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# MINUTES

— OF THE —

**Fifty-Fifth Annual Session**

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**CAHABA RIVER**

**Free Will Baptist Association**

CONVENED WITH

**Bethel Church**

**Route 1, Marvel, Alabama**

**September 28, 29, 30, October 1**

**1933**



## OFFICERS:

Rev. E. J. Carlisle.....	Moderator
Rev. A. J. Davis.....	Assistant Moderator
Mrs. A. R. Harper.....	Clerk and Treasurer
L. W. Kendrick.....	Assistant Clerk

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The next Session of this Association will be held with Union  
Hill Church, Vandiver, Alabama, beginning on  
Friday night before the first Sunday  
in October, 1934, 7:30 P.M.

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## PROCEEDINGS

The fifty-fifth annual session of the Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association convened with Bethel church, Route 1, Marvel, Ala.

### THURSDAY NIGHT, 7:30

Sermon by Rev. Napoleon Polk, reading Genesis, 1st chapter; Isaiah, 11th chapter; text, Revelations 21:5.

### FRIDAY MORNING

Devotional services conducted by Rev. A. J. Davis, reading St. John 6:22-26; St. Matt. 4:1-4.

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

Pleasant Valley—W. B. Shirley, Mrs. Lexie Kendrick.  
 Union Hill—J. W. Isbell, J. R. Weldon, Eugene Shaw, J. D. Kilburn, Ralph Walker.  
 Clara's Chapel—R. T. Poole, Mrs. Flossie Peeples, Sam Hale.  
 Bethel—Frank Harris, Jesse Harris, Tommie Pickett, Luther Pickett.  
 Bell View—Will Hodgens, David Davis, Mardis Minor.  
 Providence—J. Harris.  
 Mt. Zion—Homer Howell, Dock Rich, Cecil Simpkins, Mrs. Zella Smith, alternate.  
 Mt. Olive—Elzie Minor.  
 Mt. Pleasant—Roy Hodgens, Mrs. Blannie Duncan, Sidney Duncan, H. T. Rogers, Mrs. J. W. Barnett.  
 Hepsebah—H. E. Hewitt, H. J. Harris, G. L. Glass.  
 Liberty—H. C. Cash, Felix Wallace.  
 Pleasant Grove—Clarence O'Donnell, Alsie O'Donnell.  
 Meadows Chapel—Rufus Franklin, Walter Murphy.  
 Kerr's Chapel—W. T. Rich, J. J. Lee.  
 Pilgrims Rest—Jim Harris, Jake Pickett, George Jarvis and Ploughman Harris, alternate.

By motion, the letters from the various churches were read and accepted and their delegates seated.

The doors of the association were opened for new churches. Mary's Chapel was presented, and by motion, was reinstated. J. P. Sexton was seated as a delegate from this church.

Rev. N. Polk, Rev. A. W. Kendrick, and Rev. H. F. Harden were appointed as Credentials Committee.



By motion the body went into the election of a Moderator and Assistant Moderator. Rev. E. J. Carlise was elected Moderator, with Rev. A. J. Davis as his assistant.

By motion Mrs. A. R. Harper was elected clerk, with L. W. Kendrick as assistant.

The chairman appointed as devotional committee, with the Deacons of Bethel Church, Bros. Thad Smith, H. H. Howell and Will Hodgens.

The chairman and his assistant appointed as Business Committee Bros. J. W. Isbell, Tom Rogers, G. L. Glass, H. C. Cash, Lee Hanks, Cecil Simpkins and J. H. Harris.

By motion the body was adjourned until 1:30 p.m.

#### FRIDAY 11:00 A.M.

Preaching services conducted by Rev. E. L. Isbell, reading Ezekiel 3:17 including remainder of chapter; text: Latter clause of Ezek. 3:2, followed by Rev. W. F. Isbell.

#### FRIDAY 1:30 P.M.

The house was called to order by the clerk. Rev. J. E. Hodgins conducted devotional services, reading Psalm 133.

The house proceeded to business, and visiting brethren were invited to seats with us. Rev. J. M. Engle from Flint River Association was introduced and welcomed as a visitor.

The Credentials Committee reported that the letters from the various churches had been read and found to be in due form. By motion the report was accepted.

The chairman appointed as Reading Committee, Bros. N. Polk and Roger Wiggins.

By motion the letters were received and turned over to the Business Committee.

