

MINUTES
of the
Sixtieth Annual Session
of the
Cahaba Free Will Baptist
ASSOCIATION

Held With
BETHEL CHURCH
Marvel, Alabama, Route 1,
SEPT. 30TH AND OCT. 1ST, 1938.



OFFICERS

Moderator Elder H. M. Black, Adamsville, Ala.
Ass't. Moderator Elder J. J. Staab, 2313 N. 33rd Ave., Birmingham
Clerk and Treasurer Mrs. A. R. Harper, Boothton, Alabama
Ass't. Clerk L. W. Kendrick, Maylene, Alabama

The next session of this Association will Convene With
First Free Will Baptist Church, of Sylacauga, Ala.,
on Thursday night, before the First Sunday
in October, 1939 at 7:30 o'clock.

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, 7:30 P. M., SEPT. 30, 1938.

The Sixtieth annual session of Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association convened with Bethel Church.

After congregational singing and a few opening remarks by Elder J. E. Hodgins, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder R. H. Howard. Scripture reading Romans 6th chapter, Text-Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death." This great message was truly one of inspiration, accomplished by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Assistant Moderator then took charge and appointed the following named brothers as Credential Committee:

R. E. Collins, J. C. Hollingsworth and H. A. McSpadden.

Homes were assigned delegates and we had benediction by Elder Lyman Ogle.

SATURDAY, 8 A. M.

After singing by the congregation, the house was called to order by the Clerk. Following a short talk by the Clerk, the body was called to prayer by Bro. C. F. Kendrick.

Devotional was conducted by Elder J. D. Osborne. Scripture reading Romans 8:1-10.

The Assistant Moderator, Elder J. F. Williams, then took charge and after the hand of Christian fellowship was taken, the body proceeded to business.

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

Union Hill--By letter.

Pleasant Valley--Bros. W. C. Shirley and W. B. Martin.

Clara's Chapel--Bros. R. T. Poole, Roy Harper and Mrs. Sam Peebles.

Bethel--Bros. Bill Pickett, Tommie Pickett and Sister Agnes Crenshaw.

Bell View--By letter.

Providence--Bros. Jim Henson and Luke Harris.

Mt. Olive--Bros. Earl Isbell and Shelley Isbell.

Mt. Zion--Bros. Henry Rowe, James McCullough and Jas. Cline.

Mt. Pleasant--Bros. H. B. Rogers and J. W. Barnett.

Hespabab--Not represented.

Liberty--By letter.

Ryans--Bro. P. B. Davis.

Meadows Chapel--Sisters Sarah Harden, George Ann Kelly and Bertha Kelly.

Kerr's Chapel--Not represented.

Pilgrim's Rest--Not represented.

Mary's Chapel--Bro. Roland Dean and Sister W. E. Creel.

Alabama City--Bro. Earl Rodgers.
Burrell's Chapel--Not represented.
Shady Grove--Sister Josie Black and Bro. Edward Click.
Oak Grove--By letter.
Birmingham--Bro. H. A. McSpadden.
Sylvauga--Bros. C. F. Kendrick, R. E. Collins, Grady Collins and Sister Carrie Osbourne.

The chairman appointed the reading committee as follows:
Bros. J. J. Staab and Lyman Ogle.

The Credential Committee reported all letters in due form.

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

By motion the Association went into the election of a permanent moderator. Elder H. M. Black was chosen, with Elder J. J. Staab as assistant.

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

The doors of the Association were then opened for reception of new churches. The following petitions were presented: Shiloh, Brown's Chapel and Davis Chapel.

Motion carried to accept these churches and seat their regular delegates as follows:

Shiloh--Bro. E. T. Blizzard.

Brown's Chapel--Bros. Lee, Culver and Willie Frank Johnston.

Davis Chapel--Bros. Percy Stokes, Virgil Howard and Sister Minnie Howard

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

DEVOTIONAL--Bros. W. B. Shirley, H. A. McSpadden, and E. T. Blizzard with the deacons of Bethel Church.

