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The 86th Session of the Cahaba River Association of Free Will Baptists to meet with East Birmingham Free Will Baptist Church, 4408 10th Ave. North, Birmingham, Alabama on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1964.

Proceedings

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 1963 - 7:15 P. M.

Service opened by congregational singing and altar prayer. Handshake among congregation while Rev. J. W. Marlow led 'Hallelujah Side'. Specials by trio from Shady Grove. Specials by Bro. and Sis. Keefer from Forestdale. Prayer led by Bro. Powell. Visitors recognized: Bro. and Sis. Pugh from Mt. Moriah Association and Bro and Sis. Filpo from Progressive Association. Devotion led by Rev. Roy Johnson. Song: 'When The Roll is Called up Yonder' led by Sis. Joe Kimbrough.

8:30 P. M. - Message by Rev. W. H. Ryland. Scripture: Matthew 5: 10, 14, Psalms 16: 11 and John 20: 20.

Credential committee appointed by moderator: Bro. W. H. Powell, Rev. J. O. Drummonds, and Rev. W. H. Ryland.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 1963 - A.M.

Altar prayer by all. Song: 'It is Love', led by Rev. H. O. Walton. Song: 'Christ Receiveth Sinful Men', led by Bro. Clarence Pickett. Special by Sis. Betty Davis, 'Without Him'.

Conference called to order by assistant Clerk, H. A. McSpadden. Prayer by J. W. Marlow. Report of Credential Committee accepted. Delegates asked to stand and a motion to seat delegates accepted. A motion for church clerks to get letters and ask for certificate of standing.

Talk by Assistant Moderator, Bro. James Pickett. Scripture: Philipians 2:5. When we try to put ourselves first, we fool no one but ourselves. Humble ourselves, let God be first and praise is Jesus'. Sis. Billie Rollins, pianist, Song: 'Wonderful Day' led by Clarence Pickett, also song: 'Message of Love' led by Sis. Gladys Reeves. 15 minute recess.

Song: 'I Want to Know More About My Lord', led by Sis. Keefer, Sis. Pickett, pianist. Special by Sis. Betty Davis 'If I Loose Myself, I'll Find It Lord in Thee'. Devotional service by Sis. Betty Davis. Prayer for fellowship and for a lost world, that we may find

ourselves in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 4:1 and Galatians 5. Testimony Service, A wonderful blessing of the presence of the Spirit.

11:30 A. M. - Message by Rev. Drummonds. Song, 'Amazing Grace'. Scripture reading: Acts 2:1 - 1:8. St. John 21:22. Prayer by Bro. Howard.

Welcome by Bro. Roy Johnson. Lunch for all.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 1963 - 1:00 P. M.

Service began with song 'Living By Faith'. Prayer by Sis. Annett Jones. Song, 'Meeting in the Air'. Temperance Committee report given and accepted. (see committee reports) Deceased Committee report given and a moment of silence in memory of them. Partial report of Business committee: Association to meet with East Birmingham Church next year. Song by Sis. Davis, 'Win Them at Any Cost'.

Delegates to State Association:

Union Hill-----	Sis. Shirley Lynn
Belview-----	Sis. A. L. Parker
Pleasant Valley-----	Sis. Nellie Hodgens
Fairview #1-----	Sis. Marie Goodwin
North Birmingham-----	Sis. Johnnie Hardin
Bethel-----	Sis. Frank Pickett
East Birmingham-----	Bro. Dennis Feltman
Graysville-----	Sis. W. H. Ryland
Shady Grove-----	Sis. Johnny Higgins
Mount Pleasant-----	Sis. Roy Hodgens
Sylacauga-----	Bro. Wood
Forestdale-----	Sis. James Beasley
Fairview #2-----	Sis. Lester Gann
Annual Association-----	Sis. Jack Rollins

Standing of Ministry report given and accepted. (see committee reports) Partial report of Ordaining council, that we grant Bro. A.D. Lynn a license for a year, accepted. Dismissed by prayer by Bro. Drummonds.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1963 - 7:00 P. M.

