

MINUTES
OF THE
Eighty-Second Annual Session
OF THE
Cahaba River Free Will
Baptist Association
CONVENED WITH
BETHEL
Free Will Baptist Church
Route One
Marvel, Alabama
Sept. 29th, 30th and Oct. 1st, 1960

OFFICERS

Moderator M. D. Harper (Pro Tem)
Route One, Marvel, Alabama

Assistant Moderator Elder Roy Johnson
Graysville, Alabama

Clerk H. A. McSpadden
Route 9, Box 231-F, Birmingham 7, Alabama

Assistant Clerk Paul A. Nichols
P. O. Box 6461, Birmingham, Alabama

The 83rd Session of the Cahaba River Association of Free Will Baptist will meet with Fairview Church, Trussville, Route 2, Alabama, on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1961.

NAME OF CHURCH	MEMBERS	NEW MEMBERS	BAPTIZED	DISMISSED	DECEASED	ORDAINED MINISTERS	ORDAINED DEACONS	CHURCH VALUATION	PAID PASTORS	PAID EVANGELIST	MISSIONS	SUPER ANNUATION	CHILDRENS HOME	SUNDAY SCHOOL	LEAGUE	AUXILIARY	PAID ASSOCIATION	BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENTS
PLESANT VALLEY	31	1	0	2	2	2	2	5,000.00	1,080.00	95.00	64.00	0	120.00	0	0	0	10.00	
PILGRIM	31	9	3	0	0	2	3	4,300.00	1,060.00	75.00	0	0	0	35	0	0	10.00	727.29
DILWORTH	50																	
UNION HILL	78	2	2	1	2	3	2	3,700.00	342.79	135.00	0	0	70.00	51	0	0	10.00	
SYLACAUGA	124	21	16	0	3	3	10	30,000.00	1,400.00	120.00	69.35		165.00	124	79	16	25.00	
DAVIS CHAPEL	23																	
BETHEL	56	5	6	0	1	1	5	10,000.00	980.00	100.00	27.85	27.85	162.22	65	0	0	25.00	3,000.00
GRAYSVILLE	19	19	0	0	0	0	3	7,000.00	100.00					37				
SHADYGROVE	103	5	3	0	1	1	5	14,000.00	3,331.82	80.00	89.50		82.50	103	73	22	10.00	560.38
FAIRVIEW	75	8	5	4	2	4	1	11,000.00	1,570.00	50.00	188.28	19.53	300.00	87	45	13	15.00	1,105.63
EAST BIRMINGHAM	105	8	4	1		3	8	40,000.00	1,845.00	100.00	318.09	79.07	325.29	103	0	22	25.00	484.74
NORTH BIRMINGHAM	103	25	12	1	1	4	1	18,000.00	1,630.00	130.00	237.33	46.51	313.27	98	48	14	82.13	362.00
MT. PLEASANT	26				1		3	10,000.00	280.00				50.00	15			5.50	4,000.00
BELYVIEW	90		13			3	4							45				
TOTAL	1004	103	64	7	13	26	2	153,000.00	13,598.81	885.00	894.40	171.96	1,588.28	763	24.50	87	217.63	7,065.30

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 1960 - 7:00 P.M.

SONG SERVICE BEGAN BY SINGING SEVERAL GOOD SONGS, "WHEN THE MORNING COMES"; "I AM THINE, OH LORD" AND "IN THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS".

WELCOME BY THE PASTOR, ELDER J. W. MARLOW.

ALTAR PRAYER WITH SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THOSE WHO WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE ASSOCIATION BECAUSE OF ILLNESS.

DEVOTION AND TESTIMONY SERVICE BY SISTER MARY Mc SPADDEN.

SONG: "AMAZING GRACE". DELEGATES PARTICIPATED IN AN OLD FASHIONED HAND-SHAKE OF FELLOWSHIP.

8:00 P.M. MESSAGE BY ELDER NATHAN DAVIS. A WONDERFUL MESSAGE ON A DEDICATED LIFE AS HE APPEALED TO THE PEOPLE TO SUBMIT THEIR LIVES INTO THE HANDS OF OUR LORD, WHO IS ABLE TO KEEP THAT WHICH WE HAVE COMMITTED UNTO HIM.

SONG: "I COME TO THEE".