STANDING OF THE MINISTRY--Bros. C. F. Kendrick, R. E. Collins, Roy Harper, W. B. Shirley, Bill Pickett and Robbie Littlefield.

SABBATH SCHOOLS--Bros. Ro'and Dean, Grady Collins, Sisters Josie Black and Flossie Peeples.

EDUCATION--Bros. H. T. Rogers, Edward Click and Percy Stokes.

FAMILY RELIGION--Bro. R. T. Poole. Sister Sarah Harden and Carrie Osborne.

TEMPERANCE--Elders Lyman. Ogle, Lee Hanks and R. H. Howard.

DECEASED MEMBERS--Bros. G. W. Hollis, J. D. Kilburn and J. E. Harkins.

LITERATURE--Bros. Jim Henson, James McCullough and Henry Rowe.

RESOLUTIONS--Elders J. E. Hodgens, L. N. Barber and Bros. B. E. Martin.

BUSINESS--Elders J. F. Williams, J. D. Osborne and Bro. Earl Isbell.

ORDAINING COUNCIL--Elders R. H. Howard, J. E. Hodgens, W. S. Isbell, J. C. Hollingsworth, Lyman Ogle and J. D. Kilburn.

AUDITING--Bros. Charlie Franklin, Virgil Howard, P. B. Davis, Shelley Isbell and Lee Culver.

By motion, the body was adjourned, to resume business at one o'clock P. M.

SATURDAY, 11 O'CLOCK

The message was brought in great power by Elder H. M. Black. Scripture reading 1st Corinthians, 3rd Chapter. Text, 1st Cor. 3:11, "Other foundations can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

This message was followed by another great message of truth and edification by Elder J. C. Hollingsworth, youngest minister in the Cahaba River F. W. Baptist Association.

SATURDAY, 1 P. M.

The house was called to order by the Moderator.

The Devotional was conducted by Elder L. N. Barber. Scripture reading Hebrews 12: 1-6.

The body then resumed its business with the moderator in charge. The moderator appointed Bro. J. E. Harkins on the Executive Committee to take the place of Bro. Rufus Franklin, who retires. Bro. G. W. Hollis was appointed to represent this Association in the Alabama-Mississippi Association, which convenes with Springfield Church, Vernon, Ala., on Monday night, following the fourth Sunday in October, 1938.

The Business Committee made a final report, which was received and all items adopted.

The following committees rendered their reports which were accepted: Auditing, Deceased members, Home Mission, Sabbath Schools, Family Religion, Education and Literature.

By request, Elder V. L. Yancey made a report on the condition of Alabama City Church.

Elder J. D. Osborne made a motion, which was carried, that we send an Ordaining Council to Alabama City to re-establish the Church organization there. The following were appointed on this Council: Bro. G. W. Hollis, Elders E. W. Wilkerson and L. N. Barber.

The committee on Temperance made its report, which was by motion accepted.

Motion carried that the clerk be instructed to have three hundred minutes printed. By motion the clerk was authorized to draw on the Home Mission treasury for the deficit in printing and clerical expenses. By motion the clerk is to receive ten dollars (\$10.00) for her work.

By motion, the next session of this association will convene

with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Sylacauga on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1939.

The body was adjourned to resume business at 7 p. m.

SATURDAY, 7 P. M.

Special music, which was highly enjoyed by all, was rendered by Bro. Melvin Kendrick and his quartet of small children.

The house was then called to order by the Moderator, who conducted the Devotional. Scripture reading Psalms 23. Prayer by Rev. Frank Colburn.

The Chairman of the Ordaining Council recommended that the request of Alabama City for the ordination of Bro. Earl Rodgers, as deacon be granted. By motion this request was granted.

The Committee on The Standing of the Ministry made its report, which was by motion accepted.

By motion, the Ordaining and Investigating Council will meet with Elder L. L. Davis at Bethel Church on Friday night before the Second Sunday in November, 1938, at 7:30 to investigate charges brought against him by said church.

