

MINUTES

Of The

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

CAHABA RIVER FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With

PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH
NEAR CHELSEA, ALABAMA

Sept. 30—Oct. 1, 2, 1937

OFFICERS

Eld. Sam Wheat, -----	<i>Moderator</i>
Eld. J. F. Williams -----	<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 Bethel Church Marvel, Ala., Route 1, on Friday night before the first Sunday in October, 1938—7:30 P. M.



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Proceedings

Of the fifty-ninth Annual session of the Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association.

THURSDAY 7:30 P. M. SEPTEMBER 30, 1937

Introductory sermon by Elder R. H. Howard. Text Ephesians 5:12.

Following this great inspirational message the delegates from visiting churches were assigned to homes.

FRIDAY 8:00 A. M.

The Body was called together by singing the old hymn, "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood," and after a few introductory remarks by the Clerk, the devotional was conducted by Elder J. E. Hodgins. Scripture reading Psalms 133. Prayer by Elder Hodgins. Song "How Firm a Foundation."

After taking the hand of love and fellowship, and a prayer of consecration led by Elder E. W. Wilkerson, the house was called to order for business.

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

Union Hill: Bros. J. R. Welden and Austin Parker.

Pleasant Valley: Sister Zona Shirley, Bros. W. B. Shirley and Cecil Kendrick.

Claras Chapel: Bro. Roy Harper.

Bethel: Young Pickett, Jim Galloway and Henry Pickett.

Bell View: Not represented.

Providence: Bro. Luke Harris.

Mt. Olive: Represented by letter.

Mt. Zion: Bros. Marvin Rich, J. J. Rich, Henry Row and E. W. Harris.

Mt. Pleasant: Sisters Anna Barnett and Gladys Nichols.

Hepsabah: Represented by letter.

Liberty: Sister Gladys Smith and H. C. Cash.

Ryans: Bros. Ursery Reach and J. E. Harkins.

Meadows Chapel: Bro. Charlie Franklin.

Kerrs Chapel: Represented by letter.

Pilgrims Rest: Not represented.

Marys Chapel: Bro. Roland Dean and Sisters W. E. Creel and Mildred Church.

Alabama City: Bros. L. L. McDonough, V. L. Yancey, Earl Rogers and W. T. Crabtree.

Burrells Chapel: Sisters Lula Fambrough and Minnie Vincent and Bro. Sam Goodwin.

Shady Grove: Bros. Henry Black, Ira Meeks and Joe Slick.

Oak Grove: Represented by letter.

Birmingham: Represented by letter.

Sylacauga: Bros. C. F. Kendrick, Grady Collins, Percy Stokes, Sisters Lillie Pearl Guy and Ogle.

The moderator appointed as Credential Committee Bros. Roy Harper, Lyman Ogle and Henry Row.

The following Reading Committee was appointed: Bros. L. L. Davis and Grady Collins.

The letters from the various churches were read and by motion were accepted.

By motion the body went into the election of a permanent moderator. Elder Sam Wheat was elected moderator with Elder J. F. Williams as his Assistant.

A motion was carried to retain the present clerk and her assistant for another year.

The doors of the Association were opened for reception of petitions from new churches. A petition was presented from the Second Free Will Baptist Church of Alabama City. By motion this item of business was tabled till a later time.

The moderator appointed as Devotional Committee Bros. Grady Collins, Urserly Reach and J. E. Harkins with the deacons of the hostess church.

The following Committees were also appointed:

Standing of the Ministry: Bros. C. F. Kendrick, J. E. Harkins and J. M. Shirley.

Education: Bro. E. W. Harris, Sisters Gladys Nichols and Lillie Pearl Guy.

Sabbath Schools: Bros. W. T. Crabtree, Henry Row and Percy Stokes.

Family Religion: Sisters Winnie Lou Ogle, Anna Barnett and Zona Shirley.

Temperance: Bros. J. R. Welden, R. H. Howard and J. C. Hollingsworth.

Deceased Members: Bros. L. L. McDonough, J. D. Killburn and Lyman Ogle.

Literature: Bros. L. L. Davis, G. W. Hollis and E. W. Wilkerson.

Resolutions: Bros. J. E. Hodgins, Charlie Franklin and Earl Rodgers.

Business: Bros. C. F. Kendrick, Roland Dean and Austin Parker.

Ordaining Council: Elders J. E. Hodgins, V. L. Yancey and E. W. Wilkerson.

The Devotional Committee made a partial report which was accepted.

