

*Minutes*  
of the  
*Sixty-third Annual Session*  
of the  
*Cahaba River Free Will*  
*Baptist Association*

Convened With  
**MT. PLEASANT CHURCH**  
**Near Sprott, Alabama**  
**OCTOBER 2, 3, AND 4, 1941**



**O-F-F-I-C-E-R-S:**

MODERATOR ..... ELDER W. H. LAWRENCE  
Cullman, Ala., P. O. Box 443

ASS'T. MODERATOR ..... ELDER J. D. KILBURN, Eden, Ala.

CLERK-TREASURER ..... MRS. A. R. HARPER, Boothton, Ala.

ASS'T. CLERK ..... L. W. KENDRICK, Maylene, Ala.

The next session of this Association will convene  
with Talladega Church, Talladega, Ala., on  
Thursday night before the first Sunday  
in October, 1942 at 7:30 P. M.

## PROCEEDINGS

The sixty-third annual session of the Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association met with Mt. Pleasant Church, near Sprott, Ala., on Thursday night, Oct. 2, 1941 at 7:30 P. M.

The service was opened by singing of that grand old hymn, "Angel Band" and prayer by Elder J. F. Williams.

The devotional was conducted by Elder Williams, after which he brought the message of the evening.

Scripture Reading, Rev. 22 1-2.

Benediction by Elder J. D. Osborn.

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### FRIDAY, 8:00 A. M.

The clerk called the house to order after making a short talk and introducing Elder J. L. Comer of Los Angeles, Calif., who made a short but inspiring talk and led the body in prayer.

The moderator took charge. Devotional was ably conducted by Elder Leslie Pinson. Scripture reading Heb. 12 1-22.

The body then proceeded to business.

The roll of churches was called as follows:

PLEASANT VALLEY—by letter.

CLARA'S CHAPEL—Bro. R. T. Poole.

BETHEL—Bros. T. N. Harper, Bill Pickett and Henry Pickett.

BELVIEW—Bros. Leonard Patterson and Mack Jones.

PROVIDENCE—Not represented.

MT. ZION—Bros. Jesse Drummons, G. W. Holl's, Bro. and Sister C. N. Barber.

LIBERTY—Bro. Ernest Terry.

RYANS—Bro. L. W. Kendrick.

RYANS—Bros. L. W. Kendrick and Aaron Majors.

MARY'S CHAPEL—Not represented.

BIRMINGHAM—Sister Josie Black.

SYLACAUGA—Bro. Grady Collins, Sisters Lena Braswell and Mary Hewitt.

MT. PLEASANT—Bros. R. S. Duncan and J. H. Jones.

DAVIS CHAPEL—Bro. Monroe McKay and Zemmer Brasher.

MT. OLIVE—Bros. Shelley Isbell, Frank Minor.

OAK GROVE—Bros. G. B. Beatty, Edward Pugh, Ray Sexton, Edward Buckalew.

TALLADEGA—Sister Florence Blackwood.

HEPSABAH—By letter.

UNION HILL—Bros. R. C. Howard, Johnnie Isbell, Jack Cox.

The moderator appointed Bros. W. F. Johnson and Grady



Collins as Reading Committee, who read the letters from the various churches and district conferences, which were, by motion, accepted and delegates seated.

The following were appointed as Devotional Committee: Bros. Leonard Patterson, I. C. Howard, R. S. Duncan, and Aaron Majors, with the deacons of Mt. Pleasant Church.

Motion to adjourn for the 11 o'clock service.

Benediction by Elder J. D. Kilburn.

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

After a short period of congregational singing, the message of the hour, which was truly a soul feast, was brought by Elder John C. Baxley.

Scripture reading, St. John 16:29-33. Benediction by Elder J. L. Conner.

#### FRIDAY, 1:00 P. M.

The house was called to order by the clerk. Devotional conducted by Elder Jesse Drummons. Scripture reading Ezekiel 16:6.

The moderator then took charge and business was resumed.

The body then went into the election of officers. Elder W. H. Lawrence was elected Moderator; Elder J. D. Kilburn, Assistant; Sister Fannie Harper, Clerk; with Bro. L. W. Kendrick as Assistant Clerk.