The following named brothers were ordained as deacons—Percy Stokes, and Virgil Howard, of Davis Chapel, Willie Frank Johnson and Lee Culver, of Browns Chapel, and Earl Rodgers, of Alabama City.

The body adjourned for ministers conference.

SATURDAY, 8:00 P. M.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Sixtieth session of the Ministers' Conference of the Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association convened with the Bethel Church.

The conference was called to order by the clerk. The moderator, Elder J. D. Kilburn, conducted the devotional, reading St. Matt. 5, and calling the body to prayer. He then declared the conference ready for business.

Election of permanent moderator resulted in the choice of Elder J. E. Hodgins with Elder Lee Hanks as assistant.

Bro. G. W. Hollis was, by motion, retained as clerk.

After taking the right hand of love and fellowship the doors of the conference were opened for reception of new members. The following named ministers came forward and by motion were received: Elders D. J. East, L. N. Barber, J. D. Osborne, and J. F. Williams.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats in the conference.

The roll of ministers was called as follows:

J. E. HODGENS

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| No Churches pastored | 4 |
| No sermons preached | 97 |

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| No baptized | 4 |
| No funerals conducted | 6 |
| No marriages performed | 3 |
| No revivals assisted in | 4 |
| No miles travelled | 1997 |
| Amount of offerings received | \$134.00 |
| Expense of Ministerial work | \$31.14 |

R. H. HOWARD

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| No churches pastored | 1 |
| No. Sermons preached | 74 |
| No. funerals conducted | 5 |
| No. Marriages performed | 1 |
| No. Revivals Assisted in | 3 |
| No. miles traveled | 755 |
| Amount of offerings received | \$100.10 |
| Expense of ministerial work | 26.14 |

E. W. WILKERSON

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| No. Churches pastored—None, on account of bad health. | |
| No. Sermons preached | 6 |
| No. Funerals conducted | 1 |
| No. marriages performed | 1 |
| Amount of offerings received | \$1.00 |
| Expense of ministerial work | 0 |

W. F. ISBELL

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| No. Churches pastored | 0 |
| No. Sermons preached | 5 |
| No. Baptised | 0 |
| No funerals conducted | 1 |
| No. marriages performed | 2 |
| No. Revivals assisted in | 1 |
| No. Miles travelled | 400 |

E. L. ISBELL

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| No. Churches pastored | 0 |
| No. Sermons preached | 9 |
| No funerals conducted | 1 |
| No. Revivals assisted in | 1 |

L. L. DAVIS

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| No. Churches Pastored | 2 |
| No. Sermons preached | 81 |
| No. Revivals assisted in | 3 |
| No. Miles travelled | 2045 |
| Amount of offerings received | \$140.20 |
| Expense of Ministerial work | \$61.55 |

LEE HANKS

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| No. Churches pastored | 0 |
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| No. Sermons preached | 158 |
| No. Baptized | 19 |
| No. funerals conducted | 6 |
| No. marriages performed | 4 |
| No. Revivals assisted in | 14 |
| No. miles travelled | 5577 |
| Amount of offerings received | \$110.87 |
| Expense of Ministerial work | \$107.54 |

D. L. BAKER

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| No. Churches pastored | 0 |
| No. Sermons preached | 8 |
| No. Marriages performed | 1 |

FLOYD BURRELL

Name dropped by motion, his having joined another denomination.

J. J. STAAB

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| No. Churches pastored | 0 |
| No. Sermons preached | 48 |
| No. Revivals assisted in | 3 |
| No. Miles travelled | 326 |
| No. marriages performed | 4 |
| No. Funerals conducted | 1 |
| Amount of offerings received | \$5.35 |
| Expense of Ministerial work | \$3.26 |

H. M. BLACK

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|------------------------------------|---------|
| No. Churches pastored | 3 |
| No. Sermons preached | 97 |
| No. Revivals assisted in | 4 |
| No. Miles travelled | 3000 |
| No. Funerals conducted | 3 |
| Amount of offerings received | \$94.22 |
| Expense of Ministerial work | \$39.52 |

SAM WHEAT

Named dropped by motion, as he no longer holds membership with any church of this association.