Ministers and Deacons Conference

Opened with sing service. Scripture: John 14:1-3 and prayer by Rev. Curtis Sewell. Special by Sis. Betty Davis. Conference called to

order by Clerk, P. A. Nichols. Altar prayer led by Rev. J. W. Marlow. Song, 'Leave it There' led by Sis. Joe Kimbrough. Report from children's home by Rev. J. O. Drummonds, trustee of Children's home. Offering of \$200.52 taken for children's home. New members received in conference. Song, 'Jesus Spoke to Me' led by Sis. Joe Kimbrough. Special by Sis. Betty Davis. Members of the churches represented recognized.

Message by Rev. James Pickett. Scripture: II Timothy 4:1-5. Song by congregation. Nomination of Moderator; Rev. Jack Rollins and Assistant Moderator: Rev. Roy Johnson. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. W. H. Ryland.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 1963 - 9:00 A. M.

Service opened with congregational singing. Scripture: Psalm 61:1-4 by moderator, Rev. Jerome Goodwin. Alter prayer. Fellowship and handshake while congregation sang 'It's a Grand and Glorious Feeling.' Special by Sis. Betty Davis 'I'd Like to Talk it Over With Him.' Congregational singing: 'Gods Message To Man' and 'When We All Get to Heaven.'

Auditing Committee report given and accepted. (see committee reports) Report of Devotional Committee. Sunday School and League Committee report given and accepted. 25 minute recess.

10:05 A. M. Song 'The Royal Telephone' by congregation. Executive Committee report given and accepted. (see committee reports) Special by Sis. Betty Davis, 'I'm Bound for The Kingdom.' Devotional and testimony service led by Rev. Lester Gann. Scripture: Acts 3:1-10). Song, 'I Have Somebody With Me' by congregation.

10:50 A. M. Message by Rev. J. M. Dutton. Scripture reading, II Corinthians 6:1-2. Song, 'Love Lifted Me' by congregation.

Election of Officers:

Moderator-----	Rev. Floyd Barber
Assistant Moderator-----	Rev. W. H. Ryland
Clerk-----	P. A. Nichols
Assistant Clerk-----	Sis. Billie Rollins
Executive Board-----	Bro. Joe Kimbrough 1 year, Chairman
	Bro. Ed Goodwin 2 years
	Bro. W. H. Powell 3 years
Home Mission Board-----	Bro. Ed Goodwin 1 year, Chairman
	Bro. Albert Pickett 2 years
	Rev. J. M. Dutton 3 years

A motion passed to elect a Treasurer this year and Rev. Roy Johnson was elected. Upon being informed that it would require a change in our constitution to elect a treasurer this year, a motion was passed to rescind the motion to elect and the election of treasurer. Business Committee report given and accepted. A motion passed to abolish feet washing on Saturday night of Association. Special by Rev. and Sis. Jack Rollins, 'Wasted Years'. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Ed Goodwin.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 1963 - 1:05 P.M.

Service opened by congregation singing 'Amazing Grace.' Prayer led by Bro. W. H. Powell. Piano solo by Rev. Marlin Hodgens. Standing vote of thanks to host church. A motion passed that papers of ordination be exchanged with Deacon James Beasley. Report of Ordaining Council given and accepted.

Ordination service led by Rev. J. W. Marlow. Scripture reading, I Timothy 6:12 and II Timothy 2:1-10. Song and time of fellowship and rejoicing among ordained men and their wives and congregation. Motion to adjourn passed Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Nathan Davis.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Sis. Johnnie Higgins
Sis. E. O. Shelnut
Sis. Brenda Kimbrough

Deceased members: In memory of our deceased members:

Belview-----	Andrew Johnson
Fairview-----	Mrs. Mary Jane Ragsdale
North Birmingham-----	Mrs. H. L. Mitchell
Dilworth-----	Mrs. Frances Lively
First Church of Sylacauga-----	Ralph Armstrong
Mount Pleasant-----	James W. Barnett
Bethel-----	Sis. Crenshaw
East Birmingham-----	Deacon C. H. Mason

And to the churches who did not list their members. Let us stand for a moments silent prayer.

