

MINUTES

of the

Sixty-fourth Annual Session

of the

Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association

Convened With

TALLADEGA CHURCH

Talladega, Alabama

October 1, 2, and 3, 1942



OFFICERS

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The next session of this association will convene
with Sylacauga Church, at Sylacauga, Ala.,
on Thursday night before the first
Sunday in Oct. 1943 at 7:30 p.m.

PROCEEDINGS

The sixty-fourth annual session of the Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association met with the First Free Will Baptist Church at Talladega, Ala., on Thursday night before the First Sunday in October at 7:30 P. M.

The service was opened by singing the grand old hymn "Just As I Am."

Prayer by Elder J. F. Williams.

Devotional was conducted by Elder W. C. Howell, after which he brought the message of the evening.

Scripture Reading, St. Luke, 11-1-4.

Benediction by Elder J. E. Hodgens.

FRIDAY, 9:00 A. M.

In the absence of the clerk, Bro. Hodgens, the oldest minister present, called the house to order. Song and Prayer. The Moderator then took charge. The body then proceeded with business.

The roll of churches was called as follows:

MT. PLEASANT—Bro. J. M. Nichols, Bro. H. T. Rogers.

UNION HILL—Bro. A. J. Cox.

CLARA CHAPEL—Bro. R. T. Poole.

BELVIEW—Bro. Mack Jones and Sister Mack Jones.

MT. ZION—Bro. George Hollis.

LIBERTY—Bro. Delas Smith, Bro. Huff Cashe.

RYANS—By Letter.

MARY CHAPEL—Bro. Roland Dean.

BETHEL—Bro. Maxell Harper and Bro. Roy Picket.

BIRMINGHAM—Bro. H. A. McSpadden.

SYLACAUGA—Sis. Mary Hewlett and Sis. Ruth Strickland.

PLEASANT VALLEY—Bro. W. N. Hodgens.

DAVIS CHAPEL—Bro. Monroe McCay and Bro. C. G. Howard.

MOUNT OLIVE—Bro. Frank Minor.

OAK GROVE—Bro. D. E. Fields, Bro. George Beaty and Bro. Ed. C. Phugh.

TALLADEGA—Sister Lela Wiggins.

FAIRVIEW—Bro. W. H. McLaughlin and Bro. and Sister E. D. Goodwin.

The moderator then appointed Bro. W. F. Johnston and Rev. Harry L. Mitchell a reading committee, who read the letters from the various churches, which by motion were accepted and delegates seated.

A motion was made and accepted that all Deacons be granted the right as standing delegates.

Letters from various District Quarterly meetings were read, which were by motion accepted.

The following were appointed as Devotional Committee: Bro. J. V. Keeton, Sister Mary Hewlett, Bro. H. A. McSpadden, with deacon of home church.

Moved and Seconded that all committees be gathered in a body when reports of committee are read.

Motion that the body go into the business of election of officers.

Elder Harry L. Mitchell was elected as moderator; Elder J. E. Hodgins assistant.

The body then went into the election of clerk. Bro. W. F. Johnston was elected clerk with Bro. Odis Blackwood as assistant. The body then adjourned business until 1:30 P. M.

FRIDAY, 11:00 A. M.

After a short period of singing the devotional was conducted by Elder John C. Baxley. The message was brought by Elder J. F. Williams.

Scripture reading, Roman 12-1-2. Benediction by Elder W. C. Howell.

FRIDAY, 1:30 P. M.

The house was called to order by clerk. Devotional was conducted by Elder L. V. Pinson. Scripture reading, Act 5-4-12.

The new moderator then took charge and made a few remarks, then went into the appointing of committees:

BUSINESS—Bro. W. H. Lawrence, chairman; Bro. J. D. Kilburn, Bro. H. T. Rogers.

ORDAINING COUNCIL—Elder J. F. Williams, chairman; L. V. Pinson, W. C. Howell, R. H. Howard, John C. Boxley.

