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The 85th Session of the Cahaba River Association of Free Will Baptist to meet with The First Free Will Baptist Church of Birmingham, 2808 32nd Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1963.

Proceedings

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 1962 - 7:00 P. M.

Service opened by several songs by the congregation, altar prayer, and special by Sister Betty Davis. Devotion and testimony service led by Rev. J. C. Baxley. Song, "In The Sweet By and By".

Message by host pastor, Rev. J. M. Cobb. Subject: "Some Elements of Church Strength." Scriptures: Isaiah 52: 1, Romans 12: 1-2, and others.

Credential Committee appointed by moderator: Bro. Clarence Pickett, Rev. J. C. Baxley, and Bro. Albert Pickett.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 1962 - 9:00 A. M.

Service began by song service, Sister Betty Davis, pianist; Sister H. A. McSpadden, song director. Altar prayer led by Elder R. H. Howard. Scripture reading, Matthew 24: 27-31. Special by Sister Betty Davis. Song by congregation with handshake of fellowship. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Ryland. Welcome address by pastor of host church, Rev. J. M. Cobb. Response by Rev. Nathan Davis.

Conference called to order by clerk. Partial report of Credential Committee given and accepted and delegates seated. Committees and Ordaining Council for this session appointed by moderator. Special by Sis. Betty Davis. Partial report of Devotional Committee. Song: "I Will Sing The Wondrous Story". 15 min. intermission.

10:15 A. M.-Songs by congregation and prayer by Rev. J. W. Marlow. Devotion and testimony service led by Rev. J. O. Drummonds. Scripture, Mark 10: 46-52. Song, "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There".

11:10 A. M.-Message by Rev. W. H. Ryland. Scripture Matthew 22: 34-46. Benediction by J. B. Ledlow. 12:00 noon. Lunch was served in the Assembly Room of the Church.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1962 - 1:00 P. M.

Afternoon service began with songs by the congregation and special by Sis. Betty Davis. Prayer by Sis. C. W. Sewell. Family Devotion Committee Report given and accepted by the Conference, (see committee reports).

Partial report of the Business Committee given and accepted, (see committee reports). Deceased Committee report given and accepted and a few moments taken for silent prayer. Song, "Praise Him, Praise Him." 15 min. intermission.

1:55 P. M. - Song by congregation, "When Morning Comes". Report of Temperance Committee and Sunday School & League Committee given and accepted. (see committee reports).

Delegates to the State Association appointed by moderator:

Union Hill - - - - - Bro. R. H. Howard
Belview - - - - - Sis. A. L. Parker
Pleasant Valley - - - - - Sis. Mary Shirley
Fairview (Trussville) - - - - - Sis. Louise Webb
North Birmingham - - - - - Sis. Eunice Dill
Pilgrim Rest - - - - - Bro. Fred Lawley
Bethel - - - - - Bro. Albert Pickett
East Birmingham - - - - - Sis. Barbara Godsey
Graysville - - - - - Sis. Gladys Reeves
Shady Grove - - - - - Sis. Ray Click
Mount Pleasant - - - - - Sis. Blannie Duncan
The First Free Will Baptist (Sylacauga)

Sis. Judy Strickland
From Annual Association - - - - - Sis. Estelle Johnson

Song, "Love Lifted Me", led by Rev. J. W. Marlow. Benediction by Rev. R. H. Howard.

Supper was served in the assembly room and the congregation gathered in the auditorium for congregational singing and prayer by Rev. J. W. Marlow before beginning the Ministers and Deacons Conference.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1962 - 7:00 P. M.

Ministers and Deacons Conference

Service opened with congregational singing and prayer by Rev. Maxwell Harper. An altar prayer for a closer walk with God. Song by quartet of the host church. Conference called to order by clerk. Opportunity for new members was given while the host church quartet sang a song. Candidates, Rev. J. C. Baxley, Rev. J. M. Cobb, and Bro. W. J. Kirkland, each gave a testimony and were received into full fellowship of the conference. A letter was received by the clerk, from the South Georgia Ministerial Association of Free Will Baptist certifying that

Rev. J. M. Cobb has been in good standing in their association, granting him an honorable dismissal, and recommending that he be received into fellowship. Visitors welcomed by host pastor, Rev. J. M. Cobb. Scripture reading: 23rd Psalm by Rev. Jerome Goodwin. Also scripture reading, Romans 12: 1, and testimony given by Bro. Albert Cobb, youngest preacher present.