Mrs. A. L. Parker, Chairman
Lena Brazzell
Rosa Feltman

Standing of the Ministry: We, your committee on standing of ministers and deacons do hereby recommend that we find all ministers and deacons in good standing who are recommended to us for certificates through the local church letters. We recommend that each of them be granted a certificate of standing upon the regular procedure of their presence and submitting a report of this ministry as required by this association.

W. H. Ryland
Carl Wood
R. H. Howard

Sunday School and League: We, the Sunday School and League Committee believe that Sunday School and League is a school with one text-book- the Holy Scriptures; therefore, the Sunday School teacher must use the Bible. Whatever other works he consults, his final authority is the Bible. Whatever helps he employs, they must be, in every case, helps to the better understanding and use of the Word of God. It is this wonderful Word which the Sunday-school and League teacher, as one of the servants and officers of the church, must use in all his work. Parents at home, like the mother of Timothy (II Tim. 1:5; 3:15); men like Aquila; women like Priscilla, in their own places of abode (Acts 18:26).

Dennis Feltman
Mrs. Bobbie Beasley
Bobbie Henegar

Temperance: We, the temperance committee feel that all christians as a duty to God should abstain from intoxicating beverages and to cleanse ourselves from the world and be a seperated people, that we may be soul winners for the Lord.

Sis. Betty Davis
Bro. Lonnie Parker
Sis. Lester Gann

Family Devotion: We, the family devotional committee would like to recommend that each home have family devotion. The home is the best place to train a child, through the study of God's Word and family altar prayer. There is a saying, 'The family that prays together stays together.'

Mrs. Jerome Goodwin
Mrs. Marlin Hodgins

Ordaining Council: We recommend that R. A. Click, Johnny Higgins, and Clyde G. Hood be ordained as deacons and Marlin Hodgins ordained as a miniser. We recommend that Charlie Bearden be referred back to his home church. We recommend A. D. Lynn be given a license for one year.

Bro. J. W. Marlow
H. O. Walton
W. H. Powell

Business Committee:

- (1) We recommend that Thursday night of the association by youth night, that the young people have this service. (accepted)
- (2) We recommend that the moderator of the association appoint someone to speak on the Children's Home, Sunday School, Missions, etc. to take up any spare time we might have during the association. (accepted)
- (3) We recommend that we have communion and feet washing on Friday nights of the association. (accepted)

Rev. Nathan Davis
Rev. J. O. Drummonds
Rev. Jack Rollins
Bro. Joe Kimbrough

Executive Committee: We, the executive committee had a called meeting requested by the Belview Church, Leeds. The license of William Brasher was revoked because of unchristian like conduct.

J. M. Dutton, Jr.
Ed Goodwin

HOME MISSION TREASURE REPORT

East Birmingham Church-----	\$273.42
First District Quarterly Conference-----	19.20
Mount Pleasant Church-----	10.00
Pleasant Valley Church-----	120.00
First Free Will Baptist Church, B' ham.-----	79.64
Total received	502.26
Balance forward-----	1220.61
Total-----	\$1722.87

ASSOCIATION TREASURE REPORT

Forward-----	\$461.31	
Received at conference-----	491.34	
Mrs. Frank Tomlinson-----	10.00	
Total Received-----	962.65	962.65
PAID OUT:		
Moderator-----	\$ 25.00	
Assistant-----	12.50	
Clerk-----	25.00	
Children's Home-----	129.76	
Minutes-----	128.75	
State Association-----	26.00	
Total-----	\$347.01	347.01
Balance		\$615.64
Money received, 1963		
Mount Pleasant-----	\$15.00	
Pilgrim Rest-----	10.00	
Davis Chapel-----	10.00	
Fairview #2 (Anniston)-----	10.00	
Union Hill-----	10.00	
Sylacauga-----	20.00	
East Birmingham-----	25.00	
Bethel-----	15.00	
Fairview #1 (Trussville)-----	15.00	
North Birmingham-----	100.83	
Dilworth-----	10.00	
Shady Grove-----	10.00	
Forestdale-----	15.00	

