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ELDERS	Church Pastored	Sermons Preached	Number Baptized	Number Funerals	Number Marriages	Number Revivals	Miles Traveled	Offerings	Expenses
D. F. Isbel.....	1	75	0	0	1	5	2500	\$ 74.00	\$ 20.00
E. E. Isbel.....	0	37	0	0	1	0	144	1.10	
R. K. Franklin.....	2	162	15	0	0	2	5716	500.80	228.64
J. E. Hodgins.....	0	54	0	3	0	0	1800	175.00	
H. M. Black.....	0	12	0	1	2	0	502		25.50
W. O. McDonald.....	0	28	2	0	1	2	600	80.00	100.00
R. H. Howard.....	0	33	0	0	0	2	276	48.88	3.52
L. M. Goodwin.....	1	70	0	1	1	0	2400	192.50	96.28
A. J. Lambert.....	1	205	24	11	5	6	1976	2585.33	59.28
J. J. Staab.....	1		7	2	1	2	2550	1025.00	109.00
J. W. Marlow.....	1	169	16	3	0	4	10000	900.92	450.00
H. L. Mitchell.....	1	154	9	14	16	8	9600	1300.00	480.00

PROCEEDINGS

The seventy-first annual session of the Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association met with Fairview Church at Trussville, Alabama, Rt. 2, on September 29, 1949, at 7:30 P.M.

The service began with congregational songs. Prayer by Brother Roy Kuykendall. Scripture reading: Romans, 12th Chapter. An inspiring talk by Assistant Moderator Elder J. J. Staab on good of conference taken from Romans, 8th Chapter.

Devotional service conducted by Elder R. K. Franklin.

Evening message by Elder Dewey Isbell. Scripture reading: Revelation 18:8.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 9:00 A.M.

After song service and prayer by Elder J. E. Hodgens; the clerk called the business session to order.

The moderator E. M. Fields proceeded with business. Reading a portion of 119 Psalms. Church letters called for and read by Elder A. J. Lambert.

Mt. Pleasant: Bros. Roy Hodgens, Elmore Johnson, David Jones.

Pleasant Valley: Brother and Sister H. H. Harper, Sister B. E. Martin.

Bethel: Brother and Sister Frank Harris, Sisters Myrtle Smitherman and Inez Kitchens.

Sylacauga: Sisters Ressie Simms, Troy Kendrick, F. T. Smith, H. Grice.

Lindburg: Sisters Farris, Reeves.

Union Hill: Brother and Sister Johnie Isbell.

Davis Chapel: Brother G. W. Carroll, Sisters Beatrice Brasher, Freda Stokes.

Shady Grove: Sisters Pearl Hancock, Vera Click, Effie Buchanon.

North Birmingham: Brother and Sister Earl Carroll, Sister V. Willyard.

Mt. Olivet: Brother Frank Minor, Shellie Isbell, Sister Lottie Isbell.

Gamels Chapel: Brother and Sister Charlie Webster.

Fairview: Brothers Roy Sullivan, Aderholt, Sister Hattie Goodwin.

Oak Grove: Brothers G. B. Beatty, L. M. Goodwin, Sister Franklin.

A motion to receive letters and seat delegates.

A motion to seat delegates of Women's Auxiliary.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Devotional.

Business.

Standing of Ministry, ordaining council, Resolutions.

Family religion; League, Sunday School, Literature and Temperance.

Deceased Members.

Partial report of devotional committee, Elder A. J. Lambert to bring 11 A.M. message. Accepted.

Conference recess until 1:30 P.M.

11 A.M. After singing and prayer, Elder A. J. Lambert brought the message, subject: "The Host of God" Rev. 7th Chapter.

A real soul inspiring message enjoyed by all who heard it.

After which an old time fellowship meeting and handshaking service followed with much rejoicing.

Benediction by Elder R. H. Howard.

NOON: Lunch, a bountiful supply of refreshments served by ladies of church were enjoyed.

1:30 P. M. Conference called to order by singing. Prayer by Elder M. D. Harper.

Devotional reading by moderator, E. M. Fields. Psalms 115.

Report of standing of ministry accepted. See report.

Ordaining council report read and accepted.

