

MINUTES

— OF THE —

Fifty-Sixth Annual Session

— OF THE —

CAHABA RIVER

Free Will Baptist Association

CONVENED WITH

Union Hill Church

Vandiver, Alabama

October 6, 7, 8,

1934



OFFICERS:

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

The next Annual Session of this Association will be held with
Mt. Pleasant Church, Sprott, Perry County, Alabama,
beginning on Thursday night before the first
Sunday in October, 1935, 7:30 P.M.

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PROCEEDINGS

The fifty-sixth annual session of the Cahaba River Free will Baptist Association convened with Union Hill Church October 6, 7, 8, 1934.

On account of inclement weather the services on Friday night were postponed.

SATURDAY MORNING

The house was called to order by the clerk. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. A. J. Davis, reading James 1st chapter. Prayer by Bro. G. D. B. Isbell.

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

Pleasant Valley—W. B. Shirley, L. W. Kendrick, Mrs. Lexie M. Kendrick.

Union Hill—Marlin Weldon, W. C. Walker, J. D. Kilburn, Frank Lynn.

Clara's Chapel—Sam Peeples, Mrs. Flossie Peeples.

Bethel—Frank Harris, Frank Pickett, T. J. Pickett.

Bell View—Mardis Minor, D. N. Davis.

Providence—Fred Henson.

Mt. Zion—Elbert Harris, Jesse Rich, Dock Rich.

Mt. Olive—Earl Isbell, Dewey Isbell.

Mt. Pleasant—Thos. Rogers, Sid Duncan, Roy Hodgins.

Hepsabah—Ed Goodwin, W. H. McLaughlin, Robert Harris.

Liberty—Jack Wallace, Martha Greene.

Pleasant Grove—Not represented.

Meadows Chapel—Hazel Mathis, Lois Franklin.

Kerr's Chapel—B. H. Drummond.

Pilgrim's Rest—Ploughman Harris, Jake Pickett.

Mary's Chapel—Sam Styron.

The Moderator appointed Mrs. L. W. Kendrick and D. N. Davis as Reading Committee to read the letters from the various churches.

The Moderator appointed as Credentials Committee, Bros. J. D. Kilburn, W. B. Shirley, Mardis Minor.

By request the Clerk read a letter from the First District Quarterly Conference.

By motion this letter, with the church letters, was accepted.

By motion Rev. J. E. Hodgens was elected permanent Moderator by acclamation.

By motion Rev. A. J. Davis was elected Assistant Moderator by acclamation.

By motion Mrs. A. R. Harper was retained as Clerk and Bro. L. W. Kendrick was retained as Assistant Clerk.

The Chairman of the Credentials Committee reported all letters in regular form and order, including the letter from the Quarterly Conference. By motion this report was accepted.

The doors of the association were opened for reception of new churches. The First Free Will Baptist church of Alabama City presented a petition for membership and by motion was accepted and its delegates seated. This church was requested to get a letter of dismissal from the Progressive Association, from which they came. The church obligation was taken by the delegates from this church and the right hand of fellowship extended to them by the associational body.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: Devotional, Bros. Elbert Harris, Rufus Franklin, Lester Harris, with the deacons of Union Hill church; business, Bros. G. D. B. Isbell, L. W. Kendrick, D. N. Davis, Luke Harris and Roy Hodgens.

By motion a partial report from the Devotional Committee was read and accepted.

Moved to adjourn until 1:00 o'clock P.M.

SATURDAY 11:00 A.M.

Preaching services conducted by Rev. T. J. Adair, reading II Kings 4:38-44. Text II Kings 40th verse.

SATURDAY 1:00 P.M.

The house was called to order by the Clerk. Devotional services conducted by Rev. J. E. Hodgens, reading Psalms 133. Prayer by Rev. Lee Hanks.

The house proceeded to business and visiting brethren invited to seats with us.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

Family Religion—Sisters Flossie Peeples, L. B. White, Hazel Mathis and Sister Robershaw.

