 cents; collections, \$2.17; sermons preached, 54; baptized, 2; assisted in revivals, 3.

W. B. Hollis—By letter; miles traveled, 200; expenses, \$2.00; sermons preached, 11.

W. M. Chadwick—By letter; miles traveled, 410; expenses, \$1.00; collections, \$13.02; sermons preached, 34; married couples, 3; funerals conducted, 1; run revivals, 1.



N. Polk—Present; miles traveled, 3,480; expenses, \$49.86; collections, \$51.07; sermons preached, 74; married couples, 1; assisted in revivals, 7; churches pastored, 1.

E. J. Carlisle—Present; miles traveled, 2,369; sermons preached, 37; expenses, \$72.75; collections, \$22.55; couples married, 1.

H. J. Harris—Miles traveled, 124; expenses, \$2.50; collections, \$2.50; sermons preached, 18; assisted in two revivals.

J. A. Jones—Present; sermons preached, 41; miles traveled, 1,894; expenses, \$8.20; collections, \$5.25; assisted in three revivals.

W. H. Smith—Present; miles traveled, 200; sermons preached, 10.

A. F. Higginbotham—Present; sermons preached, 18; miles traveled, 745; expenses, \$15.00; collections, \$9.00; assisted in one revival.

R. P. Ritch—Present; miles traveled, 2,150; expenses, \$51.75; collections, \$7.50; sermons preached, 80; assisted in six revivals; funerals conducted, 1.

H. F. Harden—Absent.

The best way to promote the Gospel was discussed.

By motion the body was adjourned to meet on Friday night before the first Sunday in October, 1933.

E. D. WILKINSON, Moderator,

G. W. HOLLIS, Clerk.

#### CHURCH LETTER

To the Fifty-Fifth Annual Session of the Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association. Greetings:

We are sending as delegates.....

.....whom we deem worthy to sit in your council.

State of Religion.....members received this

year ..... baptized ..... dismissed .....

died.....total membership.....

Condition of prayer meeting.....

Condition of Sunday school.....

Average number of pupils.....

Officers.....teachers.....paid pastor.....

Home missions.....for buildings and repairs.....

.....for education.....publication .....

Amount enclosed for minutes.....

Pastor's name and address.....

Names and addresses of ministers belonging to our church.....

Done by order of.....Church.

Assembled in conference, this.....day of....., 1933.

.....Moderator.

.....Clerk.

#### Remarks



## MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATION

Miles traveled.....	expenses.....
Collections.....	sermons preached.....
Baptized.....	Married couples.....
Assisted in revivals.....	churches pastored.....
.....	funerals conducted.....

## Remarks

### MINISTERIAL ROLL (Ordained)

J. E. Hodgens.....	Eden, Ala.
R. H. Howard.....	Vandiver, Ala.
E. L. Isabell.....	Dunnavant, Ala.
T. J. Finch.....	Rte. 1, Pell City, Ala.
E. W. Wilkinson.....	Pell City, Ala.
W. B. Hollis.....	Rte. 1, Pell City, Ala.
H. F. Harden.....	P. O. Box 7, Girard, Ala.
H. T. Perkins.....	Pell City, Ala.
W. F. Isabell.....	Dunnavant, Ala.
A. J. Davis.....	Leeds, Ala.
A. W. Kendrick.....	Boothton, Ala.
L. M. Davis.....	Chelsea, Ala.
E. J. Carlisle.....	Pell City, Ala.
W. M. Chadwick.....	Centerville, Ala.
Lee Hanks.....	Adamsville, Ala.

(Licensed)

R. E. Drummons.....	Pell City, Ala.
A. B. Lee.....	Pell City, Ala.
L. N. Barber.....	Pell City, Ala.
Forrest Davis.....	Boothton, Ala.
H. W. Smith.....	Rte. 1, Lawley, Ala.
Elnor Kitchens.....	Benoit, Ala.
A. F. Higginbotham.....	
N. Polk.....	Pell City, Ala.
Robert Ritch.....	Pell City, Ala.
J. A. Jones.....	Pell City, Ala.
H. J. Harris.....	Rte. 2, Trussville, Ala.
Lee Roy Smith.....	Pell City, Ala.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

## REPORT ON EDUCATION

We submit the following:

We believe there is much more to true education than mere literary culture. The head should be trained to think clearly and cleanly. The heart should be trained to be sympathetic and loving, and the hand should be trained to do efficiently, and with all its might, whatsoever it finds to do in the Master's vineyard.

