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Moderator-----Rev. Floyd Barber

Route 1, Box 260, Pell City, Ala.

Assistant Moderator ----- Rev. W. H. Ryland.

901 Ridge Place, Birmingham, Ala.

Clerk-----P. A. Nichols

P. O. Box 4162, Birmingham, Ala.

Assistant Clerk-----Sis. Billie Rollins

920 Meehan Ave., Birmingham 14, Ala.

Treasurer-----Fev. M. D. Harper

Route 1, Montevallo, Ala.

The 87th Session of the Cahaba River Association of Free Will Baptists to meet with Fairview #1 Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Trussville, Ala, on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1965.

ORDER OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call for peace and fellowship of church.
2. Opportunity for members.
3. Reading of the minutes of last conference.
4. Call for Acknowledgments.
5. Report of the treasure.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business.
8. Report of all committees.
9. Motion to adjourn.

Proceedings

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 1964 - 7:15 P.M.

Service opened with song, 'Heaven's Jubilee.' Prayer led by Bro. Walker. Song, 'Bring Them In,' led by Sis. Annette Tomlinson. Prayer by Bro. Ronnie Hood. Scripture reading and talk by Sis. Annette Tomlinson. Psalms 145:2-3. Song, 'Rescue The Perishing.' Song by the East Birmingham Trio (Carol Gamble, Linda Markham, Ronnie Edwards, Catherine Edwards) 'I've Got Jesus and That's Enough' Also 'Ransomed Millions'. Devotion service by Sis. Betty Davis. Scripture, Romans: 3:9.

Missionary Molly Barker spoke and showed pictures on Mexico and the work there. Also invitation for rededication given by Sis. Barker.

Credential Committee appointed: Rev. H. O. Walton, Rev. J.O. Drummonds, Bro. Frank Tomlinson. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Albert Pickett.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1964- 9:00 A.M.

Service opened with song, 'He's My King' led by Rev. J. O. Drummonds and prayer by Rev. Jerome Goodwin. Song, 'I Feel Like Traveling On.' Association called to order by clerk, P. A. Nichols. Altar prayer led by Rev. M. D. Harper. Welcome address by Rev. J.O. Drummonds, Pastor of host church. Response by Rev. W. H. Ryland, assistant Moderator. Partial report of Credential Committee accepted. Letters received in order. Song by congregation and specials by Sis. Betty Davis. Committees appointed. Partial report of Devotional Committee accepted: For Friday, Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr. Devotion and Sis. Molly Barker, 11 o'clock service.

Partial report of Business Committee accepted, that Mt. Olive Church be received into association and delegates seated. Delegates given hand of fellowship during song, 'Glad Reunion Day.' Family Devotion Committee appointed. Special by Sis. Betty Davis. Rev. J.O. Drummonds elected to Executive Board and Rev. Eugene Howard elected to the Home Mission Board. Congregational singing.

Devotion and Testimony service led by Rev. J.M. Dutton, Jr. Scripture, Hebrews 13: 5-9. Talk by Rev. W.H. Ryland on work of Free Will Baptists and missionaries. Offering of \$41.25 taken for work of Missionary Molly Barker.

Pictures on Missionary work in Uruguay and message by Sis. Molly Barker. Scripture, Acts 5: 40-42, I Corinthians 6: 19-20, I Peter 1: 18-19, Ephesians 1: 7, Romans 1: 14-16, and St. Mark 11: 13. Dismissed with prayer by Sis. Reeves. Lunch was served in large Sunday School room of the church.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER, 2, 1964 - 1:00 P. M.

Service opened by congregational singing. Scripture reading by the Moderator, Psalms 133. Prayer by Rev. Jerome Goodwin. Devotional Committee report accepted: Rev. Eugene Howard for Sat. morning devotional and Bro. James Pickett for preaching service. Reports of Family Devotion and Temperance Committees accepted, (see committee reports). Letter from Rev. William E Atkinson, State Association read by clerk. Congregational singing and special by Sis. Betty Davis. Motion passed that delegates from the Second District Quarterly Association be seated as advisory delegates.