The chairman appointed the following committees: Family Religion—Mrs. Lexie S. Kendrick, Mrs. Fannie Pickett, Bros. R. T. Poole and Sam Hale.

Sabbath Schools—Bros. G. W. Hollis, Frank Harris, Homer Howell, Roy Hodgins and Mrs. J. W. Barnett.

Literature—Bros. H. E. Hewitt, Felix Wallace, J. R. Weldon and J. H. Harris.

Temperance—E. L. Isbell, Mrs. Blannie Duncan, Elzie Minor, Dock Rich and H. T. Perkins.

Education—H. T. Smith, Richmond Howard, Sid Duncan, N. Polk and C. L. Carlisle.

Deceased Members—Rev. J. E. Hodgins, W. F. Isbell, J. M. Harris, H. M. Isbell, L. M. Davis.

Standing of the Ministry—W. B. Shirley, Will Hodgins, H. T. Rogers, Rufus Franklin, J. P. Sexton, G. D. B. Isbell and R. W. Wiggins.

Resolutions—Rev. T. J. Finch, H. F. Harden, Clarence O'Donnell, Ralph Walker, Haynes Harris.

Auditing—Walter Murphy, Luther Pickett, Ploughman Harris, Jesse Harris, Jake Pickett, LeRoy Smith and Mrs. Zella Smith.

Ordaining Council—W. F. Isbell, J. E. Hodgins, H. T. Perkins and E. L. Isbell.

By motion the body was adjourned until 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

#### FRIDAY 7:30 P.M.

Ministers' conference.

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

The house was called to order by the clerk. Devotional conducted by Rev. H. F. Harden, reading Romans 8:1-9.

The minutes of this session, up to date, were read and adopted. A partial report from the Business Committee was called for. By motion the report was accepted.

By motion present business was suspended to hear a request from the Committee on Standing of the Ministry. The chairman of this committee asked for information concerning Bro. Eldon Drummond, who has asked for a Certificate of Standing for the coming year. This information being given, a motion was carried to resume the regular order of business.

By motion the Business Committee made a partial report which was accepted with exception of sections 5 and 6 which were referred to the Resolutions Committee.

By motion the ordination service will take place at the close of the 11:00 o'clock service Saturday a.m.

By motion Bro. J. E. Hodgins, at his request, was excused from the ordaining council.

The final report of the Devotional Committee being called for, the report was accepted and committee released.



Report from the Committee on Sabbath Schools was read and accepted and Committee released.

Report from the Committee on Temperance was read and received and committee released.

Report from Committee on Literature was called for. This report was read and rejected and turned back to the committee. By motion Bro. H. E. Hewitt was released as chairman of this committee and Sister Lexie Kendrick was appointed to take his place.

Report from Committee on Education was read and adopted. Committee discharged.

By motion the body adjourned until 1:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY 11:00 A.M.

Preaching services conducted by Rev. T. J. Finch, reading John 14:1-6; text: John 14:6.

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

The house was called to order by the clerk. Devotional by Rev. A. J. Davis, reading first Psalm. Prayer by Rev. J. M. Engle.

By motion the report of the Committee on Literature was read and accepted and committee released.

By motion the report of the Committee on Family Religion was accepted and committee released.

By motion the report of the committee on Resolutions was accepted and committee discharged.

By motion the report of the Committee on Deceased Members was read and accepted and committee released.

By motion the report of the Committee on Standing of the Ministry was read and accepted with exception of Bro. R. E. Drummond's name, which was referred to Mount Zion church.

By motion the report from the Ordaining Council was accepted and council retained for further service.

By motion the report from the Home Missions Committee was accepted and committee released.

By motion the report of the Auditing Committee was accepted and committee released.

By motion the final report of the Business Committee, requesting that new credentials be granted Rev. W. F. Isbell to replace his original ones which were burned. Report accepted and committee released.

The moderator appointed as Home Mission Board Bros. G. W. Hollis, David Davis and Will Hodgins.

The moderator appointed as Executive Committee Bros. W. B. Shirley, Chelsea, Ala.; Thomas Rogers, Sprott, Ala.; J. W. Isbell, Vandiver, Ala.

By motion the clerk is to receive \$10.00 for her services, this amount to be paid from the Associational treasury. Also Bro. L. W. Kendrick is to be paid \$4.88 due him for work as former clerk, this amount to be paid from the treasury.

The clerk was instructed to have 500 minutes printed.

Union Hill Church, Vandiver, Ala., was selected by ballot as the place for the next session of this association.