To accomplish this, our education must be based on the Bible, and the principles of right living.

Solomon says: "Get wisdom, get knowledge, and in all your getting, get understanding." True education consists of the three principles: wisdom, knowledge and understanding.

H. T. SMITH, Chairman.

### REPORT OF DECEASED MEMBERS

We submit the following:

After careful examination, we find that eleven of our beloved brothers and sisters have passed away since last sitting of our Association, and suggest that this association extend to their families our sympathy and ask them to trust in God for strength, for in a little while we shall follow them.

Their names follow here:

Brothers Sam Lee, Mack Isbell, M. J. Hayes, A. L. Harden; Sisters, Jane Hammack, Mary Worlds, Martha Gunter, Mary Harris, Mattie McGlauthlin, Dora Green, Kiby Kendrick.

R. H. HOWARD, Chairman.



**REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS**

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, submit the following report:

Our treatise says we believe in Sabbath Schools, and we may say we do also, but do we prove it? Hypocrites say they are Christians and are not. Let us not say we believe in something and then not do it. We believe in a Christian life and we live it. If we believe in Sabbath schools, let us have one. May the God of Heaven help us to be what we claim to be.

E. E. MINOR, Chairman.

**REPORT ON TEMPERANCE**

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

"Be temperate in all things." We do not understand this means to partake of all things. Be temperate in all good things, and abstain from all things evil.

"Do not drink wine or strong drink, thou nor thy sons with thee," Lev. 9:15.

D. E. TERRELL, Chairman.

**REPORT ON LITERATURE**

We, your Committee on Literature, submit the following:

We know by experience that our training is given while young, and that this is the child's foundation of principle and character. We pray that each father and mother will inspect the literature in their home, and remove all not wholesome and leading in a Christian direction. Then replace this with some leading both old and young to the Lamb of God. We, as parents, should practice reading Christian literature before our children. Read all good literature, especially Free Will Baptist.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. HENSON, Chairman.

**REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS**

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

1. Be it resolved, that each minister submit a written report of his year's work, to be printed in the minutes.

2. That each member of each church pay 50 cents into the Home Mission treasury, and that the pastors of each church appoint one of his members to look after this collection, and keep a report of same.

3. That we tender the Almighty God our thanks for his manifest presence in our midst in this session.

That we tender our thanks to the good sisters of this church and community for their hospitality while we were with them, and that we pray the blessings of God to rest upon each of them.

We further resolve, that the various churches of this body first see that the expenses of their pastor be paid before contributing to ministrs outside of our denomination.

A. W. KENDRICK, Chairman.

**REPORT ON HOME MISSION TREASURY**

Balance on hand from 1931.....	\$81.42
Disbursements for 1931.....	59.00

Balance on hand at this date, October 1, 1932.....	\$22.42
Collections to date, as follows:	
Mount Zion church.....	\$ 4.25
Pleasant Valley church.....	8.00
Clara's Chapel church.....	2.00
Pilgrims Rest church.....	1.25

Total on hand to date.....	\$37.92
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G. W. HOLLIS, Chairman Home Mission Board.

**YEARLY REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER****Receipts**

On hand from 1930.....	\$ 8.27
Total collected from each church in 1931:	
Mount Zion .....	3.00
Providence .....	2.00
Mount Olive .....	1.50
Hepsabah .....	2.00
Pleasant Grove .....	1.25
Bellview .....	1.10
Liberty .....	2.25
Bethel .....	2.50
Mount Pleasant .....	1.50
Pleasant Valley .....	4.00
Clara's Chapel .....	5.00
Rev. Eddie Wilkinson, donated .....	1.35
Public donations .....	4.95

\$40.67

**Disbursements**

Four hundred fifty minutes printed .....	\$35.00
Paid Clerk .....	10.00
Mailing out minutes .....	.75
	\$45.75

Amount due L. W. Kendrick to balance the treasury..\$ 5.08

L. W. KENDRICK, Clerk and Treasurer.



## REPORT ON FAMILY RELIGION

We, your Committee on Family Religion, submit the following:

Heart-felt religion should begin in the home, by consecrating our lives to God through study of His word and prayer, because God created man as the head of the family, and God commands us to love our family as our bodies. Provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; that thy kingdom come and thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

W. H. McLAUGHLIN, Chairman.

## STANDING OF THE MINISTRY

We submit the following report:

We have looked into the Christian standing of the following named ministers and recommend they be granted legal papers to preach God's word for another year:

Ordained—J. E. Hodgens, R. H. Howard, E. L. Isbell, T. J. Finch, E. W. Wilkinson, W. B. Hollis, H. T. Perkins, W. F. Isabell, A. J. Davis, A. W. Kendrick, L. M. Davis, E. J. Carlisle, W. M. Shadwick, Lee Hanks.