Delegates to State Association:

Union Hill-----	Sis. Johnny Parker
Belview-----	Sis. A.L. Parker
Pleasant Valley-----	Sis. Nellie Hodgins
Fairview #1 (Trussville)-----	Sis. Frank Tomlinson
North Birmingham-----	Sis. H.A. McSpadden
Bethel-----	Sis. Cherry Pickett
East Birmingham-----	Sis. E.O. Shelnut
Graysville-----	Sis. Gladys Reeves
Shady Grove-----	Sis. Nathan Davis
Mt. Pleasant-----	Sis. Roy Hodgins
Sylacauga-----	Sis. Floyd Barber
Forestdale-----	Sis. Billie Rollins
Fairview #2 (Anniston)-----	Sis. Earnest Walker
Mt. Olive-----	Freddie Mae Alexander
Pilgrim Rest-----	Sis. Minnie Pickett
Dillworth-----	Sis. Rark Phillips

Davis Chapel-----Sis. Eugene Howard
Annual Association-----Sis. Joe Kimbrough

Sis. Pickett gave talk on League and its importance. Name changed from Free Will Baptist League to 'Church Training Service.' Partial report of Business Committee (see committee reports). Song, 'I'm Going That Way.' Talk on Sunday School by Sis. Annette Tomlinson. Scripture, II Timothy 2: 15, II Peter 3:18, and Psalm 119: 130. Sunday School is the teaching service of the church. Auditing Committee report accepted, (see committee reports). Special by Sis. Betty Davis. Partial report of Ordaining Council accepted, (see Committee reports). Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Eugene Howard. Supper served at the church at 5:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1964 - 7:00 P.M.

MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

Opened with song, 'Just a Little Talk With Jesus.' Absent Members recognized, Rev. Roy Johnson, Rev. Nathan Davis, Rev. Richmond Howard, and Bro. J.H. McCullough. Alter prayer. Song, 'Amazing Grace.' Scripture by Moderator, Proverbs 3: 1-6. Conference called to order by clerk P.A. Nichols, also announcing that certificates of standing for ministers and deacons will be mailed to the clerk of their church after the association adjourns. Song while deacons and ministers registered. Invitation for new members. Motion passed to accept 9 New Members. Motion passed that the clerk call the roll of ministers and deacons at the Friday night conference in the future and that they should be present or represented by letter. Nomination of moderator: Rev. Buddy Walker and Assistant moderator: Rev. Floyd Barber. Motion passed to close business session.

Talk on Childrens Home by the Superintendent, Rev. Carlton Lambert. There are 48 children in the home now. It is licensed to take care of 50. School books cost approximately \$600.00 this year - Cow barn almost complete. Also reports on young people from the home, now in military service and bible college. Prayer by Rev. Dewey Colley. Offering of \$120.40 taken for the childrens home. Special singing by Rev. and Mrs. Dewey Rollins, Trio from North Birmingham, and Quartet from East Birmingham, piano solo by Rev. Marlin Hodgens.

Message: Rev. Eugene Howard, Scripture, St. John 4: 3-11; 3: 17-18; 7: 37-38. followed by communion and footwashing service presided over by Rev. J.W. Marlow. All Christians invited to participate if they feel themselves worthy.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1964 - 9:00 A. M.

Songs by congregation, 'Down At The Cross', 'I'm Going That Way.' Scripture reading by Moderator, Rev. Floyd Barber, St. John 14: 1-4. Prayer by Rev. Jack Rollins. Rev. M.D. Harper was replaced on

the business committee, due to his absence, by Rev. Jack Rollins, also Rev. Jerome Goodwin to serve on business committee until Bro. Will Johnson arrives. Songs by congregation. Credential committee report that Belview church letter in order accepted. Deceased Members committee report given and congregation stood for a moment of silent prayer. (see committee reports). Partial report of business committee. Talk by Rev. E.B. Ledlow on the mission work in Montgomery. You may correspond with Bro. Ledlow at 726 Terrace Ave., Montgomery, Alabama. Standing of the Ministry report given, and accepted, (see committee reports). Oral report by Chairman of Home Mission Board, Bro. Ed Goodwin, accepted. Piano solo by Rev. Marlin Hodgens. Sunday School and League committee report accepted. Talk on missions by Rev. W.H. Ryland. Ordaining Council report accepted, (see Committee reports). Ordination service led by Rev. J.M. Dutton, Jr. Prayer by Rev. Eugene Howard and laying on of hands by ordained men. Charge given by Bro. Dutton. Song and handshake with ordained men. Business Committee report given. Bro. Ronnie Hood elected to be in charge of Youth night next year. Motion passed that next session of association convene with Fairview #1 church, Trussville. Motion passed to elect officers for next year and officers elected. New officers