By motion the business session of this association was adjourned to meet with Union Hill church on Friday night before the first Sunday in October, 1934, 7:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY 5:00 P.M.

Sisters prayer service conducted by Sister Zella Smith, reading Romans 6th chapter.

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

Sermon by Rev. E. J. Carlisle, reading Exodus 12:43-47; Exodus 26:31-33; text: John 1:29 latter clause, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." This service was followed by the Lord's Supper and feet washing.

#### SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.

Prayer service conducted by Rev. LeRoy Smith, reading Malachi 3:1-17.

#### SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.

Sermon by Rev. A. J. Davis. Scripture reading Matt. 8:13-14; Isaiah 35:8; text: Matt. 25:34.

By motion a rising vote of thanks was tendered the people of Bethel church and community for their kindness and hospitality while among them, and to God for His blessings and manifest presence in our midst.

By motion the association was adjourned to meet with Union Hill church on Friday night before the first Sunday in October, 1934.



## Ministers Conference

The Fifty-fifth annual session of the Ministers Conference convened with Bethel Church on Friday night, before the first Sunday in October, 1933. The house was called to order by the clerk.

Devotional was conducted by Rev. E. L. Isbell, reading Psalms 23. The body then went into the election of a moderator and clerk. Rev. H. T. Perkins was elected moderator and Bro. J. W. Isbell clerk. The moderator invited visiting brethren to seats.

The doors of the conference were opened for the reception of new members. Brothers C. L. Carlisle, H. E. Hewitt and LeRoy Smith presented themselves and by motion were accepted.

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

Rev. J. E. Hodgins—Miles traveled, 3,269; sermons preached, 76; funerals conducted, 3; assisted in revivals, 6; baptized, 11; churches pastored, 3; expenses, \$47.90; collections received, \$65.50.

R. H. Howard—Miles traveled, 280; sermons preached, 50; funerals conducted, none; assisted in revivals, 3; baptized, 1; churches pastored, 1; expenses, none; collections received, \$11.08.

E. L. Isbell—Miles traveled, 967; sermons preached, 63; funerals conducted, 2; assisted in revivals, 5; baptized, 21; churches pastored, 2; expenses, \$20.00; collections received, \$41.20.

T. J. Finch—Miles traveled, 332; sermons preached, 58; funerals conducted, 2; assisted in revivals, 2; baptized, 3; churches pastored, 1; expenses, \$12.10; collections received, \$44.45.

E. W. Wilkerson—Miles traveled, not given; sermons preached, 12; funerals conducted, 1; assisted in revivals, not given; baptized, none; churches pastored, none; expenses, none; collections, not given.

W. B. Hollis—Miles traveled, unknown; sermons preached, 4; funerals conducted, none; assisted in revivals, none; baptized, none; churches pastored, none; expenses, none; collections received, none.

H. F. Harden—Report not written.

H. T. Perkins—Miles traveled, 200; sermons preached, 35; funerals conducted, 1; assisted in revivals, 3; baptized, 4; churches pastored, 1; expenses, \$3.00; collections received, \$91.70.

W. F. Isbell—Miles traveled, not given; sermons preached, 20; funerals conducted, none; assisted in revivals, 2; baptized, none; churches pastored, not given; expenses, none; collections received, \$3.

A. J. Davis—Miles traveled, 944; sermons preached, not given; funerals conducted, not given; assisted in revivals, not given; baptized, not given; churches pastored, 3; expenses, \$20.11; collections received, \$77.37.

A. W. Kendrick—Miles traveled, not given; sermons preached, 42; funerals conducted, 3; assisted in revivals, 3; baptized, 1; churches pastored, 1; expenses, \$30.68; collections received, \$19.50.

L. M. Davis—Report not written.

E. J. Carlisle—Miles traveled, 4,729; sermons preached, 51; funerals conducted, none; assisted in revivals, 2; baptized, 3; churches pastored, 2; expenses, \$119.00; collections received, \$65.67.

W. M. Chadwick—Miles traveled, 70; sermons preached, 5; funerals conducted, none; assisted in revivals, none; baptized, none; churches pastored, 1; expenses, 25c; collections received, 50c.

Lee Hanks—Miles traveled, 1,150; sermons preached, 28; funerals conducted, 2; assisted in revivals, 3; baptized, none; churches pastored, 1; expenses, not known; collections received, none.

