

MINUTES
of the
Sixty-sixth Annual Session
of the
Cahaba River Free Will
Baptist Association

convened with

BETHEL CHURCH

Marvell, Alabama

SEPTEMBER 29 and 30, 1944

Officers:

MODERATOR ELDER HARRY L. MITCHELL
1720 8th Ave., N., Birmingham 3, Ala.

ASS'T MODERATOR ELDER H. M. BLACK
Adamsville, Ala.

CLERK W. F. JOHNSTON
28 Seminole St., Sylacauga, Ala.

The next session of the Association will convene with
Belview Church, at Leeds, Ala., on Thursday Night
before the first Sunday in October
1945 at 7:30 p. m.

PROCEEDINGS

The fifty-sixth annual session of the Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association met with Bethel Church at Marvel, Ala. on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October at 7:30 P. M.

The service was opened by singing a hymn. After prayer, the message was brought by Elder R. H. Howard. Scripture reading. Matthew 5:1-17.

Benediction by Elder R. H. Howard.

FRIDAY—9:00 A. M.

After singing a hymn, the clerk called the body to order. After which Elder J. F. Williams led in prayer.

The Moderator then took charge and read a portion of the Bible from 100th Psalm. After a few remarks about the Association, Elder J. E. Hodgins led the body in prayer. The Moderator appointed a Credentials Committee. Brothers Charles R. Dean, J. M. Shirley, W. N. Hodgins composed the committee. The ministers and deans registered at this time, paying \$1.00 fee. While the Credentials Committee was making its report the Moderator read from the treaties and by-laws of the Association. Elder H. M. Black made a statement about the National Association.

Elder J. E. Hodgins made a few remarks about the Association at this time.

The Credentials Committee made a partial report at this time.

Brother C. R. Dean was appointed Reading Committee, and roll call of the churches was as follows:

Bethel—Brother Frank Harris, Sister Archie Smitherman.

Davis Chapel—Brother Percy Stokes.

Liberty—Brother Earl Watson.

Union Hill—Brother Elvie White.

Sylacauga—Sister Lela Harmon, Sister Bessie Mae Simms.

Pleasant Valley—Brother W. N. Hodgins.

Mt. Zion—Brother G. W. Hollis.

Birmingham—Brother Jesse Picket.

Mt. Pleasant—Brother H. T. Rogers, Sister Blannie Dunkin.

Talladega—Brother Riddle Wheeler, Sister J. C. Fuller, Sister Florence Blackwood.

Mr. Olive—Brother Dewey Isbell.

Fairview—Brother and Sister J. L. Poe. Brother W. H. McLaughlin.

The letters were accepted and the delegates seated. The body sang a hymn and fellowship was called for and found to be very good.

The Moderator appointed Sister Minnie Picket, Brother R. T. Poole, Brother J. M. Shirley as Devotional Committee.

The body went into the business of electing officers. Elder H. L. Mitchell was re-elected Moderator, with Elder H. M. Black as assistant. Brother W. F. Johnston was re-elected as clerk.

Brother J. V. Keeton was appointed Executive Committee pro tem.

The Devotional Committee made a partial report. Elder J. E. Drummonds to preach. Brother H. A. McSpadden for devotional for Friday at 11:00 A. M.

Brother H. A. McSpadden read the Constitution, which the Executive Committee had framed to be adopted by the body. The body adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

FRIDAY—11:00 A. M.

After singing a hymn, Brother McSpadden led in prayer and then conducted devotionals, reading the 11th chapter of Hebrews.

Elder J. E. Drummonds brought the message, reading Rev. 28:21. Benediction by Elder J. E. Drummonds.

FRIDAY—1:30 P. M.

The house was called to order by the clerk. Elder J. W. Marlow conducted the devotions. Prayer by Elder W. H. Lawrence.

The delegates that came in late were seated and letters read. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Standing of Ministry—Brothers J. V. Keeton, C. O. Goodwin, J. E. Drummonds, J. W. Shirley, W. N. Hodgins.

Business—Brothers H. A. McSpadden, J. L. Poe, Dewey Isbell and Sisters Ressie Mae Simms, Minnie Picket.

Ordaining Council—Brothers J. E. Hodgins, J. C. Bazley, H. M. Black, Earl E. Isbell and R. H. Howard.