Moderator-----Rev. J.M. Dutton, Jr.
Assistant Moderator-----Bro. Ed Goodwin
Clerk-----P.A. Nichols
Assistant Clerk-----Sis. Billie Rollins
Treasurer-----P.A. Nichols
Executive Board-----Bro. Ed Goodwin, 1 year, Chairman
Bro. W.H. Powell, 2 years
Rev. J.O. Drummonds, 3 years

Home Mission Board-----Bro. Albert Pickett, 1 year, Chairman
Rev. J.M. Dutton, 2 years
Rev. Eugene Howard, 3 years

Rising vote of thanks given to host church. Motion passed to adjourn. Song, 'Where The Soul Never Dies.'

11:15 A.M. Message by Rev. James Pickett. Lunch announced by Pastor of host church. Grace of the table and benediction by Rev. W.H. Ryland. Lunch served at the church.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Jerome Goodwin
Amos Falkner
Billie Britton

Deceased Members: We, the committee for the deceased members wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the following churches:

Bethel-----Sis. Helen Harper
Sylacauga-----Sis. Vernie Riggaus

Forestdale-- -----Bro. Roy Russell
 Mt. Olive-----Rev. Lyge Isabell
 Let us all stand for a moment of silent prayer in their memory and
 also for the families.-----Mrs. Dorothy Goodwin
 Mrs. A. L. Parker
 Mrs. W. C. Johnson

Standing of the Ministry: We, your committee on standing of ministers
 and deacons recommend that all ministers and deacons that their
 church ask for certificates of standing, be granted one. Ed Goodwin
 J. W. Isabell
 Frank Tomlinson

Sunday School and League: We, the Sunday School and League Committee,
 recommend that the Bible, also Free Will Baptist literature be used
 to teach from. The Sunday School is the main part of the service. It
 is the Sunday School and League that trains the young people, as they
 are our church of tomorrow. Some never get any training except what
 they get at church, so the teaching should be exact and from the word
 of God. Mrs. Jerome Goodwin
 Bro. E. O. Shelnut
 Bro. Elvie White

Temperance: We, the Temperance Committee would like to recommend
 I Corinthians 6: 12 for our report: 'All things are lawful unto me,
 but all things are not expedient; all things are lawful for me, But I
 will not be brought under the power of any.' Sis. Betty Davis
 Sis. Gladys Reeves
 Bro. Voyd Howard

Family Devotion: As a Family Devotional committee, we think we should
 start each day with prayer, then give thanks to God for each meal we
 have. We should pray with our children, we should have bed time pray-
 er, and a certain place in our home for an altar, when we pray for
 special blessings. For if we pray together we will stay together.
 Mrs. Lois NeSmith
 Mrs. Evelyn Henegar

Ordaining Council: We recommend license be given Bro. A.D. Lynn to
 preach for another year. We recommend that Bro. Carl Wood and Bro.
 Billy Cummings be ordained as deacons. We recommend that Bro. Larry
 Johnson be licensed to preach. J. M. Dutton, Jr.
 Eugene Howard
 H. A. McSpadden

Business Committee:

- (1) We, the business Committee, recommend Bro. Carl Wood and Bro.
 A.D. Lynn be referred to the Ordaining Council for examination
 for Deacon and Minister. (Accepted)