STANDING OF MINISTRY—Bro. W. J. Cox, chairman; J. V. Keeton, H. A. McSpadden, W. N. Hodgins, C. G. Howard.

RESOLUTIONS—Bro. R. E. Collins, chairman; I. C. Howard, J. M. McCay.

SABBATH SCHOOL—Sister Vera Howell, chairman; Sister Lela Wiggins.

EDUCATION—Elder J. F. Williams, C. O. Goodwin, Earl E. Isbell.

FAMILY RELIGION—Bro. J. M. Nichols, chairman; H. W. Smith, J. M. Hawkins.

TEMPERANCE—Elder W. C. Howell, chairman; W. H. McLaughlin, D. C. Smith.

DECEASED MEMBERS—Bro. Frank Minor, chairman; G. W. Hollis, Sister Ruth Strickland.

LITERATURE—Bro. Roland Dean, chairman; C. O. Goodwin, Luke Harris.

AUDITING—Bro. L. V. Pinson, chairman; J. M. Hawkins, I. C. Howard.

Move and second that we adjourn until 8:30 A. M., Saturday morning.

Benediction by Elder W. H. Lawrence.

SATURDAY, 8:30 A. M.

After the singing of a song the house was called to order by the clerk.

Prayer by Elder J. J. Staab.

Devotional was conducted by Elder W. H. Ryland.

The moderator then went into the business of accepting delegates that came late.

The remainder of the morning session was taken up appointing new committee and calling for report.

Business adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

SATURDAY, 11:00 A. M.

The body came together and sang some old time hymns, after which the message was brought by Elder J. T. Quick. Scripture reading, Matthew 25-34.

This service was followed by the ordination of Bro. E. V. Goodwin as Deacon of Fairview Church.

Benediction by Elder W. H. Ryland.

SATURDAY, 1:30 P. M.

After a short period of congregational singing, devotional was conducted by Elder J. D. Kilburn. Scripture reading, Hebrew 12-14.

The house was called to order by the clerk, then the moderator continued with business. The report of the rest of the committee was given at this time.

A special offering was taken at this time for association expense. \$19.35 was raised. A special offering was taken to have the questionnaires printed. \$6.93 was raised.

It was moved and second that all ministers and deacons requested to sign one of the forms and turn them in to the association.

Moved and second that each pastor of each church be requested to take a special offering once each year for mission.

Moved and second that the ladie's auxiliary report be printed in the minutes.

Moved and second that the ladie's auxiliary be given one hour in the association for their report.

Delegates were appointed to the State Association. Bro. Grady Collins, H. A. McSpadden, J. V. Keeton, I. C. Howard, Frank Minor. An offering was taken for the expense. \$6.01 was received.

Moved and second that the moderator appoint a lady to meet at the association to discuss plans to better the movement of the Ladie's Auxiliary in this association. Sister Mary Hewlett and Sister Vera Howell and Sister Fannie Harper.

Bro. Grady Collins was appointed to the Executive committee to take the place of Bro. Guy, whose time expired.

Bro. Lawrence was appointed as a delegate to Bear Creek association. Will also be one to Flint River association.

Bro. W. H. Ryland was appointed a delegate to the Progressive Association.

It was voted by the body that the association go to Sylacauga, Ala., next year.

Move and second that this body adjourn to meet with Sylacauga.

ga Church on Thursday night before first Sunday in October at 7:30 P. M., 1943.

Benediction by Elder W. H. Ryland.

SATURDAY, 7:00 P. M.

The message was brought by Elder W. H. Ryland. Scripture reading, the 13th chapter of Saint John. He was followed by Elder W. C. Howell, after which the ordinance of communion and feet washing was observed.

SECTION II

Minister's Conference

The sixty-fourth annual session of the Minister's Conference of the Cahaba Free Will Baptist Association met with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Talladega October 2, 7:30 P. M., 1942.

House was called to order by the clerk. Prayer by Elder W. H. Lawrence.

The moderator then took charge and read the 11th chapter of St. Luke.

By motion the body went into the election of officers. Elder L. V. Pinson was elected moderator with Elder J. S. Howell as assistant.