Sabbath Schools—Bros. John Isbell, Jake Pickett, Lee

Hanks, Jim Henson and Thad Smith.

Literature—Bros. J. D. Kilburn, Mardis Minor, Frank Harris and B. E. Martin.

Temperance—Bros. General Glass, E. L. Isbell, H. M. Isbell, Frank Pickett, Ploughman Harris, Dewey Isbell and Sister Lois Franklin.

Education—Rev. A. G. Robershaw, G. C. Smith, Sam Peeples, Elbert Harris and Sister Greene.

Deceased Members—Bros. G. W. Hollis, J. P. Wycuff, Floyd Burrell, J. M. Shirley, Thos. Rogers and Fred Henson.

Standing of the Ministry—Bros. J. W. Isbell, W. B. Shirley, J. J. Wallace, L. L. McDonough, Sisters Flossie Peeples and Lexie Kendrick.

Resolutions—Rev. E. W. Wilkerson, B. H. Drummond, Marlin Welden, D. N. Davis, W. C. Walker, Sam Styron.

Auditing—Bros. L. W. Kendrick, Frank Lynn, Earl Isbell, Sid Duncan and Roy Hodgens.

Ordaining Council—Rev. A. J. Davis, T. J. Adair, Lee Hanks, E. W. Wilkerson and R. H. Howard.

A partial report from the Business Committee was read and accepted.

Moved to adjourn until Monday 8:00 A.M.

SATURDAY 7:00 P.M.

Minister's Conference.

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

Song and prayer service conducted by Bro. R. E. Collins.

SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.

Doctrinal Sermon by Rev. J. E. Hodgens. Text, Psalms 46 Chapter and 4th Verse. "There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the City of God, the Holy place of the tabernacles of the most High."

Following this inspiring sermon the following brethren were ordained as deacons: Bro. Sam Peeples of Clara's Chapel church, and Bros. D. N. Davis, Mardis Minor and Will Hodgens of Bell View church.

SUNDAY 4:00 P.M.

Mother's prayer service conducted by Sister White. This service being followed by preaching, the Lord's Supper and feet washing, conducted by Rev. E. W. Wilkerson. Reading St. Luke 22:1-23 inclusive. Text St. Matt. 28:19-20.

MONDAY 8:00 A.M.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. T. J. Adair. Reading Ephesians 5th chapter.

The house was called to order by the Clerk.

The minutes to date were read and accepted.

The letters from Hepsabah and Mary's Chapel churches were read and accepted.

By motion Pleasant Grove church was referred to the Home Mission Board for investigation.

A report was read and accepted from the committee appointed by the First District Quarterly Conference to see Deacons Ernest Minor and Will Kendrick of Bell View church relative to their attitude of contempt toward the action of a committee of twelve men and toward the action of the quarterly meeting in their labors with Mt. Zion church. For this attitude the committee recommended that these brethren no longer be considered as active deacons of Bell View church.

By motion the report from the Business Committee was read and accepted. The report was then taken up in sections and accepted with exception of Section Three.

By motion the Moderator appointed Rev. T. J. Adair as chairman of the committee to examine Bro. L. L. Davis in place of the former chairman, Rev. T. J. Finch. This council reporting that their former examination was unsatisfactory.

By a vote Mt. Pleasant church in Perry County was selected as the meeting place for the next session of this Association.

The reports from the following Committees were read and adopted: Sabbath School, Temperance, Family Religion, Literature, Education, Deceased Members, Resolutions, Auditing, Home Missions.

The council appointed to examine Bro. L. L. Davis reported that they found Bro. Davis to be sound in the Free Will Baptist doctrine. After a statement from Bro.

Davis to the body he was, by motion, reinstated to the full function of the ministry.

By motion the Clerk is to receive ten dollars for her clerical work.

By motion the report of the Committee on the Standing of the Ministry was read and accepted with the addition of Bro. L. L. Davis's name.

By motion the Clerk is to write a letter to the State Conference, convening at Brilliant, Alabama, on Monday night after the fourth Sunday in October, 1934. This letter to be sent by Rev. J. E. Hodgins and Rev. A. J. Davis, duly elected delegates to represent this body.