By motion the business session was adjourned till 1:30 P. M.

FRIDAY 11:00 A. M.

The message was brought in great power by Elder J. F. Williams. Scripture reading: Romans 12:1-10. Text: Romans 12:2, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

FRIDAY 1:00 P. M.

The house was called to order by the clerk.

The moderator appointed as Auditing Committee Bros. Ira Meeks, J. J. Rich and Henry Pickett.

Bro. A. M. Roberts resigned as member of the Executive Committee and Bro. John Pickett was appointed to fill out his unexpired term.

Bro. Henry Black was appointed on the Executive Committee in Bro. J. D. Killburn's place whose time has expired.

Bro. G. W. Hollis was appointed as delegate to represent this Association in the Alabama-Mississippi State Association at Bethel church, Marvel, Ala., Route 1 convening on Monday after the fourth Sunday in October 1937.

A free will offering of \$8.02 was taken to defray the expenses of our delegate to the State Association and to pay our \$5.00 fee for minutes.

An inspirational talk was made by Bro. J. M. Shirley regarding the negligent attitude of our people toward financing the cause of Christ.

Following this Bro. J. F. Williams made an interesting talk in which he outlined the duties of the deacons in regard to raising finance for the kingdom work.

Elder V. L. Yancey made an interesting report of the work of our State Association last year.

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

Elder J. D. Killburn, by request of one of the candidates for license to preach was added to the Ordaining Council.

By motion the reports from the Auditing Committee and Ordaining Council were accepted.

Motion carried that Bro. J. C. Hollingsworth be granted license to preach the Gospel for one year.

Motion carried that Bro. Lyman Ogle be ordained to the full function of the ministry.

Moved to adjourn till 8: A. M. Saturday. Benediction by Elder V. L. Yancey.

SATURDAY 8:00 A. M.

The body was called together by singing. Prayer by Elder Lyman Ogle. Devotional conducted by Sister Lillie Pearl Guy. Scripture reading James 2:1-12.

The house was called to order by the clerk. Prayer by Elder J. E. Hodgins.

The following committees made their reports which were accepted: Education, Home Mission, Devotional, Deceased Members, Sabbath Schools, Family Religion and Business.

The Ordaining Council called Bro. Sam Goodwin into examination as to his call to the ministry and reported the examination satisfactory, which report was accepted.

The Committees on Temperance, Literature, and Standing of the Ministry rendered their reports which were by motion accepted.

Motion carried that the moderator appoint a committee to investigate

the rumors against the ministers who were not recommended as being in good standing.

By motion the petition for membership into this body from the Second Free Will Baptist church of Alabama City be referred to the Executive Committee of this Association.

The moderator appointed as Investigating Committee, Bros. C. F. Kendrick, J. M. Shirley, J. E. Harkins, D. N. Davis, E. W. Wilkerson, J. E. Hodgins and R. H. Howard.

Moved to adjourn till 1:00 P. M.

SATURDAY 11:00 A. M.

The message was brought by Elder J. J. Staab. Scripture reading Psalms 12:1-2. Text Matt. 11:28, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Following this service, Elder Lyman Ogle was ordained to the full function of the ministry.

SATURDAY 1:00 P. M.

The body was called together by singing. Devotional services were conducted by Bro. J. C. Hollingsworth. After an interesting and soul-stirring testimonial service, the clerk called the house to order for business.

The Committee on Resolutions rendered its report which was, by motion accepted.

A motion was carried for each church to keep funds collected for a tent, in the local church treasury, until a sufficient amount is collected in the various Churches to purchase a tent for evangelistic purposes, after which it may be paid out for this purpose by order of the Executive Committee.

By motion the next session of this Association will convene with Bethel Church, Marvel, Ala., Route one.

Motion carried to give certificates of standing to the ordained ministers of Alabama City Church if the Executive Board is successful in adjusting the grievances of the two factions.

By motion the clerk is authorized to draw on the Home mission for funds to finish out the expense of having five hundred minutes printed.

By motion the clerk is to be paid ten dollars out of Associational treasury for her clerical duties.

By motion Bros. C. F. Kendrick, J. M. Shirley, J. E. Harkins, R. H. Howard, D. N. Davis, E. W. Wilkerson and J. E. Hodgins be retained as Investigating Committee until the misunderstanding at Alabama City Church be cleared up.

Motion to adjourn. Benediction by Elder L. L. Davis.

SATURDAY 7:00 P. M.

After singing and prayer a glorious prayer and praise service was conducted by Bro. Goodwin.