Sabbath School—Sisters Alton Lee and Blannie Dunkin.

Education—Sisters Lena Brazelle and Florence Blackwood.

Family Religion—Sisters J. C. Fuller and Troy Kendrick.

Temperance—Brothers H. W. Smith and J. F. Williams.

Literature—Brothers Odis Blackwood, Frank Harris and Riddle Wheeler.

Resolutions—Brothers Maxwell Harper and Alton Lee.

Home Missions—Brothers W. H. McLaughlin, Percy Stoker and Earl Watson.

Deceased Members—Sisters Lela Harman and Virgel Noah.

Auditing—Brothers L. V. Pinson, G. W. Hollis and Lee Culver.

The Moderator turned the service over to the Ladies Auxiliary for their report. The ladies gave their report and made some fine talks on their work, as follows:

BELVIEW CHURCH—We have a good auxiliary and have done lots of work this year. Our members have visited the sick, carried flowers, done personal work in the home, personal work during the revival. All the members are active in church and Sunday School work. We have done lots to improve our church and make it beautiful. We paid \$30.00 on Sunday School rooms and \$20.00 to the Orphans' Home.—Ladies Auxiliary, Belview Church.

TALLADEGA—We have just organized our auxiliary with 11 members. We are asking every one to pray for us that we may grow and prosper in the work of the Lord.—Sister Alline Fuller, President; Sister Lula Wiggins, Secretary.

FAIRVIEW—The work of our auxiliary is fine. Total membership 12. We have paid out the following:

Home Missions	\$ 8.35
Ministerial Relief	4.69
National Convention Dues	2.80
Building Repairs	50.00
Miscellaneous Purposes	75.00

Total Paid Out \$141.84

We have a balance of \$25.00 in the treasury.

SYLACAUGA—

No. of Meetings Held	40
Amount Taken In	\$150.20
Paid Orphans' Home	\$70.00
Paid Bible School	2.50
Miscellaneous Expense	29.00
Home Missions	38.60

Total Paid Out \$140.00

Balance in Treasury	\$ 10.10
Sick Calls Made	146
Personal Service and Charity	\$106.00
Jehovah Chest Paid Out	\$ 34.00

—Sister Lena Brazelle, Secretary.

The body had a period of singing at this time while the committees were working on their reports.

The delegates were assigned to homes for supper at this time.

The Devotional Committee made a partial report at this time. Elder H. M. Black to preach at 7:30 P. M.

The Standing of Ministry Committee gave its report at this time and was accepted.

The Ordaining Council gave its report, which was accepted.

The body adjourned until 9:00 A. M. Saturday morning.

Benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY—9:00 A. M.

After singing a hymn, the clerk called the house to order. Elder John C. Baxley led in prayer. Devotionals were conducted by Elder H. M. Black. Scripture reading, Psalms 39-7.

The Moderator took charge and asked that all committees have their reports ready. There were some oral reports made at this time.

The Devotional Committee made a report. Elder T. J. Adair for devotional; Elder L. V. Pinson to preach at 11:00 A. M.

The Moderator called for reports at this time. Sabbath School, Education, Literature. These reports were accepted. The business committee made its report at this time. The Constitution was adopted article by article. Each one was accepted. The Constitution was adopted, to be printed in the minutes. The body voted the Association go to Belview Church, at Leeds, Ala.

The body adjourned until 1:00 P. M.

SATURDAY—11:00 A. M.

After singing a hymn devotions were conducted by Elder T. J. Adair. Prayer by Brother Charles R. Dean. The message was brought by Elder L. V. Pinson. Scripture reading from Act. 27:22. After the message a call was given for sinners to come to the altar of prayer. One soul came and the body had an old-fashioned altar of prayer. Benediction by Elder J. F. Williams.

SATURDAY—1:00 P. M.

The clerk called the house to order. Prayer by Elder J. C. Baxley. The Moderator conducted devotional service. Scripture reading. James 2:1-10.

The Devotional Committee made a final report at this time for Saturday at 7:30 P. M. Elder Maxwell Harper to conduct the devotional and Elder J. C. Fuller to preach. The Ordaining Council conducted their service at this time with the ordination of A. K. Simms, A. L. Harmon, and Elvie White as deacons of their respective churches.

