

MINUTES
OF THE
Fifty-seventh Annual
Session
OF THE
Cahaba River Free
Will Baptist
Association
CONVENED WITH
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
SPROTT, ALABAMA
October 3, 4, 5, 1935

OFFICERS:

REV. E. W. WILKERSON.....	Moderator
REV. J. E. HODGENS.....	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
The First Free Will Baptist Church of Alabama City, Alabama,
beginning on Thursday Night before the first Sunday in October,
1936--7:30 P. M.

PROCEEDINGS
THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
CAHABA RIVER FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Convened With
MT. PLEASANT CHURCH
October 3, 4, 5, 1935

Thursday—7:30 p.m.

Prayer and praise service conducted by Bro. H. T. Smith.

Introductory sermon by Rev. Sam Wheat of Alabama City.
Text: Matt. 3:3. "Prepare ye the way of the Lord and make His paths straight."

Following this inspiring Gospel message the Moderator took charge and appointed as Credential Committee Bros. Hubert Hewitt, L. L. McDonough and J. H. Jones.

Homes were assigned delegates.

Song—"Precious Memories".

Benediction—Rev. R. H. Howard.

Friday—8:00 a.m.

The house was called to order by clerk.

Devotional conducted by the Moderator, Rev. J. E. Hodgens.

Prayer by Bro. Eldon Drummond.

Song—"Hold to God's Unchanging Hand".

The Credential Committee made a partial report that the letters from eight of the churches had been examined and found to be in correct form. This partial report was accepted and committee retained.

The roll of churches was called and their delegates seated as follows: Pleasant Valley, W. B. Shirley, Norman Shirley and Mary Martin; Union Hill, J. W. Isbell, A. J. Cox; Clara's Chapel, Robbie Littlefield, F. O. Bass, Sam Peeples and Floyd Cummings; Bethel, Frank Harris, Bill Pickett and Frank Pickett; Bell View, Mardis Minor; Providence, L. W. Adams, Luke Harris and Jim Henson; Mt. Zion, G. W. Hollis, G. W. Harris and E. W. Harris; Mt. Olive, represented by letter; Mt. Pleasant, J. H. Jones, Gladys Nichols and Blonnie Duncan; Hepsabah, Robert Harris; Liberty, M. E. Smith, Idell Smith; Meadow's Chapel, Rufus Franklin, Edna Franklin, Minnie Matthews; Kerr's Chapel, Represented by letter; Pilgrim's Rest, Arthur Scott, Jake Pickett and Ploughman Harris; Mary's Chapel, not represented; First F. W. B. Church of Alabama City, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. McDonough, Mrs. Maggie Robershaw.

The body, by motion, went into the election of officers. Rev. E. W. Wilkerson was unanimously elected Moderator. By motion Bro. Wilkerson was given the right to appoint his Assistant. Rev. J. E. Hodgens was appointed.

By motion Mrs. A. R. Harper and L. W. Kendrick were retained as Clerk and Assistant Clerk respectively.

The new Moderator then took over the business of the body.

The Credential Committee reported that the letters from the eight remaining churches had been examined and found to be in correct form. By motion this report was accepted and committee released.

The Moderator then appointed as Reading Committee Bros. Mardis Minor, L. L. Davis and J. W. Isbell.

This committee read the letters from the various churches, also one from the First District Quarterly Conference, which were accepted.

The Moderator appointed as Devotional Committee Bros. Arthur Scott, L. L. McDonough and G. W. Harris with the Deacons of Mt. Pleasant Church.

The doors of the Association were opened for reception of new churches. Petitions were received and accepted from Ryan's, Oak Grove, Shady Grove, and Burrell's Chapel Churches. Their letters were read and the right hand of Christian fellowship extended to their delegates.

The Devotional Committee made a partial report which was by motion accepted and committee retained.

The Moderator appointed as Business Committee Bros. W. B. Shirley, G. W. Hollis, J. H. Jones, Frank Harris and Rufus Franklin.

