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The 84th Session of the Cahaba River Association of Free Will Baptist to meet with First Free Will Baptist Church of Sylacauga, Sylacauga, Alabama on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1962.

Proceedings

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 1961 - 7:15 P.M.

Service began with song, "Living by Faith". Delegates participated in handshake of fellowship while singing "Amazing Grace". Welcome by the pastor of host church, Rev. Jack Rollins. Altar Prayer led by Rev. J. O. Drummonds.

Song Service: "Take a Moment and Live"; "Heavens Jubilee"; "Lord Lead Me On" and "Keep on the Firing Line". Pianist: Sister Betty Davis. Devotion and Testimony service led by Bro. Nathan Davis. Scripture: Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

Special by Sister Betty Davis: "I'd Like to Talk It Over With Him". "I've Got That Old Time Religion In My Heart" led by Rev. Jack Rollins. 8:20 P.M. Message by Rev. Roy Johnson. Scripture: Matthew 15: 21-28. Invitation Song: "I Surrender All." Credential Committee appointed; Nathan Davis, Ed Goodwin, and Roy Johnson.

Benediction by Brother Lester Gann.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1961 - 9:00 A.M.

Service began with songs "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" and "Leave It There" led by Brother Pickett. Scripture: Psalm 40: 1-5 and altar prayer. Song: "Trust and Obey". Conference called to order by clerk, Paul A. Nichols. Welcome address by Sister Annette Tomlinson. Response by Sister H. A. McSpadden.

The Credential Committee report was given and accepted, and delegates seated in the conference. Song: "Amazing Grace". Devotional Committee appointed: Bro. Albert Pickett, Bro. Sollie, and Bro. Amos Faulkner. Visitors welcomed by Moderator J. M. Dutton, Jr.

Appointment of Committees; Devotional Committee, partial report, accepted. Songs: "Glory To His Name" and "I Surrender All". Special by Sister Betty Davis: "I'd Rather Have Jesus". 10:10 A.M. - Ten minute recess. 10:20 A.M. Piano solo by Sister Betty Davis. Song: "Cleanse Me". 10:30 A.M. Devotion and Testimony service led by Rev. Robert Armstrong. Scripture: I Samuel 3:10. Song: "Bring Them In." Prayer by Brother Blanchard. 11:15 A.M. Message by Rev. J. O. Drummonds. Scripture: Malachi 3: 7-10 and Matthew 23:23. Subject: tithing----- Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed the? In tithes and offerings. Song: "I Shall Not Be Moved".

Benediction by Rev. Nathan Davis.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1961 - 12:00 NOON

The body enjoyed lunch served on the tables under trees near the church.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1961 - 1:00 P.M.

Songs: "Work For The Night Is Coming", "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart", and "Come Unto Me." Prayer by Henry McLaughlin. Song: "Wonderful Words of Life." Family Devotion, Temperance and Deceased Committee reports given and accepted. (See committee reports)

Song: "Victory In Jesus" followed with a few moments of silence in remembrance of the deceased. Sunday School and League Committee report given and accepted. (See committee reports)

Delegates to the State Association:

Union Hill	Bro. Elvin White
Belview	Bro. A. L. Parker
Pleasant Valley	Sis. Mary Shirley
Fairview	Sis. Billie Rollins
North Birmingham	Sis. Joe Kimbrough
Pilgrim	Bro. Fred Lawler
Bethel	Sis. Cherry Pickett
East Birmingham	Sis. Clarence Gamble
Graysville	Sis. W. H. Powell
Shady Grove	Sis. Walker Isbell
Dilworth	Bro. Walter Leach
Mt. Pleasant	Sis. H. T. Rogers
Sylacauga	Bro. Willie Kirkland
From Annual Association	Sis. H. W. Russell

Auditing Committee report given and accepted. (See committee reports) Ten minutes recess. 2:05 P.M. - Special by Sister Betty Davis. Songs by congregation: "I've Never Been Sorry" and "Redeemed." Special by Bro. and Sis. Jack Rollins. Partial report of Business Committee given and accepted. (see committee reports)

Benediction.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1961 - 7:00 P.M.