The body went into the business of electing officers for another year. Elder H. M. Black, Moderator; Elder J. E. Drummonds, Assistant Moderator; W. F. Johnston, Clerk; Odis Blackwood, Assistant Clerk; Elder H. L. Mitchell, Treasurer.

The Home Missions Committee gave its report at this time, which was accepted. A collection was taken to have Elder J. E. Hodgins' picture in the paper; received \$5.00. A collection was taken for the Orphans' Home; received \$23.10. Brother Black made his report on the Orphans' Home.

The Auditing Committee gave its report at this time, which was accepted. The final report of Credentials Committee was given and accepted. Resolutions Committee's report was accepted.

Temperance, Deceased Members, Home Missions, Executive, and Family Religion Committees gave their reports, and were accepted.

It was moved and seconded that the clerk have 500 minutes printed.

The new Moderator took charge and appointed committees as follows:

Credentials—Brothers Charles R. Dean, Dewey Isbell and J. M. Shirley.

Ordaining Council—Elders H. L. Mitchell, J. E. Hodgins, J. C. Baxley, J. C. Fuller and C. O. Goodwin.

Standing of Ministry—Brothers L. V. Pinson, J. F. Williams, Earl E. Isbell, J. V. Keeton and Alton Lee.

Business Committee—Brothers Percy Stokes, Earl Watson, Lee Culver, Elvie White and Maxwell Harper.

Education—Sisters J. V. Keeton, Blannie Dunkin and Archie Smitherman.

Sabbath School—Brothers Frank Harris, H. A. McSpadden and H. T. Rogers.

Family Religion—Sisters J. W. Barnett, Lela Harmon and Alton Lee.

Temperance—Brothers H. A. McSpadden, Oliver Drummonds and A. L. Harmon.

Deceased Members—Sisters Virgel Noah, Florence Blackwood and Troy Kendrick.

Home Missions—Brothers A. K. Simms, Odis Blackwood and H. W. Smith.

Auditing—Brothers Charles R. Dean, H. A. McSpadden and Lee Culver.

Elder H. M. Black was appointed as Orphans' Home field worker.

The Moderator appointed one from each church as delegate to the State Association.

It was moved and seconded that the body adjourn until Thursday night before the first Sunday in October with Belview Church at Leeds, Ala., for the 1945 session.

SATURDAY—7:30 P. M.

The body met together after singing several hymns. Prayer was offered by Elder Maxwell Harper. Devotional was conducted by Elder Maxwell Harper.

Elder J. C. Fuller brought the message. Scripture reading, I Corinthians 11:20-28. After which the ordinance of Communion and Feet Washing was observed.

SECTION II MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The sixty-sixth annual session of the Ministers Conference of the Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association met with Bethel Church at Marvel, Ala., September 29, 1944. House was called to order by the clerk. The Moderator took charge and read a portion of the Bible. By motion, the body went into the election of officers. Moved and seconded that the same ones be retained. An opportunity was given for new membership. A test of fellowship was made, all ministers and deacons present taking part. A very warm demonstration of brotherly love and the presence of the Holy Spirit was evidenced. The ministers turned in their reports at this time.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn, after which Elder H. M. Black brought the message.

Benediction by the Moderator.

