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FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

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## CAHABA RIVER FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
ALABAMA CITY, ALABAMA

October 1, 2, 3—1936

### OFFICERS:

Eld. E. W. Wilkerson, .....	<i>Moderator</i>
Eld. J. E. Hodgins .....	<i>Assistant Moderator</i>
Mrs. A. R. Harper .....	<i>Clerk and Treasurer</i>
L. W. Kendrick .....	<i>Assistant Clerk</i>

The next Annual Session of this Association will convene with Pleasant Valley Church near Chelsea, Ala. beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1937—7:30 P. M.



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# PROCEEDINGS

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Of the Fifty-Eighth Annual Session of the Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association.

THURSDAY 7:30 P. M. OCTOBER 1, 1936

Introductory sermon by Elder T. J. Adair. Scripture reading—Romans 8. Text—"If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of His." Romans 8:9. This wonderful message was followed by the moderator.

The Credential Committee was appointed as follows: Bros. L. L. Davis, W. B. Shirley and Robbie Littlefield.

Delegates were then assigned to homes.

FRIDAY 8:00 A. M.

The Body was called together by singing "The Heavenly Airplane," one of our beloved moderator's own compositions.

The house was then called to order by the clerk and after giving a short talk she called on Elder J. E. Hodgins, who conducted the devotional. Scripture Reading John 14:1-14.

The moderator then took charge and the house proceeded to business.

The Credential Committee reported all letters in regular form and order. By motion their report was accepted.

Bros. L. L. Davis and Robbie Littlefield were appointed as Reading Committee.

The letters from the various churches were read and accepted.

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

Pleasant Valley.—Bros. W. B. Shirley, Cecil Kendrick and Sister Gracie Lee Shirley.

Union Hill.—Elder R. H. Howard.

Claras Chapel.—Bro. Robbie Littlefield.

Bethel.—Represented by letter.

Bell View.—Represented by letter.

Providence.—Represented by letter.

Mt. Zion.—Bro. G. W. Hollis.

Mt. Pleasant.—Bro. Thomas Rogers and Sister Robbie Nichols.

Hepsabah.—By letter.

Liberty.—By letter.

Ryans.—Bros. L. W. Kendrick and J. E. Harkins.

Medows Chapel.—Sisters Georgie Ann Kelly and Sarah Harden.

Kerrs Chapel.—Not represented.

Pilgrims Rest.—Bro. Ploughman Harris.

Marys Chapel.—Bro. Roland Dean.

Mt. Olive.—Bro. Sam Joyner.

Alabama City.—Bro. G. I. Riley.

Burrells Chapel.—Sister Lula Fambrough.



Shady Grove.—Sisters Maud and Eddie Click.  
Oak Grove.—Represented by letter.

By motion the Body went into the election of a moderator and assistant moderator.

By motion the present moderator and his assistant were retained for another year.

By motion the present clerk and her assistant were retained for another year.

The doors of the Association were opened for reception of new churches. A petition for membership from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Birmingham was presented and by motion this church was unanimously received. The right hand of fellowship was extended to its delegates.

The moderator, with the aid of his assistant, then appointed the following Committees:

Devotional.—Bros. Rufus Franklin, J. E. Harkins, and Sam Joyner, with the deacons of the hostess church.

Standing of the ministry.—Bros C. F. Kendrick, Thomas Rogers and Robbie Littlefield.

Education.—Bro. Cecil Kendrick, Sisters Sarah Harden and Maude Click.

Sabbath Schools.—Sisters Robbie Nichols, Gracie Lee Shirley, Eddie Click and Lillie Pearl Guy.

Family Religion.—Sisters Lula Fambrough, Georgie Ann Kelly, Bros. Sam Joyner and Lyman Ogle.

Temperance.—Elders Lee Hanks, L. M. Davis and Bro. Roland Dean.

Deceased members.—Elders J. D. Killburn, Sam Wheat and E. L. Isbell.

Literature.—Elders L. L. Davis, R. H. Howard, and A. G. Robershaw.

Resolutions.—Bros. Ploughman Harris, Aleck McKay and Henry Black.

Business.—Bros. J. E. Harkins, T. J. Adair, G. W. Hollis, R. H. Howard and W. B. Shirley.

Ordaining Council.—Elders R. H. Howard, Lee Hanks and T. J. Adair.

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

By motion the Body was adjourned until one o'clock P. M.

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

The message was brought by Elder Henry Black. Scripture reading St. Matt. 22:31-46. Text St. Matt 22:42. Subject—"What think ye of Christ?"