A report of the Childrens Home given by Rev. A. J. Lambert: This has been an above average year of expense and income at the home. The water tank has been repaired and installation of a stoker furnace is almost completed. There are 45 children in the home with 6 others expected soon. An offering of \$129.76 was received for the Childrens Home. Special by Rev. and Sis. Jack Rollins and opportunity given for new members which came in late. Candidates, Rev. Troy Roberson and Rev. James Pickett each gave a testimony and were accepted as members and welcomed by handshake of ministers and deacons during a special by Rev. and Sis. Jack Rollins.

8:20 P.M.-Message by Rev. J. M. Dutton Jr. Scripture: Exodus 4: 1-4. Using the little things that you have. Altar prayer. Rev. J. M. Cobb was elected moderator and Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr., Assistant Moderator. Delegates were placed by the host pastor. Benediction by Bro. Pickett.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1962 - 9:00 A.M.

Service opened by congregational singing and altar prayer led by Rev. M. D. Harper. Special by Rev. and Sis. Jack Rollins. Scripture: Revelation 19: 7-9 by moderator. Song and handshake. Prayer by Bro. Roberson. Standing of the Ministry and Auditing Committee reports given and accepted.(see committee reports). Special by Sis. Betty Davis, "I Am Bound For The Kingdom". Final report of Credential Committee given and accepted. 15 minute intermission.

9:55 A. M.-Song "After While". Ministers and Deacons voted to grant a letter recommending Rev. S. R. Henderson to the Birmingham Association as he is now pastoring a church in the Birmingham District. Final report of Business Committee given and accepted.(see committee reports). Rev. Jack Rollins resigned from Executive Board and Rev. Nathan Davis resigned from Home Mission Board.

Election of Officers:

Moderator	Rev. Jerome Goodwin
Assistant Moderator	Rev. James Pickett
Clerk	P. A. Nichols
Assistant Clerk	H. A. McSpadden
Treasurer	Rev. M. D. Harper
Executive Board	Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr., 1 year, Chairman; Rev. J. M. Cobb, 2 year; Bro. Ed Goodwin, 3 year.
Home Mission Board	Bro. H. A. McSpadden, 1 year, Chairman; Bro. Ed Goodwin, 2 year, Bro. Albert Pickett, 3 year

Song, "The Old Gospel Ship" while members of the Fairview Church (Anniston) and Davis Chapel Church were given handshake of fellowship. Standing vote of thanks to host church. Special by Rev. and Sis. Jack Rollins, "Wasted Years". Conference voted to accept Deacons and Ministers from Fairview Church (Anniston) and Davis Chapel Church. Ordaining council report given and accepted.(see committee reports). Rev. A. J. Lambert gave ordination charge with altar prayer and laying on of hands by ministers and deacons. The congregation gave hand of Christian Fellowship to newly ordained ministers and deacons. The conference voted to let the young people elect their officers at their next meeting instead of appointing a Youth Fellowship Committee. Devotion and testimony service led by Rev. Jerome Goodwin. Message by Rev. M. D. Harper. Scripture: Micah 6: 6-9 and Proverbs 1:22-28. Benediction by Rev. Nathan Davis.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auditing: We, the Auditing Committee have examined the books and found them in order.

Sis. Betty Davis
Sis. Estelle Johnson
Sis. Judy Strickland

Deceased Members: In memory of our Deceased members-
Fairview - - - - -Mr. & Mrs. Dave Harris-
Fairview(Anniston)- - Sis. Maude Conner
Bethel - - - - -Sis. Fanny Kromer
And to the churches that did not list their names.

Vernon Newton, Chairman
Sis. Frank Tomlinson
Sis. Judy Strickland

Standing of the Ministry: We, the Committee on Standing of Ministers and Deacons report all ministers and deacons that registered in order for a card of standing.

J. M. Cobb
Joe Kimbrough
Lonnie Goodwin

Sunday School and League: We, the Sunday School and League Committee believe that Sunday School should begin in the home. We as parents should teach our children about Jesus Christ at home and go with them to Sunday School. We believe that League members should practice as a body what they should do. A good start is by practicing being a good neighbor as mentioned in the Bible. With the help of God, all things are possible. Mrs. Barbara Godsey
Mrs. Lena Brazzell
Mrs. Cecil Kendrick

Temperance: Temperance is one of the characteristics of a christian and should be applied in all walks of life. To abstain from use of all intoxicating beverages, as well as anything which would be harmful to our daily walk with God. Albert L. Pickett
Mrs. Mary Shirley
Mrs. A. L. Parker

Family Devotion: We the family Devotion Committee recommend Proverbs 22:6 for family devotion. Mrs. Reeves
Mrs. C. W. Sewell