Licensed—R. E. Drummons, A. B. Lee, L. N. Barber, Forest Davis, H. W. Smith, Elnor Kitchens, A. F. Higginbotham, N. Polk, Robert Ritch, J. A. Jones, H. J. Harris, LeRoy Smith.

W. B. SHIRLEY, Chairman.

## 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.

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 Spirit, yet, one God, infinitely wise and good, Whom all intelligent creatures are to supremely love, adore and obey.

3. CHRIST.—Christ is God manifest in 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 an ever present Savior and Lord.

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT.—The scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.

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 of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man may require.

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 the years of accountability, sin, and become guilty before God.

7. THE WORK OF CHRIST.—The son of God by His incarnation, life, suffering, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. THE TERMS OF SALVATION.—The conditions of salvation are: First, repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. Second, faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul, renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, becomes a child of God. Third, continuance in faith and obedience until death.

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.

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 and live, or to resist them and perish.

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 the water of life freely.

12. PERSEVERENCE.—All believers in Christ, who, through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of life have the promise of eternal salvation.

13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES.—Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, feet washing, and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be perpetuated under the gospel of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.—The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employment and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities and for personal communion with God.

15. 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 ill unto the resurrection of judgment; then the wicked will go into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.—John 5:29, revised version; Matt. 25:46.



## CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopting the word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves one to 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 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 forget 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 purpose of the church, of its poor and its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reprove with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the spirit" in the bond 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 of the gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles 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 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 education and denominational enterprises, the evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus.

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# STATISTICS OF THE CAHABA RIVER FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1932

Churches	Clerks and Post Offices	Counties	Pastors	Rec. by Baptism	Rec. by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Died	No. Members
Pleasant Valley.....	C. S. Kendrick.....Chelsea, Ala.	Shelby.....	A. W. Kendrick..	4	2	2	..	..	100
Union Hill.....	.....	Shelby.....	E. L. Isabell.....	2	1	2	..	..	64
Clara's Chapel.....	Forest Davis .....Boothton, Ala.	Shelby.....	J. E. Hodgens...	15	8	1	..	..	106
Bethel.....	T. J. Pickett.....R. 1, Marvel, Ala.	Shelby.....	A. J. Davis.....	..	..	..	..	..	70
Bellevue.....	Mardis Minor.....Leeds, Ala.	Jefferson.....	J. E. Hodgens...	..	..	3	..	2	43
Providence.....	O. O. Fowler...R. 1, Dunnavant, Ala.	Shelby.....	R. Rich.....	13	6	1	..	2	60
Mount Zion.....	C. Stephens.....Pell City, Ala.	St. Clair.....	T. J. Finch.....	1	8	6	23	3	169
Mount Olive.....	Frank Minor.....Dunnavant, Ala.	Shelby.....	Lige Isbell.....	4	..	9	..	..	51
Mount Pleasant.....	J. W. Barnett.....Sprott, Ala.	Perry.....	N. Polk.....	3	2	2	..	..	59
Hepsebah.....	H. E. Hewett...R. 2, Trussville, Ala.	St. Clair.....	R. Rich.....	4	5	14	..	1	48
Liberty.....	H. C. Cash.....Lawley, Ala.	Perry.....	W. M. Chadwick	..	..	2	..	1	30
Pleasant Grove.....	D. J. O'Donald.....Ashville, Ala.	.....	H. T. Perkins...	2	3	..	..	..	29
Meadows Chapel....	Kate Best.....Adamsville, Ala.	Jefferson.....	E. J. Carlisle....	4	4	3	..	..	69
Kerrs Chapel.....	V. Leopard.....R. 1, Eden, Ala.	St. Clair.....	R. H. Howard...	2	7	..	..	..	11
Pilgrims Rest.....	Jim Harris.....Aldrich, Ala.	Shelby.....	E. W. Wilkinson.	4	22	..	..	..	24
Totals.....	.....	.....	.....	57	68	45	23	9	933



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