BENEDICTION BY ELDER DEWEY F. COLLEY.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED: ELDER NATHAN DAVIS, M. D. HARPER AND FRANK PICKETT.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, - 1960 - 9:00 A.M.

SONG: "ARE YOU WASHED IN THE BLOOD".

WELCOME BY THE PASTOR, ELDER J. W. MARLOW. SCRIPTURE: THE 1ST PSALM.

ALTAR PRAYER LED BY ELDER R. H. HOWARD.

DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF THE MODERATOR, WHO HAD BEEN IN AN ACCIDENT AND ABSENCE OF THE ASSISTANT MODERATOR, THE CLERK, H. A. Mc SPADDEN, PROCEEDED WITH THE ELECTION OF A MODERATOR PRO TEM.

ELDER M. D. HARPER WAS ELECTED MODERATOR PRO TEM AND PROCEEDED WITH THE CONFERENCE.

THE CREDENTIAL REPORT WAS READ AND DELEGATES SEATED IN THE CONFERENCE. THE VISITING BRETHREN WERE INVITED TO JOIN IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE WITH US.

SEE COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR PROCEEDURE OF CONFERENCE.

DEVOTION LED BY BRO. CLARENCE PICKETT

SONGS: "I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY" AND "GLORY TO HIS NAME".

AN INSPIRING DEVOTIONAL AND TESTIMONY SERVICE WAS ENJOYED BY ALL.

AN OFFERING OF \$27.61 WAS RECEIVED FOR MISSIONS.

MESSAGE BY ELDER R. H. HOWARD. SCRIPTURE READING: 2 TIMOTHY 3.
SUBJECT: IN THE LAST DAYS, PERILOUS DAYS SHALL COME.
WHEN MEN SHALL BE LOVERS OF THEMSELVES; - LOVERS OF
PLEASURES MORE THAN LOVERS OF GOD; HAVING A FORM OF
GODLINESS, BUT DENYING THE POWER THEREOF.

TEXT: EPH. 5:17. WHEREFORE BE YE NOT UNWISE, BUT UNDERSTANDING
WHAT THE WILL OF THE LORD IS.

A VERY TIMELY MESSAGE DELIVERED IN THE POWER OF THE
SPIRIT. A WARNING TO THE UNGODLY AND ENCOURAGING GODS
PEOPLE TO STAND FAST IN THE DOCTRINE OF OUR LORD AND
SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

SONG: "NOT MADE WITH HANDS".

BENEDICTION BY THE ASSISTANT MODERATOR, ELDER ROY JOHNSON.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1960 12:00 NOON

LUNCH WAS SERVED ON TABLES IN THE GROVE NEAR THE CHURCH BY THE
LADIES OF THE VARIOUS CHURCHES IN THE COMMUNITY OF WHICH THE DELE-
GATED BODY ENJOYED AND EXPRESSED THEIR HEAR FELT THANKS AND APPRECI-
ATION TO THE LADIES.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1960 1:00 P.M.

SONGS: "I'M GOING THAT WAY" AND "I'LL FLY AWAY".

SPECIAL SONG BY SISTER DAVIS.

A PLAY BY THE SHAW GROVE CHURCH: DEATH AND BURIAL OF THE CHURCH.

A PLAY DEMONSTRATING WHAT INDIFFERENCE BY INDIVIDUALS
IN A COMMUNITY CAN DO TO A CHURCH. A VERY IMPRESSIVE CONCLUSION BY
HAVING THE CONGREGATION COME BY AND LOOK AT THE CASKET OF THE CHURCH
TO SEE WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF THE CHURCH. AS EACH
PERSON WALKED BY THEY SAW THEMSELVES IN A MIRROR IN THE BOTTOM OF
THE CASKET. (ADMIT IT OR NOT, WE KNOW IT IS THE TRUTH. WHERE DO WE
STAND WITH OUR CHURCH?)

JESUS SAID, "I AM THE VINE, YE ARE THE BRANCHES, EXCEPT YE ABIDE
IN ME YE CAN BEAR NO FRUIT".

A TALK ON HOME MISSIONS AND SUPERANNUATION BY ELDER ROY JOHNSON.

THE ASSOCIATION STOOD IN MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED AND SANG, "THERE'S
A LAND FAIRER THAN DAY".