V. L. YANCEY

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|------------------------------------|---------|
| No. churches pastored | 1 |
| No. Sermons preached | 81 |
| No. Funerals conducted | 2 |
| No. Marriages performed | 2 |
| No. Revivals assisted in | 2 |
| No. Miles travelled | 1200 |
| Amount of offerings received | \$8.20 |
| Expense of Ministerial work | \$18.50 |

J. F. WILLIAMS

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| No. Churches pastored | 2 |
| No. Sermons preached | 110 |
| No. Funerals conducted | 1 |
| No. Revivals assisted in | 6 |
| No. Miles travelled | 1680 |
| Amount of offerings received | \$154.71 |
| Expense of ministerial work | \$47.64 |

LYMAN OGLE

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|------------------------------------|---------|
| No. Churches pastored | 2 |
| No. Sermons preached | 81 |
| No. Baptized | 11 |
| No. Funerals conducted | 1 |
| No. Marriages performed | 1 |
| No. Revivals assisted in | 6 |
| No. Miles travelled | 1100 |
| Amount of offerings received | \$32.86 |
| Expense of Ministerial work | \$15.95 |

J. C. HOLLINGSWORTH

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| No. Churches pastored | 1 |
| No. Sermons preached | 150 |
| No. Baptized | 11 |
| No. funerals conducted | 1 |
| No. Marriages performed | 1 |
| No. Revivals assisted in | 6 |
| No. miles travelled | 1050 |
| Amount of offerings received | \$21.50 |
| Expense of ministerial work | \$18.82 |

J. D. KILBURN

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| No. Churches pastored | 2 |
| No. Sermons preached | 47 |
| No. Marriages performed | 3 |
| No. Revivals assisted in | 2 |
| No. Miles travelled | 2605 |
| Amount of offerings received | \$11.38 |
| Expense of ministerial work | \$24.05 |

W. A. WISNER

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| No. Churches pastored | 1 |
| No. Sermons preached | 43 |
| No. Baptized | 2 |
| No. Marriages performed | 7 |
| No. Funerals conducted | 4 |
| No. Revivals assisted in | 1 |
| No. Miles travelled | 800 |
| Amount of offerings received | \$10.70 |
| Expense of ministerial work | \$15.00 |

ALLEN HIGGINBOTHAM

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| No. Churches pastored | 0 |
| No. Sermons preached | 18 |
| No. Marriages performed | 1 |
| No miles travelled | 232 |
| Expense of ministerial work | \$5.26 |

L. N. BARBER

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|------------------------------------|--------|
| No. Churches pastored | 0 |
| No. Sermons preached | 35 |
| No. Baptised | 4 |
| No. Marriages performed | 2 |
| No. Revivals assisted in | 2 |
| No. Miles travelled | 250 |
| Amount of offerings received | \$8.30 |
| Expenses of Ministerial work | \$4.65 |

H. E. HEWITT

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| No. Churches pastored | 0 |
| No. Sermons preached | 25 |
| No. Revivals assisted in | 2 |
| No. Marriages performed | 1 |
| No. Miles travelled | 818 |
| Amount of offerings received | 25c |
| Expense of ministerial work | \$15.05 |

H. W. SMITH

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| No. Churches pastored | 0 |
| No. Sermons preached | 10 |
| No. Miles travelled | 50 |
| Amount of offerings received | \$9.00 |
| Expense of ministerial work | \$2.00 |

D. J. EAST, Verbal report.

J. D. OSBORNE, Verbal report

A number of the ministers made interesting talks concerning the kingdom work, after which the conference was adjourned to meet on Friday night before the First Sunday in October, 1939 at 8 p. m.

ELDER J. E. HODGENS, Moderator,
G. W. HOLLIS, Clerk.

