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Moderator-----Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr.  
400 N. 25th St., Leeds, Ala.  
Assistant Moderator-----Bro. Ed Goodwin  
Route 2, Box 158 Trussville, Ala.  
Clerk-----P. A. Nichols  
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The 88th Session of the Cahaba River Association of Free Will Baptists to meet with Belview Free Will Baptist Church Leeds, Ala. on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1966.



## 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, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1965 7:30 P.M.

Service opened with song, 'Just Over In the Gloryland' and prayer by Bro. Haisten. Song, 'I Would Not be Denied'. Scripture: John 21: 15, prayer, and talk by Sis. Frank Tomlinson from Fairview No. 1 Church. Special, 'Where Could I Go'. Program by For-estdale Church girls. Song, 'The Glory-Land Way'. Piano Solo by Steve Kimbrough. Group from Shady Grove gave Song Service. Also talk and song by Jan.

Credential Committee appointed by Moderator: Rev. Jerome Goodwin Chairman, Rev. H.O. Walton, Bro. Vernon Sollie. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Hymen.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1965 9:15 A.M.

Service opened with Songs 'Victory in Jesus' and 'He Lives' by congregation. Scripture by Moderator, Acts 2: 42-47. Altar prayer led by Rev. Eugene Howard. Conference called to order by Clerk. Welcome address by Sis. Frank Tomlinson. Response by Sis. Betty Davis. Song, 'Since Jesus Came Into My Heart.' Credential Committee report given and accepted. The 16 letters received were in order, had not received letter from Dillworth Church at this time. The letters were read by Assistant Clerk, Sis. Billie Rollins. Motion to receive letters and seat Delegates passed. Visitor (Rev. A.J. Lambert) from Progressive Association recognized. Registration committee, Business Committee, and Ordaining Council appointed by Moderator. Ten Minute recess.

10:30 A.M. Song by Congregation. 'Everybody will Be Happy.' More Committees appointed by Moderator. Special by Sis. Betty Davis. Devotion by Rev. A.J. Lambert with Scripture in Phillipians 4 and Matthew 5: 11-12. Congregational song, 'Where the Soul Never Dies.' Testimony Service. Special by Sis. Betty Davis, 'Born to Serve the Lord.' Report on Children's Home and Message by Rev. Carlton Lambert. Scripture in Hebrews 11 and 12 and in Isaiah.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Robert Armstrong. Lunch was served on the table under the trees at the church.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 1, 1965 - 1:15 P.M.

Service opened with song, 'I Feel Like Traveling on.' Scripture by Moderator, John 14: 1-6. Prayer by Sis. Betty Davis. Deceased Committee report given and accepted. Congregation stood in reverence and memory of deceased. Report of Temperance Committee given and accepted. Report of Sunday School and C.T.S. Committee given and accepted. Report of Auditing Committee given and accepted. (See committee reports.) Special by Sis. Betty Davis. Partial report of Business Committee given and accepted. Report from Standing of the Ministry Committee given and accepted. (See committee reports.) Congregational singing add testimony service. Partial report of Business Committee. Special by Sis. Betty Davis, 'How Great Thou Art.' Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Nathan Davis. Supper was served at the church at 5:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1965 - 7:15 P.M.

## MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

Service opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Jack Counts, Pianist, Sis. Billie Rollins. Scripture in Psalms 15 by Moderator, Rev. Ernest Walker. Prayer by Rev. Jack Rollins. Visitors welcomed by Moderator. Altar prayer led by Bro. Harris. Special, 'Without Him.' Also special by Sis. Betty Davis. Song 'Amazing Grace' while congregation had handshake. Conference call to order by Clerk. Minutes of last conference read and accepted. Piano solo by Rev. Marlin Hodgens. Roll of ministers and deacons called by Clerk. Opportunity given for new members to conference. Bro. Duckett and Bro. John Haisten accepted. New members given hand of fellowship while Sis. Betty Davis sang 'The Answer Came.' Motion made, seconded and passed that the conference accept what association has passed today concerning certificates of Standing for Ministers and Deacons. Election of Moderator and Assistant Moderator: Rev. J.M. Dutton, Jr. elected Moderator and Rev. John Haisten, Assistant Moderator. Motion passed to close business session of conference.