Friday—11:00 a.m.

A soul-stirring Gospel message was delivered by Rev. A. G. Robersshaw. Reading Matt. 3:1-9. Text, Amos 4:12. "Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel."

Friday—1:30 p.m.

The house was called to order by the Clerk.

Devotional conducted by the Moderator. Reading I Corinthians 13.

Prayer by Rev. E. L. Isbell.

The house then proceeded to business.

The following committees were appointed: Family Religion, J. W. Isbell, Robbie Littlefield, Robert Harris, Minnie Matthews, Flora Long; Sabbath Schools, Gladys Nichols, Maggie Robersshaw, Vesta McDonough, Pearl Hodges, Margaret Kemp; Literature, Frank Pickett, Mardis Minor, Bill Click, Edna Franklin; Temperance, L. L. McDonough, Rufus Franklin, J. H. Jones, G. W. Harris, Mary Martin; Education, Lexie Kendrick, Floyd Cum-

mings, Abbie Odom, Luke Harris; Deceased Members, Sam Peebles, Idell Smith, Elbert Harris, Ploughman Harris; Standing of the Ministry, H. T. Smith, Mardis Minor, J. W. Isbell, J. E. Harkins; Resolutions, G. W. Hollis, L. L. Davis, Jim Henson, L. W. Adams, Maurice Woodruff; Auditing, F. O. Bass, A. J. Cox, W. B. Shirley, Jake Pickett, William Pickett, Norman Shirley.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

The Business Committee made a partial report which by motion was accepted and committee retained.

The following were appointed as Ordaining Council: Rev. R. H. Howard, Rev. A. G. Robersshaw, Rev. E. L. Isbell, Rev. T. J. Adair, Rev. J. E. Hodgens.

The Committee on Literature made their report which by motion was accepted and committee released.

Reports from the Committees on Temperance and Auditing were read and accepted by motion and committees released.

The Ordaining Council and the Home Mission Board made their reports which were accepted.

Motion to adjourn till Saturday morning, 8:00 o'clock.

Benediction by Rev. Sam Wheat.

Saturday—8:00 a.m.

The house came together with the singing of the old hymn "How Firm a Foundation".

The house was then called to order by the Clerk after which the Moderator conducted the devotional, reading Hebrews 13:1-3.

The body was then declared ready for business and visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

The Business Committee made their final report which by motion was accepted.

The following committees read their reports which were accepted by motion and committees released: Family Religion, Sabbath Schools, Education, Deceased Members, Standing of the Ministry.

Rev. J. E. Hodgens made an inspiring and impressive talk on the merits of the Prohibition Law and presented government statistics proving that the morals of the people of our country have been corrupted by the Law of Repeal and that by such law, the country has lost far more than the revenue from the sale of liquor can ever compensate. (See statistics).

By motion this body goes on record as standing uncompromisingly for Prohibition.

By motion the Clerk is instructed to add the fifteenth article to the Articles of Faith in the minutes.

The Committee on Resolutions made their report which was adopted and committee released.

The Moderator appointed Bro. Rufus Franklin, Birmingham, Route 3, Box 214, to serve on the Executive Committee with Bros. J. D. Kilburn, Vandiver, Alabama and W. B. Shirley, Chelsea, Ala.

By motion the Clerk was instructed to ascertain the cheapest place for having minutes printed and to have as many printed as the treasury has money to pay for.

By motion the Clerk is to be paid five dollars for her services. Motion to adjourn. Benediction.

Saturday—11:00 a.m.

After singing by the choir, Rev. E. L. Isbell read St. Mark 13:1-23 and led in prayer. Bro. E. W. Wilkerson by request then sang "Meet Me There".

Bro. Isbell then delivered the message using as a text Amos 8:11. "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord." Bro. Isbell showed the fulfilling of this prophecy in present day conditions. Following this spirit-filled message, Bro. E. W. Wilkerson, by request, sang "The Gulf of Hell", one of his own compositions.