Candidates were ordained by council at this time. Elder J. E. Hodgens giving charge and council to candidates. Prayer and laying on of hands by entire council.

Financial report of Treasurer (see report).
Adjourned by prayer.
6:00 P.M. (See report) Ministers conference.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1949

9:00 A.M. Service began by singing. Devotional by Elder R. K. Franklin.
Reading by moderator, Jas. 1:21.
Moderator welcomed new delegates to conference and explained their duties.
Delegates seated by vote of body.
Report of old committees (see report).
Family religion: F. W. B. League. Sunday School. Literature and Temperance. Accepted.
Sunday School evangelist roal report accepted.
Partial report of business committee.
We recommend that election of officers be elected before noon on Saturdays. Report accepted.

Election of officers by nominations and vote of body.

Brother E. M. Fields	Moderator
Elder A. J. Lambert	Assistant
H. A. McSpadden	Clerk
Elder M. D. Harper	Assistant
Elder H. L. Mitchell	Treasurer
Elder M. D. Harper	Chairman Executive Committee
Brother A. J. Smith	
Elder R. K. Franklin	

Deceased members report accepted and song, "Oh Think of the Home Over There" and prayer in respect of their memory. Conference recessed.

SATURDAY 11:00 A.M.

Song: "I'm A Millionaire."

Message by Elder M. D. Harper on the resurrection Rev. 20:6.
A soul inspiring message that blessed the hearts of all present.
Noon: Lunch.

SATURDAY 1:30 P.M.

Business resumed by singing and prayer by Elder H. M. Black.
Business committee final report.
Read and adapted by sections.
Sections 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 adapted. Article 6 died on floor not being one day in advance.
According to constitution Article 13.
A motion to print Articles 4-8 in minutes, accepted.
Resolutions report accepted.
New Business: A motion to convene with Bethel Church, Marvel, Ala., Rt. 1 on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October 1950, accepted.
Brother Earl Carroll elected as annual delegate to state association. (Church for independent delegates.)
A motion to give rising vote of thanks to Fairview Church for its hearty welcome and generous hospitality to our delegates acceded.
A special request for song, "I Want My Friends to Pray For Me" by Elder H. L. Mitchell. rendered by A. J. Lambert, Grady Collins, E. M. Fields and Ressie Sims. Sister A. J. Lambert, pianist.
Announcements, adjourned.

MINISTERS ROLL

Elder J. E. Hodgens	Chelsea, Ala.
Elder H. L. Mitchell	1720 No. 8th Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
Elder A. J. Lambert	Rt. 3, Box 260-F, Sylacauga, Ala.
Elder R. H. Howard	Sterrett, Ala.
Elder H. M. Black	Adamsville, Ala.
Elder D. F. Isbell	Dunnavant, Ala.
Elder E. E. Isbell	Dunnavant, Ala.
Elder L. M. Goodwin	Leeds, Ala.
Elder M. D. Harper	Talladega, Ala.
Elder C. E. Harbin	P. O. Box 2873, Birmingham, Ala.
Elder W. O. McDonald	4224 No. 29th St., Birmingham, Ala.
Elder J. W. Marlow	2525 No. 34th St., Birmingham, Ala.
Elder J. M. McKay	Sterrett, Ala.
Elder E. T. Isbell	Sterrett, Ala.
Elder J. L. Rollings	Adamsville, Rt. 1, Ala.
Elder Roy Johnson	Adamsville, Rt. 1, Ala.
Elder Roy L. Benson	Adamsville, Ala.
Elder J. J. Staab	2313 No. 33rd Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
Elder R. K. Franklin	Gardendale, Rt. 1, Box 40-A, Ala.
Elder Bill Pickett	Marvel, Rt. 1, Birmingham, Ala.