Graysville-----	10.00
Deacons-----	68.00
Ministers-----	32.00
For Children's Home-----	<u>200.52</u>
Total received-----	\$579.35

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Convened at North Birmingham Church. The service was opened with 'Come and Dine.' The President, Sis. Margaret Dutton, welcomed the Ministers and men. Theme of convention - 'Going, Glowing and Growing.' Prayer - Rev. Jerome Goodwin. Sis. Annette Tomlinson was appointed as acting secretary in absence of Sis. Virginia Isbell. Welcome address was given by Sis. Jimmie Baker * response * Sis. Betty Davis. Reading clerk - Sis. Annette Tomlinson. Letters read and approved - delegates seated - Received the Fairview church, Anniston. Song, 'Look on His Face.'

Appointment of Committees:

Registration Committee - Sis. Hood and Sis. Johnson

Nominating Committee - Sisters Betty Davis, Mildred Parker, Annette Tomlinson, Troy Kendrick, McSpadden, and McCullough.

Business Committee - Sisters Faye Garrison, Marie Patman, and McLane.

Judges - Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr., Rev. Jack Rollins, Bro. Lonnie Parker.

Auditing Committee - Sisters Ray Click, Betty Davis and Higginbotham.

Appreciation Committee - Sisters Jo Ann Burkett, Marie Goodwin, Reeves.

Song, p 294. Fairview Play 'The Lord Will Work It Out.' Special by Sis. Betty Davis and Randy Johnson. Devotion - Sis. McSpadden - John 3: 16 - John 14: 1-3. Song, 'Send The Light' - offering taken for Foreign Mission - amount \$20.06. Special - Sis. Betty Davis and Randy Johnson. North B'ham. play 'Resurrection and Alive.' Song, 'He Lives.' Ten minute recess. Song, 'There Is a Fountain.'

Message - Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr. 'Prayer' James 5: 13-20. Lunch was enjoyed by all. Song, 'Higher Ground' Scripture - Sis. Louise Webb - Romans 12: 1-5 Prayer - Rev. Jack Rollins. Play - Shady Grove - 'The Lord Will Work It Out.' Special Music; - Randy Johnson and Sis. Betty Davis.

Business Session - Minutes read and approved - recommended that each Auxiliary send a cash donation to Leeds to help with expenses for State Woman's Auxiliary Convention - Business committee nominating committee recommended the following - President - Sis. Billie

Rollins, Vice President - Sis. McSpadden, Youth Chairman - Sis. Betty Davis, Study Course - Sis. A. L. Parker, Program - Prayer - Sis. Reeves, Personal Service - Sis. Annette Tomlinson, Sec. and Treas. - Sis. Beannie Russell. Move and accepted. Auditing Committee - examined books and found in order - move and accepted. Appreciation committee - for the nice lunch - move and accepted. Registration Committee - 51 present - move and accepted. Body stood in appreciation for nice lunch. Delegates to State Convention which meets at Leeds, Ala.

Shady Grove-----Faye Garrison
Leeds-----Marie Patmon
Fairview #1-----Louise Webb
Fairview #2-----Sis. Heneger
North Birmingham-----Sis. Johnson
Sylacauga-----Sis. Strickland
East Birmingham-----Sis. Drummonds
Graysville-----Sis. Powell
Cahaba River Association-----Sis. Betty Davis
Program Committee for 1964 - Sis. Annette Tomlinson, Sis. Louise Webb, Sis. Marie Goodwin and Sis. Jo Ann Burkett. Awarding of banner - Fairview #1 - Trussville. Adjourned.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Collected from dues-----	\$49.60	
Foreign Mission offering-----	20.06	
Brought forward, 1962-----	<u>62.57</u>	
	132.23	132.23
PAID OUT:		
Foreign Mission-----	\$20.06	
Membership dues-----	20.00	
Printing of minutes-----	<u>10.00</u>	
Total Paid Out	50.06	<u>50.06</u>
Balance in Treasure		\$82.17

MINISTERS AND DEACONS

Ministers:

J. O. Drummonds	\$1.00
Curtis Sewell	1.00
Nathan Davis	1.00
W. A. Hodges	1.00
Jerome Goodwin	1.00
George LaShum	1.00
James Pickett	1.00
J. C. Baxley	1.00
Troy Roberson	1.00

Ministers (cont.)