Benediction by Rev. Floyd Burrell.

Saturday—12:00 noon

Lunch was served on the grounds by the good sisters of the church and community.

Saturday—6:00 p.m.

Mothers' prayer service conducted by Sister Anna Barnett. Reading Romans 12:1-12. Prayer by Sister Fannie Harper. The spirit of the Lord was manifested in this service through the prayers and testimonies of many sisters.

Saturday—7:00 p.m.

Communion and feet-washing services conducted by Rev. J. E. Hodgins. Reading Exodus 12:1-4 inclusive; I Corinthians 11:23-34; St. John 13:1-17.

The presence of the Holy Spirit was manifest in services and a goodly number walked in the ordinances of the Lord's house.

At the close of this service the Moderator appointed Rev. T. J. Adair and Bro. L. W. Kendrick to represent this body in the State Conference which meets at Belk, Alabama, on Monday night after the fourth Sunday in October, 1935.

The Moderator, in behalf of the delegation, thanked the good people of Mt. Pleasant Church and community for their kindness and hospitality while among them.

Benediction by Rev. T. J. Adair.

Sunday—11:00 a.m.

Services conducted by Rev. Sam Wheat. Text, St. Luke 16:25. "Son, remember."

Friday—7:30 p.m.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The fifty-seventh annual session of the Ministers' Conference of the Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association convened with Mount Pleasant Church on Friday night before the first Sunday in October, 1935.

The house was called to order by the Clerk. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. E. L. Isbell. Reading Psalms 133.

By motion the conference went into the election of a moderator and clerk. Rev. Lee Hanks was elected Moderator and Bro. Mardes Minor was elected Clerk.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us as advisory members.

The doors of the conference were opened for reception of new members. Rev. L. L. Davis came forward and was accepted.

The ministerial roll was called and reports submitted as follows:

J. E. Hodgins—Miles traveled 1576. Attempts to preach 103. Baptized 4. Burials 4. Collections \$58.56. Expenses \$13.66.

E. L. Isbell—Miles traveled 950. Sermons preached 45. Burials 2. Churches pastored 2. Collections \$43.60. Expenses \$25.00.

H. E. Hewitt—Miles traveled 715. Sermons preached 21. Collections \$4.78. Expenses \$4.69.

T. J. Adair—Miles traveled 2715. Sermons preached 125. Burials 2. Churches pastored 4. Collections \$346.52. Baptized 6.

E. W. Wilkerson—Miles traveled 180. Sermons preached 9. Marriages 1. Expenses \$2.00.

A. J. Davis—Miles traveled 1270. Sermons preached 60. Churches pastored 2. Burials 4. Marriages 4. Collections \$98. Expenses \$15. Baptized 11.

Floyd Burrell—Miles traveled 2000. Sermons preached 73. Churches pastored 2. Burials 1. Marriages 1. Baptized 13. Collections \$17.00. Expenses \$30.00.

Lee Hanks—Miles traveled 2,275. Sermons preached 82. Burials 3. Marriages 3. Baptized 7. Collections \$53.43. Expenses \$63.31.

R. H. Howard—Miles traveled 209. Sermons preached 26. Churches pastored 1. Marriages 1. Collections \$.70. Expenses \$.39.

L. L. Davis—Miles traveled 1700. Sermons preached 29. Collections \$12.60. Expenses \$19.50.

A. G. Robersshaw—Miles traveled 1000. Sermons preached 90. Baptized 19. Marriages 7. Burials 3. Collections \$158.96. Expenses \$58.96.

D. L. Baker—No public work done on account of age and affliction.

L. M. Davis—Miles traveled 150. Sermons preached 14. Marriages 2. Collections \$1.00.

W. M. Chadwick—Miles traveled 433. Sermons preached 23. Marriages 3. Burials 4. Churches pastored 1. Collections \$32.25. Expenses \$21.15.

By motion these reports were accepted.

By motion the conference was adjourned to meet again on Friday night before the first Sunday in October, 1936.