R. E. Drummond—Miles traveled, 859; sermons preached, 11; funerals conducted, none; assisted in revivals, none; baptized, none; churches pastored, none; expenses, \$7.80; collections received, \$7.40.

A. B. Lee—Not represented.

L. N. Barber—Not represented.

Forrest Davis—Not represented.

Elmor Kitchens—Not represented.

O. F. Higginbotham—Not represented.

Robert Rich—Not represented.

H. W. Smith—Miles traveled, 357; sermons preached, 38; funerals conducted, 1; assisted in revivals, 1; baptized, none; churches pastored, none; expenses not given; collections received, \$3.00.

N. Polk—Miles traveled, 1,690; sermons preached, 74; funerals conducted, 1; assisted in revivals, 8; baptized, none; churches pastored, none; expenses, 50c; collections received, \$30.53.

H. E. Hewitt—Miles traveled, 190; sermons preached, 23; funerals conducted, none; assisted in revivals, 1; baptized, none; churches pastored, 1; expenses, \$1.50; collections received, none.

C. L. Carlisle—Miles traveled, 367; sermons preached, 7; funerals conducted, none; assisted in revivals, none; baptized, none; churches pastored, none; expenses, none; collections received, none.

LeRoy Smith—Miles traveled, 929; sermons preached, 27; funerals conducted, none; assisted in revivals, 2; baptized, none; churches pastored, 1; (assistant pastor); expenses, \$19.33; collections received, \$4.53.

H. J. Harris—Miles traveled, 94; sermons preached, 17; funerals conducted, none; assisted in revivals, 1; baptized, none; churches pastored, none; expenses, 50c; collections received, \$1.50.

John A. Jones—Bro. Jones reported that the record of his work had been lost, therefore, he could not give an accurate report.

By motion Bro. R. E. Drummond's request for his certificate of standing was referred to the committee on the Standing of the Ministry.

By motion the conference was adjourned until Saturday night, before the first Sunday in October, 1934, 7:30 p.m.

REV. H. T. PERKINS, Moderator,  
J. W. ISBELL, Clerk.



## MINISTERIAL ROLL

## (Ordained)

E. L. Isbell.....	Dunnavant, Ala.
T. J. Finch.....	Rte. 1, Pell City, Ala.
E. W. Wilkerson.....	Pell City, Ala.
W. B. Hollis.....	Rte. 1, Pell City, Ala.
H. F. Harden.....	Pell City, Ala.
H. T. Perkins.....	Rte. 3, Ashville, Ala.
W. F. Isbell.....	Rte. 3, Box 122, Birmingham, 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.....	Rte. 3, Centreville, Ala.
Lee Hanks.....	Adamsville, Ala.
R. H. Howard.....	Rte. 2, Sterrett, Ala.
J. E. Hodgins.....	Eden, Ala.
H. J. Harris.....	Rte. 2, Trussville, Ala.
LeRoy Smith.....	Pell City, Ala.
N. Polk.....	Pell City, Ala.
H. W. Smith.....	Lawley, Ala.

## (Licensed)

J. A. Jones.....	Pell City, Ala.
Floyd Burrell.....	Adamsville, Ala.
C. L. Carlisle.....	Pell City, Ala.
Clarence O'Donnell.....	Rte. 3, Ashville, Ala.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

## REPORT ON EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Education, submit the following:

We feel that the great need of this nation is to educate our people in the knowledge of God. We need a material education, but this nation has gone to the extreme in this branch of education. Our people are being educated away from God. Some of our institutions are teaching our young people that the only good in prayer is its reflex action on our own spirit.

Brethren, let us remedy this neglect. Train a child in the way it should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.

We need more teaching around our firesides and in our daily walks.

Respectfully submitted,

H. T. SMITH, Chairman.

## REPORT OF DECEASED MEMBERS

We, your Committee on Deceased Members, submit the following:

Since our last session, God in His Wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our midst four of our beloved. They are as follows:

From Pleasant Valley, Bro. J. A. Shirley and Sister Mary Grimes; Meadows Chapel, Sister Janet Benefield and from Mount Pleasant Sister Caille Young.

It is sad to part with those we love, but God's voice and will must be obeyed. We bow in humble submission to His Holy will. We extend to the bereaved our heart-felt sympathy and commend them to the tender mercies and loving kindness of God, who does all things well.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HODGENS, Chairman.

## REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

We recommend the re-adoption of articles one, two and three in the report of the resolutions committee for last year.