Motion to adjourn until 1:00 P.M.

MONDAY 1:00 P.M.

The house was called to order by the Clerk. Devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. D. N. Davis.

By motion Rev. D. L. Baker's name was added to the Ministerial Roll.

By motion Rev. T. J. Adair and Bro. L. W. Kendrick were appointed to organize the Southern part of this Association into Quarterly Conferences.

By motion this body will meet hereafter on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October.

By motion Resolution No. Three of last year's minutes was re-adopted and a rising vote of thanks tendered to the sisters of the church and community for their kindness and hospitality during this session of this association.

Bro. L. L. Davis having lost his original certificate of ordination was by motion granted a new copy.

The Moderator appointed on the Executive Committee Bro. J. D. Kilburn, Vandiver, Alabama, to serve with Bros. W. B. Shirley, Chelsea, Alabama, and Thomas Rogers, Sprott, Alabama.

By motion this session of the association adjourned to meet with Mt. Pleasant church, Sprott, Alabama, on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1935, 7:30 P.M.

Closing prayer of thanks and invocation by Rev. E. L. Isbell.

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The fifty-sixth annual session of the Ministers Conference of the Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association convened with Union Hill church on Saturday night before the first Sunday in October, 1934. The house was called to order by the clerk. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. E. Hodgins, reading Romans 12.

The conference went into the election of officers. Rev. E. L. Isbell was elected moderator and Bro. J. W. Isbell was elected clerk. Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us. The doors of the conference were opened for reception of new members. Rev. T. J. Adair and Rev. A. G. Robersshaw presented themselves, and by motion were accepted.

The ministerial roll was called and reports accepted as follows:

Rev. J. E. Hodgins:—Miles traveled, 2,600; sermons preached, 102; number baptized, 5; burials conducted, 4; revivals assisted in, 5; amount received, \$109.60; expenses, \$44.00; days spent in actual service, 113.

Rev. R. H. Howard:—Miles traveled, 294; sermons preached, 59; number baptized, 1; burials conducted, 1; marriages performed, 2; revivals assisted in, 4; amount received, \$7.51; expenses, 78c.

Rev. E. L. Isbell:—Miles traveled, 750; sermons preached, 55; number baptized, 2; marriages performed, 3; burials conducted, 1; revivals assisted in, 5; churches pastored, 2; amount received, \$15.30; expenses, \$12.50.

Rev. E. W. Wilkerson:—Miles traveled, 120; sermons preached, 12; number baptized, none; burials conducted, 4; revivals assisted in, none; amount received, 75c; expenses, \$1.25.

Rev. H. T. Harden:—No work done on account of ill health.

Rev. W. F. Isbell:—On account of age and sickness, Bro. Isbell's work was limited to 10 sermons.

Rev. A. J. Davis:—Miles traveled, 1,000; sermons preached, 50; number baptized, 12; burials conducted, 2; marriages performed, 2; churches pastored, 2; assisted in revivals, 3; amount received, \$44.94; expenses, \$12.50.

Rev. A. W. Kendrick:—Miles traveled, 300; sermons preached, 30; burials conducted, 2; amount received, \$20.00; expenses, \$20.00.

Rev. L. M. Davis:—(No written report.)

Rev. W. M. Chadwick:—Miles traveled, 90; sermons preached, 7; number baptized, none; burials conducted, 3; marriages performed, 3; revivals assisted in, 1; amount received, \$4.60; expenses, \$1.50.

Rev. Lee Hanks:—Miles traveled, 1,239; sermons preached, 42; burials conducted, 1; marriages performed, 1; revivals assisted in, 3; churches pastored, 1; amount received, \$11.75; expenses, \$13.42.

Rev. H. E. Hewitt:—Miles traveled, 432; sermons preached, 23; churches pastored, 1; revivals assisted in, 3; marriages performed, 1; amount received, \$12.42; expenses, \$1.98.