Minister's And Deacon's Conference

Song service led by Sister Louise Webb. Pianist: Sister Billie Rollins. "He's My King", "It's A Grand and a Glorious Feeling", and "Life's Evening Sun." Scripture: Galations 6: and prayer by Rev. Maxwell Harper. Conference called to order by clerk, Paul A. Nichols. Invitation to membership in conference. Candidates: Jerome Goodwin, Lester Gann, S. R. Henderson, James N. Harris, and J. O. Drummonds were accepted and were given the hand of fellowship as song, "Just a Little While", was sung. Testimony by each of the new members. Welcome to visitors by moderator, Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr.

A talk by Bro. A. J. Lambert on the blessings of God and the new Heaven and new earth. Special by Brother Carlton Lambert: "When They Ring Those Golden Bells." A talk by Brother Carlton Lambert, Superintendent of the Children's Home; Progress of the home and opportunity to teach the children of Jesus Christ, also expense of operating home. He stated that there are 47 children in the home. An offering of \$126.00 was received for the home. Message by Hustice Riggs. Subject: The Glorious

Gospel of Christ. Scripture: *Romans 1:1-16 and II Corinthians 11:21-28*. Invitation song: "Almost Persuaded." Business: Rev. Nathan Davis elected Moderator and Rev. J. O. Drummonds elected Assistant Moderator. Delegate placed by Pastor Jack Rollins.

Benediction: Altar prayer led by Rev. A. J. Lambert.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1961 - 9:00 A.M.

Song: "When We All Get To Heaven". Prayer by Brother Shelly Isbell. Scripture by moderator, J. M. Dutton, Jr. *Hebrews 13:1* "Let brotherly love continue." Devotional committee, final report accepted. Songs: "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings" and "Just Over In The Glory Land." Partial report of Business Committee given and accepted. Sylacauga church selected as meeting place of association next year. Devotion: Rev. R. H. Howard, Scripture: *Hebrews 12:1-3*. Ten minute recess. 10:10 A.M. Song: "Redeemed". Partial report of Ordaining Council given and accepted. (see committee reports). Visitor from Birmingham District Association, Rev. Ray Ritch, recognized. Message by Rev. H. H. Blanchard, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

Invitation song: "Amazing Grace". Standing of Ministry report given and accepted. (see committee reports). Committee for Youth Fellowship Organization appointed: Jerome Goodwin, Frank Tomlinson, and Lester Gann. Five minute recess. Final report of Business Committee given and accepted. (see committee reports).

Election of Officers:

Moderator:	Rev. J. O. Drummonds
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Nathan Davis
Clerk	Paul A. Nichols
Assistant Clerk	H. A. McSpadden
Executive Board	E. O. Shelnut, 1st year Chairman Eugene Howard, 2nd Year Jack Rollins, 3rd Year
Home Mission Board:	Roy Johnson, 1st year Chairman Nathan Davis, 2nd Year Ed Goodwin 3rd year

Standing vote of thanks given to host church. Standing vote of confidence in moderator and assistant given.

Benediction by Rev. Roy Johnson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Standing Of The Ministry:

- (1) We recommend that certificates of standing not be given ministers or deacons until after the Standing of The Ministry report has been given. (accepted)
- (2) We recommend that certificates of standing be given all ministers and deacons that are registered with the clerk. (accepted)

- (3) We recommend that all ministers and deacons applying for a certificate of standing abide by Article 3, Section II, Chapter II, Page 49 of "Practices of the Free Will Baptist", adopted by the National Association, which states "At every session of his conference, each minister is required to report himself either in person or by letter." (accepted)

Maxwell Harper
J. O. Drummonds
Robert Armstrong

Auditing: We, the Auditing committee, find the books in order and correct.

H. A. McSpadden
Mary Shirley
Mrs. Kimbrough

Family Devotion: *Proverbs 22:6*—Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Sister Russell
A. L. Parker
Joe Kimbrough

Sunday School and League: We, the Sunday School and League committee, recommend that the Sunday School is nothing more than just carrying out the command in *Matthew 28:19* "to go and teach all nations" and to begin we must start at home, that we may be led by the Holy Spirit to spread out to include the world. We recommend that the League members take *Matthew 6:33* "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" and to practice being a neighbor as mentioned in the Bible. The League offers us the opportunity to practice as a body what we should do. Each one should consider himself a committee of one to see to that. We with the help of the Holy Spirit would make it success of same to the glory of God.

Mrs. Frank Tomlinson, Chairman
Mr. Willie Kirkland
Mr. H. T. Rogers

Temperance: We recommend that each person study the scriptures on temperance and be temperate in all things and let it be a part of our everyday life.

Sister Gamble
Sister Webb
Sister Smith

Business Committee:

- (1) We, your Business Committee, recommend that our Association start a Youth Fellowship Meeting to be worked out by a committee appointed at this conference. (accepted)
- (2) We recommend that District No. 1 and No. 2 combine together after the next quarterly meeting and meet at the church that loses the annual Association. (accepted)

- (3) We recommend that all local churches send all Home Mission funds to the Association who will forward and support the State and National Home Mission Boards, the funds being divided as follows: 90% remain in Association, 5% for National Home Missions, and 5% for State Home Missions. (accepted)
- (4) We refer Bro. Phillips, Pastor of Dilworth church to the ordaining council. (accepted)
- (5) We refer Bro. White & Bro. Hodges to the Ordaining Council for renewal of license. (accepted)
- (6) We refer Bro. McLaughlin to the Ordaining Council to be examined to be licensed to preach the Gospel if found worthy. (accepted)
- (7) The next conference is invited to Sylacauga Church and North Birmingham Church. We recommend that the conference decide which church to meet at. (accepted and Sylacauga church selected for next conference)
- (8) We recommend that we give Bro. Riggs \$25.00 for his expense of attending Ministers and Deacons Conference and bringing message. (accepted)
- (9) We recommend that the Executive Committee assist Dilworth church in finding a pastor. (accepted)

Roy Johnson	M. D. Harper-Chairman
Amos Faulkner	Harry Blanchard
Joe Kimbrough	Roy Hodgens
	J. O. Drummonds

NOTE: (Article No. 2 of Business Committee was amended that District No. 2 accept District No. 1 meeting dates.)

Ordaining Council:

- (1) We refer Henry McLaughlin back to his home church, because he would not accept the Free Will Baptist Treatise. (accepted)
- (2) We recommend that Elvin White be licensed to preach the Gospel for one year. (accepted)
- (3) We refer Felies Phillips to his home church due to his absense. (accepted.)
- (4) We refer Austin Hodges to his home church due to his absense. (accepted)

Nathan Davis—Chairman	Roy Johnson
Nickey Pickett	Marshall Kendrick
Ed Goodwin	

Deceased Members:

In memory of our beloved brothers and sisters—

East Birmingham—Brother J. O. Parker
 Fairview—Sister Janie Wages
 Sylacauga—Bro. Fred Taylor and Bro. Bennie Isbell
 North Birmingham—Rev. W. R. Parker
 Shady Grove—Nancy Parker
 Dilsworth—Brother Williamston, Sis. Ida Spears, and Parelle Davis

Sister Betty Davis
 Sister Mae Powell
 Sister Imojean Walker

HOME MISSION TREASURE REPORT

Balance, October, 1960	\$880.52
First Free Will Baptist Church, North Birmingham	68.44
Fairview	20.00
First District Conference	13.50
First Free Will Auxiliary of Sylacauga	5.00
Mt. Pleasant	10.30
Total	\$997.76

ASSOCIATION TREASURE REPORT

Balance October, 1960	\$558.30
Received at Conference, October 4, 1960	435.04
October 14, Ladies Auxiliary	10.00
November 28, Bro. McSpadden	1.00
Total	\$1004.34

PAID OUT

October 4 Moderator	\$25.00
October 4 Assistant	12.50
October 4 Clerk	25.00
October 4 Flowers	10.00
October 4 Childrens Home	112.80
October 4 Missions	27.61
October 4 Childrens Home	150.00
October 4 Superannuation	100.00
October 4 National	5.00
October 4 State	24.00
Postage on Minutes	4.19
Ramco Printing Co.	110.21
Total	\$606.31

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Balance in Treasure \$398.03

Money Received 1961

Fairview	\$15.00
Union Hill	10.00
North Birmingham	74.38
Belview	2.00
Bethel	15.00
Graysville	10.00
Pilgrim	10.00
Mt. Pleasant	10.00
East Birmingham	25.00
Sylacauga	15.00

Shady Grove	10.00
Dilworth	10.00
Pleasant Valley	10.00
Woman's Auxiliary Convention	10.00
Ministers	23.00
Deacons	51.00
For Childrens Home	127.00

Total Received \$427.38

SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Convened with Fairview Church, Trussville, Ala., April 1, 1961.

President: Sister Mary Mull Vice President: Sister Cody Isabell
 Opened Services: Song Page 359. Prayer: Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr. Welcome:
 Sister Jo Ann Burkett. Letters read and delegates seated. 6 churches
 represented. Churches present: Shady Grove Church, North B'ham Church,
 Fairview Church, Sylacauga First Church, Sylacauga First Church
 Y.P.A.'s, Belview Church(new church joined association).

Election of Officer's For 1961-1962:

President	Sister Margaret Dutton
Vice President	Sister Mildred Parker
Sec. & Treas.	Sister Virginia Isbel

Morning Devotional: Sister Margaret Dutton using 23 Psalm as Scripture.
 Testimony meeting enjoyed by all. Special Music: Sister Betty Davis.
 11 o'clock Message: Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr. using Scripture *Hebrews 12:*
24. Churches taking part in presenting plays were Shady Grove, Sylacauga,
 and Fairview with Sylacauga receiving banner for best play. Committee
 appointed by president to draw up a set of rules for judging of plays in
 the future. Committee: Sis. Annette Tomlinson, Sis. Margaret Dutton,
 Sis. Billie Rollins. Delegate for State Convention: Sister Billie Rollins.
 Convention to be held at First Free Will Baptist Church, Sylacauga, Ala.
 in April, 1962 with host church being responsible for getting programs
 out to other churches. Committee for programs: Sis. Virginia Isbell, Sis.
 Ruth Strickland, Sis. Carl Wood, Sis. Glenda Strickland.

Financial Report

Brought Forward	\$24.41
Membership Dues	24.30
Convention Dues	25.00
Offering for Children's Home	14.48
Total Collected	\$88.19
Total Paid Out	48.98
Balance in Treasure	\$39.21
Paid Out by Items: Children's Home	\$14.48
Membership Dues to Sis. Dutton	24.30
Printing Of Minutes	10.20
Total Paid Out	\$48.98

Virginia Isabell, Sec. & Treas., 1961-1962

PASTOR AND CLERKS

Union Hill	Mignon Howard, Vandiver, Alabama.
East Birmingham	Rev. J. O. Drummonds, 727 N. 38 St., B'ham, Ala. Mrs. Pauline Parker, 1237 Forrest St., B'ham, Ala.
Belview	Rev. S. R. Henderson, 2128 4th Ave. N., Leeds, Ala. Mrs. Peggy Cummings, 2128 4th Ave. N., Leeds, Ala.
Graysville	Rev. Dewey Colley, 1212 44th Pl. N., B'ham, Ala. Mrs. Flora Kuykendall, Graysville, Ala.
Bethel	Albert L. Pickett, Rt. 1, Marvel, Ala.
Mt. Pleasant	Rev. M. D. Harper, Rt. 1, Marvel, Ala. Mrs. Roy Hodgens, Rt. 1 Box 62, Sprott, Ala.
Dilworth	Rev. Felie Phillips, Rt. 1 Empire, Ala. Mrs. Marie Phillips
Sylacauga	Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr., 400 N. 25th St., Leeds, Ala. Mrs. Ruth Strickland, 26 Maryland St., Sylacauga, Ala.
North B'ham	Rev. Roy Johnson, Rt. 2 Box 334H, Adamsville, Ala. Mrs. H. W. Russell, Rt. 7 Box 452, B'ham, Ala.
Shady Grove	Rev. Nathan Davis, Rt. 2, Adamsville, Ala. Mrs. Joe Click, Rt. 2, Adamsville, Ala.
Pilgrim	Rev. Earnest Walker, Rt. 2 Trussville, Ala. Mrs. Minnie Pickett, Rt. 2, Marvel, Ala.
Pleasant Valley	Mrs. M. W. Shirley
Fairview	Rev. Jack Rollins, 920 Meehan Ave., B'ham, Ala. Ed Goodwin, Trussville, Ala. Rt. 2