BENEDICTION BY ELDER NATHAN DAVIS.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1960 6:45 P.M.

SONG SERVICE LED BY BRO. HARVEY RIFFE AND MILFORD DAILY. PIANIST,
SISTER HENRIETTA PICKETT.

SONGS: "OH, I WANT TO SEE HIM"; "I'VE BEEN PRAYING"; "ROYAL
TELEPHONE" AND "ANYWHERE IS HOME".

SPECIAL SONG: "I LIKE THE OLD TIME WAY" BY SISTER HENRIETTA
PICKETT.

WELCOME ADDRESS TO THE MISISTERS CONFERENCE BY MODERATOR, J. M.
DUTTON, JR.

CONFERENCE CALLED TO ORDER BY CLERK, H. A. Mc SPADDEN.

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALMS 67 AND INVOCATION BY ELDER ROBERT
ARMSTRONG.

INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP IN CONFERENCE. CANDIDATES, ELDER J. C.
BAXLEY, BRO. MANNING, MARTIS MINOR AND CECIL HODGENS.

THE HAND OF FELLOWSHIP WAS GIVEN AS SONG "THE OLD ACCOUNT WAS
SETTLED" WAS SUNG.

A TALK BY BRO. CARLTON LAMBERT, SUPERINTENDANT OF THE CHILDREN'S
HOME ON THE PROGRESS, ABILITY AND NEEDS OF THE HOME.

A TALK BY ELDER M. D. HARPER ON THE HOME AND OFFERING OF \$112.80
WAS RECEIVED AS CONGREGATION STOOD AND SANG "EVERYBODY
WILL BE HAPPY OVER THERE".

SPECIALS BY SISTER BETTY DAVIS, "I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS" AND
"HE WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY".

SPECIAL SONG BY BRO. CARLTON LAMBERT, "NEARER MY GOD TO THEE".

MESSAGE BY ELDER A. J. LAMBERT. SCRIPTURE PSALMS 19: 7-14.
GENERAL SUBJECT: WHAT THE WORD OF GOD DOES TO MAN. AN
ENCOURAGING MESSAGE TO READ THE WORD AND PROFIT BY ITS
TEA CHING. A VERY SPIRITUAL MESSAGE, ENCOURAGING US TO
FEAST ON THE GOODNESS OF GOD THROUGH HIS WORD.

THE MODERATOR, ELDER J. M. DUTTON, JR. ASKED SPECIAL PRAYER FOR ALL
MINISTERS AND DEACONS THAT THEY MAY MORE FULLY DEDICATE
THEMSELVES TO GOD AND THE SERVICE OF THEIR CHURCHES.

BUSINESS: A MOTION TO RETAIN ELDER J. M. DUTTON, JR. AS MODERATOR
AND ELDER M. D. HARPER AS ASSISTANT WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
BY THE BODY.

DISCUSSION: A TALK BY ELDER J. J. STAAB. SUBJECT: WE NEED TO

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT OUR CHILDREN'S HOME AND SEE THE NEED AND KEEP OUR DONATIONS COMING IN. A COMMODITY APPEAL OF FOOD, CLOTHING AND OTHER NECESSITIES WAS SUGGESTED.

BRO. H. T. ROGERS PUT FORTH A CHALLENGE TO KEEP IN CONTACT WITH THE HOME AND ITS NEEDS AND PROVE OURSELVES WORTHY OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND TO BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF GOD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: DELEGATES PLACED AND WELCOMED BY PASTOR, ELDER J. W. MARLOW

BENEDICTION BY ELDER J. J. STAAB.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 1960 9:00 A.M.

SONG SERVICE: "I AM THINE, OH LORD": "HOME OF THE SOUL".

INVOCATION BY BRO. EUGENE HOWARD.

SCRIPTURE READING FROM EPH. 3. SEVERAL GOOD TALKS BY THE BRETHREN IN THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE WONDERFUL FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE AND THEIR TRUST IN THE LORD TO GREATER THINGS FOR THE CHURCHES IN THIS LIFE AND TO THE COMING OF OUR LORD.