This soul-thrilling message was followed by another inspirational message by Elder Wilkerson, after which the benediction was given by Elder Black.

#### FRIDAY 1.00 P. M.

Devotional services were conducted by the moderator. Scripture reading Psalm 1.

The clerk then called the house to order and the Body proceeded to business.

The moderator appointed as Auditing Committee Bros. Cecil Kendrick, Thomas Rogers and G. I. Riley.

The Business Committee made a partial report which was accepted.

By motion the Executive Committee was empowered to authorize the Ordaining Councils of the Quarterly Conferences to ordain deacons for Mt. Olive and Bethel Churches.

By motion Bro. H. W. Smith was granted a certificate of license to preach the Gospel for one year and if he proves himself steadfast in the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist, he will at the end of this time, be restored to the full function of the ministry.

The doors of the conference were opened for reception of new churches. A petition for membership was presented from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Sylocauga which by motion, was accepted. The right hand of Christian fellowship was extended to the delegates and pastor of this new church.

The Business Committee made a partial report which was received. By motion each item was adopted.

The following Committees rendered their reports which were by motion accepted and Committees released: Family Religion, Auditing and Education.

#### SATURDAY 8.00 A. M.

The house was called to order by the clerk. Devotions conducted by the moderator. Scripture reading 1 Corinthians 13. Prayer by Bro. C. F. Kendrick.

The letter from Hepsabah Church was read and accepted.

The minutes of this session of the Association to date were read and approved.

The following committees made their reports which by motion were accepted and Committees released: Temperance, Literature, Deceased members, Standing of the Ministry, Business, and Devotional.

A report from the Chairman of the Home Mission Board was read and accepted.

The Committee on Resolutions made their report which was by motion accepted.

Business was then suspended until 1:30 P. M. for the eleven o'clock service.

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

The message was brought by Elder E. L. Isbell. Scripture reading Revelations 12. Text Revelations 12:1 "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars." This wonderful message was ably delivered and the accompaniment of the Holy spirit was made manifest.



SATURDAY 1:30 P. M.

The house was called to order by the clerk. Devotions conducted by Elder J. E. Hodgens. Scripture Reading Psalm 133. Prayer by Elder Henry M. Black.

The moderator then took charge and the Body proceeded to business.

The moderator appointed Elders T. J. Adair, L. L. Davis, R. H. Howard, L. M. Davis and Bro. J. M. Shirley as a council to organize the First Free Will Baptist Church of Alabama City with two other churches into a Quarterly Conference, said conference to be known as the third district.

By motion the clerk was instructed to have five hundred minutes printed.

By motion the clerk was paid ten dollars for her clerical duties.

Bro. A. M. Roberts of Alabama City was appointed to serve on the Executive Committee with Bros. Rufus Franklin and J. D. Kilburn.

Elder V. L. Yancey was appointed to represent this Body in the State Conference convening in Millport, Ala. on Monday after the fourth Sunday in October 1936.

By motion the clerk was instructed to notify Liberty Church that Bro. H. W. Smith's name will be carried on the ministerial roll as a licentiate for another year.

By motion the business part of this Association stands adjourned to convene again on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October 1937 with Pleasant Valley Church near Chelsea, Ala.

SATURDAY 7:00 P. M.

After special singing and prayer Elder J. E. Hodgens took charge to conduct the communion and feet-washing service. Scripture Reading Genesis 17:1; 1 Corinthians 11:23-34. Text Hebrews 10:9. "Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second."

Surely our hearts were borne Heavenward and our cup of joy was filled to the brim as this dear old servant of God poured out his soul in defense of the ordinances of the Lord's house, and plead so earnestly for a closer walk with God and a stricter obedience to the commands and examples of our Saviour on the part of the church. This service was a glorious one and one never to be forgotten by those whose hearts were in it.

At the conclusion of this spiritual feast the moderator declared the final adjournment of this session of the Association. Benediction by Elder J. J. Staab.

ELDER E. W. WILKERSON, Moderator

MRS A. R. HARPER, Clerk and Treas.

FRIDAY NIGHT 7:30

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The fifty-eighth session of the ministers' conference of the Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Alabama City, Ala. on Friday night before the first Sunday in October, 1936.

The house was called to order by the Moderator, Elder Lee Hanks.

The Body then went into the election of officers. Elder Lee Hanks was re-elected moderator and Bro. G. W. Hollis was elected clerk.