Rev. H. J. Harris:—Miles traveled, 210; sermons preached, 12; assisted in revivals, 2; amount received, \$3.00.

Rev. T. J. Adair:—(No written report given.)

Rev. Floyd Burrell:—Miles traveled, 2,000; sermons preached, 50; revivals assisted in, 5; marriages performed, 1; amount received, \$20; expenses, \$50.00.

Rev. A. G. Robersshaw:—Miles traveled, 500; sermons preached, 65; burials conducted, 1; marriages performed, 1; revivals assisted in, 4; number baptized, 1; amount received, \$20.00; expenses, \$15.00.

Rev. T. J. Finch:—Absent.

Rev. H. T. Perkins:—Absent.

Rev. N. Polk:—Absent.

Rev. E. J. Carlisle:—Absent.

Rev. C. L. Carlisle:—Absent.

Rev. W. B. Hollis:—Absent.

By motion the names of the following ministers were dropped from the roll and their credentials called for: T. J. Finch, H. T. Perkins, N. Polk, C. L. Carlisle, W. B. Hollis. The name of Rev. E. J. Carlisle was also dropped, his credentials having already been returned.

By motion, the conference adjourned to meet again on Friday night before the first Sunday in October, 1935.

Rev. E. L. ISBELL, Moderator,

Rev. H. E. HEWITT, Asst. Moderator,

J. W. ISBELL, Clerk.

MINISTERIAL ROLL (ORDAINED)

0 E. L. Isbell Route 1, Sterrett, Ala.
 0 E. W. Wilkerson Pell City, Ala.
 — H. F. Harden Riverside, Ala.
 — W. F. Isbell Route 3, Box 122, Birmingham, Ala.
 — A. J. Davis Leeds, Ala.
 — A. W. Kendrick Boothton, Ala.
 — L. M. Davis Route 1, Chelsea, Ala.
 — W. M. Chadwick Route 1, Sprott, Ala.
 100 Lee Hanks Adamsville, Ala.
 100 R. H. Howard Route 2, Sterrett, Ala.
 100 J. E. Hodgins Eden, Ala.
 100 H. J. Harris Route 2, Trussville, Ala.
 100 T. J. Adair Maylene, Ala.
 100 A. G. Robersshaw Alabama City, Ala.
 100 L. L. Davis Route 1, Chelsea, Ala.
 100 D. L. Baker Vandiver, Ala.
 100 H. E. Hewitt Route 2, Trussville, Ala.

LICENSED MINISTERS

0 Floyd Burrell Brookside, Ala.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We, your committee on education, submit the following:

We feel that the great need of this nation is to educate its people in a knowledge of God. We realize the need of a material education, but while we are seeking an education in material things, let us not forget to seek, above everything else, an education from God by a diligent and prayerful study of the Bible.

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. James 1:5.

Respectfully submitted,
A. G. ROBERSHAW, Chairman.

REPORT ON DECEASED MEMBERS

We, your committee on deceased members, submit the following:

Since our last association, God in His wisdom, has seen fit to call form our number: Sisters Jane Duncan, Ella Nichols, Lucile Pearson, Maudie Warrel, Ella Baker, and Bros. E. M. Davis and J. H. Harris.

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, and extend to the bereaved our heartfelt sympathy, commending them to the tender mercies and loving kindness of God who doeth all things well.

Respectfully submitted,
G. W. HOLLIS, Chairman.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee of resolutions, submit the following: We recommend that this body re-adopt the resolutions in our last minute, with the following additions:

1. Be it resolved that ministers coming from or going to other denominations shall have a council, as per discipline.

2. Be it resolved that no minister in this association shall take the pastoral care of a church to which another minister has offered his resignation, without first consulting the former pastor, or otherwise ascertaining why the resignation.

Respectfully submitted,
E. W. WILKERSON, Chairman.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, submit the following:

We recommend that parents come to realize that Sabbath Schools are the second link of Christian training. Sabbath Schools being one of the most important links, let us parents see to it that we give our children this training, and try to impress the word of God upon the hearts and minds of the children while they are young and tender.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. ISBELL, Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on temperance, submit the following:

We believe in practicing temperance in all the word implies. We can be intemperate in many ways. We should take the Holy Bible for our guide and be led accordingly. 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. Let us all practice temperance, beginning in our homes.