Message by Rev. J.W. Marlow. Scripture in I Corinthians 11 followed by Communion and footwashing service. Announcements made from congregation. Benediction by Rev. E.B. Ledlow.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1965 - 9:00 A.M.

Service opened by congregational singing. Scripture by Moderator, Proverbs 3: 5-6. Altar prayer led by Rev. Jack Rollins. Credential Committee report on Dillworth letter accepted. Letter read and motion passed to receive letter. Report from Committee on Family Devotion given and accepted. (See Committee reports.) Congregational singing led by Rev. Jack Rollins, Pianist,



Sis. Betty Davis. Recommendation of Business Committee to amend constitution to pay Assistant Moderator \$12.50 annually read and accepted.

**Delegates to State Association:**

Belview-----	Sis. Polly Roberson
Pleasant Valley-----	Sis. Marie Goodwin
Fairview No. 1 (Trussville)-----	Sis. Frank Tomlinson
North Birmingham-----	Sis. H. A. McSpadden
Shady Grove-----	Sis. Betty Davis
Forestdale-----	Sis. Billie Rollins
Fairview No. 2 (Anniston)-----	Sis. Ernest Walker
Mt. Olive-----	Sis. Chester Isbell
Annual Association-----	Bro. Jack Counts
Davis Chapel-----	Sis. Geraldine Howard

Motion passed to allow churches that did not have a delegate appointed at association to select a delegate from their church to send to the State Association. Report from Business Committee. (See Committee reports.) Ten minute recess.

10:15 A.M. Congregational Singing and special by Sis. Betty Davis. Bro. & Sis. Edge from Libert No. 2 Association recognized. Motion passed to have association at Belview next year. Registration Committee report given and accepted. Motion passed to elect officers. New Officers elected were:

Moderator-----	Rev. Ernest Walker
Assistant Moderator-----	Rev. John Haisten
Clerk-----	P. A. Nichols
Assistant Clerk-----	Sis. Billie Rollins
Executive Board -----	Bro. E. H. Powell, 1 year, Chairman
	Rev. J. O. Drummonds, 2 year
	Rev. Jerome Goodwin, 3 year
Home Mission Board-----	Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr., 1 year, Chairman
	Rev. Eugene Howard, 2 year
	Bro. Cecil Hodgins, 3 year

Song by congregation. Piano solo by Rev. Marlin Hodgins. Du-et by Rev. & Mrs. Jack Rollins. Ordaining Council report given and accepted. Song by congregation. Solo by Sis. Jan Rollins. Special by Sis. Betty Davis. 11:15 A.M. Message by Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Pastor of the Montgomery Free Will Baptist Church. Scripture in Matthew 16 and 23 and Mark 7. Announcements made and standing vote of thanks given to host church. Motion passed to adjourn. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Earl Isbell. Lunch was served on the table at the church.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Auditing Committee: We the Auditing Committee find the book correct.

H. O. Walton  
Clara Brasher  
Nellie Hodgins

Deceased Committee: We wish to extend our sympathy, our thoughts, and prayers to the following churches: Shady Grove Church; Bro. Albert Woodruff & Sis. Effie Buckhanna. Sylacauga Church; Sis. Braswell. Mt. Olive Church; Sis. Mary Harris. Forestdale Church; Bro. Layton. North Birmingham Church; Bro. J. L. Garner & Sis. Wilma Williams. Pleasant Valley Church; Sis. Kendrick. Belview Church; Bro. A. L. Parker. Union Hill Church; Bro. Austin Parker, Sis. Leata Vickers, Sis. Haley Andrews, and Sis. Lorene Andrews.

Mrs. Joe Kimbrough  
Mr. John Dutton  
Mr. Virgal Noah

Standing of The Ministry: We your committee on Standing of Ministers and Deacons recommend that all ministers and deacons that their church ask certificates of standing, be granted one.

Earl E. Isbell  
Emmitt Lee  
Harold Duckett

Sunday School and C.T.S. Committee: We the Sunday School and C.T.S. Committee feel the most important thing is to have teachers that are filled with the Holy Spirit and will be faithful to God and their church. The devil is using many methods to win our youth. Can we dare do less. We need teachers that will have as their aim in life to win people to Christ and help them to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sis. Betty Davis  
Sis. Eugene Howard  
Sis. Carolyn Harmon

Temperance Committee: The fruits of the spirit, love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. 'Take the Bible way, Titus 2: 2 that the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.'

Mrs. H. A. McSpadden  
Jack Counts  
Mrs. Chester Isbell

Family Devotion: God entrusts the leadership of the family to father and mother and they are responsible for the spiritual atmosphere of the home.

In times like these, Christian families cannot afford to neglect systematic worship in their homes. Daily devotions are the main source from which our children learn to pray and understand God's word and regular church attendance can never take the place of it. Deut. 6:7-- 'And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and thou shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou wastest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou riseth up.'

Let's prove the importance we put upon prayer and Bible read-



ing by using it before our children at home. Many of them can be won to Christ around our own family altar. There is nothing more sacred than a family worshipping God together. For the Christian family there is no better investment of time, there is no greater challenge.

Mrs. Jack Rollins  
Mrs. James Beasley  
Mrs. Buddy Roper

Ordaining Council We the ordaining council have examined Bro. Counts and Bro. Ragsdale. We find them sound in faith and feel assured they are called of God. We recommend this conference grant license for the next year. We also recommend the conference grant Bro. A.D. Lynn license for the coming year.

J.W. Marlow  
Jerome Goodwin  
Eugene Howard

Registration Committee: We, the registration committee wish to submit the following report. Thursday night; ministers; 9, deacons; 5, adults; 28, youth; 32, youth director; 2, Total 76 plus. Friday: ministers; 15, deacons; 14, delegates; 36, visitors; 15, total 80. Saturday: ministers; 11, deacons; 9, delegates; 17, visitors; 17, total 54.

Mrs. Frank Tomlinson, Chairman  
Mrs. Jerome Goodwin

#### Business Committee:

- (1) We recommend that the constitution be amended to pay the Assistant Moderator \$12.50 annually. (Accepted)
- (2) That association pay Bro. Carlton Lambert \$50.00 for his expenses. (Accepted)
- (3) We recommend that the Home Mission Board take available funds as needed and purchase property for a youth camp this coming year. (Accepted)
- (4) We recommend that hereafter, Standing of Ministry report not be made until after the ministers and deacons conference. (Accepted)
- (5) We recommend we pay Bro. Ledlow \$50.00. (Accepted)
- (6) We pay \$250.00 to Childrens Home. (Accepted)
- (7) That as soon as land is purchased for youth camp, that each church endeavor to raise \$100.00 each as soon as possible to start building program on camp site. (Accepted)
- (8) We recommend Gold Certificate of Standing for Elder J.W. Marlow. (Accepted)

H.A. McSpadden  
John Haisten  
Nathan Davis  
Roy Hodgins  
E.O. Shellnut

#### HOME MISSION TREASURE REPORT

Balance brought forward-----\$2083.47

#### Received:

First F.W.B. Church of Birmingham-----	117.62	
Fairview F.W.B. Church-----	10.00	
Cahaba River 1st District Quarterly Conference--	21.00	
Total-----		\$2232.09

#### Paid out

Home Mission Board of National Assoc. of F.W.B.-\$	7.43	
Ala. Free Will Baptist Home Missions-----	7.43	
Total paid out-----		\$ 14.86
Balance-----		-\$2217.23

#### ASSOCIATION TREASURE REPORT

Balance brought forward-----		\$ 790.74
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#### Received:

Received at association, 1964:

Ministers and Deacons-----	88.00	
Davis Chapel-----	15.00	
Pleasant Valley-----	10.00	
Sylacauga-----	20.00	
Union Hill-----	10.00	
Mt. Pleasant-----	15.00	
East Birmingham-----	25.00	
Fairview No. 1-----	15.00	
Graysville-----	10.00	
Fairview No. 2-----	10.00	
Dillworth-----	10.00	
Bethel-----	15.00	
Shady Grove-----	10.00	
Pilgrim Rest-----	10.00	
North Birmingham-----	103.01	
Mt. Olive-----	10.00	
Forestdale-----	15.00	
Belview-----	10.00	
Special offering for Missionary Molly Barker----	41.25	
Special offering for Childrens Home-----	120.40	
Total-----		\$1353.40

#### Paid Out:

Missionary Molly Barker-----	\$ 91.25	
Childrens Home-----	120.40	
Ledger for Treasurer-----	1.79	
Postage & Envelopes for Clerk & Treasurer-----	6.72	
Moderator-----	25.00	
Clerk-----	25.00	
Assistant Moderator-----	12.50	
Ala. State Association of F.W.B.-----	34.00	
Nelson - Johnson Printing Co.-----	119.60	
Bank Charge for printed checks-----	5.50	
Total Paid Out-----		\$ 441.76
Balance-----		\$911.64



# MINISTERS AND DEACONS

P - Present at Ministers & Deacons Conference

A - Absent at Ministers & Deacons conference

L - Reported by letter

## Ministers:

P - Ernest Walker	\$1.00	P - Allen Higginbotham	\$1.00
P - J.M. Dutton, Jr.	1.00	P - Lonnie Goodwin	1.00
A - R.H. Howard	Gold	A - Robert Parker	Gold
P - Elvie White	1.00	P - Marlin Hodgins	1.00
P - Troy Roberson	1.00	P - Eugene Howard	1.00
A - Monroe McCay		L - J.O. Drummonds	1.00
L - Curtis Sowell	1.00	P - Jack L. Rollins	1.00
L - W.H. Ryland	1.00	A - Roy Johnson	1.00
P - J.W. Marlow (Gold)	1.00	L - Dewey Colley	1.00
L - Austin Hodges	1.00	L - George LaShum	1.00
L - Jerome Goodwin	1.00	A - Howard Coshatt	
P - H.O. Walton	1.00	P - John A. Haisten	1.00
A - L.B. Hallmark		A - Jimmy Youngblood	1.00
A - Maxwell Harper	1.00	P - Nathan Davis	1.00
P - Earl E. Isbell	Gold	P - Robert Armstrong	1.00
A - Donald Grice		L - Floyd Barber	1.00
A - Harry Blanchard	1.00		

## Deacons:

A - Echols Pressley		L - Alvin Henegar	1.00
P - Buddy Harmon	1.00	P - Bill Howton	1.00
A - Robert Williams		A - Vernon Newton	1.00
P - Charlie Smith	Gold	P - Emmitt Lee	1.00
P - Ed Goodwin	1.00	P - Vernon Sollie	1.00
P - Frank Tomlinson	1.00	L - Johnie Parker	1.00
P - Robert Roberson	1.00	P - Amos Falkner	1.00
P - Billy Cummings	1.00	L - Roy Hodgins	1.00
A - H.T. Rogers		A - Charlie C. Stone	
A - Taylor Terry		P - Billy Britton	1.00
P - Voyd Howard	1.00	A - C.G. Jemison	1.00
P - Percy Hood	1.00	P - L.T. Howard	Gold
P - J.H. McCullough	Gold	A - Coy Crocker	Gold
L - V.R. Ewing	1.00	P - Calvin McCreless	1.00
L - E.O. Shelnut	1.00	P - James Beasley	1.00
P - James Harris	1.00	P - W.H. Powell	1.00
A - Vernon Evans		L - Carlyle McLain	1.00
L - Russell Kuykendall	1.00	L - Curtis Brake	1.00
L - Roy Kuykendall (Gold)	1.00	P - Cecil Hodgins	1.00
A - Cecil Kendrick		A - Glenn Kendrick	
P - H.A. McSpadden	1.00	P - Joe Kimbrough	1.00
P - Tennis Frederick	1.00	P - Artie Frederick	1.00
P - O.J. Alexander	1.00	P - Lecil Gardner	1.00
A - Cleve Allen	1.00	A - Bill Pickett	1.00

L - Frank Pickett	1.00	A - Tommy Pickett	1.00
A - Albert L. Pickett	1.00	A - Johnny Hugh Higgins	1.00
A - Joe Click	1.00	A - Jimmy Sanders	1.00
A - Robert Click	1.00	P - Walker Isbell	1.00
A - Clarence Pickett	1.00	P - Harold Duckett	1.00
P - Chester E. Isbell	1.00	P - Shelley Isabell	1.00
P - J.W. Isbell	1.00	P - Willie Kirkland	1.00
P - T.A. Armstrong	1.00	A - A.C. Harmon	
A - Robert Gray	1.00	P - Carl Woods	1.00
A - Fred Lawley	1.00	A - James Kitchens	1.00
A - Henry Pickett	1.00	P - Virgil Aycock	1.00
P - Mark Phillips	1.00	A - Tekle Gunter	1.00

## PASTORS AND CLERKS

Fairview No. 1	- Rev. Milton Dutton, 400 N. 25th St., Leeds, Ala. Ed Goodwin, Rte. 2, Box 158, Trussville, Ala.
Fairview No. 2	- Rev. Ernest Walker, Trussville, Ala. Edna Harmon, 3016 Eulaton Rd., Anniston, Ala.
Pilgrim Rest	- Rev. Joe Dawson, Vincent, Ala. Minnie Pickett, Rte. 1, Marvel, Ala.
Sylacauga	- Rev. Floyd C. Barber, Rte. 1, Box 260, Pell City, Ala. Katherine Isbell, 808 - 7th Place, Sylacauga, Ala.
Mt. Olive	- Rev. A.D. Lynn, Rte. 1, Sterrett, Ala. Chester E. Isbell, Rte. 1, Box 384, Leeds, Ala.
Shady Grove	- Rev. Nathan Davis, Adamsville, Ala. Mrs. Joe Click, Rte. 2, Adamsville, Ala.
Bethel	- Rev. Jimmy Youngblood Albert L. Pickett, Rte. 1, Marvel, Ala.
North B'ham	- Rev. John A. Haisten Mrs. James Harding, 4401 N. 40th Ct., B'ham, Ala.
Pleasant Valley	- Rev. Jerome Goodwin, Trussville, Ala. Mrs. Mary Shirley, Chelsea, Ala.
Graysville	- Rev. W.H. Ryland, 901 Ridge Place, B'ham, Ala. Mrs. Curtis L. Brake, 608 Osceola Cir., Fairfield, Ala.
Forestdale	- Rev. Jack L. Rollins, 920 Neehan Ave., B'ham, Ala. Mrs. Ruby Roper, 2040 Delene Dr., B'ham, Ala.
East B'ham	- Rev. J.O. Drummonds, 4428 10th Ave., N., B'ham, Ala. Pauline J. Parker, 1237 Forrest St., Tarrant, Ala.
Davis Chapel	- Rev. Eugene Howard, Rte. 1, Box 71, Sterrett, Ala. Mrs. Beatrice Howard, Rt. 1, Box 71 Sterrett, Ala.
Mt. Pleasant	- Rev. Maxwell Harper, Marvel, Ala. Mrs. Roy L. Hodgins, Rte. 1, Box 62, Sprott, Ala.
Belview	- Rev. Troy Roberson, 2128 4th Ave., Leeds, Ala. Mrs. Peggy Cumming, 2218 3rd Ave., Leeds, Ala.
Union Hill	- Rev. Marlin Hodgins, Rte. 1, Box 81, Chelsea, Ala. Sis. Mignon Howard, Vandiver, Ala., 35176
Dilworth	- No Michael Roberts, Rte. 2, Box 21, Dora, Ala.



# THE CAHABA RIVER ASSOCIATION WOMAN'S AUXILLARY CONVENTION

The 11th session of the Cahaba River Association Woman's Auxillary was held at Shady Grove Church, Adamsville, Alabama.

The program was opened with a roll call of churches.

Song: 'Glory To His Name.'

Prayer By: Mrs. Mary McSpadden

Devotional: By Mrs. Ruby Roper, Forrestdale Church. Scripture: Matthew. 28: 18-20.

Prayer By: Mrs. Bobbie Beasley.

Welcome Address: Mrs. Clarence Lamon

Prayer By: Mrs. Ann Handley

Response: Mrs. Mary McSpadden

President's message was given by Mrs. Jack Rollins. She urges us to put our best into the service.

Song: Auxillary Chorus: 'Co-Laborer,' led by Mrs. Betty Davis, Accompanied by Miss Jan Rollins.