A TALK ON THE MASTERS MEN BY ELDER ROBERT ARMSTRONG.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

MODERATOR: ELDER J. M. DUTTON, JR.
ASSISTANT MODERATOR: ELDER JACK L. ROLLINS
TREASURER: ELDER M. J. HARPER
CLERK: BRO. PAUL A. NICHOLS
ASSISTANT CLERK: BRO. H. A. Mc SPADDEN

EXECUTIVE BOARD: CLARENCE PICKETT, 1st YEAR CHAIRMAN
E. O. SHELLNUT, 2nd YEAR
EUGENE HOWARD, 3rd YEAR

HOME MISSION BOARD: ELDER ROBERT ARMSTRONG, 1st YEAR CHAIRMAN
ELDER ROY JOHNSON, 2nd YEAR
ELDER J. C. BAXLEY, 3rd YEAR

THE 83rd SESSION OF THE CAHABA RIVER ASSOCIATION WILL MEET WITH FAIRVIEW CHURCH, TRUSSVILLE, ROUTE 2, ALABAMA.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 1960 10:45 A.M.

DEVOTION BY BRO. LESTER GANN.

SONGS: "LEANING ON JESUS" AND "JESUS IS COMING AGAIN".

SPECIAL SONGS BY SISTER BETTY DAVIS, "I AM BOUND FOR THE KINGDOM" AND "TAKE UP THY CROSS".

11:00 A.M.

MESSAGE BY ELDER EARNEST WALKER. SCRIPTURE JOHN 6:56. NO MAN CAN COME UNTO ME EXCEPT IT BE GIVEN HIM BY MY FATHER. A WONDERFUL MESSAGE AND BLESSING TO ALL WHO HEARD IT.

SONG: "JUST AS I AM"

BENEDICTION: ELDER NATHAN DAVIS

THE LUNCH HOUR WAS ENJOYED BY ALL AND THE FELLOWSHIP GRAND AS GODS PEOPLE MET AND ENJOYED THE FRIENDSHIP OF OLD FRIENDS AND MAKING NEW FRIENDS OF DELEGATES FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 1960 1:00 P.M.

SONG: "JOY UNSPEAKABLE"

PRAYER BY ELDER JEROME GOODWIN

A MOTION TO EXCEPT REPORT AND PROCEED WITH ORDAINING SERVICE WAS PASSED.

ELDER NATHAN DAVIS GAVE CHARGE TO CANDIDATE. READING QUALIFICATIONS FROM 1 TIMOTHY 3.

CONCLUDED BY PRAYER OF CONCECRATION WITH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS BY THE PRESBYTERY.

A RISING VOTE OF APPRECIATION AND THANKS TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS COMMUNITY FOR THEIR WONDERFUL HOSPITALITY, FELLOWSHIP AND CARE OF THE DELEGATES IN THIS ASSOCIATION.

A TALK BY BRO. ROY HODGENS ON COOPERATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHILDREN'S HOME, HOME CHURCHES AND THE ASSOCIATION.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION BY BRO. H. A. Mc SPADDEN.

SEND ALL MAIL TO THE NEW CLERK:

PAUL A NICHOLS
P.O. BOX 6461
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
PHONE VE 3-4806

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

THE REPORT WAS READ AND DELEGATES SEATED IN THE CONFERENCE. THE VISITING BROTHERS WERE INVITED TO JOIN IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE WITH US. ELDER NATHAN DAVIS, M.D. HARPER AND FRANK PICKETT.

STANDING OF THE MINISTRY:

WE RECOMMEND CERTIFICATE OF STANDING TO ALL MINISTERS AND DEACONS WHO HAVE COMPLIED WITH THE RULES OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND THAT BRO. GALBREATH UNITE WITH SOME CHURCH IN ORGANIZATION BEFORE HIS CERTIFICATE BE GRANTED.

ROY PICKETT
MARSHALL KENDRICK
L. A. ARMSTRONG

AUDITING:

WE HAVE EXAMINED THE BOOKS OF THE TREASURER AND FOUND SAME TO BE CORRECT AND TRUE.

EDITH BARRINGTON, CHAIRMAN;
J. L. GANN
CHARLES BOOTHE

FAMILY DEVOTION:

LET'S LIVE UP TO OUR CHURCH COVENANT BY HAVING FAMILY DEVOTION. READING THE BIBLE, HAVING PRAYER AND TEACHING OUR CHILDREN THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR THAT OUR CHURCHES AND OUR NATION BE STRONG IN THE LORD THAT WE MAY HAVE THE BLESSINGS OF GOD UPON US IN THESE EVIL DAYS.

