

MINUTES
of the
Sixty - First Annual Session
of the
Cahaba Free Will Baptist
ASSOCIATION

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Convened With the
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Of Sylacauga, Alabama

SEPT. 28, 29 AND 30TH, 1939.



OFFICERS :

MODERATOR	Elder J. E. Hodgens, Chelsea, Ala.
ASS'T. MODERATOR	Elder J. D. Osborn, Sylacauga, Ala.
CLERK & TREASURER	Mrs. A. R. Harper, Boothton, Ala.
ASS'T. MODERATOR	Elder J. D. Osborn, Sylacauga, Ala.



The next session of this Association will convene
with Mount Zion Church, Pell City, Ala., on
Thursday before the first Sunday in
Oct., 1940 at 7:30 P. M.

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 7:30 P. M., SEPT. 28, 1939

The Sixty-first annual session of the Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Sylacauga, Ala.

Opening prayer by Elder J. D. Kilburn.

Elder R. H. Howard then took charge, bringing a wonderful message. Text St. John 15:13. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Followed by Elder W. H. Lawrence of Flint River Association.

FRIDAY, 8:00 A. M.

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Bro. W. B. Shirley, the House was called to order by the clerk.

In the absence of both the Moderator and Assistant Moderator, Elder J. E. Hodgins, being the oldest minister present was asked to act as Moderator until a permanent moderator was elected.

Devotional was conducted by Elder Hodgins. Scripture reading, Psalms 23. Prayer.

The letters from the various churches were laid on the clerk's table.

The Body then went into the election of permanent officers and the following were elected:

Elder J. E. Hodgins, Moderator.

Elder J. D. Osborn, Assistant Moderator.

Mrs. A. R. Harper, Clerk and Treasurer.

Bro. L. W. Kendrick, Assistant Clerk.

The following Credential Committee was appointed:

Bros. W. B. Shirley, Roy Hodgins and J. W. Pinson.

While waiting for a report from this committee the time was spent in singing and prayer by Elder J. F. Williams.

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

PLEASANT VALLEY—Bro. W. B. Shirley.

UNION HILL—Bro. J. R. Welden.

CLARA'S CHAPEL—Bros. R. T. Poole and Floyd Cummings.

BETHEL—Bros. T. N. Harper and William Pickett.

BELVIEW—Bros. Mardis Minor and Mack Jones.

PROVIDENCE—Bros. Lonn'e Adams and J m Henson and Sister Lesby Harris.

MT. OLIVE—Bros. Earl Isbell, Frank Minor, Sisters Lottie Isbell and Esther Minor.

MT. ZION—Bro. James McCullough, Sisters Daisy McCullough, Opal Hewitt and Jennie Wright.

MT. PLEASANT—Bro. R. L. Hodgins.

LIBERTY—Represented by letter.

RYANS—Bros. L. W. Kendrick, J. E. Harkins and Sister Lexie Kendrick.

MEADOWS CHAPEL—Bro. Charlie Franklin.

MARY'S CHAPEL—Bro. Roland Dean.

ALABAMA CITY—Not represented.

BURRELL'S CHAPEL—Not represented.

SHADY GROVE—Bro. Joe Click, Jr. and Sister Ella Storey.

OAK GROVE—Sisters Flora Long and Hettie Jones.

BIRMINGHAM—Not represented.

SYLACAUGA—Bros. J. W. Pinson, Felix Smith and Sister Victor Skelton.

SHILOH—Not represented.

BROWN'S CHAPEL—Bro. J. J. Sharbutt.

DAVIS CHAPEL—Bros. Jim Hawkins, Eulas Eason, Monroe McKay and C. G. Howard.

The Credential Committee reported all letters in regular form. Reports accepted.

The following Reading Committee was appointed: Elder Lymon Ogle and Elder J. J. Stabb.

The letters from the various churches were read and accepted and delegates seated.

The Moderator, with the aid of his assistant, then appointed the following committees:

Devotional—Bro. J. E. Harkins, W. B. Shirley, Lonnie Adams, with the deacons of the hostess church.