Bro. H. A. McSpadden was elected clerk with Bro. G. W. Hollis assistant.

The moderator then read the discipline of the Minister's Conference. A test of fellowship was had while the song, "He Loves Me," was sung with a very sweet and holy evidence of brotherly love unity.

The doors of the conference were opened for reception of new members. The following ministers presented themselves and by motion were accepted: Bro. Roy Pickett and Bro. Maxwell Harper. The subject, "Where Does the Soul Go at Death," was discussed by the Bretheren W. F. Johnston, J. F. Williams and J. D. Kilburn.

By motion the conference was adjourned to meet with the Sylacauga Church on Friday night before the first Sunday in October, 1943.

Benediction by moderator.

ELDER L. V. PINSON, Moderator.

BRO. H. A. McSPADDEN, Clerk.

MINISTER'S REPORT

J. E. HODGENS—

No. of sermons preached	65
No. of funerals conducted	9
No. of miles traveled	2400
Amount of offerings received	\$107.68
No. baptized	1
Expenses	\$67.31

J. F. WILLIAMS—

No. of churches pastored	1
No. of sermons preached	46
No. baptized	0
No. of funerals conducted	1
No. of marriages performed	1
No. of revivals assisted in	2
No. of miles traveled	600
Amount of offering received	\$30.00
Expense	\$8.00

R. H. HOWARD—

No. of sermons preached	16
No. of funerals conducted	1
No. of revivals assisted in	1
No. of miles traveled	70
Amount of offering received	\$3.85
Expense	\$1.55

J. D. KILBURN—

No. of sermons preached	34
No. of funerals conducted	1
No. of marriages performed	2
No. of miles traveled	346
Amount of offering received	\$19.85
Expense	\$7.80

MACK JONES—

No. of churches pastored	1
No. of sermons preached	26
No. of revivals assisted in	1
No. of miles traveled	60
Amount of offering received	\$27.27
Expense	\$8.96

H. M. BLACK—

No. of churches pastored	1
No. of sermons preached	30
No. of funerals conducted	1
No. of marriages performed	1
No. of revivals assisted in	2
No. of miles traveled	600
Amount of offering received	\$39.17
Expense	\$18.00

W. H. LAWRENCE—

No. of churches pastored	3
No. of sermons preached	124
No. of funerals conducted	3
No. of revivals assisted in	5
No. of miles traveled	6550
Amount of offering received	\$301.03
Expense	\$123.15

LESLIE PINSON—

No. of churches pastored	1
No. of sermons preached	130

No. baptized	3
No. of marriages performed	2
No. of funerals conducted	3
No. of revivals assisted in	2
No. of miles traveled	200
Amount of offering received	\$289.42
Expense	\$10.00
W. H. RYLAND—	
No. of churches pastored	1
No. of sermons preached	179
No. baptized	3
No. of marriages performed	1
No. of funerals conducted	2
No. miles traveled	435
Amount of offering received	\$209.35
JOHN S. HOWELL	
No. of sermons preached	45
No. baptized	4
No. funerals conducted	2
No. of revivals assisted in	1
No. of miles traveled	498
Amount of offering received	\$11.34
Expenses	\$5.00
JESSE DRUMMONDS—	
No. of churches pastored	1
No. of sermons preached	50
No. of revivals assisted in	1
No. baptized	1
Amount of offering	\$9.17
EARL E. ISBELL—	
No. of sermons preached	32
No. of revivals assisted in	3
No. of marriages performed	1
No. of miles traveled	28
J. C. FULLER—	
No. of sermons preached	173
No. of revivals assisted in	8
No. baptized	9
No. of funerals conducted	3
No. of marriages performed	1
No. of miles traveled	400
Amount of offering received	\$91.16
Expense	\$8.00
W. C. HOWELL—	
No. of churches pastored	1
No. of sermons preached	56
No. baptized	0
No. of funerals conducted	2
No. of revivals assisted in	1
No. of miles traveled	592