MINISTERIAL ROLL

- J. E. Hodgens, Chelsea, Ala., Route 1.
- R. H. Howard, Sterrett, Alabama.
- E. W. Wilkerson, Pell City, Alabama.
- W. F. Isbell, Irondale, Alabama, Route 1.
- E. L. Isbell, Irondale, Ala., Route 1.
- L. L. Davis, Chelsea, Alabama, Route 1.
- Lee Hanks, Adamsville, Alabama.

- D. L. Baker, Sylacauga, Alabama, Route 2.
- J. J. Staab, 2313 N. 33rd Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
- H. M. Black, Adamsville, Alabama.
- V. L. Yancey, 8 View Street, Alabama City, Alabama.
- J. F. Williams, Route 8, Box 427, Birmingham, Alabama.
- Lyman Ogle, 53 Georgia Ave., Sylacauga, Alabama.
- J. D. Kilburn, Eden, Alabama.
- J. C. Hollingsworth, 203 Anniston Ave., Sylacauga, Ala.
- W. A. Wisner, 402 R. R. Ave., Alabama City, Ala.
- Allen Higginbotham, Pell City, Alabama.
- L. N. Barber, Pell City, Alabama.
- H. E. Hewitt, Mulga, Alabama.
- H. W. Smith, Lawley, Alabama.
- T. J. Adair, Chelsea, Alabama.
- D. J. East, Sylacauga, Alabama, Route 2.
- J. D. Osborne, Sylacauga, Alabama.
- R. E. Drummons, Mulga, Alabama.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- J. E. Harkins, Underwood, Alabama.
- Elder H. M. Black, Adamsville, Alabama.
- John Pickett, Marvel, Alabama, Route 1.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing Of the Ministry

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

We recommend that the following named ministers be given certificates of standing for twelve months:

Elders R. H. Howard, Lee Hanks, E. W. Wilkerson, J. J. Staab, H. M. Black, V. L. Yancey, Lyman Ogle, J. D. Kilburn, J. C. Hollingsworth, H. E. Hewitt, D. J. East, J. D. Osborne, L. N. Barber, T. J. Adair, R. E. Drummons and E. L. Isbell.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. COLLINS, Chairman.

Education

We, your Committee on Education submit the following report:

We realize that a literary education is necessary to help us study and understand God's Word and to get along in this life.

We think our nation, as a whole, should strive to get a Christian education to help in this world and prepare for the world to come.

Respectfully submitted,

H. T. ROGERS, Chairman.

Sabbath Schools

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

We find that out of the twenty churches represented in this Association there are sixteen that have Sabbath Schools. We recommend that the pastors of the four churches having no Sabbath School urge that they organize one.

We find that the Sabbath School lends great strength to the church.

Respectfully submitted,

ROLAND DEAN, 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. We believe that temperance and prayer should be practiced in our every day life.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. POOLE, Chairman.

Temperance

We your Temperance Committee submit the following report: The Bible says "Be ye temperate in all things". The greatest need of temperance today is in our speech. We should be very temperate in deed, as well, that our life bring no reproach on the Church and the cause of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

LYMAN OGLE, Chairman.

Literature

We, your committee on Literature submit the following report:

First, we recommend that parents inspect all literature brought into the home, and keep only such as will lead our children to higher and nobler living, and point them to Christ. Parents, we should take steps against the so-called True Story magazines and other unwholesome literature.

Second, we recommend the use of Free Will Baptist literature in our Sunday Schools, and we especially urge that we impress on the minds of our children the Holy Scriptures which is able to make them wise unto salvation, 2nd Tim. 3:15.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM HENSON, Chairman.

Deceased Members

We, your committee on Deceased members, submit the fol-

lowing report:

Since our last session, God in His wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst, Bros. Russell Harkins, Johnnie Seals, Charley Click, W. H. Terrell and Sisters Rachel Baker and Fronia Collins.

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 tender mercies and loving kindness of God.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HOLLIS, Chairman.