Following this service Elder Lyman Ogle brought a Spirit-filled message on "The Blood of Christ." Scripture reading Matt. 26:26-29, Text Matt. 26:27, "Drink ye all of it."

Elder Sam Wheat followed, conducting the Communion and feet-washing service. Scripture reading St. John 13:15.

At the close of this service a motion was unanimously carried to change the meeting of the Association to Friday 7:30 P. M. before the first Sunday in each October.

By motion the Association stands adjourned to meet with Bethel church on Friday before the first Sunday in October 1938, 7:30 P. M.

Closing prayer by Sister Fannie Harper.

ELDER SAM WHEAT, Moderator

MRS. A. R. HARPER, Clerk and Treasurer

FRIDAY 7:30 P. M.

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

The fifty-ninth Annual session of the Minister's Conference of The Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association convened with Pleasant Valley Church.

The house was called to order by the clerk. Elder R. H. Howard conducted the devotional. Scripture reading Psalm 1.

The conference then went into the election of officers. Elder J. D. Killburn was elected moderator with Elder E. W. Wilkerson as his assistant.

By motion the present clerk was retained for another year.

The conference was found to be in fellowship and harmony.

The moderator then called the roll of ministers and they reported their last year's work as follows:

Elder J. E. Hodgins—No. churches pastored 2, no. sermons preached 85, no. baptized none, no. funerals conducted 5, no. marriages performed 1, no. revivals assisted in 6, no. miles traveled 1,030, amount of offerings received \$144.60, expense of ministerial work \$18.00.

R. H. Howard—No. sermons preached 47, no. marriages performed 2, no. funerals conducted 3, no. revivals assisted in 4, no. miles traveled 1,016, amount of offering received \$49.38, expense of ministerial work \$10.65.

E. L. Ishell—Absent.

W. F. Ishell—Absent.

A. J. Davis—Deceased.

A. W. Kendrick—Absent.

H. E. Hewitt—Absent.

A. G. Robersshaw—No. churches pastored none, no. sermons preached 75, no. baptized none, no. funerals conducted none, no. revivals assisted in 1, no. miles traveled 700, amount of offering received \$45.00, expense of ministerial work \$25.00.

W. A. Wisner—No. churches pastored 1, no. baptized 2, no. sermons preached 43, no. marriages performed 7, no. funerals conducted 4, no revivals assisted in 1, no. miles traveled 800, amount of offering received \$10.70, expense of ministerial work \$15.00.

E. W. Wilkerson—No. churches pastored 3, no. sermons preached 17, no. baptized 1, no. funerals conducted 6, no. marriages performed 1, no. miles traveled 542, amount of offerings received \$18.35, expense of ministerial work \$6.85, (on account of his physical condition, Bro. Wilkerson had to give up his ministerial work in the early summer.)

L. L. Davis—No. churches pastored 2, no. sermons preached 47, no. revivals assisted in 3, no. miles traveled 1,819, amount of offering received \$87.55, expense of ministerial work \$54.57.

L. M. Davis—Oral report.

Lee Hanks—No. churches pastored 3, no. sermons preached 87, no. funerals conducted 6, no. marriages performed 2, no. revivals assisted in 9, no. miles traveled 2,890, amount of offering received \$92.09, expense of ministerial work \$36.80.

D. L. Baker—Oral report.

Floyd Burrell—Oral report.

J. J. Staab—No. sermons preached 103, no. baptized 1, no. marriages performed 4, no. revivals assisted in 3, no. miles traveled 583, amount received \$40.00, expense of ministerial work \$9.50.

J. D. Killburn—no. churches pastored 1, no. sermons preached 52, no. funerals conducted 2, no. revivals assisted in 3, no. miles traveled 924, amount of offering received \$7.80, expense of ministerial work \$26.65.

Sam Wheat—No. churches pastored 1, no. sermons preached 208, no. baptized 24, no. revivals assisted in 5, no. miles traveled 5,122, Amount of offerings received \$126.93, expense of ministerial work \$40.20.

Lyman Ogle—No. churches pastored none, no. sermons preached 38, no. revivals assisted in 3, no. miles traveled 300, amount of offerings received none, expense of ministerial work \$10.00.

J. F. Williams—No. churches pastored none, no. sermons preached 20, no. miles traveled 200, amount of offerings received \$6.23, expense of ministerial work \$2.25.

H. W. Smith—Oral report.

T. J. Adair—Oral report.

H. M. Black—No. churches pastored 3, no. sermons preached 94, no. funerals conducted none, no. revivals assisted in 4, no. miles traveled 4,976, amount of offerings received \$62.91, expense of ministerial work \$39.05.