- (2) We recommend Billy Cummings to the Ordaining Council for Deacon.
 (Accepted)
- (3) We request Life time certificate for Bro. Robert Parker and Bro.
 Earl Isabell. (Accepted)
- (4) We, your Business Committee, request this Body to instruct each
 church to abide by article 5 and article 10 of our constitution.
 (Accepted)
- (5) Since Thursday night has been designated as Youth Night, we re-
 commend that this body elect someone to be in charge of service.
 (Accepted)
- (6) We recommend the attached 'Order of Church Conference' be print-
 ed in our minutes for future use in carrying on business confer-
 ences in our churches. (see 'Order of Church Conference' in
 front of minutes) (Accepted)
- (7) We recommend that \$50.00 be contributed to the Molly Barker ac-
 count. This money to be taken out of Associational Treasure.
 (Accepted)
- (8) We recommend that when Ministers or Deacons from another Assoc-
 iation join this Body that they bring with them a letter of rec-
 ommendation or a certificate of standing from their Association.
 (Accepted)
- (9) We recommend that the Moderator and Assistant Moderator, Clerk
 and Assistant Clerk meet before each Associational meeting and
 select two speakers for the Association, one speaker for the 11
 A.M. service Friday and one speaker for the 11 A.M. Saturday
 service. (Accepted)
- (10) We recommend that we cease to receive offerings at the Associa-
 tion. Werecommend that Association take care of all expenses
 that arise. Any other contributions to be taken out of Associa-
 tional Treasure. (Rejected)

J. W. Marlow
 Jerome Goodwin
 Jack Rollins

HOME MISSION TREASURE REPORT

Balance of 1963--	\$1722.87
First F. W. B. Church--B'ham--	92.81
East Birmingham Church--	205.79
Pleasant Valley--	30.00
First Districe Quarterly Conference--	22.00
Ladies Auxiliary of Cahaba River Association--	10.00
Total---	\$2083.47

ASSOCIATION TREASURE REPORT

Balance, 1963.....	\$ 615.64	
Total received at 1963 Conference-----	576.35	
Oct. 15, Pleasant Valley Church-----	15.00	
Total-----	\$1206.99	\$1206.99
PAID OUT:		
Children's Home- --- --	\$ 200.52	
Moderator-- -----	25.00	
Assistant Moderator-----	12.50	
Clerk-----	25.00	
State Association-----	32.00	
Nelson Johnson Printing-----	111.03	
Printing-----	8.50	
Postage for Clerk-----	1.70	
Total-----	\$416.25	\$ 416.25
Balance-----		\$ 790.74

THE CAHABA RIVER ASSOCIATION WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

THEME: 'Regions Beyond'

The 10th Session of The Cahaba River Association Woman's Auxiliary was held at Fairview #1, Trussville, Alabama on April 4th, 1964. The program was opened with singing the Woman's Auxiliary chorus 'Co-Laborers'.

Prayer by the host Pastor, Rev. Jerome Goodwin.

Devotional by: Mrs. Betty Davis

Welcome Address: Mrs. Marie Goodwin

Response: Mrs. Linda Hodges

Mrs. Annette Tomlison appointed Secretary for the day in the absence of Mrs. Beannie Russell.

President's Message was given by Mrs. Billie Rollins.

Letters read and delegates seated and a vote from the delegates to let all the women have a voice in the meeting and to vote.

Appointment of Committees:

NOMINATION COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Louise Webb

Mrs. Roper

Mrs. Gardner

Mrs. Ray Click

Mrs. Harmon

Mrs. Mildred Parker

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Sybil Ellis

Mrs. Linda Hodges

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Betty Davis

Mrs. Joe Kimbrough

Mrs. McSpadden

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bobbie Beasley

Mrs. Lamon

Mrs. Cora Goodwin

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Powell

Mrs. Handley

Mrs. Edwards

JUDGES:

Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr.

Mr. J. M. Dutton, Sr.

Rev. W. M. Ellison

Play-Fairview #1 'Aunt Sally Joins The Woman's Auxiliary'

The President urged the Auxiliaries to push our church papers. Play-Forestdale Church-Mrs Bobbie Beasley gave a talk 'Go, Give and Pray.'

Song- 'The Light of The World is Jesus' and 'Give of Your Best' Keynote Message by: Rev. W. H. Ellison, missionary appointee to Brazil. Scriptures used - Luke 10:25-37-

Lunch

Play-Anniston Church 'Do YOU KNOW The Lord.'

Special Music - Jan Hardisty - Shady Grove Church

Play - Shady Grove Church - Discussion Panel

Devotional - Mrs. Jo Ann Burkett

Play - Leeds Church - read a letter from Lonnie and Anita Sparks missionaries to Africa.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

We, your registration committee submit the following:

General Officers: 3

Delegates 15

Visitors 33

Ministers 3

Respectfully submitted:

Mrs. Sybil Ellis

Mrs. Linda Hodges

AUDITING COMMITTEE

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

Mrs. Bobbie Beasley

Mrs. Leona Lamon

Mrs. Cora Goodwin

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:

We wish to thank this church for the wonderful lunch and the good hospitality they have shown us today. And may God bless the ladies who prepared our lunch.

