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ELDERS	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Number Baptized	Number Funerals	Number Marriages	Number Revivals	Miles Traveled	Offerings	Expense
L. V. Pinson	1	56	2	3	3	2	1500	\$ 185.00	\$ 75.00
H. M. Black	2	65	7	5	0	3	5373	424.75	69.00
J. E. Hodgins	1	52	0	0	0	0	1460	272.50	54.56
R. H. Howard	0	19	0	0	3	0	476	25.73	7.70
W. H. Ryland	1	198	19	5	3	5	3000	748.00	
A. J. Lambert	1	156	26	6	5	4	2130	2135.95	59.00
J. C. Baxley	1	100	0	0	0	2	1870	315.89	85.07
Earl E. Isbell	0	11	0	1	0	0			
H. W. Smith	0	18	7	1	0	0		16.00	
J. J. Staab	0	75	0	0	8	3	3500	500.00	57.00
R. K. Franklin	0	110	1	0	0	9	1000	200.00	200.00
W. O. McDonald	0	17	0	0	1	0	500	10.00	10.00
Harry L. Mitchell	0	152	9	8	12	4	4500	310.00	156.00

PROCEEDINGS

The sixty-eighth annual session of the Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association met with Fairview Church at Trussville, Ala., Rt. 1, on Tuesday night before the first Sunday in October, 1946 at 7:30 P. M.

The service was opened by singing "The City Full of Glory" led by the Rev. W. H. Ryland, the pastor.

Opening Prayer by the Rev. Harry L. Mitchell of Birmingham, Ala. After prayer the devotional service by the Rev. H. M. Black of Adamsville, Ala.

The message of the evening by the Rev. K. V. Shutes, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church of Cordova, Ala. Scripture reading, Prov. 29:18, "Where there is no vision, the people perish, but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." A message of revelation to the assembly for the opening night, and well received by entire body.

A Devotional Committee appointed at this time for the session: Bro. A. J. Smith, chairman, Bro. Thomas and Deacons of the church.

Benediction.

FRIDAY 9:00 A. M.

After song service, led by Bro. Willie Frank Johnston, and the opening prayer by the Rev. J. C. Baxley, the body was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. W. H. Ryland, reading the 100th Psalm. After a few remarks the Moderator called for the letters of all churches to the association. While the letters were being presented the ministers and deacons registered and paid \$1.00 fee, then the clerk read the letters from the churches as follows:

Bethel Church—Delegates: Bro. Cecil Allen, Bro. Frank Harris, Sisters Jeanette Harper and Minnie Pickett.

Davis Chapel—Delegates: Bro. Percy Stokes and Sister Freda Stokes.

Liberty Church—Delegates: Bros. J. U. Keeton and H. W. Smith.

Union Hill—Delegates: Bros. H. E. White and Jack Scott.

Sylacauga Church—Delegates: Bros. Herchel Grice, Archie Brown, and Custis Easterling.

Birmingham Church—Delegates: Sisters Mary McSpadden and Maud Thomas.

Mt. Pleasant Church—Delegates: Bros. H. T. Rogers and J. M. Nichols.

Mt. Olive Church—Delegates: Bros. Dewey Isbell, Frank Minor and Sister Sarah Isbell

Fairview Church—Delegates: Bro. Edwards, Sisters Florence McLaughlin and Sister Poe.

Belview Church—Delegates: Sisters Verla Ryland, Mae Ragesdale, Mildred Parker, Catherine Noah, Ola Hammet, Thelma Davis, and Bro. Doug Isbell.

Shady Grove Church—Delegate: Sister Dorthy Eaton.

The letters were accepted and the delegates seated. A motion made and carried that Bros. K. V. Shutes, J. B. Bloss, A. J. Lambert, and C. E. Harbin be seated as delegates.

The Moderator appointed the committees for the session as follows:

Credential Committee: Chas. R. Dean, chairman, L. V. Pinson, P. B. Stokes.

Standing of the Ministry: L. V. Pinson, chairman, H. E. White, Ed Goodwin, R. H. Howard and J. U. Keeton.

Executive Committee: C. R. Dean, chairman, Ed Goodwin and H. McSpadden.