V. L. Yancey—No. churches pastored 1, no. sermons preached 91, no. funerals conducted 1, no. revivals assisted in 2, amount of offerings received \$36.50, Expense of ministerial work \$26.30.

The doors of the conference were opened for reception of new mem-

bers. Bros. Lyman Ogle and J. C. Hollingsworth came forward and by motion were received.

By motion the conference was adjourned until Saturday night before the first Sunday in Oct. 1938, 7:00 P. M.

ELDER J. D. KILLBURN, Moderator

G. W. HOLLIS, Clerk

MINISTERIAL ROLL

(Ordained)

J. E. Hodgens	Chelsea, Ala., Route 1.
R. H. Howard	Sterrett, Ala., Route 1.
E. W. Wilkerson	Pell City, Ala.
W. F. Ishell,	Birmingham, Ala.
L. L. Davis	Chelsea, Ala., Route 1.
L. M. Davis	Sterrett, Ala., Route 1.
Lee Hanks	Adamsville, Ala.
D. L. Baker	Vandiver, Ala.
Floyd Burrell	Brookside, Ala.
J. J. Staab,	2313 N. 33rd Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
Henry M. Black,	Adamsville, Ala.
Sam Wheat	26 Twin St., Sylacauga, Ala.
V. L. Yancey,	8 View St., Alabama City, Ala.
J. F. Williams	P. O. Box 775, Wylam, Ala.
Lyman Ogle,	Sylacauga, Ala.
J. D. Killburn,	Eden, Ala., Route 1.

(Licentiates)

J. C. Hollingsworth	Sylacauga, Ala.
Sam Goodwin	Brookside, Ala.

MEMORIAM

Since our last session, God, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to call from our ranks, one of our best known and best beloved ministers, Elder A. J. Davis, affectionately known as uncle John.

Uncle John, in his early youth, accepted Christ as his personal Saviour and consecrated his life to God. For about twenty years he was a minister of the Gospel and was faithful to his high calling until God called him home.

He was filling his regular appointment at Bethel Church on the second Sunday in November 1936 when he was stricken with his last illness, from which he died the following Thursday.

It is with sadness that we give him up but we realize that our loss is Heaven's gain, and that he has gone Home to wear the crown of eternal life promised to all those who are faithful until death.

He leaves to mourn his passing, a widow, five sons and five daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

We extend to them our deepest sympathy, and point them, for comfort in their sad hours, to Jesus, who feels our woes and sympathizes with us in every sorrow.

He was laid to rest beneath a beautiful mound of flowers in Pleasant Valley Cemetery in which vicinity, the greater part of his life was spent. Funeral services were conducted by Elder E. W. Wilkerson.

To God's will, we humbly bow, as we look with longing eyes toward the Shore of Sweet Deliverance where Uncle John awaits our coming.

MRS. A. R. HARPER

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

STANDING OF THE MINISTRY

We, your committee on the Standing of the ministry submit the following report:

We find all the ordained ministers of our association in good standing except the following: Elders V. L. Yancey, A. G. Robershaw, J. I. Taylor, W. A. Wisner, T. J. Adair and E. L. Ishell.

By investigating we have found rumors against these beloved brothers.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. KENDRICK, Chairman

EDUCATION

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

We feel that the great need of our nation is for our people to be educated enough to read, study and understand the Word of God. If we can do that, God, being the greatest teacher of all things, will teach us the remainder. Let the Bible be our guide.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. Harris, Chairman

SABBATH SCHOOLS

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

We believe that it is our duty to help organize Sabbath Schools in all the churches that do not have one, so that the children may be taught in the right way—to love and serve the Lord.

We believe that anyone serving on a committee should love the Lord with his whole heart.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. CRABTREE, Chairman

FAMILY RELIGION

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

Daily Bible reading and family prayer practiced in our homes makes happy homes and instills within the hearts of our children divine principles from which they will not depart.

Respectfully submitted,

WINNIE LOU OLGE, Chairman

TEMPERANCE

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

We may be temperate in many ways. The greatest need of temperance today is in our speech and in the acts of our every day life. May the Holy Spirit ever be our guide in what we say and do.