Rev. Lee Hanks, Moderator

Mardis Minor, Clerk.

MINISTERIAL ROLL

(Ordained)

Rev. J. E. Hodgins, Eden, Alabama.
 Rev. R. H. Howard, Vandiver, Alabama.
 Rev. E. L. Isbell, Sterrett, Alabama, Route 1.
 Rev. E. W. Wilkerson, Pell City, Alabama.
 Rev. W. F. Isbell, Birmingham, Alabama.
 Rev. L. L. Davis, Chelsea, Alabama.
 Rev. A. J. Davis, Leeds, Ala.
 Rev. L. M. Davis, Chelsea, Alabama.
 Rev. A. W. Kendrick, Boothton, Alabama.
 Rev. W. M. Chadwick, Centerville, Alabama.
 Rev. Lee Hanks, Adamsville, Alabama.
 Rev. H. E. Hewitt, Trussville, Alabama, Route 2.
 Rev. H. J. Harris, Helena, Alabama.
 Rev. T. J. Adair, Chelsea, Alabama.
 Rev. A. G. Robersshaw, 324 Railroad Avenue, Alabama City, Alabama.
 Rev. D. L. Baker, Vandiver, Alabama.
 Rev. Floyd Burrell, Brookside, Ala.
 Rev. J. J. Staab, 2313 No. 33rd Avenue, Birmingham, Ala.
 Rev. J. I. Taylor, Alabama City, Alabama.
 Rev. W. A. Wisner, Alabama City, Alabama.

(Licensed)

Rev. J. D. Kilburn, Vandiver, Alabama.
 Rev. Z. W. Robersshaw, 324 Railroad Avenue, Alabama City, Alabama.
 Rev. Forrest Davis, Boothton, Ala.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Standing of the Ministry

We, your Committee on the Standing of the Ministry, submit the following:

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

Respectfully submitted,

H. T. Smith, Chairman.

Report on Education

We, your Committee on Education, submit the following:

We feel that the great need of our nation is to educate our people in the knowledge of God. The real need of our children for spiritual education has been neglected in our homes and Sabbath Schools. We suggest that our people teach around the fireside and in everyday life the right ways of a true, unright Christian to our young people, that we may instill this into their minds along with material education. We recommend that God be our supreme teacher.

Respectfully submitted,

Lexie M. Kendrick, Chairman.

Report on Sabbath Schools

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

We urge parents and young people to realize the great necessity for Sabbath Schools in each of our churches. "Bring up a child in the way that he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Let us try to bring them up to know, love, and fear God.

Respectfully submitted,

Gladys Nichols, Chairman.

Report of 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 a 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 home should have a family altar. We should live a Christian life every day in the year. In this way our children can be taught of our blessed Savior and His love.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Isbell, Chairman.

Report on Temperance

We, your Committee on Temperance submit the following:
We can be temperate in many ways. God's word teaches us to be temperate in all things. We should be submissive to God's will in all things. We should practice temperance in our homes. We should abstain from all intoxicating beverages.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. McDonough, 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 from our number Sister Etta Peppers, Sister Jeanie Goggin, Sister Nancy Owens, Bro. Frank Allen, Bro. J. P. Warnick, Bro. Bob Nichols, Bro. Reuben Ham, Bro. George Patmon and Bro. J. F. Duncan.

It is sad to give up those we love so dearly but God's will must be done and we bow in humble submission.

We extend to the bereaved our heartfelt sympathy, commending them to the tender mercies and loving kindness of God.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Peebles, 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 our churches.

We recommend that the Bible be studied and taught first and above all other books.

We recommend that all poisonous 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 and we would not recommend any literature that our parents or pastor would not approve of.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Pickett, Chairman.

Report on Resolutions

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

I. Be it resolved that each member of each church pay fifty cents 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 record of same.

II. Be it resolved that we tender to Almighty God our thanks for His manifest presence in our midst during this session.

III. We recommend that the next session of this association meet with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Alabama City.