ELDER L. V. PINSON, Moderator
BROTHER H. A. McSPADDEN, Clerk

ELDERS	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Number Baptized	Number Funerals	Number Marriages	Number Revivals	Miles Traveled	Offerings	Expense
Harry L. Mitchell	1	152	9	12	12	4	9,420	\$835.00	\$387.00
J. D. Kilburn	0	19	0	0	0	0	637	.00	.00
J. C. Fuller	0	136	0	1	0	3	0	120.25	.00
J. M. McCay	0	27	0	0	0	0	48	.00	5.51
Earl E. Isbell	0	27	0	0	0	0	25	8.05	.00
C. O. Goodwin	0	62	2	0	1	0	1,455	48.80	42.07
H. W. Smith	0	8	0	1	1	0	0	.00	.00
J. T. Quick	2	45	3	0	1	2	2,000	185.00	45.00
W. O. McDonald	0	20	0	0	0	1	250	15.00	.00
W. H. Ryland	1	115	1	2	3	3	830	509.50	67.00
J. J. Stabbs	1	115	1	0	10	1	300	260.00	5.00
C. F. Wheeler	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	3.95	3.17
W. C. Howell	1	48	0	2	3	1	0	15.00	.00
R. H. Howard	0	32	0	0	3	0	258	58.15	4.56
J. E. Drummonds	1	63	1	2	0	3	0	14.08	.00
J. E. Hodgins	0	85	0	3	0	5	2,750	413.19	.00
L. V. Pinson	0	31	2	3	0	2	1,059	68.50	35.00
J. C. Baxley	1	60	0	4	2	0	1,056	75.00	25.00
Maxwell Harper	0	30	0	0	0	0	152	24.34	11.60
H. M. Black	1	82	19	3	2	2	4,000	291.70	48.00
J. F. Williams	1	40	0	0	0	0	840	30.00	14.15

MINISTERIAL ROLL

Elder J. E. Hodgins, Chelsea, Ala.
Elder J. F. Williams, Rt. 8, Box 425A, Birmingham, Ala.
Elder C. O. Goodwin, Rt. 2, Munford, Ala.
Elder L. V. Pinson, 30 Millhaven St., Sylacauga, Ala.
Elder Earl E. Isbell, Dunnavant, Ala.
Elder H. L. Mitchell, 1720 8th Avenue, North, Birmingham, Ala.
Elder J. C. Baxley, 12 Village St., Sylacauga, Ala.
Elder Maxwell Harper, Marvel, Ala.
Elder W. C. Howell, Isbell Circle, Talladega, Ala.
Elder J. D. Kilburn, Munford, Ala.
Elder H. M. Black, Adamsville, Ala.
Elder J. E. Drummonds, Rt. 2, Trussville, Ala.
Elder R. H. Howard, Vandiver, Ala.
Elder J. J. Stabb, 2313 33rd Avenue, North, Birmingham, Ala.
Elder H. W. Smith, Lawley, Ala.
Elder W. H. Ryland, Leeds, Ala.
Elder J. C. Fuller, 515 Isabell Circle, Talladega, Ala.
Elder J. M. McCay, Sterrets, Ala.
Elder W. O. McDonald, Route 8, Box 700 Birmingham, Ala.
Elder W. H. Lawrence
Elder T. J. Adair, Chelsa, Ala.
Elder W. F. Isabell
Elder J. S. Howell, 427 Williams Avenue, Talladega, Ala.
Elder C. F. Wheeler, Route 2, Talladega, Ala.
Elder Virgle Noah, Leeds, Ala.

Executive Committee

Bro. H. A. McSpadden, Sayreton, Ala.
Bro. C. R. Dean, 1623 11th Court, North, Birmingham, Ala.
Bro. A. K. Simmons, Sylacauga, Ala.

SECTION III

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Executive Committee

We your Executive Committee appointed Elder L. V. Pinson to fill the vacancy at Davis Chapel when resigned by Elder J. C. Baxley.

We met at Sylacauga Church with moderator and clerk to draw up plans for Constitution.

Made trip to Davis Chapel to investigate disturbance in church.

GRADY COLLINS, Chairman

Family Religion

We your Committee on Family Religion report the following: We believe the beginning of religion should start in the home and taught to the children by the parents. Every home should have a family altar and be taught God's word and reverently bow and worship God.

SISTER J. C. FULLER
SISTER S. W. KENDRICK

Deceased Members

We your Committee on Deceased Members report that since our last session the following ones have passed away: Mt. Zion—Ada E. Hollis, Lita Mae McGuar, Lizzie Marson; Mt. Pleasant—John Jones, Luda Young, Ida Orr, Lizzie Jones, Alexander Nichols; Davis Chapel—Cecil Howard; Mt. Olive—Sister J. C. Doads; Talladega—Clydia M. Crawford, Eva Annie Wheeler; Bethel—Brother John Picket; Union Hill—Elder David Baker.

SISTER LELA HARMON
SISTER CATHERINE NOAH

Auditing

We your Committee on Auditing have examined the Treasurer's Report and the Home Missions Report and find them to be correct.