Standing of the Ministry—Bros. J. E. Harkins, Mack Jones, C. G. Howard, Roland Dean and W. B. Shirley.

Sabbath Schools—Sisters Lexie Kendrick, Victor Skelton, Lottie Isbell, Lesby Harris and Bros. Lymon Ogle and Frank Minor.

Education—Sisters Lexie Kendrick, Esther Minor, Jennie Wright and Bro. R. T. Poole.

Family Religion—Bros. Jim Henson, Monroe McKay, G. W. Hollis, and Sister Daisy McCullough.

Temperance—Bro. J. D. Kilburn, J. J. Sharbutt, and Charlie Franklin.

Deceased Members—Elders Lymon Ogle, R. H. Howard, L. N. Barber and Sister Hettie Jones.

Literature—Bros. L. W. Kendrick, J. R. Welden, Jim Hawkins and D. L. Baker.

Resolutions—Bros. L. W. Kendrick, J. J. Stabb, L. N. Barber and Sister Flora Long.

Business—Bros. J. F. Williams, Earl Isbell, Joe Click, Jr., Lee Hanks and R. H. Howard.

Ordaining Council—Elders J. F. Williams, J. E. Hodgins, J. J. Stabb, J. D. Kilburn, W. H. Lawrence and H. E. Hewitt.

Auditing—Bros. Mardis Minor, J. W. Pinson, D. J. East and Willie Gossett.

By motion the Body was adjourned for the preaching service, business to be resumed at 1:30 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 11:00 A. M.

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder R. H. Howard, the message was brought by Elder Lymon Ogle. This message was truly one of great inspiration and edification. Scripture reading Galatians 6.

FRIDAY 1:30 P. M.

The house was called to order by the clerk.

The devotional was conducted by Elder J. D. Osborn. Scripture reading, Matt. 24:24-34.

Letters were read and accepted from Mary's Chapel, Mount Zion and the first district quarterly conference.

Reports from corresponding messengers being called for, Elder W. H. Lawrence, of Flint River Association was introduced and made a fine, inspiring talk.

Elder C. R. Allen, of the North Birmingham Free Will Baptist Church was also introduced and he brought a great message concerning the weight and influence of a consecrated Christian life.

The Resolutions Committee rendered their report which was by motion accepted; the Business Committee made a partial report which was accepted; a report from the Auditing Committee was read and accepted; a partial report from the Ordaining Council was accepted.

Bro. Frank Minor of Mount Olive and Bro. Mack Jones of Belview were ordained as deacons of said churches.

Following this ordination service the House was, by motion, adjourned until Saturday 8. a. m. Benediction by Elder R. H. Howard.

SATURDAY, 8 A. M.

The House was called to order by the Clerk. Devotional conducted by the Moderator. Scripture reading Psalms 133. Prayer by Bro. J. E. Harkins.

The clerk read the minutes to date and errors corrected. A final report was rendered by the Business Committee and disposed of by items, all items being adopted except Item 1.

It was agreed by motion that we retain Thursday night before the first Sunday in October for the beginning of each annual session of this body.

The committee on the Standing of the Ministry rendered their report which was accepted by motion.

The following committee was appointed to investigate the charges against Elder L. L. Davis and render decision to this body: Elders R. H. Howard, J. D. Kilburn, Lymon Ogle, D. J. East, H. M. Black, J. J. Stabb and J. D. Osborn.

The committee on deceased members rendered a report which was accepted. By motion the body adjourned for preaching service, business to be resumed at 1 p. m.

SATURDAY, 11 A. M.

The message was brought by Elder C. R. Allen. His theme, "Follow Jesus," was ably and inspirationally used. A number of scriptures were referred to, but no definite text was taken. The message was thoroughly enjoyed by those who heard it.

SATURDAY, 1 P. M.

The House was called to order by the Clerk. Devotional was conducted by the Moderator. Scripture reading Prov. 2:1-9. Prayer by Elder T. J. Adair. The House then resumed the order of business. The committee on Sabbath Schools and the chairman of the Home Mission Board rendered their reports which were accepted. By motion Alabama City Church was granted a letter of dismission from this Association at their request.