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

2. Be it resolved that each member of each church pay 50c each year into the Home Mission treasury, and that the pastor of each church appoint one of his members to look after this collection and keep a report of same.

3. That we tender to Almighty God our thanks for His manifest presence in our midst during this session.

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

4. Be it resolved that the Moderator of this association shall not succeed himself the second year.

5. Be it resolved that this body convene on Friday night before the first Sunday in October, 1934.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. FINCH, Chairman.



**REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS**

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following:

Our treatise says we believe in Sabbath Schools and we may say we do. But do we prove it? Hypocrites say they are Christians but are not.

We recommend that all teachers and officers of every Sunday School be present as nearly every Sunday as possible

We also recommend that every church have a Sabbath School and prayer meeting. For no church can prosper without these. These are stepping stones to higher calling. If we believe these things let us do them. Let us pray for more laborers, for the harvest truly is great and the laborers are few. May the God of heaven help us to be what we claim.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. W. BARNETT, Chairman.

**REPORT ON TEMPERANCE**

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following.

We believe in taking the word of God as our rule of faith and practice. For He says, "Be ye therefore temperate in all things." We believe that temperance means to be sober minded in all things and to abstain from all intoxicating beverages. We also believe, according to God's word, that we should be temperate in righteousness and not exalt ourselves. We should be submissive to God's will in all things.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. ISBELL, Chairman.

**REPORT ON LITERATURE**

We, your Committee on Literature, submit the following:

We recommend all good and wholesome literature. This to be furnished as freely as possible to our children in our homes, schools, and churches. We recommend that the Bible be taught and studied above all other books. We recommend that all poison and unwholesome literature be banished from among us as far as possible.

We recommend the use and study of the Free Will Baptist Literature in our homes and churches. We feel that the responsibility of our literature rests on the shoulders of the parents of our land and country.

Respectfully submitted,

LEXIE M. KENDRICK, Chairman.

**REPORT ON FAMILY RELIGION**

We, your Committee on Family Religion submit the following:

Our daily walks and conversation count much in family religion. Let us remember that our children and our neighbor's children are watching us. Family religion begins at home—around our firesides. Here our children should be taught the principles of heart-felt religion. We believe that every Christian home should establish a family altar. In this way our children can be taught of our blessed Savior and His love.

Respectfully submitted,

LEXIE M. KENDRICK, Chairman.

**REPORT ON BUSINESS**

We, your Committee on Business, submit the following:

1. Liberty Church requests the ordination of Bro. H. W. Smith.
2. Pleasant Grove Church asks that Bro. Clarence O'Donnell be examined as to his call to the ministry and if found worthy that he be granted license to preach the gospel for one year.
3. Mt. Zion Church asks that the ordaining council examine Bro. N. Polk and if found worthy ordain him to the full function of the ministry.
4. Hepsabah Church requests that this body examine Bro. H. E. Hewitt and if found worthy ordain him.
5. We recommend that this body grant new credentials to Rev. W. F. Isbell to replace his original ones which were burned.
6. Union Hill Church requests that this body send a presbytery there to ordain Bros. A. J. Cox and J. W. Isbell for deacons, on the first Sunday in November, 1933, and they also ask that this body meet on Friday night before the first Sunday in October, 1934. This committee recommends the same.
7. We offer a resolution for this body to discuss, and that is, for each church to take care of its own delegates in each sitting of this association.
8. We refer all requests for licenses and certificates of standing to the Committee on the Standing of the Ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. ISBELL, Chairman

**REPORT ON HOME MISSION TREASURY**

Balance on hand from 1932 .....	\$37.92
Received from Bank and Trust Co. ....	2.08
Pleasant Valley Church .....	3.00
Mount Zion Church .....	4.00
Clara's Chapel Church .....	3.00
Total received .....	\$50.00
Disbursements .....	38.00
Balance on hand .....	\$12.00

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. WIGGINS, Chairman,  
G. W. Hollis, Secretary-Treasurer,  
D. N. DAVIS.

**REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE**

We, you Auditing Committee, submit the following:

After making a careful study of the associational treasurer's report we find it to be correct. Finding a balance on hand of \$5.12. We recommend that this be paid to Bro. L. W. Kendrick for his clerkship during the past associational year. And we recommend that he be paid \$4.88 out of the present funds to make up the \$10.00 due him for his year's work.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER MURPHY, Chairman.