IV. Be it resolved that we tender our thanks to the good people of this church and community for their hospitality while among them and that we pray God's blessings upon them.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Hollis, Chairman.

Report on Business

We, your Business Committee, beg to submit the following:

Item 1. We find a request from Pilgrim's Rest Church to examine Bro. Ploughman Harris and, if found worthy, to ordain him as a deacon of said church.

Item 2. We recommend that all ministers in good standing who belong to this body be given a certificate of standing for the next associational year.

We recommend that all rulings not in accord with our discipline be abolished.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. Shirley, Chairman.

Report from Ordaining Council

We, your Ordaining Council, submit the following:

On account of local conditions we recommend that the examination and ordination of Bro. Ploughman Harris be deferred until some future date.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Howard, Chairman.

Report on Home Missions

Balance on hand from 1934.....	\$22.68
Received from bank.....	6.25
Received from Mt. Zion	2.00
Received from Union Hill	2.00
Received from Bell View35
Total amount received.....	\$33.28

Disbursements	\$18.50
Balance on hand	\$14.78

Respectfully submitted,

D. N. Davis, Chairman.
Will Hodgens,
G. W. Hollis.

Report of Auditing Committee

We, your Auditing Committee, submit the Associational Clerk's financial report which we find to be a true and correct account of the Associational treasury.

Pleasant Valley Church	\$ 5.00
Providence	1.50
First F. W. B. Church of Alabama City	2.25
Mount Olive	1.50
Pilgrim's Rest	1.50
Mount Zion	1.50
Kerr's Chapel50
Meadows Chapel	2.00
Mary's Chapel50
Clara's Chapel	2.50
Bell View	1.00
Union Hill	2.00
Bethel	2.20
Mount Pleasant	3.65
Hepsabah30
Liberty	1.50
Public collection	12.41
Total amount in treasury	\$41.81

EXPENDITURES

Printing of minutes	\$25.00
Postage and stationery	2.00
Amount due Clerk from last year78
Paid Clerk this year	10.00
Total expenditure	\$37.78
Balance on hand	\$ 4.03

Government Statistics Showing Evils of the Law of Repeal

Our country under prohibition:

Decrease in drinking	77%
Decrease in death from alcoholism	42%
Decrease in alcoholic insanity	66%
Decrease in auto wrecks	50%
Decrease in general crime	54%
Increase in milk consumption	26 gallons to the person
Decrease in beer consumption	17 gallons per person

Increase in soft drink business	307%
Increase in ice cream business	281%

Money under prohibition was turned into honorable business and 41 million bushels more grain was consumed to feed dairy cattle than was used to make liquor. In states that have ratified the Repeal Law there has been an increase of 269% in arrests for drunkenness in thirteen large cities.

Statistics of States that have ratified the Repeal Act

Increase in death from auto wrecks	77%
Increase in bootlegging	100%
Increase in number of men employed to fight the bootlegger 1000	
Increase in cost of these men	\$632,000 per year
Decrease in milk and ice cream production	\$3,996,000.00 per yr.
Number of saloons when prohibition went into effect	170,000
Number of saloons at present time	700,000

According to a fair estimate the revenue for schools from tax on legalized liquor would be 1½ million dollars which would run all the schools of Alabama for only fourteen days.

What a price to pay for only fourteen days of school!

Submitted by

Rev. J. E. Hodgens.

On Friday afternoon, October 4, God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to call from our midst Bro. J. F. Duncan of Mt. Pleasant Church.

The business session of the Association adjourned for the funeral on Saturday afternoon which was conducted by Rev. L. L. Davis and Rev. T. J. Adair.

We, the officers and delegates composing this body, extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy and point them, for comfort and solace in their sad hours, to Jesus, our burden-bearer. May each sorrow be borne with fortitude and an unwavering faith in Him who doeth all things well.