General Business Committee: Willie F. Johnston, chairman, Percy Stokes, Griffis Isbell, A. J. Smith and Lee Culver.

Ordaining Council: Rev. J. C. Baxley, Rev. J. E. Hodgens, Rev. H. M. Black, Rev. Earl Isbell, Bro. Ed Goodwin.

Education: Sisters W. H. Ryland and Dorthy Goodwin.

Sabbath School: Bros. H. T. Rogers and C. N. Deason.

Temperance: Bros. A. J. Smith, J. J. Staab and Sister J. L. Poe.

Deceased Members: Sisters Troy Kendrick and Dorthy Eaton.

Family Religion: Sister Lee Harman and Bro. Arthur Johnston.

Home Missions: Bros. J. B. Bloss, A. J. Lambert and Bro. John Poe.

Auditing: Bros. H. A. McSpadden, Lee Culver and R. W. Parker.

After appointing of committees, a talk by Rev. K. V. Shutes about the FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE at Nashville, Tenn.—for the good of and benefit to the coming generation of Free Will Baptists as a whole and a collection of \$25.00 for the college at this time.

The Devotional Committee made their report at this time, as follows: Devotional, Rev. Harry L. Mitchell; Message, Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

Friday night: Rev. L. V. Pinson, Devotional; Message, Rev. A. J. Lambert.

Saturday A. M.: Rev. J. C. Baxley, Devotional; Message, Rev. A. J. Lambert.

FRIDAY 11:00 A. M.

After singing, Rev. Herry L. Mitchell led the devotional reading, John 1: 19-22, after which the Rev. J. E. Hudgens brought the message using as text, Col. 2:10. A message enjoyed by all, just bringing the Kingdom to hand to feel the very presence of the Divine.

Benediction.

FRIDAY 1:30 P. M.

The house was called to order by the Moderator. After a song and prayer by Sister Poe, the Moderator turned the service to the Ladies Auxiliary for their reports. The ladies gave their reports and made some fine talks on their work in the churches and are trying to have all the churches to have reports ready at the next annual session and from the reports of churches at Leeds, Sylacauga, Shady Grove and Birmingham the ladies are really doing some fine work for the cause of Christ and the churches. Now, pastors, get the ladies in your church working and work with them and see your church grow.

2:30

A Youth Rally held this year at the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Eldridge, Ala., and a report at this by the Rev. J. B. Bloss who was in charge of said rally was food to the soul the way that our children and young people responded and the great good that was reported from this work done at this time so make all arrangements to go and send during the session in 1947. We are sure a real treat is in store for all who will attend.

Then Rev. A. J. Lambert made report on the Ministers Conference held at the Orphanage the past summer and the only thing to regret was that the ministers of the State of Alabama did not attend. From the report God sent down a blessing to all who made the effort to be present, so this year when the call comes, churches send your pastor that HE MAY FEED FROM THE VERY PRESENCE OF GOD in this united body of His servants who come together in regard to the great work of the churches.

A partial report by the Business Committee at this time. See report.

A partial report by the Executive Committee at this time. See report.
Motion made to adjourn at this time to convene at 9:00 A. M., Saturday.

7:30 P. M.

Devotional by Rev. L. V. Pinson after the message by the Rev. A. J. Lambert, pastor of the Sylacauga, Ala. Church, reading 2nd Cor. 5: 17-21. A message to just help carry you on and enjoyed by all present.

Benediction.

SATURDAY 9:00 A. M.

Moderator called session together singing "Live in Glory" and the morning prayer by Bro. Earl Isbell.

Then the call for the committees to make their reports at this time. Education, Sabbath School, Auditing, Treasurer, Standing of the Ministry, Credential, Final Business Report, Deceased Members, Family Religion and Temperance. See the reports of these committees.

Rev. J. J. Staab gave a wonderful talk on the Free Will League, and if the churches just would put in effect the plan layed down in regard to the F. B. L., each church would grow in regard to youth membership.

Rev. J. B. Bloss, pastor of the Leeds Church, a member of the National Body Home Mission Board, made a fine talk on the work being done by the body and asking each church to support the work of home missions in their church as well as the national body.