Amount of offering received	\$67.90
Expense	\$17.63
H. M. SMITH—	
No. of sermons preached	7
No. of funerals conducted	1
No. of miles traveled	150
JAMES M. McCAY—	
No. of sermons preached	38
No. of miles traveled	16
Expense	\$2.00
JOHN C. BAXLEY—	
No. of sermons preached	97
No. baptized	7
No. of marriages performed	1
No. of revivals assisted in	3
No. of miles traveled	900
Amount of offering received	\$50.70
Expense	\$16.50
C. O. GOODWIN—	
No. of sermons preached	88
No. of revivals assisted in	1
No. of funerals conducted	1
No. of miles traveled	1080
Amount of offering received	\$19.65
Expense	\$36.20
J. J. STAAB—	
No. of churches pastored	1
No. of sermons preached	100
No. of funerals conducted	1
No. of marriages performed	2
No. of revivals assisted in	1
No. of miles traveled	500
Amount of offering received	\$1.30
Expense	\$8.00
HARRY L. MITCHELL—	
No. of churches pastored	1
No. of sermons preached	87
No. of funerals conducted	7
No. of revivals assisted in	9
No. of miles traveled	6105
Amount of offering received	\$208.44
Expense	\$108.35
C. R. ALLEN—	
No. of sermons preached	59
No. of funerals conducted	8
No. of marriages performed	1
No. of revivals assisted in	3
No. of miles traveled	1161
Amount of offering received	\$28.50
Expense	\$21.46

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, Ala., Rt. 8, Box 425A.
 Elder J. J. Staab, 2313 33rd Ave. No. Birmingham, Ala.
 Elder H. M. Black, Adamsville, Ala.
 Elder C. R. Allen, 3710 5th Ct., Birmingham, Ala.
 Elder J. D. Hobson, 3401 28th Place, Birmingham, Ala.
 Elder Earl E. Isbell, Dunnivant, Ala.
 Elder H. W. Smith, Lowley, Ala., Rt. 1.
 Elder H. E. Hewett, Pell City, Ala.
 Elder Jesse Drummonds, Trussville, Ala., Rt. 2.
 Elder W. H. Ryland, Margaret, Ala.
 Elder Mack Jones, Leeds, Ala., Route 1
 Elder C. O. Goodwin, Munford, Ala., Route 2.
 Elder John S. Howell, 427 Williams Ave., Talladega, Ala.
 Elder W. C. Howell, Gen. Del., Talladega, Ala.
 Elder P. H. Howard, Sterrett, Ala.
 Elder W. H. Lawrence, Cullman, Ala., Box 443.
 Elder L. N. Barber, Pell City, Ala.
 Elder J. C. Fuller, Gen. Del., Sylacauga, Ala.
 Elder John C. Baxley, 12 Village St., Sylacauga, Ala.
 Elder L. V. Pinson, 30 Millhaven St., Sylacauga, Ala.
 Elder James M. McCay, Sterrets, Ala.
 Elder J. D. Kilburn, Munford, Ala., Gen. Del.
 Elder Roy Pickett, Marvelle, Ala.
 Elder Maxwell Harper, Marvelle, Ala.

EXECUTIVES

Bro. Grady Collins, Sylacauga, Ala.
 Bro. L. W. Kendrick, Maylene, Ala.
 Bro. H. A. McSpadden, chairman, Sayreton, Ala.

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

We, the committee of Standing of the Ministry recommended certificate for the following named ministers:

Elders J. D. Kilburn, H. M. Black, R. H. Howard, J. J. Stabbs, L. N. Barber, Earl E. Isbell, C. R. Allen, W. H. Lawrence, W. H. Ryland, Harry L. Mitchell, J. S. Howell, W. C. Howell, L. V. Pinson, Jesse Drummonds, J. C. Fuller, C. O. Goodwin, H. H. Smith, John C. Baxley, Mack Jones and H. E. Hewlett.