We recommend that our people strive to be temperate in all things that God may be glorified in our deeds.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. HOWARD, Chairman

LITERATURE

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. DAVIS, Chairman

DECEASED MEMBERS

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

We extend our sympathy to the bereaved hearts of the friends and loved ones of the following deceased members of our churches: Sister Mandy Ishell of Mt. Olive, Elder A. J. Davis of Bellview, Sister Baldwin and Sister Helton, of Alabama City, Sister Nettie Minlard of Meadows Chapel, Bros. B. T. Crim and G. W. Harris and Sister Minnie Rich of Mt. Zion, Bro. John Duncan of Mt. Pleasant and Sister Mary Shirley of Pleasant Valley.

With sad hearts we commend the bereaved ones to the loving and tender mercies of God, who alone is able to help us in our bereaved state.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. McDONOUGH, Chairman

BUSINESS

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

Item 1. We find in the letter from Sylacauga Church a request that Bro. Lyman Oble be examined, and if found worthy, that he be ordained to the full function of the ministry.

Item 2. We also find in this same letter a request that Bro. J. C. Hollingsworth be examined as to his call to the ministry and that if he is found worthy, be granted license to preach the Gospel for twelve months.

Item 3. We recommend that this body grant Bro. H. W. Smith's ordination papers back to him.

Item 4. We find a request from Burrell's Chapel Church that Bro. Sam Goodwin be examined as to his call to the ministry and if found worthy, that he be granted license to preach the Gospel for twelve months.

Item 5. We find that both factions of Alabama City Church have departed from the Discipline and have confessed same.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. Kendrick, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions submit the following report:

1. We find that the fifty cents assessment for home missions has not come up as we expected. Therefore, we recommend that the pastor of each church preach a sermon during the year on Finance and its importance in the spreading of the Gospel.

2. Be it resolved that we tender to Almighty God our thanks for His goodness and blessings during the past associational year and for His manifest presence in our midst during this session.

3. Be it resolved further, that we tender our thanks to God and the good people of this church and community for their kindness and hospitality while among them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HODGENS, Chairman

HOME MISSION

We, your Home Mission Board submit our financial report as follows:

Balance on hand from 1936	\$12.10
Burrells Chapel	2.00
Ryans	6.00
Pleasant Valley	11.00
Meadows Chapel	1.00
Providence	2.00
Union Hill	1.50
Claras Chapel	1.50
Mt. Pleasant	2.00
Marys Chapel	1.00
First F. W. B. Church of Birmingham	2.00

Total ----- \$42.10

Respectfully submitted,

D. N. DAVIS, Chairman

WILL HODGES,

G. W. HOLLIS, Clerk and Treasurer

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,

J. I. MEEKS, Chairman

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURY

Balance on hand from 1936	\$ 1.00
Mt. Pleasant	3.00
Claras Chapel	1.95
Ryans	2.50
Pleasant Valley	5.00
Pilgrims Rest	1.00
Bethel	2.00
Bell View	.75
Mt. Zion	1.00
Marys Chapel	.50
Providence	2.10
Meadows Chapel	2.01
Mt. Olive	1.50
Shady Grove	2.50
Union Hill	1.25
Kerrs Chapel	.40
Elder Lee Hanks	1.00

Total amount received ----- \$29.46

Disbursements

Printing of 500 minutes	\$27.50
Postage and Insurance	1.22
Mailing to churches and stationery	2.25
Amount paid out	\$30.97
Amount received	29.46
Amount due clerk	\$ 1.51

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. R. HARPER, Clerk and Treas.

INVESTIGATIONS

Alabama City, Ala.
October 16, 1937

To The Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association, Greetings:

We, your Committee appointed to investigate the differences arising in Alabama City Church beg to report our investigation as follows:

We find the First Free Will Baptist church out of order, the church having acknowledged to same and having asked forgiveness for their illegal act. We forgave them on condition that they rescind their illegal act which would place them back in full fellowship with the Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association. Having done this they will automatically come in good standing after having notified the moderator of the Association. Elder V. L. Yancy and Elder W. T. Crabtree after taking these same steps shall become eligible for certificates of standing from the Association.

We further find Elders A. G. Robersshaw, J. I. Taylor and W. A. Wisner out of fellowship, also their followers who withdrew from the First Free Will Baptist Church.

We annul their action and demand the credentials of the three ministers above named until they make satisfaction through this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

ELDER J. E. HODGENS
ELDER E. W. WILKERSON
ELDER J. F. WILLIAMS
ELDER L. L. DAVIS
ELDER SAM WHEAT

INVESTIGATION

November 27, 1937

We, a Committee of four ordained ministers appointed by the moderator of the Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association to hear the rumors against Elder T. J. Adair beg to submit the following report:

At Bro. Adair's request, an investigation of the rumors against him were held at his home church—Ryans, and after having his accusers brought forward and hearing their evidence we recommend that Bro. Adair be given a year's probation.