Allen Higginbotham	1.00
Roy Johnson	1.00
H. O. Walton	2.00
M. D. Harper	1.00
J. M. Dutton	1.00
Dewey Colley	1.00
Ernest Walker	1.00
J. O. Franklin	1.00
W. H. Ryland	1.00

Robert Armstrong	1.00	Nelson Harris	1.00
J. W. Marlow	1.00	Floyd C. Barber	1.00
Robert Parker	1.00	Lester Gann	1.00
Harry Blanchard	1.00	H. E. White	1.00
Jack Rollins	1.00	Lonnie Goodwin	1.00
Marlin Hodgins	1.00	James Hunter	1.00
Gold certificates			
R. H. Howard	1.00		
Deacons:		Deacons (cont.)	
Coy Crocker	1.00	Roy Pickett	1.00
V. R. Ewing	1.00	William Glosson	1.00
Lonnie T. Howard	1.00	Albert L. Pickett	1.00
Calvin McCreless	1.00	Joe Click	1.00
E. O. Shelnut	1.00	Ronnie Hood	1.00
James Beasley	1.00	Jimmy Sanders	1.00
Bill Howton	1.00	Walker Isbell	1.00
W. H. Powell	1.00	Cecil Hodgins	1.00
A. L. Harmon	1.00	Henry Pickett	1.00
Buddy Harmon	1.00	J. L. Garner	1.00
Bob Williams	1.00	Bill Pickett	1.00
Lecil Gardner	1.00	Fred Lawley	1.00
Walker Isbell	1.00	James Kitchens	1.00
Shelly Isbell	1.00	T. A. Armstrong	1.00
W. J. Kirkland	1.00	Clarence Pickett	1.00
J. W. Isbell	1.00	Felix Smith	1.00
Vernon Sollie	1.00	Amos Faulkner	1.00
Johnny Parker	1.00	Joe Kimbrough	1.00
Robert L. Roberson	1.00	Echol Presley	1.00
Artie Frederick	1.00	Roy Hodgins	1.00
Frank Tomlinson	1.00	Curtis L. Brake	1.00
Glenn C. Kendrick	1.00	Vernon Evans	1.00
Mark Phillips	1.00	Ed Goodwin	1.00
H. A. McSpadden	1.00	James E. Harris	1.00
Billie Britton	1.00	Emmett Lee	1.00
Russell Kuykendall	1.00	C. B. Smith	1.00
R. A. Click	1.00	Tennis Frederick	1.00
Johnny Higgins	1.00	Amos Ragsdale	1.00
Clyde G. Hood	1.00	Cecil Kendrick	1.00
James Hunter	1.00	Virgil Aycock	1.00
Cleve Allen	1.00	Euel Beersdorf	1.00
Frank Pickett	1.00	Carlisle McLain	1.00
Tommy Pickett	1.00		