L. V. PINSON
G. W. HOLLIS
LEE CULVER

Home Missions Treasurer

Balance on hand from 1943	\$ 21.60
Received at this Session	8.50
Total	\$ 30.10

G. W. HOLLIS, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

Received at 1943 Session	\$ 99.62
Expenditures	92.94
Balance on Hand	\$ 6.68

W. F. JOHNSTON, Treasurer

Home Missions

We your committee on Home Missions insist that the object of Home Missions is to promote unity among the churches and community and help those who are weak, and for the promotion of the Gospel in our communities. We recommend that each church support Home Missions with its means and prayers.

W. H. McLAUGHLIN
PERCY STOKES
EARL WATSON

Temperance

We your Committee on Temperance submit the following report: The Bible teaches us to be temperate in all things and at all times. So let us practice temperance. We recommend that we teach our children temperance. To be temperate we must abstain from all that is evil.

J. F. WILLIAMS
H. W. SMITH

Resolutions

We your Resolutions Committee submit the following report:

1. Resolved that each church have free will offering each month for the Orphans' Home.

2. Resolved that our pastors invite our preachers in and get them introduced to all our churches.

ALTON LEE
MAXWELL HARPER

Business

We recommend that the Constitution offered by the Executive Committee be adopted by this body.

We find that four (4) churches have requested the Association for another year. We recommend that the next session be held at Belview Church at Leeds, Ala.

H. A. McSPADDEN

Credentials Committee

We find that all letters were correct except one from Mt. Zion, which was unofficially written.

C. R. DEAN

Ordaining Council

We recommend the ordaining of A. L. Harmon, A. K. Simms, Elvie White for deacons.

J. E. HODGENS, Chairman

Standing of Ministry

We recommend that each minister and deacon receive a Certificate of Standing, if their church asks for it and the ministers had a report.

J. V. KEETON
C. O. GOODWIN
J. E. DRUMMONDS
J. W. SHIRLEY
W. N. HODGES

LITERATURE

We as your Committee on Literature believe the Bible should be taught to children in school the same as in the home, and parents should be careful of the kind of literature they have in their homes.

We also believe that all Free Will Baptist Churches should use literature from our Free Will Baptist Press.

ODIS BLACKWOOD
FRANK HARRIS
RIDDLE WHEELER

Education

We your Committee on Education believe we should read and teach the Bible daily in the home and read more Christian literature and, as our lives are an open book, live a Christ-like life daily.

SIS. FLORENCE BLACKWOOD
SIS. LENA BRAZELL

Sabbath School

We your Sunday School Committee believe all parents should go to Sunday School and carry their children every Sunday if possible. We believe Sunday School will be a great help in training a child the way he should go.

SIS. ALTON LEE
SIS. BLANNIE DUNKIN

To the _____ Annual Session of Free Will Baptist Association which convenes with _____ Church at _____, 19____:

We send as delegates our beloved brethren _____ whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in deliberations.

General condition of church _____

League _____ No. of Officers _____ No. of Teachers _____

No. of Pupils _____ Sunday School _____ No. of Officers _____

No. of Teachers _____ No. of Pupils _____ Revivals _____ New Members _____

No. Baptized _____ Members Dismissed _____ No. Deceased _____ Name of

Deceased _____ Total Mem-

bership _____ Amount Paid Pastor _____ Evangelist _____

Amount Paid Orphanage _____ Missions: Home _____;

Foreign _____ Education _____ Publication _____

Conference Expense _____ Name and Address of Pastor _____

_____ Name and

Address of Ministers belonging to our Church _____

Property Valuation _____ Repairs _____

We request a Certificate of Standing for the following ministers:

Deacons _____

Requests _____

Done by order of _____ Church.

_____ 19_____.

_____ Moderator.

_____ Clerk

Clerk's Address _____

Ministers' Report to Association

No. of Churches Pastored _____ No. of Sermons Preached _____
No. Baptized _____ No. of Funerals Conducted _____ No. of Marriages
Performed _____ No. of Revivals _____ No. of Miles Traveled _____
Amount of Offerings _____ Expense _____
Elder _____
Address _____

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 supreme 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. **PERSEVERANCE**—All believers in Christ who, through perseverance 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 grave, 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.

CONSTITUTION

Article I

The Association shall be known as The Cahaba River Association of the Free Will Baptist.