Ordaining Council: We, the Ordaining Council have questioned and examined the men sent to us desiring the office of deacon and preacher and find them sound in faith and doctrine. Therefore we recommend them to the body for license or ordination, except Bro. Charlie C. Bearden who has two living wives. Deacons for ordination-Fred Lawley, Charlie Smith, Carlile McLain, and Amos Ragsdale. Minister for ordination-Austin Hodges. Ministers for license - Baley Brasher and Marlin Hodgens. J. M. Cobb
Richmond Howard
W. J. Kirkland

Business Committee:

- (1) We, your Business Committee recommend the request from Good Hope Freewill Church for membership in this association be denied. Seemingly, a state of confusion exists in the church. (accepted)
- (2) We recommend that Davis Chapel Church be received into this association upon receipt of forthcoming letter of standing from the association which they are leaving. (accepted)
- (3) We recommend that Fairview Church of Anniston be received into this association upon receipt of forthcoming letter of standing from the association which they are leaving. (accepted)

- (4) We recommend all men to be ordained and licensed be turned over to the Ordaining Council for examination. (accepted)
Rev. J. C. Baxley Bro. Clarence Pickett
Rev. Elvie White Bro. Peters
Rev. Lonnie Goodwin Bro. Joe Kimbrough
Bro. Armstrong

HOME MISSION TREASURE REPORT

Forward, 1961 - - - - -	-\$ 997.76	
First Free Will Baptist, B'ham - -	83.64	
East Birmingham - - - - -	-195.21	
Pleasant Valley - - - - -	-120.00	
First Church, Sylacauga - - - - -	5.00	
First District Quarterly - - - - -	-14.00	
Second District Quarterly - - - - -	-5.00	
Rev. Johnson and Rev. Davis - - -	-511.00	
Total	<u>\$1931.61</u>	\$1931.61
PAID OUT		
Rev. Johnson and Rev. Davis - - -	-\$ 511.00	
Rev. LaShum - - - - -	-100.00	
First Church, Montgomery	100.00	
Total	<u>\$ 711.00</u>	711.00
Balance in Bank		<u>\$1220.61</u>

ASSOCIATION TREASURE REPORT

Forward, 1961 - - - - -	-\$ 398.03	
Received at Conference, 1961 - - -	427.38	
Total	<u>\$ 825.41</u>	825.41
PAID OUT		
September, 30, Moderator - - - - -	25.00	
September 30, Asst. Moderator - - -	12.50	
September 30, Clerk - - - - -	25.00	
September 30, Childrens' Home - -	127.00	
September 30, Rev. Riggs - - - - -	-25.00	
October 19, State Association - - -	26.00	
November 25, Watson Printing Co.	123.60	
Total	<u>\$364.10</u>	364.10
Balance in Bank		<u>\$461.31</u>

Money Received, 1962.

Pilgrim Rest - - - - -	\$10.00
Mount Pleasant - - - - -	15.00
Belview - - - - -	10.00
Union Hill - - - - -	10.00
East Birmingham - - - - -	25.00
Graysville - - - - -	10.00
First Free Will Baptist, Sylacauga - - - - -	15.00

Shady Grove - - - - -	10.00
Fairview (Trussville) - - - - -	16.00
First Free Will Baptist, Birmingham - - - - -	96.58
Bethel - - - - -	15.00
Davis Chapel - - - - -	7.00
Pleasant Valley - - - - -	15.00
Woman's Auxilary Convention - - - - -	10.00
Dilworth - - - - -	10.00
Deacons - - - - -	59.00
Ministers - - - - -	28.00
For Childrens Home - - - - -	129.76
Total Received	<u>\$491.34</u>

EIGHT ANNUAL SESSION WOMAN'S AUXILARY

April 7, 1962 Convened with First Free Will Baptist Church, 54 Twin Street, Sylacauga, Ala. President: Sis. Margaret Dutton, Vice President: Sis. Mildred Parker. Opened Services singing "Rescue The Perishing". Prayer Bro. J. M. Dutton, Jr. Devotional-Sis. Jo Ann Burkett using Psalms 139. Also a poem. Song: "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go". Welcome-Sis. Mae Jones; Response-Sis. Kimbrough. Reading Clerk - Sis. Betty Davis. Letters read and delegates seated. 5 churches represented with delegates and one by letter. Churches present: (1) North Birmingham (2) Fairview Church (3) Shady Grove (4) Sylacauga First Church and Sylacauga Y.P.A. (5) Leeds Church (6) East Birmingham - letter only.