Rev. H. M. Black was re-elected by the body to represent the Cahaba River Association for the 1946-1947 session and a collection of \$63.04 was taken at this time for Orphanage. We appeal to all churches of the Cahaba River Association to send their donations for the Orphanage direct to Bro. H. M. Black, Adamsville, Ala.

Body adjourned until 1:00 P. M.

SATURDAY 11:00 A. M.

After singing, Bro. J. C. Baxley conducted devotional. And the message was brought by the Rev. J. W. Marlow. Both services were enjoyed by all.

1:00 P. M.

Song Service led by the Rev. Rush K. Franklin and prayer by Bro. Dewey Isbell.

Called for the election of officers for the next session.

The Rev. Harry L. Mitchell elected as the Moderator.

The Rev. A. J. Lambert elected as the Assistant Moderator.

Bro. Willie Frank Johnston elected as the Clerk.

The Rev. Harry L. Mitchell to serve another year as Treasurer.

After the election of officers, the Ordaining Council went in session for ordaining of and exchanging papers for Rev. J. W. Marlow, Rev. C. E. Harbin, as Ministers and Bros. Claude Deason, Curtis Easterling, Hershel Grice as deacons.

Ordaining having finished, the new moderator went into the appointing of committees for the new year and delegates to represent the body and churches to the State Association as follows: Delegates to State Cahaba River: Bro. Griffith Isbell; Churches: Sister Minnie Pickett, Sister Dorthy Eaton, Bros. J. U. Keeton, Arthur Johnston, Belton Franklin, James Taylor, Lonnie Parker.

Ordaining Council: Rev. A. J. Lambert, chairman, L. V. Pinson, J. E. Hodgins, W. H. Ryland and C. E. Harbin.

Home Mission Board: Rev. A. J. Lambert, chairman, Rev. L. V. Pinson and Miss Dorthy Eaton.

F. W. B. L.: Rev. J. W. Marlow, chairman, Mrs. Verla Ryland, Mrs. Catherine Cousins and Mrs. Mae Lambert.

Family Religion: Rev. H. M. Black, chairman, Bro. Calvin McCreless, Mrs. Lorene Isbell, Bro. Frank Miner.

Executive Committee: Bro. A. J. McSpadden, chairman, Bro. Ed Goodwin, Bro. Roland Dean.

After the appointing was completed the body went in selecting of next meeting place and Sylacauga Church was selected for the 1947 session of the Cahaba River Association on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1947 at 7:30 P. M.

The Devotional Committee reported at this time that Rev. R. H. Howard would conduct devotional and Rev. Jesse Drummonds to preach at the night service.

Moved and seconded that body adjourn.

SECTION II

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The sixty-eighth session of the Ministers Conference of the Cahaba River Association met with the Fairview Church October 4th, 1946. Conference called to order by the Moderator, Rev. W. H. Ryland. Prayer by Bro. Claude Deason. By motion, the body went into election of officers. Rev. H. M. Black elected as Moderator. An opportunity was given for new members and Bro. Rush K. Franklin, Bro. J. W. Marlow, Bro. A. J. Lambert, Bro. C. E. Harbin, Bros. Claude Deason, Curtis Easterling and Hershel Grice. 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 made to adjourn.

Benediction.

REV. H. M. BLACK, Moderator.
HARRY L. MITCHELL, Clerk.

MINISTERS ROLL

Elder L. V. Pinson.....	Sylacauga, Ala.
Elder C. E. Harbin.....	Birmingham, Ala., Rt. 7
Elder H. M. Black.....	Adamsville, Ala.
Elder Maxwell Harper.....	Marvel, Ala., Rt. 1
Elder J. E. Hudgens.....	Chelsea, Ala.
Elder R. H. Howard.....	Sterrett, Ala.
Elder W. H. Ryland.....	Leeds, Ala.
Elder A. J. Lambert.....	Sylacauga, Ala.
Elder J. B. Bloss.....	Leeds, Ala.
Elder J. C. Baxley.....	Sylacauga, Ala.
Elder Earl E. Isbell.....	Dunnavant, Ala.
Elder Harry L. Mitchell.....	Birmingham, Ala.
Elder H. W. Smith.....	Lawley, Ala. Rt. 1
Elder J. W. Marlow.....	Birmingham, Ala.
Elder J. J. Staab.....	Birmingham, Ala.
Elder Rush K. Franklin.....	Birmingham, Ala.
Elder Jesse E. Drummond.....	Ensley, Ala.