By action of the Association, the following beautiful poem, written by the small daughter of Bro. Charley Click, killed in the Mulga mine explosion in here inserted. Bro. Click was a devout Christian father, and was Superintendent of the Shady Grove Church.

OUR DADDY

Our daddy had to leave use,
God called him, and He knows best,
But we have sweet consolation,
For we know he's gone to rest.

We miss him very much at home,
Since to Heaven he has gone.
He died with a prayer in his heart,
For those from whom he had to part.

He left his home he loved so dear,
For us he shedded many a tear.
He strived so hard to make us see,
Just how he wanted us to be.

Every night when I go to sleep,
I think of daddy whom I want to meet,
And I will do the best I can,
To meet him in the Promised Land.

I hope the circle will not be broken,
In Heaven, as it is down here.
I pray that we can all be together,
And join our daddy so dear.

HURDELENE CLICK, Adamsville, Alabama.

Business

We, your business committee, submit the following report:
Item 1. We recommend that the poem written by Sister Hur-

delene Click be printed in the Minutes.

Item 2. We recommend that this body examine Elder L. L. Davis, concerning certain doctrine he has preached.

Item 3. We recommend that Bros. Willie Frank Johnson and Lee Culver be examined and if found worthy, that they be ordained as deacons of Brown's Chapel Church. Also, we recommend that Bro. Earl Rodgers be examined and if found worthy that he be ordained as deacon of First Free Will Baptist Church of Alabama City.

Item 4. We recommend that this Body restore Elder E. L. Drummons to the full function of the Ministry and give him his Credentials back.

Item 5. We recommend that Elder D. J. East be examined, and if worthy, that we exchange papers with him.

Item 6. We recommend that Bros. Percy Stokes and Virgil Howard be examined and if found worthy that they be ordained as deacons of Davis Chapel Church.

J. F. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

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Resolutions

We, your committee on Resolutions submit the following report:

1. We recommend the re-adoption of our present Resolutions and be it further resolved that this body from now on never ordain any man to the full function of the ministry until he is able to define and defend the Free Will Baptist doctrine.

2. Be it resolved that hereafter the ordination of all ministers be referred to the Annual Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HODGENS, Chairman.

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Ordaining Council

We, your Ordaining Council, have examined, by request of the Churches from which they come, Bros. Percy Stokes, Virgil Howard, Willie Frank Johnson, Lee Culver and Earl Rodgers, and recommend that they be ordained as deacons.

We also recommend that we exchange papers with Elder D. J. East, and give him a certificate of standing for one year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HODGENS, Chairman.

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Home Mission

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

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| Bal. on hand from last year | \$16.90 |
| Mt. Pleasant | 1.00 |
| Ryans | 4.25 |

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| Mary's Chapel | 2.50 |
| Birmingham | 2.00 |
| Total | \$26.65 |
| Paid to Sister Fannie Harper | 10.00 |
| Bal. in Treasury | \$16.65 |

ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURY

1936-1937

| Churches | Amt paid. |
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| Pleasant Valley | \$ 5.00 |
| Shady Grove | 2.00 |
| Providence | 2.00 |
| Union Hill | 2.34 |
| Ryans | 2.25 |
| Bethel | 2.50 |
| Sylacauga | 3.00 |
| Clara's Chapel | 2.00 |
| Liberty | 1.00 |
| Hepsabab | 77 |
| Mt. Pleasant | 1.50 |
| Mt. Zion | 2.00 |
| Marys Chapel | 1.00 |
| Oak Grove | .50 |
| Alabama City | 1.50 |
| Bell View | .42 |

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| Amount received | \$29.78 |
| Printing of 500 Minutes | \$27.50 |
| Postage | 2.08 |

Total paid out \$29.58

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| Amount received | \$29.78 |
| Amount paid out | 29.58 |

Bal. on hand \$.20

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AUDITING

We, your Auditing Committee have examined the treasurer's report and find it to be true and correct.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. FRANKLIN, Chairman.