The moderator then called for a test of peace and fellowship of the Conference which was found good.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats, and the moderator then opened the doors of the conference for membership. Elders Sam Wheat, J. J. Staab, Henry Black, V. L. Yancey and J. D. Kilburn presented themselves and by motion were received into full fellowship of this conference.

The ministerial roll was then called and yearly reports made as follows:

J. E. Hodgens—Attempts to preach 48, miles traveled 340, burials conducted 2, couples married 4, no. baptized 4, amount received \$46.52, traveling expenses \$9.25.

R. H. Howard—Attempts to preach 20, miles traveled 106, couples married 2, amount received \$3.58, expenses \$ .67.

E. L. Isbell—Attempts to preach 15, miles traveled 150, couples married 2, funerals conducted 2, amount received \$2.00, expenses nothing.

E. W. Wilkerson—Sermons preached 24, miles traveled 600, churches pastored 1, amount received \$29.30, expenses \$8.75.

W. F. Isbell—Sermons preached 15, miles traveled 500, couples married 1, traveling expenses \$5.00, amount received \$1.00.

L. L. Davis—Sermons preached 59, churches pastored 2, miles traveled 1,380, traveling expenses \$69.00, amount received \$31.20.

A. J. Davis (absent)—Sermons preached 75, churches pastored 4, no. baptized 1, funerals conducted 5, couples married 4, miles traveled 800, traveling expenses \$13.86, amount received \$1.01.

L. M. Davis—Sermons preached 2, couples married 2, funerals conducted 1, miles traveled 100, amount received \$1.00.

A. W. Kendrick—Sermons preached 27, funerals conducted 2, helped in revivals 3, amount received nothing.

W. M. Chadwick—Deceased.

Lee Hanks—Churches pastored 3, sermons preached 81, no. baptized 3, funerals conducted 5, couples married 4, Revivals assisted in 3, miles traveled 2,349, amount received \$48.11, expenses \$33.80.



H. E. Hewitt (absent)—Churches pastored 1, sermons preached 31, couples married 1, revivals assisted in 2, miles traveled 1,435, amount received \$26.45, expenses \$19.25.

H. J. Harris—Not represented.

T. J. Adair—Churches pastored 4, sermons preached 77, no. baptized 5, funerals conducted 1, couples married 2, revivals assisted in 4, miles traveled 3,033, amount received \$278.98, expenses \$31.03.

A. G. Robersshaw—Sermons preached 95, churches pastored none, no. baptized 7, funerals conducted 1, couples married none, revivals assisted in 7, no. miles traveled 1,500, amount received \$70.10, expenses \$20.00.

D. L. Baker—Not represented.

Floyd Burrell (absent)—Churches pastored 2, sermons preached 71, no. baptized 6, funerals conducted 2, couples married 2, revivals 8, miles traveled 1,175, expenses \$50.00, amount received \$33.00.

J. J. Staab—Churches pastored 2, revivals 3, couples married 3, funerals conducted 1, sermons preached 64, miles traveled 1,692, churches organized 1, amount received \$60.72, expenses \$30.02.

J. I. Taylor—Not represented.

W. A. Wisner—Verbal report.

J. D. Killburn—Churches pastored none, sermons preached 18, funerals conducted 1, couples married 1, revivals assisted in 1, miles traveled 199, expenses \$6.26, amount received \$2.10.

Z. W. Robersshaw—Not represented.

Forrest Davis—Not represented.

Henry Black—Churches pastored none, sermons preached 25, funerals conducted 1, revivals assisted in 5, miles traveled 455, expenses \$13 50, amount received \$6.28.

W. R. Parker (absent)—Sermons preached 24, miles traveled 250, revivals 3, couples married 1, amount received \$4.50, expenses \$3.60.

Sam Wheat—Churches pastored 2, sermons preached 156, funerals conducted 1, no. baptized 10, couples married none, revivals 7, miles traveled 1,150, amount received \$20.00, expenses \$10.00.

Irving B. Acton (absent)—Churches pastored none, revivals 2, sermons preached 14, miles traveled 178, expenses \$8.50, amount received nothing.

J. F. Williams (absent)—Churches pastored 1, sermons preached 40, no. baptized 1, revivals 3, miles traveled 200, amount received \$6.00, expenses \$4.23.

V. L. Yancey—Verbal report.

By motion the conference was adjourned till Friday night before the first Sunday in October 1937. 7:30 P. M.