MINISTERS AND DEACONS

Ministers:			
J. J. Staab	1.00	C. W. Sewell	1.00
Robert Armstrong	1.00	Earnest Walker	1.00
George LaShum	1.00	H. O. Walton	1.00
Roy Johnson	1.00		
M. D. Harper	1.00	Gold Certificates	
J. M. Dutton, Jr.	1.00	R. H. Howard	1.00
Jack Rollins	1.00		
H. H. Blanchard	1.00	Deacons	
James L. Gann	1.00	Coy Crocker	1.00
James N. Harris	1.00	J. H. McCullough	1.00
Lonnie Goodwin	1.00	V. R. Ewing	1.00
Jerome Goodwin	1.00	E. O. Shelnut	1.00
Nathan Davis	1.00	L. T. Howard	1.00
Eugene Howard	1.00	C. F. McCreless	1.00
Robert Parker	1.00	C. H. Mason	1.00
J. O. Drummonds	1.00	Joe Click	1.00
J. W. Marlow	1.00	T. A. Armstrong	1.00
S. R. Henderson	1.00		
Dewey Colley	1.00		

Deacons,(cont.)

Clarence Pickett	1.00	Artie Frederick	1.00
Cleve Allen	1.00	Tennis Frederick	1.00
Albert Pickett	1.00	Reid Ramey	1.00
Bill Pickett	1.00	Russell Kuykendall	1.00
Marshall Kendricks	1.00	Shelly Isbell	1.00
Joe Kimbrough	1.00	Andrew Johnson	1.00
Felix Smith	1.00	James Kitchen	1.00
Frank Pickett	1.00	James E. Sanders	1.00
Roy Pickett	1.00	Lecil Gardner	1.00
Ed Goodwin	1.00	Ronnie Hood	1.00
Cecil Kendrick	1.00	Clarence Stafford	1.00
H. T. Rogers	1.00	Ira Hulsey	1.00
Amos Faulkner	1.00	Leo Handley	1.00
H. A. McSpadden	1.00	Cecil Hodgins	1.00
Frank Tomlinson	1.00	Henry Pickett	1.00
Emmitt Lee	1.00	Mardis Minor	1.00
Vernon Sollie	1.00	A. L. Harmon	
Walker Isbell	1.00	Virgil Aycock	1.00
J. W. Isbell	1.00	Mark Phillips	1.00
James E. Harris	1.00		
Tommy Pickett	1.00	Gold Certificate	
W. H. Powell	1.00	J. O. Gamel	
Curtis Brake	1.00		
Roy Hodgins	1.00		

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 another by the Will of God in the 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 it's 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 100 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 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 the 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 agrogated, 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 anyone 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 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 a 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 thest 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, 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 beginning 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 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 there fore 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 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 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 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 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.

GOLD CERTIFICATE* MINISTERS	CHURCHES PASTORED	SERMONS PREACHED	BAPTIZED	FUNERALS	MARRIAGES	REVIVALS	MILES TRAVELED	OFFERINGS	EXPENSES
Lonnie Goodwin	0	30	0	0	0	0			
James N. Harris	0		0	0	0	0			
Jerome Goodwin	0	55	0	1	2	0			
Nathan Davis	1	145	3	5	7	3	11,000	2850.00	1500.00
Jack L. Rollins	1	126	3	2	1	2	10,015	1560.00	1040.00
Roy Johnson	1	97	8	1	4	1	15,000	1670.00	1741.25
Geo. A. LaShum	1	48	3	3		1			
J. M. Dutton, Jr.	1	148	9	1	4	1	9,360	1275.00	675.00
H. O. Walton		40		1		1			
James L. Gann	0	35	0	0	0	0	120	00.00	00.00
M. D. Harper	1	40	3	2		1			
Robert Armstrong	0	12	6		0	0			
Curtis W. Sewell		35		1					
R. H. Howard*		28		1			324		
J. W. Marlow	1	81	2	3	0	0	7,000	1150.00	700.00
Leonard A. Lively	1	53	0	0	2	1		.25	
J. O. Drummonds	1	176	3	3	1	5	12,500	2901.62	650.00
J. J. Staab	0	12	0	0	0	0	2,000	00.00	100.00
S. R. Henderson	1	125	10		2	1	1,000	60.00	150.00