REPORT OF FIRST DISTRICT

Quarterly Meeting—1937-1938

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| State of religion | Good |
| No. Churches in Conference | 13 |
| No. gained this year | 1 |
| No. having preaching every Sunday | 2 |
| No. having no preaching | 2 |
| No. having preaching once or more each month | 11 |
| No. having Sunday Schools | 10 |
| No. having no Sunday School | 3 |
| Approximate No. Church members in Sunday S. | 250 |
| Approximate No. Church members not in Sunday S. | 350 |
| No. ministers ordained this year | 1 |
| No. ministers cancelled this year | 2 |
| No. deacons ordained this year | 3 |
| No. deacons cancelled this year | 1 |

ELDER R. H. HOWARD, Moderator,

G. W. HOLLIS, Clerk.

Letter from a Church to a Quarterly Meeting, Yearly Meeting or Association

To the of
Free Will Baptists when convened with the
..... Church at
....., 19.....

We send as delegates, our beloved brethren:

whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

State of Religion

Members received this year

No. baptized No dismissed

No. died; Total Membership

Condition of prayer meeting

Condition of Sunday School

Average number of pupils

No. of officers; No. of teachers
Paid pastor \$.....; Paid evangelist \$.....
Missions: Home \$.....; Foreign
For Building and Repairs \$.....
For Education \$.....; Publication \$.....
Amount enclosed for minutes \$.....
Pastor's Name
Pastor's address
Names and addresses of ministers belonging to our church:

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Done by order of Church
assembled in conference this day of , 19

..... Moderator

..... Clerk

Clerk's address

Remarks:

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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.

ter, 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 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.

| Churches | Clerks and Addresses | Pastors | Received by letter | Received by Baptism | Dismissed by letter | Excluded | Died | Members |
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| Pleasant Valley | Miss Mable Shirley, Chelsea, Ala. | J. E. Hodgens | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 101 |
| Union Hill | W. C. Walker, Sterrett, Ala., Route 1 | J. E. Hodgens | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 71 |
| Clara's Chapel | Mrs. R. L. Littlefield, Jr., Boothton | J. F. Williams | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 95 |
| Bethel | Mrs. Agnes Crenshaw, Marvel, Rt. 1 | L. L. Davis | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 73 |
| Bell View | Mack Jones, Leeds, Alabama | A. J. Lambert | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 51 |
| Providence | Lonnie Adams, Dunnavant, Ala. | J. D. Osbourne | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| Mt. Zion | E. W. Harris, Pell City, Ala. | J. F. Williams | 19 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 60 |
| Hepsabab | N t represented | | | | | | | |
| Liberty | H. C. Cash, Lawley, Ala. | L. L. Davis | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 |
| Ryans | L. W. Kendrick, Maylene, Ala. | J. E. Hodgens | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 19 |
| Meadows Chapel | Will Minyard, Blossburg, Ala. | H. M. Black | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66 |
| Mary's Chapel | J. P. Sexton, Brookwood, Ala. | J. J. Staab | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| Alabama City | Earl Rodgers, Alabama City, Ala. | V. L. Yancey | 0 | 14 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 159 |
| Shady Grove | Mrs. Joe Click, | | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 68 |
| Oak Grove | Flora Long | H. M. Black | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 71 |
| Birmingham | Mrs. A. F. Abney, 2410, 32 Ave, B'ham. | J. J. Staab | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| Sylacauga | Leslie Penson, East St., Sylacauga. | J. F. Williams | 2 | 6 | 7 | 12 | 0 | 42 |
| Mt. Pleasant | J. W. Barnett, Sprott, Ala. | J. E. Hodgens | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 42 |
| Shiloh | Alfred Hogan, Gardendale, Ala. | Lee Hanks | 15 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 |
| Brown's Chapel | Opal Akers | J. C. Hollingsworth | 3 | 11 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 8 |
| Davis Chapel | Lenora Davis, Sterrett, Ala., Route 1 | Lyman Ogle | 7 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |