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**OF THE**  
***Eightieth Annual Session***  
**OF THE**  
**Cahaba River Free Will**  
**Baptist Association**

**CONVENED WITH**  
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**Sprott, Alabama**

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NAME OF CHURCH	Members										Church Valuation	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Foreign Mission	Home Mission	Supernatation	Children's Home	College	Auxiliary	League	Sunday School	Other Contributions	Paid Association	Improvements
	New Members	No. Baptized	No. Dismissed	No. Deceased	No. Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	No. Ordained Deacons																	
Pleasant Valley	42	3	5	0	1	1	0	4	6000.00	1250.00	265.00	50.00		40.00	150.00					35	35	35.00	25.00	1617.00
Mt. Pleasant	36	2	1	0	1	0	0	3	3000.00	326.00		5.00	5.00		60.00	5.00				18			10.50	
Pilgrim	22	3	8	0	0	1	3	3	2000.00	80.00										44			5.00	
Dilworth	35	4	5	2	0	2	0	1							242.00					65				
Union Hill	75	5	4	1	1	2	0	3	3000.00	300.00	50.00				52.00					45		6.00		700.00
Sylacauga	174	16	11	0	0	2	0	9	23000.00	1270.00	60.00				59.00	5.00	22	77	111	1107.21	25.00	25.00	10000.00	
Davis Chapel	22	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	4000.00	312.00	58.00				51.00			4	38	38		10.00		285.00
Bethel	56	1	1	10	1	1	1	7	7000.00	1060.00	100.00	22.00		14.00	99.00					65		15.00		343.00
Lindburgh	15	3	0	0	0	1	0	3	1000.00						102.00							5.00		
Shady Grove	111	25	17	0	1	1	0	5	14000.00	1770.00	100.00				106.00			21	60	112		10.00		7000.00
Fairview	81	8	5	7	0	4	0	7	9500.00	1385.00	130.00	10.00	10.00		200.00			17	56	87	726.37	15.00		
East Birmingham	70	6	2	5	1	2	2	6	11000.00	1375.00	200.00	65.10	111.90		170.00			13	102		126.52		323.54	
North Birmingham	78	18	7	4	0	5	1	6	15000.00	1200.00	75.00	25.63	42.99	11.81	191.00	91.35	15	42	102		43.00		1215.11	
Totals	813	104	66	29	7	24	7	159	103500.00	\$10328.00	\$1038.00	\$177.73	\$169.89	\$65.81	\$1319.00	\$101.35	\$2308.83	\$2170.53	\$296.12	\$21383.65				

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1958 — 7:30 P.M.**

Due to weather conditions, there were no services.  
Delegates were provided places to stay for the night.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1958 — 9:00 A.M.**

Song services began.

Sister Louise Webb leading, "Draw Me Nearer" and "Trust and Obey."

Sister Billie Rollins, Pianist.  
Invocation by Elder H. O. Walton.

Moderator, Elder Jack L. Rollins, gave welcome address and Scripture reading from First Corinthians 13th Chapter.

Prayer to God for His guiding Spirit and a spirit of fellowship during this association by Rev. Rollins.

At this time conference was called to order by the clerk, H. A. McSpadden, with Elder M. D. Harper in prayer.

The Moderator appointed Credential Committee to examine letters.

Letters reported in order by Credential Committee. Report accepted.

Letters read by H. T. Rogers and Robert Armstrong

Delegates seated in conference.

By-laws read by the Moderator.

Devotional committee appointed.

Fifteen minute song service led by Sister Edna Click. Betty Davis, pianist.

Devotion by Bro. Clarence Pickett.

A wonderful fellowship of spirit and hopes of the knowledge of the power of the resurrection of our Lord were expressed and enjoyed in the testimony service.

Special song "The Old Fashioned Way" by Sister Betty Davis.

Special song "Lift This Veil from My Eyes" by Bro. Jack Rollins. Sister Billie Rollins, pianist.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1958 — 11:00 A.M.**

Message by Elder J. M. Dutton, Jr.

Scripture reading Jeremiah 6:16. Thus saith ye the Lord, Stand ye in the ways and see and ask for the old paths where is the good way and walk there in and ye shall find rest for your souls (But they said we will not walk there in).

A wonderful message and a mighty challenge to the people of God to seek and walk in the ways of God that they may find rest for their souls and to quit drifting along with the tide which is causing a spiritual sleep in our churches and giving no rest to our souls.

Prayer by Bro. Dutton.

Announcements by Pastor, Elder M. D. Harper.

Benediction by Bro. A. J. Lambert.

Lunch served by ladies of the church and community in grove near church and was enjoyed by all.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1958 — 1:00 P.M.**

Song service led by Sister Edna Click, Betty Davis, pianist.

Invocation by Elder James Galbreath.

Woman's Auxiliary gave report and announcements, reading by Sister Billie Rollins. Poem by Sister McSpadden. Report received.

Song "I'll Go Where He Leadeth Me." Report from Children's Home and talk on Home by Elder A. J. Lambert, former Superintendent of the home, expressing the facts that our sufficiency is not in ourselves but in the Lord.

The home at this time is out of debt and in fair financial condition, but the need of further repairs and expenses must be met.

An offering of \$63.50 was received for the home.

Announcements.

Benediction by Ed Goodwin.

A joyous time of fellowship was enjoyed by the delegates as supper was served at the church at 5:00 p.m. The courteous hospitality by the ladies in serving such wonderful meals was appreciated and the supper and fellowship was certainly enjoyed by all present.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1958 — 6:00 P.M.**

After a thirty minute song service, invocation by Elder M. D. Harper.

The ministers conference was called to order by the clerk and prayer.

The moderator, J. M. Dutton, Jr., proceeded with the conference.

Welcoming visitors and inviting new members to join the ministers conference.

Candidates Elder W. H. Ryland, Albert Pickett, J. W. Isbell, Roy Pickett and Bro. Tomlinson. These were accepted and given right hand of fellowship into conference.

Special songs by Elder Jack Rollins "How About Your Heart" and "Where No One Stands Alone." Sister Billie Rollins, pianist.

Talk by Elder W. H. Ryland on rise of Free Will Baptist since 1910 by obeying God.

Collection for missions \$40.54. Message. He opened his mouth and taught them.

Election of officers. Elder R. H. Howard, Moderator and Elder J. M. Dutton, Assistant Moderator.

A talk by Elder R. H. Howard for good of ministers conference and the glory of the Lord that is our duty to declare and how God had blessed and healed him in this church. A soul inspiring talk.

Announcements and placing of delegates by pastor, M. D. Harper.

Benediction by Clarence Pickett.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1958 — 9:00 A.M.**

Song service for 15 minutes.

Scripture reading 133 Psalm by Moderator, Jack Rollins, a short discussion of the fellowship of the spirit followed by prayer.

Report of Committees. See reports.

Election of officers.

A motion to express our thanks and appreciation to the Mt. Pleasant Church and friends of the community for the wonderful hospitality and fellowship of love shown to delegates of this the 80th session of the Cahaba River Association of the Free Will Baptist.

Adjourn

10:30 A.M.—Songs "Springtime In Glory" and "Heavenly Love." Devotion by Elder W. A. Hodges.

11:00 A.M.—Message by Elder J. J. Staab. Subject "Limiting the power of God in our lives." Scripture Jeremiah 5:25 "Your iniquities have turned away, these things and your sins have withheld good things from you. Psalm 78:18 "And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust.

Benediction by H. A. McSpadden.

Lunch was served at the church which was enjoyed by all as they ate and bid one another farewell until they meet again.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Ordaining Council:** Have examined Bro. W. A. Hodges and recommend he be licensed to preach the gospel for one year. Accepted. Elder J. J. Staab, chairman; H. T. Rogers and J. O. Gamel.

**Auditing:** We have examined books of the treasurer and found same to be correct and in order. Accepted. Mrs. H. A. McSpadden, chairman; Mrs. Teal Green and Mrs. J. T. Kimbrough.

**Family Religion:** We believe that parents should have family devotion and worship God in our hearts and home before and with our children and all humanity. Mrs. Dorothy Goodwin, chairman; Mrs. Leo Handly and Mrs. Elmore Johnson.

**Deceased:** We hereby express our love and sympathy to the loved ones and friends of those who have been called from this life to receive their heavenly reward. Sylacauga Church—Bro. Mac Tippet; Union Hill, Sister Susan Isbell; Bethel Church, Charlie Thomson; Davis Chapel, Sister Virgie Mae Oaks; East Birmingham, Sister Barr; Mt. Pleasant, Sister J. W. Barnett. Mrs. Jack Rollins, chairman; Adgie Mae Deason and Minnie Smith.

**Sunday School and League:** We believe the Sunday School and League teachers have the finest opportunity of any church work to bring young ones to Christ. Sunday School teaches the way of salvation and league trains saved ones how to be soul winners for Jesus our Lord. Betty Davis, Edna Click and Mary McSpadden.

**Temperance:** We recommend II Peter 1:5-6-7-8 and I Corinthians 9:25-26-27 as examples for temperance in our lives and that we also abstain from the use, sanction and sale of intoxicating beverages. Robert Armstrong, F. L. Smith and Roy Pickett.

**Election:** Moderator—Jack Rollins  
Asst. Moderator—J. J. Staab  
Clerk—H. A. McSpadden  
Treasurer—M. D. Harper

**Executive Committee:** Johnnie Parker—1 year  
Austin Hodges—2 years  
Clarence Pickett—3 years

**Business Committee:** (1) We recommend a letter of dismissal to Mt. Olive Church. Accepted. (2) We recommend the 81st session of this conference meet with North Birmingham Free Will Baptist Church. Accepted. (3) We recommend the Pilgrim Church into this association, it being a member and examined by the 1st district conference. Accepted. (4) We recommend that each church support and pray for the radio work for Elder J. J. Staab and pledge as much as possible so Bro. Staab can depend on enough income to support the work. Accepted. (5) There being no funds available for this purpose, we recommend individual offerings to help Elder R. H. Howard pay for the hospital expenses. Accepted. (6) We recommend Bro. W. A. Hodges to ordaining council for examination to be licensed to preach the gospel for one year. Accepted. (7) We recommend that the host church serve as the devotional committee at each annual conference. Accepted. (8) We recommend Gold Certificate for deacons who have faithfully served their church and have reached the age of 65 years. Accepted. M. D. Harper, chairman; H. O. Walton and A. L. Pickett.

### STANDING OF THE MINISTRY

We recommend certificate of standing for all ministers and deacons whose church has recommended a certificate for them, who has reported to the conference either in person or by letter and has paid the \$1.00 registration fee.

P. A. Nichols  
Charles Boothe  
Mason Johnson

### STATE DELEGATES APPOINTED FROM CAHABA RIVER ASSOCIATION

Sister Rumell Kimbrough, First Church North Birmingham; Roy Hodgens, Mt. Pleasant; Owen Boothe, Bethel; Henry Pickett, Pilgrim; Louise Webb, Fairview; Betty Davis, Shady Grove; Clarence Pickett, Sylacauga; Gladys Reeves, Lindburgh; Claude Howard, Union Hill; Percy Stokes, Davis Chapel; Cecil Hodgens, Pleasant Valley; Sister Poor, Dilsworth; P. A. Nichols, East Birmingham; Mary McSpadden, North Birmingham.

### NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PASTORS AND CLERKS

Fairview—Rev. Jack L. Rollins  
920 Meehan Ave., Birmingham, Ala., ST 6-2714.  
Ed Goodwin, Trussville, Route 2, Alabama.

Dillworth—William Smith, Dora, Route 1, Alabama.  
Frances Lively, Route 1, Box 364-B, Empire, Ala.

Union Hill—Rev. Johnny Burnham, Pell City, Ala.  
Mrs. Mignon Howard, Vandiver, Ala.

Lindburgh—Rev. Roy Johnson, Graysville, Ala.  
Mrs. Flora Kuykendall, Graysville, Ala.

First Church Sylacauga, Alabama—  
Rev. J. M. Dutton, 400 North 25th Street, Leeds, Ala.  
Mrs. Mary Mull, 605 Oakland Avenue, Sylacauga, Ala.

Pilgrim Church—Rev. Johnny Burnham, Pell City, Ala.  
Inez Kitchens, Marvel, Route 1, Ala.

First Free Will Baptist Church, North Birmingham—  
Rev. W. H. Ryland, 901 Ridge Place, Birmingham, Ala.  
Phone STate 1-1737.  
Mrs. H. W. Russell, Rt. 7, Box 452, Birmingham, Ala.  
Phone FAirfax 3-3760.

Mt. Pleasant—Rev. M. D. Harper, Marvel, Route 1, Ala.  
Mrs. Roy L. Hodgens, Spratt, Ala.

Bethel—Rev. M. D. Harper, Marvel, Route 1, Ala.  
Albert L. Pickett, Marvel, Route 1, Ala.

Pleasant Valley—Rev. Howard Coshatt  
8617 North 2nd Court, Birmingham, Ala.  
Mrs. Cecil Hodgens, Chelsea, Route 1, Ala.

Shady Grove—Rev. Nathan Davis, Adamsville, Route 2, Ala.  
Mrs. Joe Click, Jr., Adamsville, Route 2, Ala.

Davis Chapel—Rev. Johnnie Burnham, Pell City, Ala.  
Mrs. Lenora Davis, Sterrett, Route 1, Ala.

East Birmingham—Rev. Buddy Tucker, P. O. Box 2323, B'ham, Ala.  
Mrs. Felix Parker, 1237 Forrest St., Tarrant, Ala.

# MINISTERS REGISTRATION

Rev. Buddy Tucker, P.O. Box 2323, Birmingham, Ala.	\$1.00
Rev. H. H. Blanchard, Rt. 11, Birmingham, Ala.	1.00
Rev. J. W. Marlow, 700 24th Ave., W., B'ham, Ala. FA 2-3097	1.00
Rev. Dewey Colley, 1212 44th Pl., No. Birmingham, Ala.	1.00
Rev. Eugene Howard, Sterrett, Route 1, Ala.	1.00
Rev. Lyman Ogles, Sylacauga, Ala.	1.00
Rev. Nathan Davis, Route 2, Adamsville, Ala.	1.00
Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr., 400 No. 25th St., Leeds, Ala.	1.00
Rev. Robert Armstrong, 50 Geo. Ave., Sylacauga, Ala.	1.00
Rev. R. H. Howard, Sterrett, Route 1, Ala.	1.00
Rev. Robert Parker, Sterrett, Route 1, Ala.	1.00
Rev. J. C. Nalley, Route 1, Marvel, Ala.	1.00
Rev. Harvey Darden, Route, Marvel, Ala.	1.00
Rev. Roy Johnson, Graysville, Ala.	1.00
Rev. George A. LaShum, 3825 9th Ave., Wylam, Ala. ST 7-6035	1.00
Rev. L. A. Lively, Rt. 1, Box 364-B, Empire, Ala.	1.00
Rev. Willie Poor, Route 1, Dora, Ala.	1.00
Rev. Jack L. Rollins, 920 Meehan Ave., B'ham, Ala. ST 6-2714	1.00
Rev. Lonnie Goodwin, Leeds, Ala.	1.00
Rev. James Galbreath, Irondale, Ala.	1.00
Rev. Earnest Walker, Route 2, Trussville, Ala.	1.00
Rev. Howard Coshatt, 8617 No. 2nd Ct., Birmingham, Ala.	1.00
Rev. Maxwell D. Harper, Route 1, Marvel, Ala.	1.00
Rev. W. H. Ryland, 901 Ridge Place, Birmingham, Ala.	1.00
Rev. H. O. Walton, Fairmont Way, Birmingham, Ala. AL 2-3577	1.00
Rev. W. R. Parker, 38 28th St., No. Birmingham, Ala. AL 4-3991	1.00
Rev. J. J. Staab, 2313 No. 33rd Ave., Birmingham, Ala. AL 1-6004	1.00

# REGISTRATION OF DEACONS

James Kitchens	\$1.00	John W. Isbell	1.00
Bill Pickett	1.00	W. A. Parker	1.00
Henry Pickett	1.00	John L. Parker	1.00
J. T. Kimbrough	1.00	W. H. Powell	1.00
W. T. Wolfe	1.00	Russell Kuykendal	1.00
J. L. Garner	1.00	Curtis Brake	1.00
H. A. McSpadden	1.00	Shelly Isbell	1.00
Artie Frederick	1.00	J. W. Isbell	1.00
H. T. Rogers	1.00	C. C. Isbell	1.00
Charlie C. Stone	1.00	Frank Tomlinson	1.00
Roy L. Hodgins	1.00	Felix Smith	1.00
John Boothe	1.00	T. A. Armstrong	1.00
Frank Pickett	1.00	A. L. Harmon	1.00
Roy Pickett	1.00	Clarence Pickett	1.00
Tommy Pickett	1.00	Marshall Kendrick	1.00
Cecil Glosson	1.00	R. L. Woodward	1.00
C. S. Kendrick	1.00	Leo Handley	1.00
Cecil Hodgins	1.00	Ira Hulsev	1.00
L. M. Lovelady	1.00	Clarence Stafford	1.00
W. N. Hodgins	1.00	Joe Click, Jr.	1.00
Walker Isbell	1.00	Percy Stokes	1.00
J. O. Gamel	1.00	Billie Britton	1.00
James Harris	1.00	L. T. Howard	1.00
Calvin McCreless	1.00	J. H. McCollough	1.00
Vernon Sollie	1.00	Coy Crocker	1.00
Ed Goodwin	1.00	E. O. Shelutt	1.00
Garfield King	1.00	J. W. Wise	1.00
William Smith	1.00	V. R. Ewing	1.00

# MONEY RECEIVED

	Assn. Expenses	Superannuation
First Church Sylacauga	\$ 25.00	
Lindburgh	5.00	
Union Hill	6.00	
Fairview	15.00	
Pleasant Valley	25.00	40.00
Bethel	15.00	
Mt. Pleasant	10.50	
North Birmingham	43.00	
Pilgrim	5.00	
Davis Chapel	10.00	
Shady Grove	10.00	
East Birmingham	126.52	
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	\$296.02	\$40.00
Deacons	43.00	
Ministers	17.00	
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Total	\$356.02	\$40.00

# HOME MISSIONS REPORT From October 1957 to October 1958

FORWARD	\$ 964.73
From East Birmingham Church	122.86
From North Birmingham Church	39.01
From Davis Chapel Church	22.23
From First District Conference	2.00
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Total	\$1150.83
PAID OUT	
Bro. Ryland for work at Irondale	\$271.00
Home Missions for tracts	11.00
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Total Paid Out	\$282.00
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Balance In Treasure	\$868.83

# **ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR** Beginning October 1957 - Ending October 1958

FORWARD from 1956 to 1957 .....\$311.97  
Received at Association in 1957 ..... 470.81

PAID OUT  
Total 782.78

Johnson Printing .....	\$131.84
Moderator .....	25.00
Clerk .....	25.00
Children's Home .....	210.00
Foreign Missions .....	50.00
Bible College .....	50.00
Home Mission .....	25.00
Superannuation .....	10.00
National Association .....	5.00
State Association .....	28.00

Total Paid Out ..... 559.94

Balance In Treasure \$222.94

## **WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT**

CHURCHES: East Birmingham, North Birmingham, Sylacauga, Fairview and Shady Grove.

MEMBERS: 71.

INCOME: \$2,557.05.

EXPENDITURES: \$2,546.49.

Paid on Church Improvements .....	\$ 946.53
Children's Home .....	127.79
Home Missions .....	20.00
Foreign Missions .....	37.79
Charity and Miscellaneous .....	1389.83
Convention Dues .....	24.50

Total \$2,546.49

The Children's Home offering was \$25.00.

SOCIAL/Benevolent:

Showers, 17; Phone Calls, 225; Sick Visits, 1,968; Hospital Visits, 1,120; Flowers, \$247.59; Trays, 185.

LADIES DAY TREASURE: \$33.91.

April 5, 1958

The Fifth (5th) Annual Session of the Ladies Auxiliary will meet at North Birmingham Free Will Baptist Church, 2808 32nd Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama. We extend a hearty welcome to all. The churches which have an auxiliary please bring a full year's report. Also the \$5.00 conference fee with 30 cents (30c) per member for the State Dues. We have a wonderful time. Come, and we can enjoy it better.

Mrs. Joe Kimbrough, President

Mrs. Mary L. McSpadden, Sec.-Treas.

## **BY-LAWS OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE OF CAHABA RIVER ASSOCIATION**

- (1) The clerk or assistant clerk, or the Senior Minister in years, may call the meeting to order and shall have charge until moderator assumes his place.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the clerk to enroll all ministers present who are in good standing. If there are questionable characters they shall be referred to an appointed credential committee for advice but not for trial. They may be seated if found worthy, if not they are referred to their church.
- (3) Each meeting shall be opened with scripture reading and prayer.
- (4) By a two-thirds vote any decision of the moderator may be overruled.
- (5) This meeting shall sit with open doors unless it goes into a committee as a whole.
- (6) Any person, not a member of the body shall be allowed to take part in discussion, with moderator's permission, but shall have no vote.
- (7) All members of the body are expected to be present throughout the session unless excused by moderator.
- (8) No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one officer or committeeman if his nomination is elected.
- (9) The moderator must not allow any discussion to be carried on in an unchristian spirit.
- (10) The person who desires to speak, must first rise and address the moderator and when recognized shall proceed.
- (11) The votes on any question must be counted upon request of one-fifth of members present.
- (12) No member shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes, nor twice on the same subject unless given permission by moderator.
- (13) All ministers belonging to this body are required to support all committees and boards elected or appointed by Association, (such as Home Mission Board, Building Committee, etc.).
- (14) This body ordains no one until he has carried license for one year and proved himself worthy of ordination.

## **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 appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the 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 Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for Church conference, public worship, and the observances of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the Church and of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof 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 of 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 the 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 committeemen 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 shall pay tithes of their income thus: 25 per cent of

tithes to Children's Home, 25 per cent of tithes to Annual Association, 25 per cent of tithes to Home Mission, 15 per cent of tithes to Foreign Mission, 10 per cent of tithes to Superannuation.

### Article XI

Each minister and deacon belonging to this body shall 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.

### Ministers' Report to Association

No. of Churches Pastored	No. of Sermons Preached
No. Baptized	No. of Funerals Conducted
Performed	No. of Marriages
No. of Revivals	No. of Miles Traveled
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## TREATISE ARTICLES OF FAITH

### Chapter I—The Holy Scriptures

These are the Old and the New Testaments! They are written by holy men, inspired by the Holy Spirit and are God's revealed word to man. They are a sufficient and infallible rule and guide to Salvation and all Christian worship and service.

### Chapter II—Being and Attributes of God

The Scriptures teach that there is only one true and living God, who is Spirit, self-existent, eternal, immutable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, independent, good, wise, holy, just, and merciful, the Creator, Preserver, and Governor of the universe; the Redeemer, Savior, Sanctifier, and Judge of men; and the only proper object of worship.

The mode of His existence, however, is a subject far above the understanding of man—finite beings cannot comprehend Him. There is nothing in the universe that can justly represent Him, for there is none like Him. He is the fountain of all perfection and happiness. He is glorified by the whole creation, and worthy to be loved and served by all intelligence.

### Chapter III—Divine Government and Providence

1. God exercises a providential care and superintendence over all His creatures, and governs the world in wisdom and mercy, according to the testimony of His Word.

2. God has endowed man with power of free choice, and governs him by moral laws and motives; and this power of free choice is the exact measure of man's responsibility.

3. All events are present with God from everlasting to everlasting; but His knowledge of them does not in any sense cause them nor does He decree all events which He knows will occur.

## Chapter IV—Creation, Primitive State of Man and His Fall

### Section I—Creation

1. **OF THE WORLD.** God created the world, and all things that it contains, for His own pleasure and glory and the enjoyment of His creatures.

2. **OF THE ANGELS.** The angels were created by God to glorify Him and obey His commandments. Those who have kept their first estate He employs in ministering blessings to the heirs of salvation and in executing His judgments upon the world.

3. **OF MAN.** God created man, consisting of a material body and a thinking, rational soul. He was made in the image of God, to glorify his Maker.

### Section II—Primitive Man and His Fall

Our first parents, in their original state, were upright. They naturally preferred and desired to obey their Creator, and had no preference or desire to transgress His will until they were influenced and inclined by the tempter to disobey God's commands. Previous to this, the only tendency of their nature was to do righteousness. In consequence of the first transgression, the state under which the posterity of Adam came into the world is so different from that of Adam that they have not that righteousness and purity which Adam had before the fall; they are not willing to obey God, but are inclined to evil. Hence none, by virtue of any natural goodness and mere work of their own; can become the children of God, but they are all dependent for salvation upon the redemption effected, through the blood of Christ, and upon being created anew unto obedience through the operation of the Spirit, both of which are freely provided for every descendent of Adam.

## Chapter V—Of Christ

### Section I

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, possesses all divine perfections. As He and the Father are one, He in His divine nature, filled all the offices and performed the works of God to His creatures that have been the subjects of revelations to us. As man, he performed all the duties toward God that we are required to perform, repentance of sin excepted.

His divinity is proved from His titles, His attributes, and His works.

1. **HIS TITLES.** The Bible ascribes to Christ the titles of Savior, Jehovah, Lord of hosts, the first and the last, God, true God, Great God over all, mighty God, and the everlasting Father.

2. **HIS ATTRIBUTES.** He is eternal, unchangeable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, holy, and is to be worshipped.

3. **HIS WORKS.** By Christ the world was created. He preserves, and governs it; He has provided redemption for all men and He will be their final judge.

### Section II—The Incarnation of Christ

The Word, which in the beginning was with God and which was God, by whom all things were made condescended to a state of humiliation in being united with human nature and becoming like us, pollution and sin excepted. In this state, as a subject of the law, He was liable to the infirmities of our nature, was tempted as we are, but lived our example, perfect obedience to the divine requirements.

As Christ was made of the seed of David according to the flesh, He is "the Son of man," and as the divine existence is the fountain from which He proceeded, and was the only agency by which He was begotten, He is "the Son of God," being the only begotten of the Father, and the only incarnation of the Divine Being.

## Chapter VI—The Atonement and Mediation of Christ

1. **THE ATONEMENT.** As sin cannot be pardoned without a sacrifice, and the blood of beasts could never wash away sin, Christ gave Himself a sacrifice for the sins of the world, and thus made salvation possible for all men. He died for us, suffering in our stead, to make known the righteousness of God, that He might be just in justifying sinners who believe in His Son. Through the redemption effected by Christ salvation is actually enjoyed in this world, and will be enjoyed in the next by all who do not in this life refuse obedience to the known requirements of God. The atonement for sin was necessary. For present and future obedience can no more blot out our past sins than past obedience can remove the guilt of present and future sins. If God pardoned the sins of men without satisfaction for the violation of His law it would follow that transgression might go on with impunity; government would be abrogated, and the obligation of obedience to God would be, in effect, removed.

2. **MEDIATION OF CHRIST.** Our Lord not only died for our sins, but He arose for our justification, and ascended up to heaven, where, as the only Mediator between God and man, He makes intercession for us, until He comes again.

3. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own persons are only subject to the first death which was brought on by the fall of the first Adam, and not that any one of them dying in that state shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin for of such is the Kingdom of God.

## Chapter VII—The Holy Spirit

1. The Scriptures ascribe to the Holy Spirit the acts and attributes of an intelligent being. He guides, knows, moves, gives information, commands, forbids, sends forth, reproves, and can be sinned against.

2. The attributes of God are ascribed to the Holy Spirit.

3. The works of God are ascribed to the Holy Spirit; creation, inspiration, giving of life, and sanctification.

4. The apostles assert that the Holy Spirit is Lord and God.

From the foregoing the conclusion is that the Holy Spirit, is in reality God, and one with the Father in divine perfections. It has also been shown that Jesus Christ is God—one with the Father. Then these three: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, are one God.

The truth of this doctrine is also proved from the fact that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are united in the authority by which believers are baptized; and in the benedictions pronounced by the apostles, which are acts of the highest religious worship.

## Chapter VIII—The Gospel Call

The call of the Gospel is co-extensive with the atonement to all men, both by the word and strivings of the Spirit, so that salvation is rendered equally possible to all, and, if any fail of eternal life, the fault is wholly his own.

## Chapter IX—Repentance

The repentance which the Gospel requires includes a deep conviction, a penitential sorrow, an open confession, a decided hatred and an entire forsaking all sin. This repentance God has enjoined on all men, and without it in this life the sinner must perish eternally.

## Chapter X—Faith

Saving faith is an assent of the mind to the fundamental truths of revelation, an acceptance of the Gospel, through the influence of the Holy Spirit, and a firm confidence and trust in Christ. The

fruit of faith is obedience to the Gospel. The power to believe is the gift of God, but believing is an act of the creature, which is required as a condition of pardon, and without which the sinner cannot obtain salvation. All men are required to believe in Christ; and those who yield obedience to this requirement become the children of God by faith.

#### Chapter XI—Regeneration

As man is a fallen and sinful being, he must be regenerated in order to obtain salvation. This change is an instantaneous renewal of the heart by the Holy Spirit, whereby the penitent sinner receives new life, becomes a child of God, and is disposed to serve Him. This is called in Scripture being born again — born of the Spirit, being quickened, passing from death unto life, and a partaking of the divine nature.

#### Chapter XII—Justification and Sanctification

1. **JUSTIFICATION.** Personal justification implies that the person justified has been guilty before God, and in consideration of the atonement of Christ, accepted by faith, the sinner is pardoned and absolved from the guilt of sin and restored to the divine favor. Christ's atonement is the foundation of the sinner's redemption, yet, without repentance and faith, it can never give him justification and peace with God.

2. **SANCTIFICATION** is the continuing of God's grace by which the Christian man constantly grows in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Chapter XIII—Perseverance of the Saints

There are strong grounds to hope that the truly regenerate will persevere unto the end, and be saved, through the power of divine grace which is pledged for their support, but their future obedience and final salvation are neither determined nor certain, since through infirmity and manifold temptations they are in danger of falling; and they ought therefore to watch and pray, lest they make shipwreck of their faith and be lost.

#### Chapter XIV—The Sabbath

This is one day in seven, which from the creation of the world God has set apart for sacred rest and holy service. Under the former dispensation, the seventh day of the week as commemorative of the work of creation, was set apart for the Sabbath. Under the Gospel, the first day of the week, in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ, and by authority of Christ and the apostles, is observed as the Christian Sabbath. On this day all men are required to refrain from secular labor and devote themselves to the worship and service of God.

#### Chapter XV—The Church

A **CHRISTIAN CHURCH** is an organized body of believers in Christ, who stately assemble to worship God, and who sustain the ordinances of the Gospel according to the Scriptures. Believers in Christ are admitted to this church on giving evidence of faith in Christ, obtaining consent of the body, being baptized, and receiving the right hand of fellowship.

The Church of God, or members of the body of Christ, is the whole body of Christians throughout the whole world, and none but the regenerate are its members.

#### Chapter XVI—Tithing

Both the Old and New Scriptures teach Tithing as God's financial plan for the support of His work.

#### Chapter XVII—The Gospel Ministry

1. **QUALIFICATION OF MINISTERS.** They must possess good, natural and acquired abilities, deep and ardent piety, be especially called of God to the work, and ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands.

2. **DUTIES OF MINISTERS.** These are to preach the Word, administer the ordinances of the Gospel, visit their people, and otherwise perform the work of faithful ministers.

#### Chapter XVIII—Ordinances of the Gospel

1. **CHRISTIAN BAPTISM.** This is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, in which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ, the death of Christ, the death of Christians to the world, the washing of their souls from the pollution of sin, their rising to newness of life, their engagement to serve God, and their resurrection at the last day.

2. **THE LORD'S SUPPER.** This is a commemoration of the death of Christ for our sins, in the use of bread which He made the emblem of His broken body, and the cup, the emblem of His shed blood, and by it the believer expresses his love for Christ, his faith and hope in Him and pledges to Him perpetual fidelity.

It is the privilege and duty of all who have spiritual union with Christ to commemorate His death; and no man has a right to forbid these tokens to the least of His disciples.

3. **WASHING THE SAINTS FEET.** This is a sacred ordinance, which teaches humility, and reminds the believer of the necessity of a daily cleansing from all sin. It was instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ, and called an "example" on the night of His betrayal, and in connection with the institution of the Lord's Supper. It is the duty and happy prerogative of every believer to observe this sacred ordinance.

#### Chapter XIX—Death

1. **DEATH**—As a result of sin, all mankind, is subject to the death of the body. The soul does not die with the body; but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery, according to the character here possessed.

#### Chapter XX—Second Coming of Christ

The Lord Jesus, who ascended on high, and sits at the right hand of God, will come again, to close the Gospel dispensation, glorify His saints, and judge the world.

#### Chapter XXI—The Resurrection

The Scriptures teach the resurrection of the bodies of all men, each in its own order; they have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil to the resurrection of damnation.

#### Chapter XXII—The Final Judgment and Final Retribution

1. **THE FINAL JUDGMENT.** There will be a final judgment, when time and man's probation will close forever. Then all men will be judged according to their works.

2. **FINAL RETRIBUTION.** Immediately after the final judgment, the righteous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked will go into a state of endless punishment.

# MINISTERS REPORT

Minister	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Revivals	Baptized	Marriages	Funerals	Money Received	Expenses	Miles Traveled	Misc.
Elders										
D. F. Colley	0	50						50.00	300	
M. D. Harper	2	125	2	2	1	2	1380.00		3000	
H. H. Blanchard	No Report									
H. O. Walton	0	60	1	0	0	1	50.00			
Robert Armstrong	0	17	0	3	0	2				
Geo. A. LaShum	0	32	0	1	1	0				
R. H. Howard	0	9					5.00	2.71	144	
J. W. Marlow	1	81	0	1	1	11	1672.95	800.00	7000	
Nathan Davis	1	115	1	17	2	2	1870.49	995.00	11000	
Lonnie Goodwin	0	38	1							
J. J. Staab	0	60	2	0	1	3	140.00	100.00		Radio
Roy Johnson	1	40	2				180.00	412.00	1000	
Jack Rollins	1	136	5	5	0	1	1300.00	975.00	14500	
Robert Parker	0	27			1	1	36.96		154	
Howard Coshatt	1	100	0	6	1	1	1200.00	1200.00	3060	
J. M. Dutton, Jr.	1	156	1	13	4	4	1350.00	650.00	9360	
Lyman Ogle	No Report									
W. H. Ryland	1	142	5	11	1	5	1520.00		956	
Eugene Howard	1	53	2	0	0	0	64.00	356.44	1283	
James Galbreath	1	75	1	0	0	0				