DEACONS ROLL

Bro. A. J. Smith	Bro. Curtis Easterling
Bro. Henry Pickett	Bro. Claude Deason
Bro. H. E. White	Bro. Hershel W. Grice
Bro. J. B. Stokes	Bro. H. A. McSpadden
Bro. Robert Harris	Bro. J. U. Keeton
Bro. Chas. R. Dean	Bro. C. F. McCreles
Bro. Willie F. Johnston	Bro. Luke Harris
Bro. Lee Culver	Bro. Dewey Isbell
Bro. Ed Goodwin	Bro. Henry McLaughlin
Bro. H. T. Rogers	Bro. J. L. Poe

SECTION III

REPORT OF ALL COMMITTEES

We, your Committee of Standing of Ministry and Deacons, recommend certificates for all deacons requested by the churches that make up this body and all ministers that the church recommends and that they turn in their reports to this body. On account of a ruling of the 1945 session we are unable to make our report as to each individual.

L. V. Pinson, Chairman

Alton Lee

R. H. Howard

J. U. Keeton

Elvie White

BUSINESS

We, your Business Committee, reports the following:

1. For the Ordaining Council, for Fairview Church that Bro. Robert Hammock be licensed to preach; for the Birmingham Church, exchange of papers for Rev. J. W. Marlow; for Belview Church, Bro. Virgil Noah, license to preach; for Sylacauga Church, Bros. Hershel Grice, Claude Deason and Curtis Easterling be ordained for deacons.

2. We recommend that the association elect a field representative for the Orphanage Home, and each church send their money to him and he in turn take 10% of money for his expenses; also instruct the delegate to state association to vote against paying salary to any man to gather funds for Orphanage beyond his expenses.

3. As the Sylacauga Church is the only church to ask for the association another year, we recommend that the body meet with the Sylacauga Church next session.

Lee Culver
Griffis Isbell

W. F. Johnston, Chairman
A. J. Smith
Elis White

ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, your Committee or Ordaining Council, recommend that the candidates have been carefully examined and found worthy for ordinations.

Rev. J. E. Hodgens, Chairman

DECEASED MEMBERS

We, the Committee on Deceased Members, regret to report the following members have passed away since our last session:

Sylacauga Church	Sister Little Gandy
Shady Grove Church	Sister Mary Ann Woodruff
Mt. Olive Church	Bro. Elijah Harris
Belview Church	Sister Sarah Falkner
Mt. Pleasant Church	Sisters Fannie Rogers, Roxie Stone and Bro. Other Taylor.
Fairview Church	Sister Leola Milan Sister Troy Kendrick Sister Daisy Easterling

FAMILY RELIGION

We, your Committee on Family Religion, report that the home should practice and teach religion as well as the church. It is the background for the church and we should have family altars and daily Bible reading with our children and bring them up in the way they should.

Sister Lela Harmon
Bro. Arthur Johnston

EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Education, believe we should read and teach the Bible daily in our homes, and we should use Free Will Baptist literature in our Sunday Schools and Leagues. We believe our pastors should encourage our youth to attend our Bible College at Nashville, Tenn., also the Youth Camp at Eldridge. We especially think our preachers and church officers should attend the Bible Conference and all others who can.

Sister Verla Ryland
Sister Lena Brazzell

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following: That we send and carry our children to Sunday Schools to make better citizens of the generation to come.

H. T. Rogers

HOME MISSIONS

1. We recommend that all churches place in effect the Unified Program. In so doing you sponsor all parts of the work.

2. We recommend that each church pay 40 cents per member to Home Missions. That this 40 cents be raised by the pastor by a 10 cents march four times a year and the amount collected be sent to the Mission Treasurer.

3. We recommend that an evangelist be sent in the field three months each year, the months being June, July and August, and that he works under the supervision of the Mission Board, and if he fails to collect a living wage that the Board pay what is behind in his expense.

Rev. A. J. Lambert, Chairman

TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following:

We believe we should abstain from all sinful amusements, and wholly conformity to the world, and the use or sale of intoxicating beverages.

