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The 89th Session of the Cahaba River Association of Free Will Baptists to meet on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1967. Meeting place to be announced at a later date.

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 29th, 1966 7:30 P. M.
Youth Night

Service opened with song and prayer. Skit by North Birmingham Church. Songs by children, 'If you'r Saved and You know it Say Amen' and 'Deep and Wide.' Flanelgraph story by Sis. Annette Tomlinson. Scripture Psalms 16:8 and Matthew 16:35. Song 'I'm In a New World.' Prayer by Rev. J. W. Marlow. Credential Committee appointed by moderator: Rev. W. H. Ryland, Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr. and Bro. Albert Pickett. Song, 'Amazing Grace.' Benediction by Rev. Jack Rollins.

Friday, September 30th, 1966 9:00 A.M.

Service opened by congregational singing and prayer by Rev. J. D. Wales. Scripture reading: Psalms First Chapter by moderator. Alter prayer led by Rev. J. W. Marlow. Welcome by Bro. Ellis. Response by Rev. Roy Johnson. Song 'Living By Faith.' Conference called to order by clerk. Partial report of Credential Committee given on 15 churches. Report received. Letters read by Sis. Billie Rollins and Sis. Jerome Goodwin. Final report of Credential Committee on letter from Sylacauga and Shady Grove received late accepted and letters read. Motion passed to receive letters as read and seat delegates. Visitors recognized. Bro. Carlton Lambert and Bro. Roger Reeds. Prayer by Bro. Dutton. Recess.

10:10 A. M. Service reopened with song, 'I Have Somebody With Me.' Committees appointed by Moderator. Devotional service led by Rev. J. D. Wales. Scripture, Psalms 32:1. Testimony

service. Members of congregation given opportunity to testify. Songs by congregation. Special by Rev. Carlton Lambert. Special by Trio from Forestdale.

11:00 A. M. Message by Rev. Carlton Lambert, Superintendent of Free Will Baptist Childrens' Home, Eldridge, Ala. Is it more important that a mother work in order to have the added material things of life or should she be with her children letting them know that they have someone who cares, to carry their problems to and putting the Kingdom of God first? Scripture Luke 10: 38-42. Martha was unseasonably concerned about the things of this life. 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.' Matthew 4-4b. What profiteth it a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God. Song 'If Jesus Goes With Me' Benediction and Blessing of table by Rev. Jack Rollins.

12:00 Noon, Lunch

1:00 P. M. Service opened by congregational singing and prayer by Rev. Jerome Goodwin. Scripture reading, St. John 14: 1-4 by moderator. Altar prayer led by P. A. Nichols. Letter read from North Birmingham church expressing thanks for donations and help with food expense. Announcement that flowers arrangement at conference were provided for by the following

... Mr. Ford, Assistant Vice President, Birmingham Trust National Bank; Joe Alloa, Photographer; U. S. Pipe Shopping Center; and Buddy Sparks Hardware. Motion passed that clerk send card

of appreciation to the above. Congregational singing led by Rev. Jack Counts. Testimony service led by Rev. Ernest Walker.

Auditing Committee report given and accepted. Deceased Committee report given and accepted. Congregation stood in memory of deceased.

(see committee reports) Congregational singing. Temperance Committee report given and accepted. (see committee reports) Family Devotion Committee appointed by moderator. Congregational song led by Rev. John Haisten. Motion to adjourn until

tonight. Benediction by Bro. Reeds.

Friday, September 30th, 1966 7:00 P. M.