DEACONS ROLL

G. B. Beatty	Calvin McCrelis
A. J. Smith	Henry McLaughlin
Ed Goodwin	J. L. Poe
Robert Harris	Luke Harris
Ellis Goodwin	James Kitchens
Frank Pickett	Ed Harkins
Robbie Littlefield	H. W. Grice
Charlie Kendrick	A. L. Harmon
Grady Collins	Curtis Easterling
T. A. Armstrong	F. A. Smith
J. W. Isbell	Johnnie Parker
Walker Isbell	G. C. Franklin
J. O. Gamel	Frank Mirror
Shellie Isbell	Joe Click, Jr.
H. A. McSpadden	C. R. Dean
W. T. Wolfe	E. M. Fields
Roy Kuykendall	Curtis Brake
Percy Stokes	Eugene Howard
H. T. Rogers	J. M. Nichols
C. C. Stone	W. N. Hodgens
C. S. Kendrick	B. E. Martin
A. J. Cox	H. E. White

TREASURER REPORT 1947-48

Cash from Church	\$ 90.00
19 Ministers	19.00
24 Deacons	24.00
Special Collection	34.34
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	167.34
Paid Out Minutes	90.00
Clerks	25.00
Moderator	25.00
Certificates	8.71
Postage	4.00
State Association	15.00
National Association	5.00
Overdrawn 1945-46	10.00
Overdrawn 1947-48	22.11
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	\$204.82
Over-drawn	37.48

Rev. H. L. Mitchell, Treasurer
Sept. 29, 1949

FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call the church to order.
2. Call for the peace of the church.
3. Opportunity for membership.
4. Inviting visiting brothers and sisters to seat with us.
5. Reading of minutes.
6. Appointment of committees.
7. Any acknowledgments.
8. Report of committees.
9. Unfinished business.
10. New business.
11. Adjournment.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES STANDING OF MINISTRY

We recommend that:

1. The clerk mail Bro. Locky's papers to his church.
2. Elder Roy Johnson and Jack Rollins be ordained to preach the gospel.
3. We recommend Elders J. E. Hodgins, H. M. Black, and H. L. Mitchell be given a gold certificate of standing Good for Life.
4. We recommend that all ministers and deacons be granted a certificate of standing. See Ministers and Deacons Roll.

T. A. Armstrong, F. A. Smith, Deacons.

Chairmans:

Elder H. M. Black
Mrs. Earl Carroll
Elder Jack L. Rollins
Elder Roy L. Benson
G. B. Beatty

RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved that we exert every effort possible to organize a Sunday School and F. W. B. League Convention in our association.

Grady Collins

Eugene Howard

Family Religion—F. W. B. League—Sunday School—Literature and Temperance

Family prayer—Living a spirit filled consecrated life in our homes before our children will lead our children in the way they should go.

Carrying our children to Sunday School, teaching the Bible will make better citizens of the generations to come.

F. W. B. League gives extended training to young people and helps them exercise their ability in worshipping our God.

We should use F. W. B. Literature and check other literatures that our children read.

By acquiring the virtue of temperance, we can live temperate.

We should be led of the Holy Spirit in all things.

Bobbie Littlefield

Earl Carroll

H. T. Rogers

DECEASED MEMBERS

We, your committee, wish to extend our sympathy to the family and friends of our beloved Brother and Sister who have gone to their reward.

Bro. Homer Terrell	Fairview Church
Sis. Dala Dunkin	Mt. Pleasant Church
Sis. Zona Shirley	Pleasant Valley Church
Bro. Alex McKay	North Birmingham Church
Bro. R. E. Collins	Sylacauga Church
Sis. Bessie Todd	Sylacauga Church

We pray God's richest blessings on loved ones of all our deceased members.

Mrs. H. L. Mitchell

Mrs. F. L. Smith

Mrs. Myrtle Smitherman

BUSINESS COMMITTEES REPORT

1. We recommend that all churches when giving a letter to any of its members, use the form set forth in national treatise, that no letter be granted to any member except for purpose of uniting with some other church as soon as possible.

Members must be in good standing with church before receiving letter.

2. Any church receiving members not in good standing with church from which they came, shall be subject to discipline by association.

3. We recommend executive committee of first district give finding of study of national treatise to conference. See report.

4. We recommend form of church conference be printed in minutes. See report.

5. We recommend that each church work out some plan to support unified program.

6. We recommend that each church contribute 35c per member for associational expenses.

7. We recommend that back indebtedness be paid and that we spend no more money than is placed in treasury.

8. We recommend that all ministers who reach the age of 65 years and is in good standing be given a gold certificate of Standing Good for Life.