Mrs. Powell

Mrs. Handley

Mrs. Edwards

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

We wish to submit the following:

President: Mrs. Billie Rollins

Vice Pres: Mrs. Bobbie Beasley

Youth Chairman: Mrs. Betty Davis

Study Course Chairman: Mrs. Eveleyn Henegar

Program-Prayer Chairman: Mrs. McSpadden

Personal Service Chairman: Mrs. Jo Ann Burkett

Sec. & Treas: Mrs. Annette Tomlinson

Mrs. Ruby Roper

Mrs. Thelma Gardner

Mrs. Louise Webb

Mrs. Ray Click

Mrs. Mildred Parker

Mrs. Carolyn Harmon

All of these reports were passed as read.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

Item #1; We, the Business Committee recommend that for our next meeting we let the host church be responsible for the program. That the host church will be the only one to have a play. And that each church will have one lady to make a talk.

Item #2; We, the Business Committee recommend that at our next meeting each church bring things they have made or bought to be to be displayed on a table representing their church and at the end of the meeting they be sent as gifts to the Provisional Closet for our missionaries.

Item #3; We, the Business Committee recommend that we all go back to the old blanks to fill out for our meeting.

Item #4; We, the Business Committee recommend that all our Auxiliaries go to the Children's Home and work as often as possible.

Item #5; We, the Business Committee recommend that we take up an offering for Bro. Ellison and give enough out of treasure to make it up to \$50.00.

Item #6; We, the Business Committee recommend that we take \$25.00 out of treasure for the Children's Home.

Item #7; We, the Business Committee recommend that the Secretary of each Auxiliary send the names and addresses of their new officers when they change to the District Secretary.

Item #8; We, the Business Committee recommend that each Auxiliary send a donation to the Children's Home in a drape fund for the lobby and be sure to earmark 'Drapes'.

Item #9; We, the Business Committee recommend that the next meeting be at Shady Grove.

All items were passed as read with the exception of Items 3 & 8 and they read as following:

Item #3: That old and new blanks to be used. The old ones to be read at the meeting and the new ones for the purpose of feeling out the State report by Secretary and Treasurer.

Item #8; The donation for drapries to be sent to Mrs. Betty Davis, Route 2, Adamsville, Alabama instead of Children's Home and that we ask the churches that does not have Auxiliary to send money.

The Business Committee

Mrs. Betty Davis

Mrs. Joe Kimbrough

Mrs. McSpadden

Program Committee for 1965

Mrs. Betty Davis

Mrs. Lamon

Mrs. Click

Mrs. Handley

Delegates to State Auxiliary Convention: Mrs. Betty Davis, Mrs. Mildred Parker, Mrs. Annette Tomlinson, Mrs. Joe Kimbrough, Mrs. Bobbie Beasley and Mrs. Billie Rollins.

The Judges report: The awarding of the banner went to the Forestdale Free Will Baptist Church.

Attendance Banner to be awarded 1965 to the church with the most ladies present excluding the host church.

Offering

Prayer - Mrs. Bobbie Beasley

Close the meeting singing 'Co-Laborers.'

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President - Name and Address

Mrs. Billie Rollins
920 Meehan Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Secretary and Treasurer

Mrs. Annette Tomlinson
115 Robert E Lee Street
Leeds, Alabama 35094

TREASURER REPORT

	Dues	Convention
North Birmingham	3.60	5.00
Sylacauga	1.50	
Fairview #1	2.10	
Fairview #2	4.20	5.00
Shady Grove	7.00	5.00
Leeds	2.70	5.00
East Birmingham	6.00	
Forestdale	2.40	5.00
	<u>29.50</u>	<u>25.00</u>
Balance Brought Forward	82.60	
Dues	29.50	
Convention Expense	25.00	
Special Offering	23.32	
	<u>160.42</u>	
Paid Out		
State Convention Dues	18.40	
Children's Home	25.00	
Missionary W.M. Ellison	50.00	
Minutes Printed	10.00	
	<u>103.40</u>	
Balance in Treasury	160.42	
	<u>103.40</u>	
	57.02	