ELDER LEE HANKS, Moderator  
G. W. HOLLIS, Clerk

## MINISTERIAL ROLL (Ordained)

J. E. Hodgens, -----	Eden, Ala.
R. H. Howard, -----	Sterrett, Ala., Route 1.
E. L. Isbell, -----	Sterrett, Ala., Route 1.
E. W. Wilkerson, -----	Pell City, Ala.
W. F. Isbell, -----	Birmingham, Ala.
A. J. Davis, -----	Leeds, Ala.
L. L. Davis, -----	Chelsea, Ala.
L. M. Davis, -----	Chelsea, Ala.
A. W. Kendrick, -----	Marvel, Ala., Route 1.
Lee Hanks, -----	Adamsville, Ala.
H. E. Hewitt, -----	Adamsville, Ala., Route 2
H. J. Harris, -----	Helena, Ala.
T. J. Adair, -----	Chelsea, Ala.
A. G. Robersshaw, -----	Gallant, Ala., Route 2.
D. L. Baker, -----	Vandiver, Ala.
Floyd Burrell, -----	Brookside, Ala.
J. J. Staab -----	2313 No. 33rd Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
J. I. Taylor, -----	Alabama City, Ala.
W. A. Wisner, -----	Alabama City, Ala.
Henry M. Black, -----	Adamsville, Ala.
Sam Wheat, -----	Sylacauga, Ala.
V. L. Yancey, -----	Aalbama City, Ala.
J. F. Williams, --	P. O. Box 775, Wylam, Ala.
W. R. Parker, -----	3920 Fairmont Place N. Birmingham, Ala.
I. B. Acton, -----	2408, 34th Ave. N. Birmingham, Ala.

## LICENTIATES

H. W. Smith, -----	Lawley, Ala.
Lyman Ogle, -----	Sylacauga, Ala.
J. D. Kilburn, -----	Eden, Ala., Route 1.

## 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 one year: J. E. Hodgens, R. H. Howard, E. L. Isbell, E. W. Wilkerson, W. F. Isbell, A. J. Davis, L. L. Davis, L. M. Davis, A. W. Kendrick, 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, Henry Black, J. D. Kilburn, Sam Wheat, V. L. Yancey, J. F. Williams, W. R. Parker, I. B. Acton.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. Kendrick, Chairman



## 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 Bible tells us if we want knowledge to ask God for it. We suggest that our people ask God for guidance in our material education as well as our spiritual education. We recommend that God be our Supreme teacher.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
C. S. Kendrick, Chairman

## SABBATH SCHOOLS

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

We recommend that a Sabbath School should be organized in each of our churches. The officers of our Sabbath Schools should be men and women who love and fear God.

We recommend that each child should be trained at home for the service of the master.

"Bring up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

*Respectfully submitted,*  
ROBBIE NICHOLS, Chairman

## FAMILY RELIGION

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

Our daily walks and talks count much in leading our children in the right way.

We believe every Christian should have family prayer.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
LULA FAMBROUGH, Chairman

## TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following:

We can be temperate in many ways. The greatest need of temperance today is in our speech. If we are led by the Spirit, we will be temperate in all things.

We recommend that the Free Will Baptists consider the intemperance of tobacco.

We recommend that our people strive to be temperate in all things that we may be the light of the world.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
LEE HANKS, Chairman

## 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 midst, Bro. W. W. Robershaw of Alabama City, Bro. H. M. Isbell and Sister Clem Owens of Mt. Olive, Elder W. M. Chadwick of Liberty, Sister Ida Patterson of Hepsabah, Sister Sarah Woodward of Burrells Chapel and Sister Ruby Watts Harkins of Ryans.

It is sad to give up those whom 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,*  
J. D. KILBURN, Chairman

## LITERATURE

We, your committee on Literature, submit the following:

We studied the report in last year's minute and recommend the readoption of same.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
L. L. DAVIS, Chairman

## RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

Resolution I. Be it resolved that the several churches pay the expenses of their respective delegates to the Association.

Resolution II. (a) After reading the letters from the various churches, we find that we have failed to pay the fifty cents (50c) per member into the Home Mission fund.

We earnestly urge and recommend that the importance of this fund be stressed upon the membership of each church, in order that our ministers might be able to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ into new fields.

(b) Resolved that the Association establish a Home Mission Board in each district and all home mission funds collected in each district be placed in the hands of Board members of each Quarterly Meeting district to be used to carry the Gospel and that each Home Mission Board report to each session of the Quarterly Meeting and Association of funds collected and paid out.