President appointed Mrs. Ann Handley and Mrs. Jane Handley to read the letters.

The Delegates List revised.

Letters read and delegates seated.

We were reminded that the president's of local auxillaries are a standing delegate.

## Appointment OF COMMITTEES:

### Nomination Committee:

Mrs. Christine Johnson

Mrs. Cleve Allen

Mrs. A.L. Parker

Mrs. Louise Webb

Mrs. Bobbie Beasley

Mrs. Curtis Kuykendall

Mrs. Ann Handley

Mrs. Evelyn Henegar

### Business Committee:

Mrs. Ray Click

Mrs. Margaret Dutton

Mrs. Ruby Roper

### Auditing Committee:

Mrs. Velma Snider

Mrs. Essie Mae Johnson

Mrs. Mary ScSpadden

### Appreciation Committee:

Mrs. J.B. Fancher

Mrs. V.D. Sollie

Mrs. Curtis Brake

## Registration Committee:

Mrs. Moody

Mrs. W.H. Ryland

Song: 'Revive Us Again.'

Speaker North Birmingham Church, Mrs. Joe Kimbrough.

Song: 'I'll Be Satisfied.'

Forrestdale Children's Choir sang several missionary songs.

Play: Shady Grove Church: 'Chocolate Drop.'

Song: Special Music - Mrs. Jane Handley - Shady Grove Church.

Keynote Message By: Dr. Ruby Griffin, Medical Missionary Appointee to Ivory Coast, Africa. Dr. Griffin gave us several prayer items.

Scripture used: Acts 8:1. 'God uses ordinary people to do his will.'

Special Music: Forrestdale Children's Choir  
Songs used:

'I Don't Want To Be A Jonah'

'Untold Millions'

'To The East, To The West'

'John 3: 16'

Devotional period with testimonies given

Prayer By: Rev. J.M. Dutton, Jr. giving thanks for the lunch.

We were served a wonderful meal by the ladies of Shady Grove Church

Afternoon session opened with song: 'That's When You Need The Lord.'

Prayer by: Rev. J.M. Dutton, Jr.

Speaker: Mrs. Bobbie Beasley, Forrestdale Church.

Offering Taken

Prayer by: Rev. Nathan Davis

Speaker: Fairview No. 1: Omitted, Speaker suffering from Aphonia

Speaker: Fairview No. 2 Anniston: Mrs. Evelyn Henegar

Special Music: Mrs. Betty Davis: 'It Will Be Worth It All.'

Special Music: Forrestdale Children's Choir: 'Will You Be Ready.'

Play: Shady Grove Church: 'Too Late.'

Special Music: Miss Jan Hardisty: Shady Grove Church

Speaker: Mrs. W.H. Ryland: Graysville Church

Special Music: Mrs. Jane Handley: Shady Grove Church

## Business Session:

Treasurer's Report read and accepted as read

## Report of Committees:

## Registration Committee:

Forrestdale - 13

Graysville - 5

3 Ministers

Shady Grove - 18

2 Deacons

Fairview No. 1 - 10

North Birmingham - 5

Fairview No. 2 - 3

Leeds - 1



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Mrs. W.H. Ryland  
Mrs. Moody

Report accepted.

Auditing Committee:

We your Auditing Committee find the books in order and correct.

Mrs. Mary McSpadden  
Mrs. Velma Snider  
Mrs. A.L. Parker

Report accepted.

Appreciation Committee:

We wish to thank this church for the lovely lunch, the inspiring plays and the wonderful message by Dr. Ruby Griffin, God Bless you all.

Mrs. J.B. Fancher  
Mrs. V.D. Sollie  
Mrs. Curtis Brake

Report accepted.

Business Committee:

1. We, the business committee recommend that we take \$50.00 out of treasure to add to love fofering for Dr. Ruby Griffin's account Accepted.
2. We recommend that all auxillaries start a project for next convention, for a jeep or some other needed item. Each auxillary to give at least \$100.00, by next year, toward next project. Accepted.
3. We recommend that we pay the expense of people who carry auxillary shower to Nashville. Accepted.
4. We recommend that we give two banners: 1 for attendance 2 for best program. Accepted.
5. We recommend that we take \$10.00 out of treasure to put on new furnishings in the new W.N.A.C. office. Accpeted.