Gold Certificates

C. C. Stone	1.00	H. T. Rodgers	1.00
J. H. McCullough	1.00	J. O. Gamel	1.00

PASTORS AND CLERKS

Mt. Pleasant	- Rev. M. D. Harper, Marvel, Ala. Mrs. Roy L. Hodgins, Sprott, Ala.
Pilgrim Rest	- Rev. Joe Dawson, Harpersville, Ala. Minnie Pickett, Rte. 1, Marvel, Ala.
Dilworth	- Rev. Dewey Colley, Birmingham, Ala. Marie Phillips, Rte. 1, Empire, Ala.
Forestdale	- Rev. Jack Rollins, 920 Meehan Ave., Birmingham 14, Ala. Mrs. Jessie Keefer
Davis Chapel	- Rev. William H. Barber, Rt. 1, Box 290, Pell City, Ala. Mrs. Lenora Davis, Rt. 1, Box 83, Sterrett, Ala.
Sylacauga	- Rev. Floyd C. Barber, Pell City, Ala. Mrs. Katherine Isbell, 808 7th Pl., Sylacauga, Ala.
Union Hill	- Rev. Elvie White, Rte. 1, Sterrett, Ala. Mignon Howard, Vandiver, Ala.
Belview	- Rev. Troy Roberson, 2128 4th Ave. N., Leeds, Ala. Peggy Cummings, Leeds, Ala.
Pleasant Valley	- Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr., Leeds, Ala. Mrs. Mary Shirley, Chelsea, Ala.
North Birmingham	- Rev. Roy Johnson, Rt. 2, Box 334H, Adamsville, Ala. Mrs. H. W. Russell
Bethel	- Rev. James Pickett Albert L. Pickett, Rt. 1, Box 62, Marvel, Ala.
Graysville	- Rev. W. H. Ryland, 901 Ridge Pl., Birmingham, Ala. Mrs. C. L. Brake, 608 Osceola Cir., Fairfield, Ala.
Shady Grove	- Rev. Nathan Davis, Rte., 2, Adamsville, Ala. Mrs. Joe Click, Rte., 2, Adamsville, Ala.
East Birmingham	- Rev. J. O. Drummonds, 727 N. 38th St., B'ham, Ala. Pauline J. Parker, 1237 Forrest St., Tarrant, Ala.
(Trussville)	
Fairview	- Rev. Jerome Goodwin, Rte. 2, Trussville, Ala. Ed Goodwin, Rte. 2, Trussville, Ala.
(Anniston)	
Fairview	- Rev. Lester Gann, Rt. 2, Box 151, Trussville, Ala. Sis. Edna Harmon, 3030 Eulaton Rd., Anniston, 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

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. Then these Three: The Father, Son and Holy Spirit, are One God.

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

Chapter VIII—The Gospel Call

The call of the Gospel is co-extensive with the atonement to all men both by the Word and strivings of the spirit, so that Salvation is rendered equally possible to all, and, if any fail of 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 unto the end, and be saved, through the power of divine grace which is pledged for their support, but their future obedience and final salvation are neither determined nor certain, since through infirmity and manifold temptations they are in danger of falling; and they ought therefore to watch and pray, lest they make 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 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	Expense
J. C. Baxley	0	64	0	1	0	0	1100	60.00	40.00
Roy Johnson	1	86	6	2	3	0	10000	1870.00	1870.00
H. O. Walton	1	75	4	6	5	1	2000		
Dewey Colley	1	112	8	2	1	0	300	480.00	800.00
J. M. Dutton	1	123	3	2	4	3	7000	2080.00	800.00
Nelson Harris									
James M. Pickett	1	110	2	1	0	0	5000	1200.00	1200.00
Troy Roberson	1	156		2	0	1	1000	502.89	700.00
Lester Gann	1		4	1					
Jack Rollins	1	106	4	0	1	1	6000	1660.00	950.00
Nathan Davis	1	145	6	4	12	5	14500	2840.50	1855.00
George LaShum		32				2			
Jerome Goodwin	1	110	1	1	1	0	3000	1500.00	500.00
H. E. White	1	90	9	0	0	1	500	360.39	
Floyd C. Barber	1	110	4	2	2	1	3000	968.00	968.00
J. O. Drummonds	1	90	4	3	3		15361	4580.01	1208.57
Allen Higginbotham	0	55	0	0	0	1	500	16.59	20.00
J. O. Franklin	0	48	0	0	0	0	500	00.00	135.00
W. H. Ryland	1	93	12	2	1	0	1500	898.00	109.00
James W. Marlow	0	48	0	6	0	1	1000	172.00	72.00
Robert Parker		51	1	1	1		853	211.87	55.00
R. H. Howard*		28		2			327	16.50	
Lonnie Goodwin	1	38		2	2			72.00	50.00
William A. Hodges		10							