Respectfully submitted,
GENERAL GLASS, 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, our schools and churches. We recommend that the Bible be studied and taught first and 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 upon the shoulders of the parents of our land and country, and we would not recommend any literature that our parents or pastor would not approve of.

Respectfully submitted,
J. D. KILBURN, Chairman.

REPORT ON FAMILY RELIGION

We, your committee on family religion, submit the following:

Our daily walk and talk count much in family religion. Solomon says, "Bring up your child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Family religion begins at home, around our firesides. We believe that every Christian home should have a family altar. We should live this life every day in the year. In this way our children can be taught of our blessed Savior and His love.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. FLOSSIE PEEPLES, Chairman.

STANDING OF THE MINISTRY

We, your committee on the standing of the ministry, submit the following:

We recommend that the following ministers be granted certificates of standing for twelve months: Rev. J. E. Hodgins, Rev. R. H. Howard, Rev. E. L. Isbell, Rev. E. W. Wilkerson, Rev. H. F. Harden, Rev. W. F. Isbell, Rev. L. L. Davis, Rev. A. J. Davis, Rev. L. M. Davis, Rev. A. W. Kendrick, Rev. W. M. Chadwick, Rev. Lee Hanks, Rev. H. E. Hewitt, Rev. H. J. Harris, Rev. T. J. Adair, Rev. A. G. Robersshaw, Rev. D. L. Baker and Rev. Floyd Burrell.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. ISBELL, Chairman.

REPORT ON BUSINESS

We, your business committee, submit the following:

1st. We recommend that the Home Mission Board investigate the condition existing at Pleasant Grove church, and if there be a sufficient number of the members who have abided by the Free Will Baptist discipline, and who wish to remain members of this association, proceed as would be to the best interest of all concerned. (Accepted.)

2nd. We recommend that this body be governed by paragraph I in the constitution, on page 91, in discipline, which reads as follows: "This association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches or quarterly meetings of our Union, not exceeding three messengers from each church, and upon producing letters they shall be entitled to seats. All ordained ministers of said union shall be regular members when present by virtue of their office. (Accepted.)

3rd. We recommend that all deacons be required to carry a certificate of standing, issued for twelve months only and asked for by the church of which they belong. (Rejected.)

4th. We recommend that this body call for a statement from Rev. R. H. Howard and Rev. E. L. Isbell relative to their work on a council appointed by this body to examine Bro. L. L. Davis as to his soundness in the Free Will Baptist doctrine. If found by such statement that Bro. L. L. Davis has not had a fair trial, grant him one that would be in accord with the Bible and the discipline; the verdict of such trial to be rendered at this session, if consistent. (Accepted.)

5th. We find that three churches have asked for the next session of this body to convene with their church, namely: Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Zion, and the First Free Will Baptist church of Alabama City. We recommend that this body decide by ballot at which place it shall convene. (Accepted.)

6th. We recommend that this body accept the work of the first district quarterly meeting as being in line with the discipline of the Cahaba Free Will Baptist Association and uplifting to the success of our denomination. (Accepted.)

7th. We recommend that this body withdraw fellowship from the inactive side of Mt. Zion church for the same reasons that the quarterly meeting did, and that all ministers and deacons who are on the inactive side of said church be notified that their authority is cancelled. (Accepted.)

8th. We recommend that the following brethren be examined and, if found worthy, ordained as deacons: From Bell View church—Bros. Mardis Minor, D. N. Davis and Will Hodgins; From Clara's Chapel church—Bro. Sam Peeples. (Accepted.)

9th. We recommend that we, as a denomination, follow our discipline more closely and be more prompt in our action of settling disputes and differences, thereby keeping our denomination free from reproach and trouble; also that we uphold democracy and not autocracy. (Accepted.)

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. B. ISBELL, Chairman.