MINISTERS AND DEACONS THAT WERE REGISTERED

Ministers:

W. H. Ryland	\$1.00
Allen Higgonbotham	1.00
Jerome Goodwin	1.00
H. O. Walton	1.00
Roy Johnson	1.00
H. E. White	1.00
Eugene Howard	1.00
Ernest Walker	1.00
William A. Hodges	1.00
Jack Rollins	1.00
Nathan Davis	1.00
Harry Blanchard	1.00
James Galbreath	1.00
J. O. Drummonds	1.00

DEACONS

V. R. Ewing	1.00
Calvin McCrelese	1.00
R. P. Hood	1.00
Russell Kuykendall	1.00
J. L. Garner	1.00
A. L. Harmon	1.00
Cleve Allen	1.00
Frank Pickett	1.00
Henry Pickett	1.00
W. J. Kirkland	1.00
Bill Pickett	1.00
Roy Hodgins	1.00
Fred Lawley	1.00
H. A. McSpadden	1.00
Johnny Parker	1.00
Bill Howton	1.00
Bob Williams	1.00
W. H. Powell	1.00
Frank Tomlinson	1.00
E. O. Lee	1.00
Walker Isbell	1.00
Robert Click	1.00
Jimmy Sanders	1.00
Ronnie Hood	1.00
T. V. Evans	1.00
Tennis Frederick	1.00
James J. Beasley	1.00
Virgil Aycock	1.00
H. T. Rogers	1.00
Chester E. Isbell	1.00

Dewey Colley	1.00
Floyd C. Barber	1.00
Lonnie Goodwin	1.00
Robert Armstrong	1.00
J. W. Marlow	1.00
M. D. Harper	1.00
J. M. Dutton, Jr.	1.00
Lester Gann	1.00
George A. LaShum	1.00
Troy Roberson	1.00
Marlon Hodgins	1.00
H. E. White	1.00
Curtis Sewell	1.00
Earl Isabell	1.00

Lonnie T. Howard	1.00
E. O. Shelnut	1.00
Carlye McClain	1.00
Curtis Blake	1.00
Joe Kimbrough	1.00
Albert L. Pickett	1.00
Tommy Pickett	1.00
James Kitchen	1.00
Amos Faulkner	1.00
Billy Britton	1.00
T. A. Armstrong	1.00
A. M. Heneger	1.00
Voyd Howard	1.00
Austin Parker	1.00
James F. Harris	1.00
Buddy Harmon	1.00
Ed Goodwin	1.00
V. D. Sollie	1.00
C. B. Smith	1.00
Shelly Isbell	1.00
Joe Click	1.00
Johnny Hugh Higgins	1.00
Lecil Gardner	1.00
Robert Lee Roberson	1.00
Artie Frederick	1.00
Mark Phillips	1.00
Euel Beersdorf	1.00
J. W. Isabell	1.00
Carl Wood	1.00

Gold Certificates

Ministers

R. H. Howard
Robert Parker 1.00

Gold Certificates

Deacons

J. O. Gamel
J. H. McCullough
Coy Crocker

PASTORS AND CLERKS

Mt. Pleasant - Rev. M. D. Harper, Rte. 1, Montevallo, Ala.
Mrs. Roy L. Hodgens, Sprott, Ala.

Pilgrim Rest - Rev. Joe Dawson, Harperville, Ala.
Minnie Pickett, Rte. 1, Marvel, Ala.

Forestdale - Rev. Jack L. Rollins, 920 Meehan Ave., B'ham, Ala.
Mrs. Ruby Roper, 2040 Delene Dr., B'ham, Ala.

Davis Chapel - Rev. Eugene Howard, Rte 1, Sterrett, Ala.
Sis. Beatrice Howard, Rte, Sterrett, Ala.

Graysville - Rev. W. H. Ryland, 901 Ridge Pl., B'ham, Ala.
Mrs. C. L. Brake, 608 Osceola Cir., Fairfield, Ala.

East Birmingham - Rev. J. O. Drummonds, 4428 10th Ave. N. B'ham, Ala.
Pauline J. Parker, 1237 Forrest St., B'ham 7, Ala.