The Moderator appointed the following to serve as a committee to examine Bros. Mack Jones and Frank Minor as to their qualification for deaconship—Elders J. F. Williams, H. E. Hewitt, L. N. Barber and T. J. Adair.

The following committees rendered reports, which were accepted—Temperance, Family Religion.

Bro. M. H. Guy of Sylacauga, Ala. was appointed to take Bro. John Pickett's place on the Executive Committee.

By motion the Moderator was empowered to appoint a delegation to represent this body in the Alabama State Conference. Elders J. F. Williams and T. J. Adair were appointed.

Motion carried to defray the expenses of these brethren to the Conference and to pay the \$5.00 state fund.

The Ordaining Council recommended that Bros. Millard Garner and Earl Isbell be granted license to preach the Gospel for one year. By motion this request was granted.

The committee appointed to investigate charges against Elder L. L. Davis reported the evidence found was not sufficient for conviction, and recommended that he be given a certificate of standing. By motion this report was accepted.

The clerk was instructed to have 400 minutes printed. By

motion the clerk was paid \$10 for her work.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered to the people of the hostess church and community for their generous hospitality while among them.

By motion, the Association was adjourned to meet with Mt. Zion Church, Pell City, Ala., on Thursday night before the first Sunday in Oct., 1940 at 7:30 p. m.

Benediction by Elder J. J. Staab.

ELDER J. E. HODGENS, Moderator.

MRS. A. R. HARPER, Clerk.

SATURDAY, 8:00 P. M.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The sixty-first annual session of the Ministers Conference of the Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association met with the F. W. B. Church of Sylacauga. The House was called to order by the Clerk. The Moderator, Elder J. E. Hodgins then took charge, reading Colossians 3. Prayer by L. N. Barber.

The conference then went into the election of permanent officers. The following were elected:

Elder J. J. Staab, Moderator.

Elder Lymon Ogle, Assistant Moderator.

G. W. Hollis, Clerk.

Peace and fellowship of the Ministerial Body was called for and found good.

The doors of the conference were opened for reception of new members. Bros. Horace Wright and Willie Gossett were received. Reports of ministers on their past years work was called for and reports submitted as follows:

ELDER J. E. HODGENS

No. Churches pastored	4
No. sermons preached	82
No. baptized	5
No. funerals conducted	5
No. Revivals assisted in	4
No. miles traveled	2,540
Amount of offerings received	\$92.02
Expense of ministerial work	\$34.98

ELDER R. H. HOWARD

No. churches pastored	1
No. sermons preached	55
No. funerals conducted	8
No. marriages performed	2
No. revivals assisted in	4
No. miles traveled	1,036

Amount of offerings received	\$61.75
Expense of ministerial work	\$13.95

ELDER LEE HANKS

No. churches pastored	5
No. sermons preached	243
No. baptized	29
No. funerals conducted	2
No. revivals assisted in	11
No. miles traveled	10,985
Amount of offerings received	\$219.70
Expense of ministerial work	\$179.23

ELDER E. W. WILKERSON—Absent.

ELDER W. F. ISBELL—Absent.

ELDER L. L. DAVIS—Verbal report.

ELDER E. L. ISBELL—Absent.

ELDER J. J. STAAB

No. churches pastored	2
No. sermons preached	78
No. baptized	3
No. funerals conducted	3
No. marriages performed	3
No. revivals assisted in	3
No. miles traveled	1,700
Amount of offerings received	\$80.00
Expense of ministerial work	\$25.00
One radio broadcast from Tuscaloosa.	

ELDER H. M. BLACK

No. churches pastored	2
No. sermons preached	82
No. funerals conducted	2
No. baptized	2
No. marriages performed	1
No. revivals assisted in	2
No. miles traveled	2,200
Amount of offerings received	\$146.00
Expense of ministerial work	\$42.25

ELDER J. F. WILLIAMS

No. churches pastored	2
No. sermons preached	145
No. baptized	2
No. revivals assisted in	3
No. marriages performed	2
No. funerals conducted	2
No. miles traveled	4,500

Amount of offerings received	\$153.96
Expense of ministerial work	\$63.56

ELDER V. L. YANCEY—Absent.