We find we cannot recommend Elder James Cline and Elder J. D. Osborn until they support the cause as they should. Respectfully submitted,

W. J. COX, Chairman.
 J. V. KEETON.
 H. A. McSPADDEN.
 W. N. HODGENS.
 C. G. HOWARD.

BUSINESS

We, your committee beg to report the following:

1. That Mary Chapel Church be referred back to the Quarterly Conference.

2. We find a form for Deacons and Ministers as submitted by Minister's Conference as of Second Sunday in August and recommend use of same by association.

3. We find in the letter of Fairview Church asking for the ordination of Bro. E. V. Goodwin for Deacon of Fairview Church and recommended him to the ordaining council.

Respectfully submitted,

BRO. W. H. LAWRENCE, Chairman.

J. D. Kilburn, H. T. Rogers.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

1. We, your Ordaining Council, request that the body take up license of Elder H. W. Smith and grant him Certificate of Standing with his Certificate of Ordination.

2. We, your Ordaining Council, have examined Bro. Goodwin and find him to be a man of faith well founded in the Free Will Baptist Doctrine. A proper subject for ordination as a deacon.

We, your committee, do hereby recommend him for ordination.

Respectfully submitted,

BRO. J. F. WILLIAMS, Chmn.

L. V. Pinson, W. C. Howell, R. H. Howard, John C. Baxley.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Be it resolved that this body send instructed delegates to the State Association urging a movement by the state body that we erect an orphans home to be located in the State of Alabama at the earliest possible date after the session is over.

2. Resolve that all Ministers of the Gospel see that there is Sunday School in their Church. And urge that Birthday funds be taken and other funds be raised for the maintenance of said institution.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. COLLINS, Chmn.

I. C. Howard, James M. McCall

DECEASED MEMBERS

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

Since our last session the following named members have passed away: Mount Zion Church, Elder Eddie Wilkerson; Pleasant Valley Church, W. B. Shirley; Mount Pleasant, Sister Julia A. Nichols; from Many Chapel, one but name not given.

Respectfully submitted,

BRO. FRANK MINOR, Chmn.

G. W. Hollis, Sister Ruth Strickland.

FAMILY RELIGION

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

We study the condition of the Church and our home and when we neglect our family devotion we see that the Church grows cold. We think it important that the family devotion should be carried out in the home.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. NICHOLS, Chmn.
H. W. Smith, J. M. Hawkins

LITERATURE

We, your Committee on Literature, recommend that the Bible be taught, also that Free Will Baptist use Free Will Baptist literature. And parents guard against unwholesome literature as well as provide wholesome literature for their children.

Respectfully submitted,
BRO. ROLAND DEAN, Chmn.
Luke Harris, C. O. Goodwin.

TEMPERANCE

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

The Bible teaches us to be temperate in all things, so let us practice temperance in all things. We recommend that our ministers preach temperance and not confine it to any one thing but to all things that are not right. To be temperate we must abstain from all that is evil and cling to that which is good.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. HOWELL, Chmn.
D. I. Smith, W. H. McLaughlin.

EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Education, recommend that our people as a whole educate ourselves on the teaching of The Bible and practice it 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. We further recommend that our Preachers advocate that better morals be taught in our public schools.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. J. F. WILLAMS, Chmn.
Earl E. Isbell, C. O. Goodwin.

SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your Sunday School Committee, insist that children attend Sunday School and stay and hear the gospel preached. Also early training in the home and Church is a good foundation, lots of time it is the cause of early conversions. We should make greater efforts

to tell our children about Jesus. And to use Free Will Baptist literature in our Churches..

We urge also that all Sunday School attend the Sunday School convention.

Respectfully submitted,
SISTER VERA HOWELL, Chmn.
Sister Mary Hewitt, Sister Lela Wiggins.

AUDITING

We, your Auditing Committee, have examined the 1941—1942 treasury report and find it to be all right with the exception of 64c due clerk.