Article II

The Association shall be composed of Ministers, Deacons and Delegates of different churches forming the same.

Article III

All ministers and churches wishing to become members of this body must willingly submit to the articles of constitution and all rules of same.

Article IV

Each church composing this Association shall be entitled to three (3) delegates for the first one hundred members and one (1) for each additional fifty (50) or fraction thereof.

Article V

This body shall have a standing Credentials Committee composed of three (3) members. Two ordained ministers or deacons and one (1) layman, whose duty shall be to examine all church letters and applications for membership of churches and ministers and make a report of same to the body.

Article VI

The officers of the Association shall be composed of Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer. They shall be elected by body each year, at the end of each session. The Treasurer shall serve for a term of two (2) years. He shall handle all money of the Association and shall be bonded.

Article VII

The committees of this body shall be composed of standing members to alternate each session. They shall be composed of three to five members each. The committees are as follows: Credentials, Executive, Ordaining Council, Standing of Ministry, Business, Education, Sabbath School, Family Religion, Literature, Resolutions, Temperance, Deceased Members, Home Missions and Auditing. The Ordaining Council and Standing of Ministry to be composed of ordained men. Any committeeman absent for two (2) consecutive years to be filled by new members.

Article VIII

The General board shall be composed of the officers of the Association and chairman of each committee. The Moderator to be chairman of this board. The duties of this board will be found in our Treaties, page 61, Section No. 3, 4, 5.

Article IX

This Association shall meet on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October of each year.

Article X

Each church representing this body shall be required annually 10c per capita as fund for the Association for the purpose of printing the minutes and other expense of the Association. The minimum amount any church may send is \$3.00.

Article XI

Each minister and deacon belonging to this body pay an annual fee of \$1.00.

Article XII

The clerk shall be paid the sum of \$25.00 annually. The Moderator shall be paid the sum of \$25.00 annually. All other expenditures not specified herein shall be by decision of the body.

Article XIII

This Constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the Association by two-thirds (2-3) vote of members present, provided proposed amendment or alteration be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

CHURCHES	Number Members	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Baptism	Number Dismissed	No. Died	Paid Pastor	Orphans' Home	Property Valuation	CLERK'S NAME AND ADDRESS	PASTOR
FAIRVIEW	37	6	2	3	0	\$474.00	42 00	\$ 1000	W. H. McLaughlin Trussville, Ala.	W. H. Ryland
MT. OLIVE	43	1	1	0	1	61 35	21.15	\$ 1000	Lottie Isbell Dunnavant, Ala.	J. T. Windsor
BELVIEW	74	11	19	4	0	260.20	83 00	\$ 2000	A. L. Parker 505 Pine St. Leeds, Ala.	H. M. Black
MT. PLEASANT	25	0	0	1	4	80.66	20.00	\$ 1500	J. W. Barnett Sprot, Ala.	J. E. Hodgens
BETHEL	53	0	1	0	1	177.00	41.50	\$ 1000	Minnie Pickett Marvell, Ala. Route 1	J. E. Hodgens
SYLACAUGA	71	17	9	1	0	723.50	150.00	\$ 2000	Lela Harmon Sylacauga, Ala.	H. L. Mitchell
PLEASANT VALLEY	24	0	0	1	0		4.00	\$ 800	C. S. Kenkrick Chelsea, Ala.	J. E. Hodgens
UNION HILL	72	0	1	0	1	151.47			W. C. Walker Sterret, Ala., Route 2	J. E. Hodgens
BIRMINGHAM	42	2	1	1	0	303.00	216.00	\$ 600	H. L. Thomas 1826 35th Ave. B'ham, Ala.	J. J. Staab
DAVIS CHAPEL	20	1	0	11	1	66.50	26.81	\$ 1000	Lenora Davis Sterret, Ala., Route 1	J. C. Boxley
LIBERTY	48	3	3	0	0	102.12	31.69	\$ 2000	Dorothy Keeton Lawley, Ala.	J. T. Quick
TALLADEGA	35	0	0	13	2	125.00	6.00	\$ 2500	Odis Black Wood.	J. C. Fuller
TOTAL	544	41	37	35	10	\$2524.80	\$642.15	\$15,400		