9. We recommend the election of associational be held before noon on Saturdays.

Elder A. J. Lambert. Chairman

Elder W. O. McDonald

Elder J. W. Marlow

FRIDAY NIGHT

After singing and prayer the meeting called to order by the moderator and he selected Pastor of Birmingham Church to lead the Devotional the Rev. J. W. Marlowe, then after the devotional and testimonial service, the moderator turned service to the Supt. of Children Home, the Rev. W. H. Ryland after a few remarks about the home he had the attending children sing for us and Brother Ryland's twins Mary and Martha sing for us and the singing of all were enjoyed by all, after Bro. Ryland brought a short message after a collection taken for the home amount of \$100.00 dollars.

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Called to order by the moderator Rev. J. J. Staab, then the selection of Clerk, H. L. Mitchell selected for the present to fill in for the session and the following business 1st. That the ministers conference be changed to be "The Ministers and Deacons Conference," and a committee be appointed to form by-laws and regulations for the session of the conference and moderator appointed said committee, the committee being as follows: Rev. A. J. Lambert, Uncle June Hodgins and Ed Goodwin, said committee to bring to conference their report next year.

The moderator asked the ministers present have open discussion on duties of ministers and deacons, then Rev. J. W. Marlowe made motion and seconded by Dewey Isbell that Uncle June Hodgins explain the duties of each, then Uncle gave his reply to the duties of each, and IF the body present would apply his remarks to their every day LIFE then the association would always be and stay in fellowship his talk was enjoyed by all present.

Brother Roy Lee Benson was admitted to the fellowship of the body and accepted as one of us.

Brother W. H. Ryland was a visitor with the body and had fellowship with us.

The moderator Rev. J. J. Staab discussed "depending on GOD" to the body and was enjoyed by those present.

Brother Rush K. Franklin discussed the minister and deacon union after a motion that the union meet with the Birmingham Church on second Monday night in October at 7 P.M. Then motion made to meet once a month after that.

After other discussions the body adjourned.

The Rev. J. J. Staab was reelected moderator.

H. L. Mitchell, Clerk.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FIRST DISTRICT CONFERENCE OF THE CAHABA RIVER ASSOCIATION

To the brethren and sisters of the annual association: We the executive committee, of the First District, have been asked by our quarterly meeting to examine the latest issue of the treatise of the faith and practice of the Free Will Baptist Church, which issue was revised by the National Association, at Nashville, Tennessee, April 1948.

After a careful study of the new revisions comparing them with the old treatise we have found the following few changes that have been made, and we the executive committee of the First District Quarterly Conference ask permission to bring this matter before this honorable body for your consideration.

A slight change in the wording of the subject of sanctification.

Old treatise Page 25—new treatise Page 27.

Some few Scriptures are left off of the subject of repentance.

Old treatise Page 20—new treatise Page 23.

Some small changes on the subjects of the judgment and final retribution.

The old treatise reads thus . . . general judgment and future retribution.

The new treatise reads thus . . . the final judgment and final retribution.

Government of the church Section Five Page 45 in new treatise. (New).

The old treatise members are received by a vote of the church.

New treatise according to the regular methods of the local church and upon conditions of baptism.

Officers of the church. Page 42, Section Two. (New). Old treatise. Deacons hold their office for life. New deacons hold their office at the pleasure of the church.

SUBJECT ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

In the old treatise. Page 16, Item (4) is left out of the new treatise. Look in new treatise, Page 20.

SUBJECT: DUTIES OF THE CHURCH

Item One: The words footwashing is added.

Item Five: A change to tithes and offerings.

Page 44-45 in new treatise.

Page 40-41 in old treatise.

GOVERNMENT OF THE CHURCH

Item 6, Page 46 in new treatise. Same item in old treatise on Page 42 of old treatise. This item has been changed by shortening it.

Paragraph (g) on Page 47 in new treatise. Changed to read January. In the place of May as the old treatise reads. Page 44.

Paragraph (m) this item has been shortened in the new treatise, Page 47. Old treatise Page 44.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

See the subject Holy Spirit in the new and old treatise.