Respectfully submitted,
BRO. L. V. PINSON, Chmn.
J. M. McCay, I. C. Howard.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

The report of First Free Will Baptist Church of Sylacauga:

Amount in treasure in 1941	\$ 6.26
Amount received this year	307.73
Amount paid out this year	240.95
Amount in treasure at present	74.02
Number on roll	12
Number of visits to see the sick	353

Names of Officers—

Sister Lena Brazzell, Pres.
Sister Ruth Strickland, Vice-Pres.
Sister Mary Hewitt, Sec. & Treas.
Sister Ava Johnston, Cor. Sec.

HOME MISSIONS TREASURY

Balance on hand from 1941	\$ 9.00
Mount Pleasant Church	3.50
Ryans Church	2.00
Total	\$14.50

Respectfully submitted,
D. N. DAVIS, Chmn.
WILL HODGENS
G. W. HOLLIS, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT—1941-1942

Amount paid in for minutes and clerical expenses	\$42.50
Amount paid in for printing of certificates of Standing	7.50
Total amount paid in	\$50.00

DISBURSEMENTS

300 Minutes	30.00
Clerical work and supplies	20.64
Total spent	\$50.64
Balance due clerk64

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

REPORT OF DISTRICT QUARTERLY CONFERENCES FIRST DISTRICT

General State of Religion	Good
General State of Sunday School	Good
Number of Churches added to our quarterly meeting	None
Number of Churches lost their visibility	One

Number of Churches in District	6
Number of Ordained Ministers	15
Number of Ministers Ordained	1
Number of Deacons Ordained	3
Number of Ministers given license	1
Number of Churches organized	None

ELDER J. J. STAAB, Moderator.
BRO. ODIS BLACKWOOD, Clerk.

FOURTH DISTRICT

Number of Churches	3
Number of Ordained Ministers	6

ELDER W. H. LAWRENCE, Mod.
BRO. ARTHUR JOHNSTON, Clerk.

THIRD DISTRICT

Number of Churches	6
Number of Licensed Ministers	2

ELDER W. H. LAWRENCE, Mod.
SISTER DOROTHY KEETON, 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 may come and take the water of life freely.

12. PERSEVERENCE—All believers in Christ, who through 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 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.

Statistical Table -- 1942

Churches	No. Members	Received By Letter	Received By Baptism	No. Dismissed	No. Died	Clerk's Names and Adresses	Pastors
Pleasant Valley	114	0	0	0	1	Mable Shirley, Chelsea, Ala.	H. M. Black
Mary Chapel	23	0	0	0	1	J. P. Sexton, Brookwood, Ala.	S. R. Lee
Fairview	23	5	0	0	0	W. H. McLaughlin, Margaret, Ala.	W. H. Ryland
Belview	55	1	0	4	0	Mardis Minor, Leeds, Ala.	A. J. Lambert
Union Hill	74	0	0	0	0	W. C. Walker, Sterrett, Ala., Rt. 2	W. H. Lawrence
Birmingham	45	10	0	1	0	H. A. McSpadden, Sayerton, Ala.	J. J. Staab
Clara Chapel	40	0	0	0	1	Robbie Littlefield, Boothton, Ala.	H. L. Mitchell
Mount Zion	63	0	1	0	1	G. W. Hollis, Pell City, Ala., Box 11	J. E. Droummes
Ryans	24	0	0	0	0	L. W. Kendrick, Maylene, Ala.	W. H. Lawrence
Davis Chapel	32	0	7	2	0	Willie Caudle, Sterrett, Ala.	John Baxley
Talladega	33	4	5	21	0	Clarence Wiggins, Talladega, Ala.	W. C. Howell
Oak Grove	33	3	0	0	0		
Mt. Pleasant	30	0	0	6	2	J. W. Barnett, Sprott, Ala.	J. E. Hodgens
Sylacauga	63	5	3	3	0	Arthur Johnston, Sylacauga, Ala.	L. V. Pinson
Liberty	37	2	1	0	0	E. L. Terry	J. E. Hodgens
Bethel	62	0	8	0	0	Josie Picket, Marvel, Ala.	W. H. Lawrence
Mt. Olive	(Not Represented)						