The new moderator then took charge and appointed the following committees:

BUSINESS—Bros. H. T. Rogers, Grady Collins and G. H. Hollis.

ORDAINING COUNCIL—Elders J. F. Williams, J. D. Osborn, Leslie Pinson, C. O. Goodwin and H. M. Black.

STANDING OF THE MINISTRY—Bros. W. F. Johnston, J. M. Shirley, E. B. Buckalew, Odis Blackwood and Elder J. L. Conner.

RESOLUTIONS—Elders J. C. Baxley, J. J. Staab, Harry L. Mitchell.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—Sisters Florence Blackwood, Daisy Barber, Josie Black and Bro. Grady Collins.

EDUCATION—Bros. C. R. Allen, James Cline and Ray Sexton.

FAMILY RELIGION—Bros. J. H. Jones, I. C. Howard, and R. H. Howard.

TEMPERANCE—Bros. R. T. Poole, Frank Minor, Bill Pickett.

DECEASED MEMBERS—Bro. Mack Jones, Monroe

McKay, Leonard Patterson.

LITERATURE—Bros. C. N. Barber, Jesse Drummons, T. N. Harper.

AUDITING—Bros. Edward Pugh, Shelley Isbell, G. B. Beatty.

The body was adjourned until Saturday at 8:00 a. m.

Benediction by Elder J. L. Conner.

#### SATURDAY, 8 A. M.

After singing a number of songs, the house was called to order by the clerk. Prayer by Elder D. J. East.

The remainder of the morning session was taken up by the reading and adoption of the reports from the various Committees and Councils.

Benediction by Bro. L. W. Kendrick.

#### SATURDAY, 11 A. M.

Devotional conducted by Elder C. R. Allen. Scripture reading Psalms 133:1-4. After an inspiring talk by Bro. Allen on Unity, the congregation sang "The Old Time Religion," followed by handshaking, testimonies and shouts of thanksgiving and praise. Truly, this service was a real soul-feast.

Elder J. D. Kilburn then brought a real soul-stirring message using as his subject "The Three Heavens."—Text Matt. 7:1.

Prayer by Elder J. C. Fuller.

This service was followed by the ordination of Bro. Edward Pugh and George Beatty as deacons of Oak Grove Church.

#### SATURDAY 1:00 P. M.

After a song service and prayer by Elder J. C. Fuller, the house was called to order and business resumed.

The subject of the need for a Sunday School Convention in the realm of our Association was introduced and discussed. By motion, we agreed to organize this Convention, to meet with the Sylacauga Church on the fourth Sunday in April, 1942, and we earnestly urge that all of our churches be represented there.

The need of a minister's meeting was also discussed and it was agreed that the first meeting be held with Sylacauga Church on the second Sunday in March, 1942. Wake up, preachers, and make your plans to be there.

The clerk called attention to the neglect of our churches toward our Orphanages and earnestly urged that we be more alert to our Christian duty toward our orphans, wid-



ows and aged. We have two Orphanages—one at Nashville, Tenn. and the other at Ayden, N. C. and how badly they need our support.

The moderator appointed as delegates to the State Association, Bros. Harry L. Mitchell, L. W. Kendrick and I. C. Howard.

Bro. L. W. Kendrick was appointed a member of the Executive Committee of this Association.

By motion, the Association was adjourned to meet with Talladega Church on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1942 at 7:30 p. m.

Benediction by Elder J. J. Staab.

#### SATURDAY 7:00 P. M.

The message was brought by Elder H. M. Black. Scripture reading Genesis 2. He was followed by Elder J. F. Williams, using St. John 13. The ordinance of communion and feet-washing was observed.

#### SUNDAY 11:00 A. M.

The message was brought by Elder J. F. Williams. Scripture reading Romans 12:2-3.

#### SECTION II

### Minister's Conference

The sixty-third annual session of the Minister's Conference of the Cahaba Free Will Baptist Association met with Mt. Pleasant Church Oct. 3, 1941 at 7:30 p. m.