ELDER LYMON OGLE

No. churches pastored	1
No. sermons preached	86
No. baptized	6
No. revivals assisted in	5
No. marriages performed	2
No. miles traveled	2,080
Amount of offerings received	\$60.80
Expense of ministerial work	\$35.00

ELDER J. C. KILBURN

No. churches pastored	0
No. sermons preached	43
No. marriages performed	3
No. revivals assisted in	3
Amount of offerings received	\$4.50

ELDER J. C. HOLLINGSWORTH

No. churches pastored	1
No. sermons preached	185
No. funerals conducted	4
No. marriages performed	4
No. revivals assisted in	7
Amount of offerings received	\$75.00
Expense of ministerial work	\$35.00

ELDER L. N. BARBER

No. sermons preached	12
No. revivals assisted in	1
No. miles traveled	400
Amount of offerings received	\$8.00
Expense of ministerial work	\$5.00

ELDER H. E. HEWITT—Verbal report.

ELDER T. J. ADAIR—Verbal report

ELDER H. W. SMITH—Absent.

ELDER HORACE WRIGHT—Verbal report.

ELDER WILLIE GOSSETT—Verbal report.

ELDER J. D. OSBORNE

No. churches pastored	1
No. sermons preached	18
No. funerals conducted	1
No. miles traveled	200

Amount of offerings received \$14.71
 Work limited on account of bad health.

ELDER D. J. WEST

No. churches pastored 0
 No. sermons preached 25
 No. funerals conducted 1
 No. miles traveled 571
 Amount of offerings received \$24.81
 Expense of ministerial work \$11.82

A motion was made and carried that no minister could serve as a deacon unless Ministerial Credentials were surrendered.

By motion Elder Lee Hanks was granted a letter of dismissal from this Conference by his request.

Motion to adjourn until Friday night before the first Sunday in Oct., 1940 at Mt. Zion Church, Pell City, Ala., at 8 o'clock

ELDER J. J. STAAB, Moderator.
 G. W. HOLLIS, Clerk.

MINISTERIAL ROLL (Ordained)

Elder D. L. Baker, Sylacauga, Route 2.
 Elder J. E. Hodgins, Chelsea, Ala.
 Elder J. F. Williams, Birmingham, Route 8, Box 427.
 Elder W. F. Isbell, Irondale, Ala., Route 1.
 Elder T. J. Adair, Chelsea, Ala.
 Elder J. D. Kilburn, Eden, Ala.
 Elder H. M. Black, Adamsville, Ala.
 Elder R. H. Howard, Sterrett, Ala.
 Elder L. L. Davis, Chelsea, Ala.
 Elder J. J. Staab, 2313 N. 33rd Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
 Elder Lymon Ogle, 53 Georgia Ave., Sylacauga, Ala.
 Elder J. C. Hollingsworth, Marvel, Ala., Route 1.
 Elder L. N. Barber, Pell City, Ala.
 Elder H. E. Hewitt, Mulga, Ala.
 Elder D. J. East, Sylacauga, Ala., Route 2.
 Elder J. D. Osborne, Sylacauga, Ala.

MINISTERIAL ROLL (Licentiates)

Elder Floyd Cummings, McCalla, Ala.
 Elder J. W. Shinholster, Holt, Ala.
 Elder Horace Wright, Pell City, Ala.
 Elder Willie Gossett, Pell City, Ala.
 Elder James Cline, Pell City, Ala.
 Elder Millard Garner, Maylene, Ala.
 Elder Earl Isbell, Dunavant, Ala.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

H. M. Black, Adamsville, Alabama.

M. H. Guy, Sylacauga, Alabama.
 J. E. Harkins, Underwood, Alabama.

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 a certificate of standing for twelve months: Elders R. H. Howard, H. M. Black, J. J. Staab, Lymon Ogle, J. D. Kilburn, J. C. Hollingsworth, L. N. Barber, H. E. Hewitt, T. J. Adair, D. J. East, L. L. Davis, and J. D. Osborne.