Fairview #2 - Rev. Earnest Walker, Rte. 2, Box 148, Trussville, Ala.
Edna Harmon, 3916 Eulaton Rd., Anniston, Ala.

North B'ham - New Pastor not listed on letter
Mrs. James Harding, 4401 N. 40th Ct. Birmingham

Dillworth - Rev. Dewey Colley, 1212 44th Pl. N. Birmingham, Ala.
Lorene McNiese, Rte. 2, Adamsville, Ala.

Shady Grove - Rev. Nathan Davis, Adamsville, Ala.
Mrs. Joe Click, Rte 2, Adamsville, Ala.

Fairview #1 - Rev. Bill Dutton, Leeds, Ala.
Ed Goodwin, Rte. 2, Trussville, Ala.

Bethel - Have not called new pastor
Albert L. Pickett, Rte 1, Box 62, Marvel, Ala.

Union Hill - New past,r not listed on letter
Mignon Howard, Vandiver, Ala.

Sylacauga - Rev. Floyd C. Barber, Rte. 1, Box 260, Pell City, Ala.
Katherine Isbell, 808 7th Pl., Sylacauga, Ala.

Pleasant Valley - Rev. Jerome Goodwin, Rte. 2, Trussville, Ala.
Mrs. Mary Shirley, Chelsea, Ala.

Mt. Olive - Rev. A. D. Lynn, Rte. 1, Sterrett, Ala.
Chester E. Isbell, Rte. 1, Box 384, Leeds, Ala.

Belview - Rev. Troy Roberson, 2nd Ave. N. Leeds, Ala.
Mrs. Peggy Cummings, 2218 3rd Ave. N., Leeds, 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 eternal life, the fault is wholly his own.

Chapter IX—Repentance

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

Chapter X—Faith

Saving faith is an assent of the mind to the fundamental truths of revelation, an acceptance of the Gospel, through the influence of the Holy Spirit, and a firm confidence and trust in Christ. The fruit of faith is obedience to the Gospel. The power to believe is the gift of God, but believing is an act of the creature, which is required as a condition of

pardon, and without which the sinner cannot obtain salvation, all men are required to believe in Christ; and those who yield obedience to this requirement become the Children of God by Faith.

Chapter XI—Regeneration

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

Chapter XII—Justification and Sanctification

1. **Justification.** Personal justification implies that the person justified has been guilty before God, and in consideration of the atonement of Christ, accepted by faith, the sinner is pardoned and absolved from the guilt of sin and restored to the divine favor. Christ's atonement is the foundation of the sinner's redemption, yet, without repentance and faith, it can never give him justification and peace with God.
2. **Sanctification** is the 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 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 Presched	Baptised	Funerals	Marriages	Revivals	Miles Traveled	Offerings	Expense
Marlin Hodgens	1	69	0	0	0	0	350	1085.00	49.33
Troy Roberson	1	156	0	4	1	1	5000	700.00	700.00
Jack Rollins	1	116	2		3	2	6000	1560.00	895.00
Nathan Davis	1	175	14	7	9	1	18000	2700.00	1800.00
Lester Gann	1	125	3	0	0	1			
Dewey Colley	1	105	0		1		2500	475.00	300.00
Curtis Sewell		41							
J. M. Dutton	1	125	3	1	1	1	10000	2145.00	900.00
Jerome Goodwin	1	104	0	3	1	1	3500	1550.00	550.00
Floyd C. Barber	1	90	1	2	2	1	5000	1620.00	1200.00
J. W. Marlow	0	70	0	3	2	1	5000	489.00	350.00
H. C. Walton	1	65		3	3	1	1000	40.00	
H. E. White	2	98	0	0	1	2	400	469.58	150.00
William A. Hodges		15							
R. H. Howard*		12			1		32	9.75	
W. H. Ryland	1	117		7	5		3120	1300.00	156.00
Robert Parker*		65	0	1	0	0	856	7.00	60.00
Eugene Howard	1	105	12	7	1	1	1400	613.00	900.00
Lonnie Goodwin		21							
Allen Higginbotham	0	47					700	11.59	
J. O. Drummonds	1	101	4	2	3	2	15036	5114.00	1586.69
Robert Armstrong	0	12	1						
Roy R. Johnson	0	15	0	1	0	2	Unknown	250.00	800.00