Appointing of Judges by President:

Judges: Sis. Eunice Edwards - Registering Committee:
 Sis. McSpadden - Sis. Ruth Cast
 Sis. Mary Ann Ritz - Sis. Judy Strickland

Auditing Committee: - Appreciation Committee:
 Sis. Troy Kendrick - Sis. Betty Davis
 Sis. Marie Goodwin - Sis. Russell
 Sis. Faye Garrison - Sis. Klick

Song: "Bring Them In". Welcomed men to our convention. Churches presenting plays were Fairview Church, and Sylacauga. Fairview church was awarded Banner for presenting best play. Song "Glory To His Name". Poem-"To My Friend", Sis. Jean Cain. Special Music-"Hand In Hand With Jesus"-Sis. Judy and Glenda Strickland. Special Music-"Take Up Thy Cross"-Sis. Betty Davis. Song: "I Am Thine O Lord". 11 o'clock message-Sis. Eunice Edwards. II Thessalonians 2-11 and Hebrews 11th Chapter.

One o'clock-Songs: "Are You Washed In The Blood"-

"Bringing In The Sheaves". Scripture and prayer-Sis. Ruth Strickland. Moved and seconded to give all women a voice in voting in the business session. Auditing Committee Report given, moved and seconded to accept, carried. Appreciation Committee, moved and seconded to accept, carried. Election of officers: Moved and seconded to retain same officers for another year, carried.
 President - - - - - Sis. Margaret Dutton
 Vice President - - - - - Sis. Mildred Parker
 Sec. & Treasurer - - - - - Sis. Virginia Isabell

Moved and seconded to appoint 1 member from each auxiliary to serve as a Nominating Committee for Officers in 1963. Nominating Committee: Sis. Betty Davis-Shady Grove; Sis. Mildred Parker-Leeds Church; Sis. Annette Tomlinson Fairview; Sis. Troy Kendrick-Sylacauga First F.W.B.; Sis. J. H. McCullough-East Birmingham; Sis McSpadden-North Birmingham.

Delegates to State Convention, 1962 at Dothan, Ala:
 Shady Grove- - - - - Sis. Elizabeth Klick
 Leeds- - - - - Sis. Mildred Parker
 Fairview - - - - - Sis. Marie Goodwin
 North Birmingham - - - - - Sis. McSpadden
 Sylacauga First Church- - - Sis. Ruth Strickland
 East Birmingham - - - - - Sis. J. H. McCullough
 Cahaba River Auxilary Con.- Sis. Annette Tomlinson

Moved and seconded to go to the North Birmingham F.W.B. Church for the convention in April, 1963. Program Committee: Sis. McSpadden, Sis. Russell, Sis. Kimbrough, Sis. Hardy. Special Music by Sis. Betty Davis while a love offering was received for Sis. Edwards. Song: "When I Walk Up The Streets of Gold". Dismissed in prayer by Sis. Adgie Mae Deason.

FINANCIAL REPORT, 1961 - 1962

Dues		Paid Out	
North B'ham - - -	\$ 8.60	Sis. Edwards- - - -	\$32.85
Sylacauga - - - -	9.80	Membership Dues- - -	14.14
Sylacauga Y.P.A.- -	2.70	Printing of Minutes	10.00
Fairview	8.00	Paid Out	<u>\$56.99</u>
Shady Grove	11.60		
Leeds	6.80		
Dues Collected	<u>\$47.50</u>		
Love Offering			
(Edwards)	32.85		
Total Collected	<u>80.35</u>	In Treasure(1962)	\$119.56
Brought Forward	39.21	Paid Out(1962)	56.99
In Treasure	<u>\$119.56</u>	Balance in Treasure	<u>62.57</u>