We recommend that we abstain from the use of TOBACCO in any form inside our churches or grounds.

Rev. J. J. Staab, Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT—1945-1946

To amount balance.....\$112.89

Paid Moderator\$25.00

Paid Clerk 25.00

State Association 10.00

National Association 5.00

Order Blanks60

Postage 2.00

TOTAL.....\$67.60

Balance on Hand.....\$ 45.29

HOME MISSIONS

Balance on Hand.....\$ 49.10

Total on Hand.....\$94.39

Rev. Harry Mitchell, Treasurer.

AUDITING

We, your Auditing Committee, have examined the treasurer's book and found same correct and in good order.

H. A. McSpadden
Lee Culver

LADIES' REPORT

DISTRICT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF THE CAHABA RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Cahaba District Women's Auxiliary was organized October 4 at Fairview Church. Mrs. W. H. Ryland acted as President until organized.

Motion and seconded, the by-laws were read and adopted.

Officers elected were as follows :

Mrs. Joe Braswell, President, 33 Twin St., Sylacauga, Ala.

Mrs. A. J. Lambert, 1st Vice President, Rt. 3, Sylacauga, Ala.

Mrs. Lonnie Parker, 2nd Vice President, Leeds, Ala.

Mrs. W. H. Ryland, 3rd Vice President, Leeds, Ala.

Miss Dorothy Eaton, 4th Vice President, Route 2, Adamsville, Ala.

Mrs. John Poe, 5th Vice President, Route 2, Trussville, Ala.

Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Corresponding Secretary, Leeds, Ala.

Mrs. M. C. Isbell, Recording Secretary, Leeds, Ala.

Mrs. W. H. Ryland, Field Worker.

Letters from various Auxiliaries were called for:

	Dues Paid
1. Sylacauga Church	\$ 5.10
2. Shady Grove Church	1.80
3. Fairview Church	2.40
4. Leeds Church	4.80
In Treasury	\$14.10

Appointed as delegates for the State Conference at Leeds, were Miss Dorothy Eaton and Mrs. W. H. Ryland.

Mrs. M. C. Isbell, Secretary
2223 - 3rd Ave., No., Leeds, Ala. Phone 30-J.

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.

Clerks 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 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. 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 confirmity 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.

Names of Churches	No. Members	No. Ministers	No. Deacons	Rec'd	Value Property	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Paid Orphanage	Clerks—Name and Address	Pastor
Bethel	50	2	9	7	\$3000.00	\$ 500.00	\$	\$ 30.00	Cecil Allen, Marvel, Ala., Rt. 1	Elder C. E. Harbin
Liberty	51	1	3	7	2000.00	217.85	56.07	24.50	Mrs. J. U. Keeton, Lawley, Ala. Lottie K. Isabell, Dunnacant, Ala., R. 1	Elder H. M. Black
Mt. Olive	56	0	3	11	1000.00	174.23	31.00		A. L. Parker, Leeds, Ala.	Elder J. T. Windsor
Belview	118	3	5	18	7000.00	1440.00	107.40	117.00	H. E. White, Vandiver, Ala.	Elder J. B. Bloss
Union Hill	72	1	0	2	500.00	222.56	27.00	25.00	Mrs. Lela Harmon, Sylacauga, A.	Elder J. E. Hodgins
Sylacauga	120	3	7	42	3750.00	1703.60	222.56	135.00	Mrs. Lenora Davis, Sterretts, A.	Elder A. J. Lambert
Davis Chapel	19	1	3	3	1000.00	61.50	50.00	25.00	J. W. Barnett, Sprott, Ala.	Elder L. V. Pinson
Mt. Pleasant	30	0	0	0	2000.00	206.50	57.00	68.00	Ed Goodwin, Trussville, Ala., R.1	Elder H. M. Black
Fairview	67	1	7	4	2000.00	500.00	243.34	109.50	Roland Dean, 1623 11th Ct., No., Birmingham 3, Ala.	Elder W. H. Ryland
North Birmingham	75	8	6	19	3000.00	1200.00	198.20	172.00	Mrs. Joe Click, Jr., Adamsville, Ala., R. 1	Elder C. E. Harbin
Shady Grove	45	0	2	0	1000.00	250.00		25.00		Elder J. C. Baxley