Church Letter to Association

To the Fifty-Eighth 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

No. members received by letter this year; No. received by baptism; No. dismissed by letter; No. excluded; No. died; Total membership; Condition of prayer meeting; Condition of Sunday School; Average No. in attendance; Amount paid pastor; Amount for Home Missions; Amount spent for building and repairs \$; Amount enclosed for minutes \$ Pastor's name and address Name and addresses of ministers belonging to our church

Done by order of Church assembled in conference this day of , 1936.

Moderator

Clerk

Clerk's address

Remarks

Minister's Annual Report to the Association

No. Churches pastored
 No. sermons preached
 No. baptized
 No. funerals conducted
 No. marriages performed
 No. revivals assisted in
 No. miles traveled
 Amount of offerings received
 Expense of ministerial work
 Remarks

Minister's name

Address

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 preforms 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.

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.

16. WAR.—War destroys the lives of the innocent, and is contrary to the teachings of the New Testament, therefore, we are opposed to war.

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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 purposes of the church, of its poor and its benevolence 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 until the coming of our Lord Jesus.

Statistics of The Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	PASTORS	COUNTIES	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Excluded	Died	Number Members
Pleasant Valley.....	C. S. Kendrick, Chelsea, Ala.....	Rev. T. J. Adair	Shelby	0	0	0	0	100
Union Hill.....	W. C. Walker, Sterrett, Ala., Route 1.....	Rev. E. L. Isbell.....	Shelby	0	0	1	0	81
Clara's Chapel.....	Mrs. Sam Peeples, Boothton, Ala.....	Rev. T. J. Adair	Shelby	5	4	7	2	111
Bethe.....	Mrs. Ethel Boothe, Marvel, Ala., Route 1.....	Rev. A. J. Davis	Shelby	8	1	1	1	82
Bell View.....	D. N. Davis, Leeds, Ala.....	Rev. J. E. Hodgins	Jefferson	5	5	3	1	46
Providence.....	L. W. Adams, Dunnavant, Ala.....	Rev. A. J. Davis	Shelby	3	0	1	0	56
Mt. Zion.....	E. W. Harris, Pell City, Ala.....	Rev. E. L. Isbell	St. Clair	0	7	0	0	100
Mt. Pleasant.....	J. W. Barnett, Spratt, Ala.....	Rev. T. J. Adair	Perry	0	0	0	2	53
Hepsabah.....	W. H. McLaughlin, Trussville, Ala., Route 2.....	Rev. Lee Hanks	St. Clair	0	0	4	0	35
Liberty.....	Mrs. Ruth Rominger, Lawley, Ala.....	Rev. W. M. Chadwick	Bibb	0	0	2	0	35
Ryan's.....	L. W. Kendrick, Maylene, Ala.....	Rev. T. J. Adair.....	Shelby	1	18	0	0	19
Meadow's Chapel.....	Mrs. Beulah McDonald, B'ham, Route 3, Box 214-I.....	Rev. J. W. Williams.....	Jefferson	0	0	2	1	65
Kerr's Chapel.....	B. H. Drummons, Eden, Ala., Route 1	Rev. R. H. Howard.....	St. Clair	0	0	0	0	11
Pilgrim's Rest.....	Jake Pickett, Aldrich, Ala.....	Rev. J. E. Hodgins.....	Shelby	0	0	0	0	29
Mary's Chapel.....	Not represented.....							
Mt. Olive.....	Frank Minor, Dunnavant, Ala.....	Rev. Lee Hanks.....	Shelby	0	1	5	1	41
Alabama City.....	E. W. Mitchell, Alabama City, Ala.....	Rev. A. G. Robersshaw.....	Etawah	19	15	0	0	178
Burrell's Chapel.....	Miss Abbie Odom.....	Rev. Floyd Burrell.....	Jefferson	11	9	0	0	20
Chady Grove.....	Mrs. Joe Click, Jr., Adamsville, Ala.....	Rev. Lee Hanks.....	Jefferson	7	20	0	0	27
Oak Grove.....	Miss Flora Long.....	Rev. Floyd Burrell	Jefferson	1	9	0	0	10