Respectfully submitted,
 J. E. HARKINS, Chairman.

EDUCATION

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

No education is so far reaching in its effect upon the human race as that gained by home training. No teacher carries the weight of influence upon the life of a child as the child's first teachers—father and mother.

So many things are taught our children today by modern teachers in our present-day schools and colleges that are contrary to the teachings of the Bible. It behooves us, therefore, to be careful to lay the educational foundation of our children upon the Word of God in the home.

LEXIE M. KENDRICK, Chmn.

FAMILY RELIGION

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

We recommend that each father and mother read a portion of Scripture and have family prayer each day. We believe that by doing this, and living our religion every day that God will be merciful in saving our children.

Let our lives be our testimony for God before our children and neighbors.

Respectfully submitted,
 JIM HENSON, Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOLS

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

We believe the foundation for a spiritual Christian life is laid at home.

The next step is in the Sabbath School. If we fail in the

Sabbath School, we are neglecting the foundation of our church work, and the training of our children. We do not believe that any church can hold Christ up to a lost world as it should without it.

We therefore urge that our churches put special stress upon the Sabbath School. Respectfully submitted,
LEXIE M. KENDRICK, Chmn.

TEMPERANCE

We, your Temperance Committee, submit the following report:

The Bible teaches plainly that we should be temperate in all things. We believe it has a deep meaning—to be temperate in all things.

Let us be careful to protect the affairs of home, church and daily life in regard to temperance—being careful of speech act, and deed. Let us keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

Respectfully submitted,
J. D. KILBURN, Chairman.

LITERATURE

We, your committee on Literature recommend that we retain the report on this subject published in our last minute, which reads as follows:

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. We denounce the so-called True Story magazine 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 Scripture which is able to make them wise unto Salvation. II Timothy, 3:15.

Respectfully submitted,
L. W. KENDRICK, Chairman.

DECEASED MEMBERS

We, your committee on Deceased Members, wish to make with sad hearts the following report:

We find that God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from our number the following:

Union Hill, Bro. G. D. B. Isbell; Mt. Zion, Bro. R. W. Terrell and Bro. H. S. Thompson; Shady Grove, Sister Minnie Hewitt; Clara's Chapel, Sister Mary E. Price.

Respectfully submitted,
ELDER LYMON OGLE, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on Resolutions, submit the following

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report:

1. We recommend that paragraph No. 1 in our last minute be continued—which reads as follows: Be it resolved that no man be ordained to the full function of the ministry until he is able to define and defend the Free Will Baptist doctrine.
2. We recommend that paragraph II of this report be discontinued, which reads as follows: Be it resolved that hereafter the ordination of all ministers be referred to the annual Association.
3. We recommend that any committee who shall be appointed to examine a minister as to his calling, be able to define and defend the Free Will Baptist doctrine as set forth in our Treatise.

Respectfully submitted,
L. W. KENDRICK, Chairman.

HOME MISSION

We, your committee on Home Mission submit the following report:

Balance on hand from 1938	\$ 1.65
Mt. Zion Church	2.50
Mt. Pleasant	1.50
Ryans	2.00

TOTAL ON HAND \$ 7.65

Respectfully submitted,
D. N. DAVIS, Chairman.
G. W. HOLLIS, Secretary-Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT—1939

Churches	Amt. Paid
Pleasant Valley	\$ 5.00
Ryans	2.50
Shady Grove	2.30
Shiloh	2.15
Clara's Chapel	2.00
Bethel	2.00
Sylacauga	2.00
Mt. Pleasant	2.00
Providence	1.60
Mt. Olive	1.50
Mary's Chapel	1.00
Union Hill	1.00
Birmingham	1.00
Mt. Zion	1.00
L'berty	1.00
Brown's Chapel50

Total Amount Paid in \$28.55

Eleven

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing of Minutes	\$21.50
Mailing of Minutes	2.70
Ordination blanks60
Postage and Stationery75

Total amount paid out\$25.55

Amount collected\$28.55
Amount paid out 25.55

Balance on hand\$ 3.00

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. A. R. HARPER, Clerk & Treasurer.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

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

Respectfully submitted,
MARDIS MINOR, Chairman.