HOME MISSION TREASURY — 1934

Balance on hand from 1933,	\$12.00
Received from the bank,	4.18
From Pleasant Valley church,	6.00
From Mt. Zion church,	1.50
From Clara's Chapel church, .....	.50
From Mary's Chapel church,50

Total amount received,	\$24.68
Disbursements,	2.00

Balance on hand,	\$22.68
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Respectfully submitted,

D. N. DAVIS, Chairman,
WILL HODGENS,

G. W. HOLLIS, Secretary & Treasurer.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your auditing committee, submit the associational clerk's financial report for the year 1934, which we find to be a true and correct report of the associational treasury:

Amount collected from each church:

Mary's Chapel, .....	.50	Pleasant Valley,	\$3.00
Bethel, .....	.55	Pleasant Grove,	3.75
Bell View,	1.00	Liberty,	2.20
Providence,	1.50	Hepsabah, .....	.40
Clara's Chapel,	1.95	Mt. Pleasant,	1.57
Union Hill,	2.70	Mt. Olive, .....	.50
		Mt. Zion,	6.15

Amounts received in personal collections:

Bro. Lee Hanks,	\$2.00	Bro. J. E. Hodgins,15
Bro. L. W. Kendrick,	4.88	Public Collection,	5.00

Total amount received,	\$39.80
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Balance on hand from 1933,	5.12
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Total collected in 1934,	39.80
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Amount in Treasury,	\$44.92
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Disbursements:

300 minutes printed,	\$25.00
Amount paid former clerk,	10.00
Amount paid present clerk,	10.00
Cost of mailing minutes,70

Total amount paid out,	\$45.70
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Total amount in Treasury,	44.92
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Total amount due Treasury,78
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Respectfully submitted,

L. W. KENDRICK, 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 for 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.

STATISTICS OF THE CAHABA RIVER FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1934

Churches	Clerks and Addresses	Counties	Pastors					
				Rec. by Baptism	Rec. by Letter	Excluded	Died	No. Members
Pleasant Valley	C. S. Kendrick Chelsea, Ala.	Shelby	A. W. Kendrick ....	..	..	..	1	100
Union Hill	W. C. Walker Rte. 2, Sterrett Ala.	Shelby	E. L. Isbell	6	..	1	3	82
Clara's Chapel	Mrs. Flossie Peeples .. Boothton, Ala.	Shelby	J. E. Hodgens	1	1	3	1	106
Bethel	T. J. Pickett Rte. 1, Marvel, Ala.	Shelby	A. J. Davis .....	..	..	1	..	74
Bell View	D. N. Davis	Jefferson	J. E. Hodgens .....	..	..	..	..	39
Providence	L. W. Adams	Shelby	A. J. Davis	12	3	1	1	53
Mt. Zion	G. W. Hollis	St. Clair	E. L. Isbell .....	..	1	45	..	100
Mt. Pleasant	Roy Hodgens	Perry .....	..	..	1	..	4	56
Hepsabah	H. E. Hewitt .. Rte. 2, Trussville, Ala.	St. Clair	Lee Hanks .....	..	..	5	..	39
Liberty	Idell Smith	Bibb .....	..	5	2	3	..	34
Pleasant Grove ...	Not Represented .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Meadows Chapel ...	Hazel Mathis Rte. 3, B'ham, Ala.	Jefferson	J. E. Hodgens	1	2	..	..	75
Kerr's Chapel	B. H. Drummon, Rte. 1, Odenville, Ala.	St. Clair	R. H. Howard .....	..	..	1	..	11
Pilgrim's Rest	Jake Pickett	Shelby	J. E. Hodgens	5	2	..	..	29
Mary's Chapel	J. P. Sexton	Tuscaloosa	J. E. Hodgens .....	..	..	..	..	10
Mt. Olive	F. F. Minor	Shelby .....	..	2	3	4	..	47
Alabama City	Janice Lee Jones . Alabama City, Ala.	..	T. J. Adair	2	4	1	..	144
Total				34	19	65	10	999