Respectfully submitted,

ELDER J. E. HODGENS, Chairman
ELDER J. L. CONNER
ELDER L. L. DAVIS
ELDER J. D. OSBOURNE

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 Sixtieth 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 this year by letter _____ No. received by baptism _____ No. dismissed by letter _____ No. excluded _____ No. died _____ Total membership _____ Condition of prayer meeting _____ Condition of Sabbath School _____ Average no. in attendance _____ Amount paid pastor \$_____ Amt. enclosed for Home Missions \$_____ Amt. enclosed for minutes \$_____ Amt. spent this year for building and repairs \$_____

Pastor's name _____

Pastor's address _____

Names of ministers belonging to our church _____

Done by order of _____
Church assembled in Conference this _____ day of _____ 1938.

Moderator

Church Clerk
Clerk's address _____

MINISTERS' 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 _____ Amt. of offerings received \$_____ Expense of ministerial work \$_____

Remarks _____

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Clerks and Addresses	Pastors	Counties	Recd. by letter	Recd. by baptism	Dis. by letter	Excluded	Died	Members
Pleasant Valley	Miss Mable Shirley, Chelsea, Ala. -----	J. E. Hodgens ---	Shelby -----	1	---	1	---	1	101
Union Hill -----	W. C. Walker, Sterrett, Ala., Rt. 1 -----	E. W. Wilkerson	Shelby -----	1	---	1	---	---	68
Claras Chapel	Mrs. Sam Peeples, Boothton, Ala. -----	T. J. Adair -----	Shelby -----	1	---	3	---	---	96
Bethel -----	Mrs. Agnes Crenshaw, Marvel, Ala., Rt. 1 -----	L. L. Davis -----	Shelby -----	---	---	---	---	1	73
Bell View -----	Mack Jones, Leeds, Ala. -----	A. J. Lambert --	Jefferson -----	---	---	---	---	1	34
Providence -----	L. W. Adams, Dunnivant, Ala. -----	J. D. Killburn --	Shelby -----	2	---	---	---	---	35
Mt. Zion -----	E. W. Harris, Pell City, Ala. -----	H. M. Black -----	St. Clair -----	2	1	---	24	3	59
Hepsabah -----	W. H. McLaughlin, Trussville, Ala. Rt. 2 -----	J. D. Killburn --	St. Clair -----	---	---	---	---	---	27
Liberty -----	H. C. Cash, Lawley, Ala -----	L. L. Davis -----	Bibb -----	---	1	---	---	---	38
Ryans -----	L. W. Kendrick, Maylene, Ala. -----	J. E. Hodgens --	Shelby -----	1	---	---	---	---	18
Meadows Chapel	W. M. Minyard, Blossburg, Ala. -----	Lee Hanks -----	Jefferson -----	3	3	1	---	1	65
Kerrs Chapel --	Not Represented -----	-----	-----	---	---	---	---	---	---
Pilgrims Rest --	Not Represented -----	-----	-----	---	---	---	---	---	---
Marys Chapel --	J. P. Sexton, Brookwood, Ala. -----	H. M. Black -----	Tuscaloosa -----	1	1	---	---	---	15
Mt. Olive -----	Frank Minor, Dunnivant, Ala. -----	Sam Wheat -----	Shelby -----	---	---	2	---	1	46
Alabama City --	Mattie Johnson, 23 Mitchell Ave., Ala. City, Ala. --	V. L. Yancey --	Etowah -----	7	9	14	---	2	168
Burrells Chapel	Not Represented -----	-----	-----	---	---	---	---	---	---
Shady Grove --	Mrs. Joe Click, Brookside, Ala. -----	Lee Hanks -----	Jefferson -----	13	18	1	---	---	66
Oak Grove -----	Miss Flora Long -----	H. M. Black -----	Jefferson -----	---	---	---	---	---	14
Birmingham --	H. A. McSpadden -----	J. J. Staab -----	Jefferson -----	15	3	4	---	---	28
Sylacauga -----	Grady Collins, 26 Twin St., Sylacauga, Ala. -----	Sam Wheat -----	Talladega -----	17	24	2	11	---	53
Mt. Pleasant --	J. W. Barnett, Sprott, Ala. -----	T. J. Adair -----	Perry -----	---	---	---	---	1	49
Total -----				64	60	24	35	11	1050