Resolution III. Be it resolved that this, the Fifty-Eighth Annual Session of this Body, grant life certificates to all our ministers after reaching the age of sixty-five years.

Resolution IV. Be it resolved that we tender the great Jehovah God our thanks for His goodness and many blessings during the past Associational year and this present session, for we realize that it is through His goodness that all things are as well with us as they are at the present time.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*  
PLOUGHMAN HARRIS, Chairman



## BUSINESS

We, your Business Committee, submit the following report:

Item I. We find requests in the letters from Mt. Olive and Bethel churches for the ordination of deacons at the home churches.

Item II. We find a request from Liberty church that Bro. H. W. Smith be restored to the full function of the ministry.

Item III. We recommend that this Body adopt the same Discipline that was adopted by the National Association in Nashville, Tenn, Nov. 7, 1935.

Item IV. We recommend that we no longer (after this year) be held responsible to churches for Associational minutes unless they send money to help pay the printing expenses.

Item V. We recommend that Bro. Lyman Ogle be examined as to his call to the ministry, and if found worthy, that we grant him a certificate of license to preach the Gospel for one year.

Item VI. We recommend that Bro. J. D. Kilburn's license be continued for another year.

Item VII. We recommend that this Body ask our ministers to go back to their churches and urge each member to pay fifty cents (50c) to purchase a tent to be used for evangelistic purposes.

Item VIII. We recommend that the moderator of this Association appoint a Council to organize Alabama City Church with two other churches into a Quarterly Meeting to be known as the third district.

*Respectfully submitted,*

J. E. HARKINS, Chairman

## HOME MISSIONS

We, your Home Mission Board, submit the following report:

Balance on hand from 1935	\$16.68
Received from bank	4.18
Alabama City Church	2.50
Elder J. J. Staab	.50
Bell View Church	.75
Marys Chapel Church	2.71

Amount in treasury	\$27.32
Amount paid out	15.22

Balance on hand	\$12.10
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*Respectfully submitted,*

D. N. DAVIS, Chairman

WILL HODGENS

G. W. HOLLIS, Sec. and Treas.

## AUDITING

We, your Auditing Committee, beg to report that we have examined the Clerk's financial report and find same to be true and correct.

*Respectfully submitted,*

C. S. KENDRICK, Chairman

## REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURY FOR 1935

Churches	Amt. Paid
Liberty	\$ 1.00
Bell View	.35
Mt. Zion	1.00
Mt. Pleasant	5.00
Alabama City	2.00
Meadows Chapel	2.00
Pleasant Valley	5.00
Bethel	2.50
Mt. Olive	1.50
Pilgrims Rest	1.00
Union Hill	2.00
Claras Chapel	3.00
Providence	2.00
Ryans	2.25
Shady Grove	2.00

Total amount paid in	\$32.60
Balance on hand from 1934	4.03

Total amt. in treasury	\$36.63
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## EXPENDITURES

Printing of 500 minutes	\$27.50
Express and delivery charges	1.00
Stationery and postage	2.13
Amount paid clerk	5.00

Total amount paid out	\$35.63
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Amount paid in	\$36.63
Amount paid out	35.63

Balance on hand	\$ 1.00
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### ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

Eld. E. W. Wilkerson, Moderator ----- Pell City, Ala.  
 Eld. J. E. Hodgins, Asst. Moderator ----- Eden, Ala.  
 Mrs. A. R. Harper, Clerk and Treasurer ----- Boothton, Ala.  
 L. W. Kendrick, Asst. Clerk ----- Maylene, Ala.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. M. Roberts ----- Alabama, City, Ala.  
 Rufus Franklin ----- Birmingham, Ala. Route 3, Box 214.  
 J. D. Kilburn ----- Eden, Ala., Route 1.

### ORDAINING COUNCIL

Eld. R. Howard, ----- Sterrett, Ala., Route 1.  
 Eld. Lee Hanks, ----- Adamsville, Ala.  
 Eld. T. J. Adair, ----- Chelsea, Ala.

### 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 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.

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.

#### 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 until the coming of our Lord Jesus.

#### CHURCH LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

To the Fifty-ninth Annual Session of the Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association:

Greetings:

We are sending as delegates Wallace Patterson,

Ruby Mae Patterson, Nellie Herrin,

whom we deem worthy to sit in your council.