Report of First District Quarterly Conference

No. churches	9
No. ordained min'isters	12
No. ministers licensed this year	8
No. deacons ordained this year	7

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

BUSINESS

We, your Business Committee, submit the following report:

Item I. We find a request from Clara's Chapel Church for the ordination of Bro. Floyd Cummings to the full function of the ministry. We also find that that Bro. Cummings has been licensed for only three months, we therefore advise that the Body take this case up. (Because of a former ruling of this Body that all ministers carry license at least one year before ordination, unless work demands ordination, it was moved and carried that this request not be granted).

Item II. We find a request from Bethel Church that Bro. Millard Garner be examined, and if found worthy that he be given license to preach the Gospel for one year.

Item III. We find a request from Mt. Olive Church for examination and ordination of Bro. Frank Minor for a deacon. Also a request from Belview for the ordination of Bro. Mack Jones as deacon.

Item IV. We find a request from Mt. Olive Church for examination of Bro. Earl Isbell as to his call to the ministry and if found worthy to grant him license for one year.

Item V. We recommend that Meadows Chapel, Oak Grove, Shady Grove and Alabama City be granted letters of dismission, at their own request.

Item VI. Mt. Zion Church asks that the next session of this Association be held with their church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. THE BIBLE—The scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. GOD—There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver and Righteous Governor of the Universe and in the scriptures as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, yet one God infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are to supremely love, adore and obey.

3. CHRIST—Christ is God manifest in flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man; once crucified, He is 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 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 preserve 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 communication 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 amuse-

ments and unholy conformity of 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 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 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.

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Statistical Table - 1939

Churches	No. members	No. Received by letter	No. Received by Baptism	No. Dismissed	No. Died	Clerks and Addresses	Pastors
Pleasant Valley	103	4	3	2	0	Miss Mable Shirley, Chelsea, Ala.	J. E. Hodgens
Union Hill	71	0	0	0	1	W. C. Walker, Sterrett, Ala., Rt. 1	J. E. Hodgens
Clara's Chapel	39	2	2	0	1	R. L. Littlefield, Jr., Boothton, Ala.	H. M. Black
Bethel	75	2	0	0	0	Mrs. A. Crenshaw, Marvel, Rt. 1	R. H. Howard
Belview	55	7	2	0	0	Mack Jones, Leeds, Ala.	W. H. Ryland
Providence	35	0	0	0	0	L. W. Adams, Dunavant, Ala.	J. D. Osborne
Mt. Zion	62	6	0	3	1	G. W. Hollis, Pell City, Ala.	J. F. Williams
Liberty	36	0	0	0	0	H. C. Cash, Lawley, Ala.	R. H. Howard
Ryans	24	5	3	2	0	L. W. Kendrick, Maylene, Ala.	J. E. Hodgens
Mary's Chapel	15	0	0	1	0	J. P. Sexton, Brookwood, Ala.	J. J. Staab
Birmingham							
Sylacauga	48	4	2	3	0	Leslie Pinson, Sylacauga, Ala.	J. F. Williams
Mt. Pleasant	39	0	0	2	2	J. W. Barnett, Sprott, Ala.	J. E. Hodgens
Shiloh							
Brown's Chapel	15	6	0	1	0	Mrs. Duaine Culver, Sterrett, Ala.	J. C. Hollingsworth
Davis	24	9	0	3	0	Frank M. McKay, Sterrett, Rt. 1	Lymon Ogle
Mt. Olive	42	1	0	4	0	Frank Minor, Dunavant, Ala.	W. F. Isbell
Meadows' Chapel	65	0	0	0	0	Will Minyard, Blossburg, Ala.	
Shady Grove	69	0	0	0	1	Mrs. Joe Click, Jr.	Lee Hanks
Oak Grove	13	4	0	0	0	Flora Long, B'ham, Rt 7, Box 343	Lee Hanks