Mrs. Ruby Roper  
Mrs. Margaret Dutton  
Mrs. Ray Click

Our next auxillary convention day will meet with the Forrestdale Church and they will be responsible for program.

Nomination Committee:

President: Mrs. W.H. Ryland  
Vice-President: Mrs. Joe Kimbrough  
Youth Chairman: Mrs. A.L. Parker  
Study Coirse Chairman: Mrs. Bobbie Beasley  
Program-Prayer Chairman: Mrs. Evelyn Henegar  
Personal Service: Mrs. Betty Davis  
Sec. & Treas.: Mrs. Margaret Dutton

Report Accepted:

Mrs. Johnson  
Mrs. Webb  
Mrs. Beasley  
Mrs. Parker  
Mrs. Kuykendall  
Mrs. Ann Handley  
Mrs. Henegar  
Mrs. Allen

Program Committee 1966

Mrs. Bobbie Beasley  
Mrs. Ruby Roper  
Mrs. Mae Powell  
Mrs. Billie Rollins

Delegates To State Convention

Cahaba River: Mrs. Bobbie Beasley  
North Birmingham: Mrs. Mary McSpadden  
Leeds: Mrs. A.L. Parker  
Forrestdale: Mrs. Ruby Roper  
Fairview No. 1: Mrs. Jo Ann Burkett

Awards. Contact Subscriptions Sold: to Forrestdale with 15 subscriptions sold.

Attendance Banner: Fairview No. 1 with six women present.

Motion made that the banner be awarded with only auxillary members being counted. Accepted.

Motion made that we adjourn. Accepted.

Dismissed in prayer by: Mrs. W.H. Ryland.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

CHURCH	DUES	CONVENTION
Bethel	\$2.40	\$5.00
East Birmingham	5.40	5.00
Fairview No. 1	2.40	5.00
Fairview No. 2 Anniston	3.00	8.00
Forrestdale	1.50	5.00
Leeds-Auxillary \$3.00, YPA \$3.00	6.00	5.00
North Birmingham	3.30	5.00
Shady Grove	5.70	5.00
Graysville	2.70	5.00



Balance Brought Forward	\$55.35
Dues	32.40
Convention Expense	45.00
Special Offering	35.53
Interest Drawn	3.96
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$172.24</b>

<b>PAID OUT:</b>	
Missionary	\$85.53
W. N. A. C.	10.00
Minutes	10.00
State Dues	19.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$124.93</b>

Balance Brought Forward	\$172.24
Paid Out	124.93
Balance in Treasure	\$ 47.31

#### 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. The Assistant Moderator shall be paid the sum of \$12.50 Annually. All other expenditures not specified 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, 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 Hodgins	1	67	10	1	1	0	2800	562.33	480.00
Troy Roberson	1	156	3	1	1	1	1000	640.00	700.00
Jack Rollins	1	112	11	1	1		5600	1560.00	650.00
Nathan Davis	1	179	4	8	11	3	21500	2600.00	1800.00
Dewey Colley	1	50			1		500	125.00	200.00
Curtis Sewell									
J. M. Dutton	1	120	13	1	2		13500	1470.00	700.00
Jerome Goodwin	1	103	0	1	1		8500	2130.00	785.00
Floyd C. Barber	1	85	2	3	2	1	5000	1510.00	1250.00
J. W. Marlow*	0	24	0	6	1		1000	79.00	75.00
H. O. Walton	0	45	3	2	1	2	1000		
H. E. White		15	0	0					
Austin Hodges		17				1			
W. H. Ryland	1	122	5	6	6		3400	1350.50	204.00
John A. Haisten	1	136	17	1	1	3	21500	3000.00	400.00
Eugene Howard	1	175	11	3		8	12000	512.75	500.00
Lonnie Goodwin		26							
Allen Higginbotham	0	39			3	2	250	11.59	15.00
J. O. Drummonds	1	101	3	2	1		16780	5170.71	669.43
George LaShum	0	26	2	2	2				
Roy R. Johnson	1	90	9	2	3			2340.00	2340.00