State of religion poor No. members received this year by letter 3 or 4 No. received by baptism don't know No. dismissed by letter unch No. excluded 10 or 12 No. died 1 Total membership 150 Condition of prayer meeting poor Condition of Sabbath School poor Average no. in attendance 75 Amount paid pastor \$ 200 Amt. enclosed for Home Missions \$ 100 Amt. enclosed for minutes \$ 400 Amt. spent this year for building and repairs \$ 50

Pastor's name W. C. Nowell

Pastor's address 308 West St. Talladega, Ala.

Names of ministers belonging to our church J. J. Finche, W. B. Morris, Leroy Smith, Robert Ritch,

Done by order of Friendship Free Will Baptist  
Church assembled in Conference this September day of 1937

W. C. Nowell Moderator  
Claude Stevens Church Clerk

Clerk's address Pell City, Ala.

#### MINISTERS' ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATION

No. churches pastored 1 No. sermons preached 91 No. baptized 5 No. funerals conducted 1 No. marriages performed 1 No. revivals assisted in 2 No. miles traveled 3195 Amt. of offerings received \$ 5826 Expense of ministerial work \$ 11889

Remarks Organized one (1) Church

Rev. Robert P. Ritch

Pell City  
Ala.



# STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Clerks and Addresses	Pastors	Counties	Recd. by letter	Recd. by baptism	Dis. by letter	Excluded	Died	Members
Pleasant Valley	C. S. Kendrick, Chelsea, Ala. -----	T. J. Adair -----	Shelby -----	---	3	---	3	---	102
Union Hill	W. C. Walker, Sterrett, Ala., Rt. 1 -----	E. W. Wilkerson -----	Shelby -----	1	---	---	---	---	75
Claras Chapel	Mrs. Sam Peeples, Boothton, Ala. -----	T. J. Adair -----	Shelby -----	---	---	9	---	---	101
Bethel	Mrs. Ethel Boothe, Marvel, Ala., Rt. 1 -----	A. J. Davis -----	Shelby -----	1	1	---	---	---	75
Bell View	Mack Jones, Leeds, Ala. -----	J. E. Hodgens -----	Jefferson -----	---	4	---	---	---	49
Providence	L. W. Adams, Dunnavant, Ala. -----	A. J. Davis -----	Shelby -----	---	---	2	---	---	49
Mt. Zion	E. W. Harris, Pell City, Ala. -----	A. J. Davis -----	St. Clair -----	1	---	1	---	---	100
Mt. Pleasant	J. W. Barnett, Sprott, Ala. -----	T. J. Adair -----	Perry -----	---	1	---	3	2	50
Hepsabah	Florence McLaughlin, Trussville, Ala. Rt. 2 -----	Floyd Burrell -----	St. Clair -----	---	---	5	---	1	29
Liberty	Miss Reba Hopper, Lawley, Ala. -----	L. L. Davis -----	Bibb -----	2	---	---	---	1	36
Ryans	L. W. Kendrick, Maylene, Ala. -----	T. J. Adair -----	Shelby -----	---	---	---	---	1	18
Meadows Chapel	Will Minyard, Blossburg, Ala. -----	Lee Hanks -----	Jefferson -----	---	1	---	---	---	66
Kerrs Chapel	Not Represented -----	-----	-----	---	---	---	---	---	---
Pilgrims Rest	Ploughman Harris, Aldrich, Ala. -----	A. W. Kendrick -----	Shelby -----	---	---	1	---	---	28
Marys Chapel	J. P. Sexton, Brookwood, Ala. -----	Lee Hanks -----	Tuscaloosa -----	---	---	---	---	---	14
Mt. Olive	Frank Minor, Dunnavant, Ala. -----	E. W. Wilkerson -----	Shelby -----	5	---	5	---	2	49
Alabama City	W. S. Mitchell, 324 R. R. Ave., Ala. City, Ala. -----	J. J. Staab -----	Etowah -----	4	---	6	1	1	182
Burrells Chapel	Minnie Vincent, Brookside, Ala. -----	Floyd Burrell -----	Jefferson -----	3	2	3	---	1	20
Shady Grove	Mrs. Joe Click, Adamsville, Ala. -----	Floyd Burrell -----	Jefferson -----	2	2	---	---	---	14
Oak Grove	Pearl Hodges -----	Lee Hanks -----	Jefferson -----	6	2	---	---	---	35
Birmingham	Mrs. Rose Porsch -----	J. J. Staab -----	Jefferson -----	11	3	---	---	---	14
Sylacauga	Lillie Pearl Guy, 36 Twin St., Sylacauga, Ala. -----	Sam Wheat -----	-----	25	---	---	---	---	25