MINISTERS AND DEACONS

Ministers:		Deacons (cont.)	
J. O. Drummonds	1.00	Buddy Harmon	1.00
Curtis Sewell	1.00	Alvin Henegar	1.00
Roy R. Johnson	1.00	Charlie Smith	1.00
Robert Parker	1.00	Joe Kimbrough	1.00
J. C. Baxley	1.00	Lecil Gardner	1.00
J. J. Staab	1.00	H. T. Rogers	1.00
Howard Coshatt	1.00	J. L. Garner	1.00
Robert Armstrong	1.00	Cecil Kendrick	1.00
George LaShum	1.00	Curtis Brake	1.00
Nathan Davis	1.00	T. A. Armstrong	1.00
H. E. White	1.00	H. A. McSpadden	1.00
Lonnie Goodwin	1.00	Shelly Isabell	1.00
J. W. Marlow	1.00	Albert Pickett	1.00
J. M. Cobb	1.00	Cleve Allen	1.00
Lester Gann	1.00	Tommy Pickett	1.00
Maxwell Harper	1.00	Roy Pickett	1.00
Jerome Goodwin	1.00	F. L. Smith	1.00
James N. Harris	1.00	Ed Goodwin	1.00
J. M. Dutton, Jr.	1.00	Vernon Sollie	1.00
Harry H. Blanchard	1.00	James E. Harris	1.00
Earnest H. Walker	1.00	Amos Faulkner	1.00
Troy Roberson	1.00	Emmett Lee	1.00
Dewey Colley	1.00	Mardis Minor	1.00
Jack Rollins	1.00	Clarence Pickett	1.00
James Pickett	1.00	Cecil Hodgins	1.00
Allen Higginbotham	1.00	W. J. Kirkland	1.00
Austin Hodges	1.00	J. W. Isabell	1.00
H. O. Walton		Frank Tomlinson	1.00
		Artie Frederick	1.00
Gold Certificates		Tennis Frederick	1.00
R. H. Howard	1.00	Reed Ramey	1.00
		Mark Phillips	1.00
Deacons:		Virgil Aycock	1.00
Coy Crocker	1.00	Andrew Johnson	1.00
V. R. Ewing	1.00	W. A. Parker	1.00
Lonnie T. Howard	1.00	A. D. Lynn	1.00
J. H. McCullough	1.00	Bill Powell	1.00
C. H. Mason	1.00	Russell Kuykendall	1.00
Calvin McCreless	1.00	Billie Britton	1.00
E. O. Shelnut	1.00	Carlile McLain	1.00
A. L. Harmon	1.00	H. H. Roberson	1.00
Frank Pickett	1.00	Bill Howton	1.00
Bill Pickett	1.00	Echol Pressley	1.00
Henry Pickett	1.00		
Ronnie Hood	1.00	Gold Certificate	
Jimmy Sanders	1.00	J. O. Gamel	
Joe Click	1.00		
Walker Isabell	1.00		
Amos Ragsdale	1.00		

PASTORS AND CLERKS

- Dilworth-Rev. Dewey Colley, 1212 44th Pl. N., B'ham, Ala.
Marie Phillips, Route 1, Empire, Ala.
- Graysville-Rev. W. H. Ryland, 901 Ridge Pl., B'ham 14, Ala.
Mrs. Curtis Brake, 608 Osceola Cir., Fairfield
- Pleasant Valley-Rev. J. M. Dutton, Leeds, Ala.
Mrs. Mary Shirley, Chelsea, Ala.
- Mt. Pleasant-Rev. M. D. Harper, Marvel, Ala.
Mrs. Roy L. Hodgins, Sprott, Ala.
- Belview-Rev. Troy Roberson, 2128 4th Ave. N., Leeds, Ala.
Mrs. Peggy Cummings, 2204 4th Ave. N., " "
- Fairview-Rev. Jerome Goodwin, Rt. 2, Trussville, Ala.
(Trussville) Ed Goodwin, Rt. 2, Trussville, Ala.
- Bethel-Rev. James M. Pickett
Albert L. Pickett, Rt. 1, Box 62, Marvel, Ala.
- Davis Chapel-Rev. H. O. Walton, 3924 Fairmont Way,
B'ham, Ala. Sis. Ann Partridge
- North B'ham-Rev. Roy Johnson, Rt. 7, Box 334H, Adamsville
Ala. Mrs. H. W. Russell, Rt. 7, Box 516, B'ham, Ala.
- First Free Will Baptist, Sylacauga
Rev. J. Malone Cobb, 54 Twin St., Sylacauga, Ala.
Mrs. Katherine Isbell, 808 7th Pl., " "
- Fairview(Anniston)
Sis. Edna Harmon, 3030 Eulaton Rd., Anniston, Ala.
- Union Hill-Rev. William Mulligan, Pell City, Ala.
Mignon Howard, Vandiver, Ala.
- Pilgrim Rest-Rev. Earnest Walker, Rt. 2, Trussville, Ala.
Sis. Minnie Pickett, Rt. 1, Marvel, Ala.
- East B'ham-Rev. J. O. Drummonds, 727 N. 38th St., B'ham,
Ala. Pauline J. Parker, 1237 Forrest St., B'ham 7,
Ala.
- Shady Grove-Rev. Nathan Davis, Rt. 2, Adamsville, Ala.
Mrs. Joe Click, Rt. 2, Adamsville, Ala.

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 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 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

sinner 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, reprovcs, 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 etemal 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 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 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 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 preogative 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.

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