Prayerfully submitted by Executive Committee and 1st District Q. M.

It is our earnest prayers that this study is accepted and we find nothing taken away, all we find is a few small changes.

Rev. J. J. Staab, Chairman

Rev. H. M. Black

Rev. R. K. Franklin

LADIES AUXILIARY

Sister Joe Brazzell President

Prayer by Elder A. J. Lambert.

Letters called for and read.

Church reported.

North Birmingham delegates: Sisters H. L. Mitchell and Ethel Ryder.

Income \$126.93; enclosed for dues, \$4.20.

Delegate for Sylacauga—Sister Troy Kendrick.

Income \$507.33. Paid out for flowers, charity, missions, and etc.: \$276.13.

Fairview paid out for church, children's home, sick: \$37.00. Balance in treasury, \$84.21.

Motion to receive letters and seat delegates.

Encouraging talk by president on importance of getting reports into conference.

A good talk by Sister H. L. Mitchell on our steadfastness to the cause of Christ and auxiliary.

New Busines.

Sister H. W. Grice elected 2nd Vice President.

Sister Earl Carroll elected Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

Delegates to State Association

Sister Johnnie Isbell, Cahaba River Assn.

Sister H. L. Mitchell, North Birmingham.

Sister A. K. Simms, Sylacauga.

Sister John Poe, Fairview.

A motion to pay state assn. 66 2/3 of dues received as per manual.

A motion to pay \$5.00 to annual assn. on minutes.

Adjourn.

H. A. McSpaden

LADIES AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Sister Joe Brazzell President, 33 Twin St., Sylacauga

Sister A. J. Lambert 1st Vice Pres., Rt. 3, Box 260-F, Sylacauga

Sister H. W. Grice 2nd Vice Pres., Sylacauga, Ala.

Sister H. L. Mitchell 3rd Vice Pres., 1720 No. 8th Ave., Birmingham

Sister Dorothy Eaton 4th Vice Pres., Adamsville, Rt. 1, Ala.

Sister John Poe 5th Vice Pres., Trussville, Rt. 2, Ala.

Sister Earl Carroll Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Birmingham, Ala.

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 infalible 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 wil 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 Treatise, 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.

Name of Church	No. Members	No. Ministers	Members Received	Value of Property	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Paid Orphanage	Conference Expense	Clerks—Name and Address	Pastor
Fairview	78		9	2000.00	1000.00	150.00	60.00	7.00	Ed Goodwin, Trussville, Rt. 2	J. J. Staab
Mt. Olive	48	2	0	1200.00	28.27	105.00			Lottie Isbel, Dunnivant	D. Isbell
Sylacauga	139	1	34	6510.00	1066.46	100.00	116.50	15.00	Doris Tolley, Sylacauga	A. J. Lambert
Oak Grove	38				169.50			5.00	Lorena Sorenson	L. M. Goodwin
Birmingham	77	4	11	10000.00	1300.00	75.00	130.00	20.00	C. R. Dean, Birmingham, Ala.	H. L. Mitchell
Davis Chapel	32	2	6	2500.00	406.00	70.00		7.00	Willie Candle, Sterrett, Ala.	J. W. Marlow
Gamel Chapel		2		Unfin.	bus.				Mrs. Walker Isbel	R. K. Franklin
Union Hill	89	1	10	2500.00	133.20	64.60	42.50	100.00	Hattie Parker, Sterrett, Ala.	J. T. Windsor
Mt. Pleasant	23				189.00		205.00	10.50	J. W. Burnett, Sprott, Ala.	M. D. Harper
Shady Grove	29	1	1	800.00	292.39	35.58	81.60	8.00	Mrs. Joe Click, Jr., Adamsville	Roy L. Benson
Lindburg	44	3	0		600.00	120.00	200.00	10.00	Mrs. Curtis Brake, Adamsville	Key
Pleasant Valley	24	0	0	2500.00	150.00	35.38		10.00	Cecil Hodgins, Chelsea, Ala.	M. D. Harper
Bethel	76	4		3000.00	225.00	74.15	171.50	8.00	Mrs. Bob Littlefield, Marvel	J. W. Marlow