The house was called to order by the clerk. Prayer by Bro. J. H. Jones.

The Moderator, Elder J. F. Williams took charge and read St. Luke 10.

The conference by motion, went into the election of officers. Elder J. F. Williams was retained as moderator with Elder R. H. Howard as Assistant. By motion, Bro. G. W. Hollis was reelected Clerk of the Conference for the fifty-third consecutive year.

The fellowship of the conference was tested and found good.

The doors of the conference were opened for reception of new members. The following named ministers presented themselves and by motion were accepted: Elders W. H. Lawrence, James M. McKay, J. C. Baxley, Ray Sexton, J. L. Conner and H. W. Smith.

The subject, "Following Jesus", was ably discussed by Elders R. H. Howard, J. D. Kilburn, J. L. Conner, J. F.

Williams, C. O. Goodwin, James Cline, J. D. Osborn, W. H. Lawrence and Leslie Pinson.

By motion the conference was adjourned to meet with the Talladega Church on Friday night before the first Sunday in Oct., 1942.

Benediction by Sister Fannie Harper.

ELDER J. F. WILLIAMS, Moderator

G. W. HOLLIS, Clerk.

#### MINISTERS' REPORT

##### J. E. HODGENS—

No. sermons preached .....	101
No. funerals conducted .....	7
No. miles travelled .....	2250
Amount of offerings received .....	\$155.76

##### J. F. WILLIAMS—

No. sermons preached .....	80
No. funerals conducted .....	2
No. miles travelled .....	2800
Amount of offerings received .....	\$135.25
Expenses .....	\$56.00
Assistant pastor of two churches.	

##### R. H. HOWARD—

No. churches pastored .....	3
No. baptized .....	2
No. miles travelled .....	970
Amount of offerings received .....	\$119.81
Expenses .....	\$15.55

##### J. D. KILBURN—

No. sermons preached .....	62
No. baptized .....	4
Amount of offerings received .....	\$47.64
Expenses .....	\$33.90

##### H. M. BLACK—

No. churches pastored .....	1
No. sermons preached .....	80
No. funerals conducted .....	2
No. miles travelled .....	1600
Amount of offerings received .....	\$122.92
Expenses .....	\$75.00

##### HARRY L. MITCHELL—

No. churches pastored .....	1
No. sermons preached .....	77
No. funerals conducted .....	7
No. miles travelled .....	4300



Amount of offerings received .....	\$40.75
Expenses .....	\$126.75
<b>C. R. ALLEN—</b>	
No. sermons preached .....	321
No. funerals conducted .....	5
No. miles travelled .....	1727
Amount of offerings received .....	\$2.28
Expenses .....	\$44.28
<b>L. N. BARBER—</b>	
No. churches pastored .....	1
No. sermons preached .....	80
Revivals assisted in .....	2
No. miles travelled .....	1680
Amount of offerings received .....	\$53.40
Expenses .....	\$24.60
<b>J. J. STAAB—</b>	
No. churches pastored .....	1
No. sermons preached .....	55
No. miles travelled .....	900
Amount of offerings received .....	\$50.30
Expenses .....	\$8.50
<b>W. H. LAWRENCE—</b>	
No. churches pastored .....	3
No. sermons preached .....	176
No. funerals conducted .....	3
No. revivals assisted in .....	7
No. miles travelled .....	10,704
Amount of offerings received .....	\$384.15
Expenses .....	\$176.25
<b>J. D. OSBORN—</b>	
No. sermons preached .....	87
No. revivals assisted in .....	2
No. miles travelled .....	300
Amount of offerings received .....	\$35.00
Expenses .....	18.40
<b>LESLIE PINSON—</b>	
No. sermons preached .....	43
No. baptized .....	3
No. funerals conducted .....	2
No. marriages performed .....	3
<b>EARL E. ISBELL—</b>	
No. sermons preached .....	35
No. baptized .....	3
No. funerals conducted .....	1
No. miles travelled .....	75