## YEARLY REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURY—1933

Total collected from each church in the year 1932:

Meadows Chapel .....	\$ 2.00
Kerr's Chapel .....	
Pleasant Grove .....	1.00
Liberty .....	1.50
Mt. Pleasant .....	1.50
Pleasant Valley .....	3.00
Mt. Olive .....	1.50
Pilgrims Rest .....	1.50
Bethel .....	1.50
Clara's Chapel .....	2.55
Union Hill .....	
Bellview .....	.50
Providence .....	1.50
Mt. Zion .....	5.03
Hepasbah .....	.86
Total .....	\$23.94
Public Collections .....	12.00
Total .....	\$35.94

Expenses paid out:

Four hundred minutes printed .....	\$30.00
Cost of mailing .....	.82
Total paid out .....	\$30.82
Amount in treasury .....	\$35.94
Amount paid out .....	30.82
Balance in treasury .....	\$ 5.12

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. KENDRICK, Clerk and Treasurer.

## REPORT ON STANDING OF THE MINISTRY

We, your Committee on the Standing of the Ministry, recommend that certificates of standing for one year be granted to the following named ministers.

Ordained—E. L. Isbell, T. J. Finch, F. W. Wilkerson, W. B. Hollis, H. F. Harden, H. T. Perkins, W. F. Isbell, A. J. Davis, A. W. Kendrick, L. M. Davis, E. J. Carlisle, W. M. Chadwick, Lee Hanks, R. E. Drummond, R. H. Howard, J. E. Hodgins, H. J. Harris, LeRoy Smith, N. Polk, and H. W. Smith.

Licentiates—J. A. Jones, Floyd Burrell, C. L. Carlisle, and Clarence O'Donnell.

Respectfully submitted,

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.

### MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATION

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

### Remarks

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### CHURCH LETTER

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

We are sending as delegates .....

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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 .....



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

Pastor's name and address .....

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

Done by order of ..... Church.

..... Moderator.

..... Clerk.

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## STATISTICS OF THE CAHABA RIVER FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1933

Churches	Clerks and Addresses	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 ..	..	..	..	..	..	...
Union Hill .....	W. C. Walker ..... Vandiver, Ala.	Shelby .....	E. L. Isbell .....	1	..	5	..	2	94
Clara's Chapel .....	Forrest Davis ..... Boothton, Ala.	Shelby .....	J. E. Hodgins ..	2	2	1	..	..	111
Bethel .....	T. J. Pickett ..... Rte. 1, Marvel, Ala.	Shelby .....	A. J. Davis .....	1	3	..	..	..	74
Bellevue .....	D. N. Davis ..... Leeds, Ala.	Jefferson .....	E. J. Carlisle ...	..	2	..	..	..	43
Providence .....	Fred Henson ..... Dunnivant, Ala.	Shelby .....	A. J. Davis .....	1	..	..	..	..	32
Mt. Zion .....	Claude Stevens ..... Pell City, Ala.	St. Clair .....	T. J. Finch .....	3	3	13	..	4	159
Mt. Olive .....	Frank Minor ..... Dunnivant, Ala.	Shelby .....	A. J. Davis .....	1	3	6	..	..	48
Mt. Pleasant .....	J. W. Barnett ..... Sprott, Ala.	Perry .....	E. J. Carlisle ...	..	..	3	..	1	59
Hepsabah .....	H. E. Hewitt .. Rte. 2, Trussville, Ala.	St. Clair .....	E. L. Isbell .....	..	..	2	1	..	44
Liberty .....	Felix Wallace ..... Lawley, Ala.	Bibb .....	N. Polk .....	3	3	..	..	..	38
Pleasant Grove ....	W. I. Brigman .. Rte. 3, Ashville, Ala.	St. Clair .....	H. T. Perkins ...	7	4	..	..	..	36
Meadows Chapel ...	Edna Franklin . Rte. 3, Box 214, B'ham	Jefferson .....	Lee Hanks .....	..	3	..	..	1	72
Kerr's Chapel .....	Vurlie Leopard .... Rte. 1, Eden Ala.	St. Clair .....	R. H. Howard ..	2	9	..	..	..	11
Pilgrims Rest .....	Ploughman Harris ..... Aldrich, Ala.	Shelby .....	E. W. Wilkerson ..	4	..	..	..	..	29
Mary's Chapel .....	J. P. Sexton ..... Brookwood, Ala.	.....	J. E. Hodgins ..	2	4	..	..	..	10
Total .....				27	36	30	1	8	860