MRS. NATHAN DAVIS
MRS. AUBURN WARREN
MRS. ROGERS

SUNDAY SCHOOL & LEAGUE:

WE RECOMMEND AND URGE THE COOPERATION OF PARENTS IN BRINGING THEIR CHILDREN TO SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE. THE TEACHING AND TRAINING PROGRAM OF THE CHURCH IS VERY ESSENTIAL IN THE RAISING OF OUR CHILDREN TO HAVE A FUTURE GENERATION TO UPHOLD THE RELIGION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.

TEMPERANCE:

WE RECOMMEND THAT EACH PERSON STUDY THE SCRIPTURES ON TEMPERANCE MORE OFTEN AND PRACTICE IT IN OUR EVERYDAY LIVING.

MRS. JOAN HILL
MRS. LOUISE WEBB
MRS. CHRISTINE JOHNSON

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT & SERVICE:

WE RECOMMEND BRO. AUSTIN HODGES BE LICENSED FOR ONE YEAR. WE RECOMMEND ELDER JEROME GOODWIN BE ORDAINED TO THE MINISTRY.

NATHAN DAVIS, CHAIRMAN
(CONT'D)

ROY

ROY HODGENS
HENRY PICKETT
H. T. ROGERS
J. O. GABEL

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

- (1) WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: BELVIEW CHURCH OF LEEDS, ALABAMA AND
- (2) GRAYSVILLE CHURCH TO MEMBERSHIP IN THIS BODY.
- (3) BRO. JEROME E. GOODWIN FOR ORDINATION.
- (4) BRO. AUSTIN HODGES FOR LICENSE.
- (5) \$ 150.00 TO THE CHILDREN'S HOME.
- (6) \$ 100.00 TO STATE SUPERANNUATION
- (7) \$ 10.00 FOR FLOWERS FOR BRO. JACK ROLLINS AND CURTIS BRAKE AND W. M. POWELL AND DEWEY COLLEY.

ELDER ROBERT ARMSTRONG, CHAIRMAN

DECEASED MEMBERS:

IN MEMORY, SHADY GROVE CHURCH - BRO. R. L. WOODWARD
PLEASANT VALLEY - SISTER J. E. (AUNT LIZZY) HODGENS AND BRO. L. M. LOVELADY
SYLACAUGA FIRST CHURCH - BRO. GREEN ROLAND, SISTER RUTH BROWN AND SISTER FRANCIS KENDRICK.
FAIRVIEW - BRO. GEORGE WHITEHEAD AND SISTER JOYCE GOODWIN
UNION HILL - BRO. J. W. ISBELL AND BRO. TIM WELDON
NORTH BIRMINGHAM - SISTER WILLIE RUTH NICHOLS

BRO. BARRINGTON
SISTER DUNCAN
BRO. JAMES GALBREATH

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

CONVENED WITH SHADY GROVE CHURCH APRIL 2, 1960

SONGS AND DEVOTION WITH SPECIAL SINGING. PROGRAM BY HOST CHURCH WITH EACH CHURCH PRESENT PARTICIPATING.

LUNCH

BUSINESS:

6 CHURCHES, 97 MEMBERS INCOME-----\$ 1,951.35

EXPENDITURES ----- \$ 1,288.51

PAID - CHILDREN HOME ----- 75.40

" HOME MISSION ----- 51.20

" FOREIGN MISSION ----- 56.14

" CHARITY AND MISC. ----- 536.10

" CONVENTION DUES ----- 39.20

" CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS ----- 167.61

" CHILDREN HOME OFFERING ----- 35.00

" OFFERING FOR BRO. DAVE FRANKS ----- 35.00

SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION TO MEET WITH FAIRVIEW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, TRUSSVILLE, ALABAMA, ROUTE 2. FIRST SATURDAY IN APRIL, 1961

OFFICERS: SISTER MARY MC SPADDEN PRESIDENT
SISTER MARY MULL VICE PRESIDENT
SISTER JOE KIMBROUGH CLERK & TREASURER
PROGRAM SISTER LOUISE WEBB,
COMMITTEE: SISTER CODY ISBELLE,
SISTER WAGES.

DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION:

SISTER MARY MC SPADDEN FROM THE ANNUAL ASSOCIATION
SISTER CECIL HODGENS - PLEASANT VALLEY
SISTER ROY HODGENS - MT. PLEASANT
BRO. CLAUDIE HOWARD - UNION HILL
SISTER MARGARET DUTTON - SYLACAUGA
BRO. CHARLES BOOTH - BETHEL
SISTER MAY POWELL - GRAYSVILLE
SISTER BETTY DAVIS - SHADY GROVE
SISTER LOUISE WEBB - FAIRVIEW
SISTER H. W. RUSSELL - NORTH BIRMINGHAM
SISTER LONNIE PARKER - BELVIEW
BRO. PAUL NICHOLS - EAST BIRMINGHAM
SISTER HENRY PICKETT - PILGRIM

MONEY RECEIVED 1960

EAST BIRMINGHAM	\$ 25.00	
SHADY GROVE	10.00	
NORTH BIRMINGHAM	82.13	
UNION HILL	10.00	
PILGRIM	10.00	
PLEASANT VALLEY	10.00	
MT. PLEASANT	5.50	
FAIRVIEW	15.00	
BETHEL	25.00	
SYLACAUGA	25.00	
	<u>\$217.63</u>	217.63

MINISTERS	25.00	
DEACONS	52.00	
	<u>77.00</u>	77.00

FOR MISSIONS	27.61	
FOR CHILDRENS HOME	112.80	
	<u>140.41</u>	140.41

\$ 435.04

RECEIVED FROM ANNUAL WOMANS AUXILIARY	10.00	
	<u>\$ 445.04</u>	

PASTORS & CLERKS

SHADY GROVE - -	ELDER NATHAN DAVIS, ADAMSVILLE, ROUTE 2, ALABAMA MRS. JOW CLICK, ADAMSVILLE, ROUTE 2, ALABAMA
GRAYSVILLE - -	ELDER DEWEY F. COLLEY, 1212 NORTH 44TH PLACE, BIRMINGHAM, ALA. - MRS. FLORA KUYKENDALL, GRAYSVILLE, ALABAMA
UNION HILL - -	ELDER EUGENE HOWARD, STERRETT, ROUTE, ALABAMA MIGNON HOWARD, VANDIVER, ALABAMA
BELVIEW - -	ELDER S. R. HENDERSON, 2128 NORTH 4TH AVE. LEEDS, ALA. - A. L. PARKER, 415 NORTH 21ST ST. LEEDS, ALABAMA
EAST BIRMINGHAM -	ELDER J. O. DRUMMONS, 3828 NORTH 36TH AVE., BIRMINGHAM, ALA. - MRS. PAULINE PARKER, 1237 FORREST STREET, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
NORTH BIRMINGHAM -	ELDER ROY JOHNSON, 280 2ND PLACE N. W., GRAYSVILLE, ALA. - MRS. H. W. RUSSELL, ROUTE 7, BOX 452, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
PILGRIM - -	ELDER EARNEST WALKER, ROUTE 2, TRUSSVILLE, ALA. MRS. MINNIE PICKETT, ROUTE 1, MARVEL, ALA.
PLESANT VALLEY - -	ELDER WAYNE SPRUEL, LEEDS, ALA. MRS. CECIL HODGENS, ROUTE ONE, CHELSEA, ALA.
MT. PLESANT - -	ELDER M. D. HARPER, ROUTE, MARVEL, ALA. MRS. ROY HODGENS, SPROTT, ALA.
FAIRVIEW - -	ELDER JACK L. ROLLINS, 920 MEEHAN AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, ALA. ED GOODWIN, TRUSSVILLE, TOURE 2, ALA.
BETHEL - -	ELDER J. W. MARLOW, 700 WEST 24TH AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, ALA. ALBERT PICKETT, ROUTE ONE, MARVELL, ALA.
SYLACAUGA - -	ELDER J. M. DUTTON, JR., 400 NORTH 25TH ST. LEEDS, ALA. MRS. RUTH STRICKLAND, 26 MARYLAND ST., SYLACAUGA, ALA.
DILWORTH - -	ELDER CALVIN MORGAN, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA MRS. LIVELY, EMPIRE, ROUTE ONE, ALABAMA

MINISTERS AND DEACONS

MINISTERS:

H. H. BLANCHARD	1.00
EARNEST WALKER	1.00
H. O. WALTON	1.00
NATHAN DAVIS	1.00
EUGENE HOWARD	1.00
JEROME GOODWIN	1.00
J. C. BAXLEY	1.00
J. W. STAAB	1.00
J. M. BUTTON, JR.	1.00
M. D. HARPER	1.00
JAMES W. MARLOW	1.00
D. F. COLLEY	1.00
ROBERT ARMSTRONG	1.00
JAMES GALBREATH	1.00
JAMES MC KAY	1.00
C. W. SEWELL	1.00
S. R. HENDERSON	1.00
J. O. DRUMMONS	1.00
JAMES N. HARRIS	1.00
LYMAN OGLES	1.00
ROBERT PARKER	1.00
ROY JOHNSON	1.00
GEORGE A. LA SHUM	1.00
L. A. LIVELY	1.00
WILLIE POOR	1.00
JACK L. ROLLINS	1.00
LONNIE GOODWIN	1.00
HOWARD COSHALT	1.00

GOLD CERTIFICATES

W. R. PARKER	1.00
R. H. HOWARD	1.00

DEACONS:

G. G. KING	1.00
EDWARD MANNING	1.00
WALKER ISBELL	1.00
J. H. MC COLLOUGH	1.00
COY CROCKER	1.00
V. R. EWING	1.00
J. D. BARRINGTON	1.00
L. T. HOWARD	1.00
C. F. MC CREELES	1.00
C. H. MASON	1.00
RUSSELL KUYKENDALL	1.00
TOMMY PICKETT	1.00

DEACONS, CONTINUED:

FRANK TOMLINSON	1.00
MARTIS MINOR	1.00
VERNON SOLLIE	1.00
JAMES E. HARRIS	1.00
JOE T. KIMBROUGH	1.00
TENNIS FREDERICK	1.00
E. O. SHELHUTT	1.00
CECIL HODGENS	1.00
CURTIS BRAKE	1.00
WILLIAM POWELL	1.00
BILL PICKETT	1.00
FRANK PICKETT	1.00
T. A. ARMSTRONG	1.00
W. A. PARKER	1.00
JOHNNIE PARKER	1.00
ROY HODGENS	1.00
MARSHALL KENDRICK	1.00
ROY PICKETT	1.00
CECIL KENDRICK	1.00
FELIX SMITH	1.00
JAMES HARRIS	1.00
HENRY PICKETT	1.00
ALBERT PICKETT	1.00
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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 OBSTAIN 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 MEKENESS, 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

ALL CHURCH CLERKS SHALL MAIL CHURCH LETTERS TO THE ASSOCIATION CLERK NOT LATER THAN ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE OF THE FIRST DAY OF THE BEGINNING OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE SHALL BE APPOINTED ON THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE BEGINNING OF ASSOCIATION, AND RECEIVE CHURCH LETTERS AND SHALL BE READY TO REPORT ON LETTERS AT 9:00 A.M. FRIDAY, STATING IF LETTERS ARE CERTIFIED AND GIVE LIST OF DELEGATES FROM SAID CHURCH.

ARTICLE VIII

ALL APPOINTED COMMITTEES SHALL BE APPOINTED AT EACH SESSION AND SHALL SERVE DURING SESSION. AT END OF SESSION THEIR RESPONSIBILITY SHALL CEASE.

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 PERCENT OF TITHES TO HOME MISSION, 15 PER CENT OF TITHES TO FOREIGN MISSION, 10 PER CENT OF TITHES TO SUPERANNUATION.

ARTICLE XII

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.

MINISTER'S 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 _____

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 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 KNOWN 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 OUR 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 INTER-CESSION 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 ON 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 IN FORMATION, 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. THAN 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 YEILD 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. IT 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 XII - PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS

THERE ARE STRONG GROUNDS TO HOPE THAT THE TRULY REGENERATE WILL PERSEVERE INTO 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 SHIP - WRECK 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 STATEDLY 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 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 SOUL 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 XIV - 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 JUDGEMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION

1. THE FINAL JUDGEMENT. THERE WILL BE A FINAL JUDGEMENT, 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 JUDGEMENT, THE RIGHTEOUS WILL ENTER INTO ETERNAL LIFE, AND THE WICKED WILL GO INTO A STATE OF ENDLESS PUNISHMENT.

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