<b>JOHN C. BAXLEY—</b>	
No. sermons preached .....	80
No. baptized .....	3
No. funerals conducted .....	1
No. revivals assisted in .....	1
No. miles travelled .....	170
Amount of offerings received .....	\$6.00
Expenses .....	\$5.00
<b>JAMES CLINE—</b>	
No. sermons preached .....	67
No. of miles travelled .....	860
Amount of offerings received .....	\$23.90
Expenses .....	\$10.60
<b>JOHN S. HOWELL—</b>	
No. churches pastored .....	1
No. sermons preached .....	66
No. baptized .....	12
No. funerals conducted .....	2
No. revivals assisted in .....	2
No. miles travelled .....	78
Amount offerings received .....	\$2.00
Expenses .....	\$6.00
<b>W. C. HOWELL—</b>	
No. sermons preached .....	73
No. funerals conducted .....	2
No. revivals assisted in .....	3
<b>C. O. GOODWIN—</b>	
No. sermons preached .....	59
No. funerals conducted .....	1
No. revivals assisted in .....	4
No. miles travelled .....	300
Amount offerings received .....	\$10.20
Expenses .....	\$42.12
<b>J. C. FULLER—</b>	
No. sermons preached .....	150
No. baptized .....	1
No. revivals assisted in .....	6
No. miles travelled .....	900
<b>RAY SEXTON—</b>	
No. miles travelled .....	1199
No. sermons preached .....	70
No. funerals conducted .....	3
Amount offerings received .....	\$21.28
Expenses .....	\$28.52



**MINSTERIAL ROLL**

Elder D. L. Baker, Sylacauga, Ala., Route 2.  
 Elder W. F. Isbell, Irondale, Ala., Route 1.  
 Elder J. E. Hodgins, Chelsea, Ala.  
 Elder J. F. Williams, Birmingham, Route 8, Box 425A.  
 Elder J. D. Kilburn, Eden, Ala.  
 Elder H. M. Black, Adamsville, Ala.  
 Elder R. H. Howard, Sterrett, Ala.  
 Elder J. J. Staab, 2313 No. 33rd Ave., Birmingham.  
 Elder L. N. Barber, Pell City, Ala.  
 Elder J. D. Osborn, Sylacauga, Ala.  
 Elder Earl E. Isbell, Dunnavant, Ala.  
 Elder James Cline, Pell City, Ala.  
 Elder C. R. Allen, 3710 5th Ct., Birmingham, Ala.  
 Elder W. H. Lawrence, Cullman, Ala., Box 443.  
 Elder W. H. Ryland, Margaret, Ala.  
 Elder Harry L. Mitchell, 1720 No. 8 Ave., Birmingham.  
 Elder J. S. Howell, 427 Williams Ave, Talladega, Ala.  
 Elder W. C. Howell, Isbul Circle, 513, Talladega, Ala.  
 Elder Leslie Pinson, Sylacauga, Ala.  
 Elder Jesse Drummons, Pell City, Ala.  
 Elder J. C. Fuller, Talladega, Ala.  
 Elder C. O. Goodwin, Talladega, Ala.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

L. W. Kendrick, Maylene, Ala.  
 M. H. Guy, Sylacauga, Ala.  
 H. A. McSpadden, Chmn., Sayreton, Ala.

**SECTION III****Report Of Committees****STANDING OF THE MINISTRY**

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

We have investigated the Christian standing of the following named ministers and recommend that they be given a certificate of standing for one year.

Elders J. D. Kilburn, H. M. Black, R. H. Howard, J. J. Staab, L. N. Barber, J. D. Osborn, Earl E. Isbell, James Cline, C. R. Allen, W. H. Lawrence, W. H. Ryland, Harry L. Mitchell, J. S. Howell, W. C. Howell, Leslie Pinson, Jesse Drummons, J. C. Fuller, C. O. Goodwin and John C. Baxley.

We find that we cannot recommend Bros. Lyman Ogle and Hubert Hewitt for a certificate of standing, and we turn them over to the ministers for further action.

W. F. JOHNSTON, Chmn.

Odis Blackwood, Edgar R. Buckalew, J. M. Shirley.

**BUSINESS**

1. We, your Business Committee, find a request from the Liberty Church that Bro. H. W. Smith be granted license to preach the gospel for one year.

2. We find a request from Oak Grove Church for the ordination of Bro. Ray Sexton to the full function of the ministry. (By a vote of the body, this item of business was referred to the First District Quarterly Conference.)

3. We find a request that Bros. George Beatty and Edward Pugh be examined, and if found worthy, be ordained as deacons of Oak Grove Church.

4. We find a request from Sylacauga Church that Bro. D. J. East be granted his former ministerial papers, in lieu of those granted him by this Association.

5. We find that three churches have invited the next session of this Association and we recommend that it meet with Talladega Church.

Respectfully submitted,  
 H. T. ROGERS, Chmn.

**ORDAINING COUNCIL**

We, your Ordaining Council, have examined Bros. Edward Pugh and George Beatty and recommend their ordination as deacons of Oak Grove Church.

Respectfully submitted,  
 ELDER J. F. WILLIAMS, Chmn.

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. We, your Resolutions Committee, recommend the re-adoption of Articles 1 and 3 of Resolutions in last year's minutes.

2. We recommend that our members pay tithes, according to the New Treatise, Article 14, Page 68.

3. We recommend that a Ministers' Meeting be held on the second Sundays of March and August of each year.

4. We recommend that all deacons carry certificates of standing each year.

5. We recommend the adoption of the new Treatise by this body.

Respectfully submitted,  
 JOHN C. BAXLEY, Chmn.

**DECEASED MEMBERS**

We, your committee on Deceased Members, find that God, in His infinite wisdom, has called from our midst this past year, Bro. J. W. Pinson, of Sylacauga Church; Sister



Ella Johnson, of Mt. Pleasant; Sister Annie Terry, of Liberty; and Sister Sam Lawley of Bethel.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved families, and point them to God, who is able to comfort.

Respectfully submitted,  
MACK JONES, Chmn.

#### FAMILY RELIGION

We, your committee on Family Religion, recommend that parents live their religion daily before their children, thereby proving to them the reality of serving the Lord.

We recommend the family altar as protection to the home, and training for the children.

Respectfully submitted,  
I. C. HOWARD, Chmn.

#### LITERATURE

We, your committee on Literature, recommend that parents provide wholesome literature for their children to read, and teach them that of all good literature, the Bible is the masterpiece, for in the Bible we are taught the way of eternal life.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. N. BARBER, Chmn.

#### TEMPERANCE

We, your Temperance Committee, submit the following report:

The Bible teaches us to be temperate in all things, therefore, let us practice temperance in our daily life by abstaining from the use of intoxicating drinks, sinful amusements of the world, and let us provide things honest in the sight of all men.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. T. POOLE, Chmn.

#### EDUCATION

We, your committee on Education, recommend that our people, as a whole, educate ourselves on the teachings of the Bible and practice them in our daily lives.

We recommend that this teaching be extended to our children, and that we use our influence to interest them in wholesome, rather than worldly literature.

We further recommend that our ministers and Sunday School teachers train and educate themselves for more efficient leadership in Church work.

Respectfully submitted,  
ELDER C. R. ALLEN, Chmn.

#### SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools urge that the parents encourage their children to attend Sunday School.

Early training in the home and church is the foundation for a Christian life. We urge our people to a greater effort in Sunday School work as spiritual training for our children.

We recommend the organization of a Sunday School convention in our Association, and the use of Free Will Baptist literature in our churches.

We urge that the parents take, rather than send, their children to Sunday School, and live the Christian life daily before them.

Respectfully submitted,  
FLORENCE BLACKWOOD, Chmn.

#### HOME MISSIONS TREASURY

Bal. on hand from 1940 ..... \$2.65

Disbursements ..... \$2.65

Organized 1 church.

Paid in 1941—

Mt. Pleasant Church ..... \$1.50

Ryans Church ..... 2.00

Birmingham Church ..... 2.00

Mt. Zion Church ..... 3.00

Clara's Chapel Church ..... .50

Bal. on hand ..... \$9.00

Respectfully submitted,

D. N. DAVIS, Chmn.,

WILL HODGENS

G. W. HOLLIS, Treasurer.

#### ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURY—1940

Churches	Amt. Paid
Brown's Chapel .....	\$1.00
Mt. Olive .....	1.00
Birmingham .....	2.00
Mt. Pleasant .....	1.50
Pleasant Valley .....	2.50
Mt. Zion .....	3.50
Ryans .....	2.50
Mary's Chapel .....	.50
Bethel .....	2.00
Clara's Chapel .....	5.00
Davis Chapel .....	1.00



Sylacauga .....	4.40
Oak Grove .....	1.50
Hepsabah .....	.50
Donat on Birmingham Church .....	2.00
Public donation .....	3.15
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$34.05</b>
Disbursements—	
400 minutes .....	\$23.50
Clerical work and supplies .....	14.05
<b>Total spent .....</b>	<b>\$37.55</b>
Balance due clerk .....	\$3.50

Respectfully submitted,

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

#### REPORT OF DIST. QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

##### FIRST DISTRICT

No. ministers ordained .....	1
No. deacons ordained .....	3
No. min'isters given license .....	2
No. churches organized .....	1
No. churches in district .....	8
No. ordained ministers .....	15

ELDER H. M. BLACK, Moderator.

ODIS BLACKWOOD, Clerk.

##### SECOND DISTRICT

No. churches in district .....	6
No. ordained ministers .....	2
Amount paid to Orphanage .....	\$13.50
Amount paid for repairs and supplies .....	\$165.00
No. Sunday Schools .....	5

NEWT HARPER, Moderator

MRS. MINNIE PICKETT, Clerk.

##### FOURTH DISTRICT

No. churches in district .....	3
No. ordained ministers .....	7
No. ministers licensed this year .....	1

ELDER LESLIE PINSON, Moderator.

ARTHUR JOHNSTON, Clerk.

#### 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 arts 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 condition 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 make 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 amusements 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 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 -- 1941

Churches	No. members	Received by letter	Received by baptism	No. dismissed	No. Died	Clerks and Addresses	Pastors
Pleasant Valley	115	0	0	0	0	Mable Shirley, Chelsea, Ala., Route 1	R. H. Howard
Union Hill	76	0	0	3	0	W. C. Walker, Sterrett, Ala., Route 2	W. H. Lawrence
Clara's Chapel	47	0	0	0	0	Robbie Littlefield, Boothton, Ala.	Lyman Ogyle
Bethel	62	2	0	3	2	Josie Pickett, Marvel, Ala., Route 1	J. E. Hodgens
Belview	63	0	0	1	0	Mardis Minor, Leeds, Ala.	W. H. Ryland
Providence (not rep.)							
Mt. Zion	63	0	0	7	0	G. W. Hollis, Pell City, Ala.	R. H. Howard
Liberty	34	2	0	0	1	E. L. Terry, Lawley, Ala.	J. E. Hodgens
Ryan's	24	0	0	0	0	L. W. Kendrick, Maylene, Ala.	J. E. Hodgens
Mary's Chapel (not rep)							
Birmingham	30	7	0	0	0	H. A. McSpadden, Sayreton, Ala.	H. M. Black
Sylacauga	63	8	3	4	1	Leslie Pinson, Sylacauga, Ala.	W. H. Lawrence
Mt. Pleasant	36	0	0	1	0	J. W. Barnett, Sprott, Ala.	T. J. Adair
Davis Chapel	28	2	2	1	0	Willie Caudle, Sterrett, Ala.	James Cline
Mt. Olive	41	2	3	5	0	Lottie K. Isbell, Dunnivant, Ala.	W. F. Isbell
Oak Grove	33	10	11	0	0	Flora Long, Birmingham, Rt. 7, Box 343	Ray Sexton
Talladega	58	7	12	0	0	W. C. Howell, Talladega, Ala.	J. S. Howell
Hepsabah	19	0	0	0	0	Elsie Goodwin, Margaret, Ala.	W. H. Ryland