Ministers and Deacons Conference

Service opened with congregational singing led by Bro. W. A. Hodges. Specials by Forestdale Trio. Visitors (Rev. E. B. Ledlow and Rev. George Parker) recognized by moderator, Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr. Scripture reading (Psalm 133), and prayer by assistant moderator, Rev. John Haisten. Conference called to order by clerk. Minutes of last conference read and accepted. Roll call of ministers and deacons by clerk. Opportunity given for new members to conference. The following were accepted by the conference: Rev. J. D. Wales, Rev. James Pickett, Rev. John C. Baxley, Rev. Larry Johnson. Deacon Denis Feltman, Rev. Jimmy Youngblood, Rev. Amon Edge, Rev. J. J. Staab, Deacon Garland Bratton, Rev. Jack Counts, Rev. Edward McCrory, Rev. Jeff Beasley and Rev. A. J. Looper. Song led by Bro. W. A. Hodges while hand of fellowship given to new members. Move and second passed to also receive Deacon Ken Marsh into conference. Congregation stood in moment of silent meditation of memory to Rev. Richmond Howard and prayer by Rev. J. W. Marlow. Talk by Rev. Jack Rollins concerning raising money for filter plant at Childrens' Home. Offering and pledges taken for this purpose. Motion passed to obtain same officers for next year (Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr., moderator and Rev. John Haisten, Assistant moderator).

8:25 P.M. Message by Rev. A. J. Lambert. Scripture: St. John 6:48-57 followed by communion and foot washing service. Money received for filter plant at Childrens' Home amounted to \$212.78 and pledges amounted to \$525.00. Benediction by Rev. J. J. Staab.

Saturday, October 1, 1966 9:00 A.M.

Service opened by congregational singing. Scripture reading by moderator Isaiah 53:6 and I Peter 2:24. Altar prayer led by Rev. E. B. Ledlow. Visitor (Rev. E. B. Ledlow) recognized. Report of Sunday School and C. T. S. Committee given and accepted. Report of Family Devotion Committee given and accepted.

(See committee reports). Report of Executive Committee: Appointed a building committee and found a place for the association to meet this year. Report on work at Montgomery by Rev. E. B. Ledlow. They have building started and 56 members. Rev. Ledlow will leave the work at Montgomery next June. They are selling bonds to finance the Church. Song: 'Just A Little Talk With Jesus'. Report of Registration Committee: 186 adults registered. 15 minute recess. 10:00 A. M. Service reopened by congregational singing. Devotion service led by Rev. Jerome Goodwin. Scripture reading: Isaiah 55:1-3. Congregation given opportunity to testify. Announcement by Rev. W. H. Ryland, Chairman of Business Committee that Bro. Roger Reeds, General Director of the Sunday School Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and Editor of the Sunday School literature, was here all day yesterday. The Business Committee met with him and Bro. Reeds told them that he had no intention of hurting anyone and that he was real sorry and apologies for the article, 'As Different as Black and White', which appeared in the Young Adult quarterly for Oct. Nov. Dec., 1966 and that he appreciates a group that will come to him with such matters as this. He promised that anything else like this will not be in the literature. Report of Business Committee given and received and each item voted on separately. (See committee reports).

Report of Youth Camp Committee: Men from churches have cleared off ground for road and building site. We have road graded and slagged and placed cleared off for building, by Shelby County Road Commission. Have well drilled, concrete form poured and enough block to build well house. Bought pump and tank. Need jet, plastic pipe and wiring, \$60.00. Have trench dug for building foundation. Need \$15.00 for meter. Need switch box for electric circuit. \$15.00 for digging foundation trench paid for by donations from following: John Haisten \$1.00. Douglas Wales \$1.00, Lecil Gardner \$1.00, Tennis Fredrick \$1.00, J. T.

Kimbrough \$1.00, Eugene Howard \$.30, E. O. Shelnut \$1.00,
H. A. McSpadden \$8.70

Standing of Ministry Report given and accepted
Motion passed that in the future Ministers and Deacons
either report in person or by letter to Ministers and
Deacons Conference to get certificate of standing.
Right hand of fellowship given to delegates of Center
Point Church. Message by Rev. Eugene Howard. Scripture
II Timothy 2:12m Acts 16:23-29, II Timothy 4:1-6 & 7-8.
Blessing of food and benediction by Rev. W. H. Ryland.

Lunch

Saturday, October 1, 1966, 1:00 P. M.

Congregational singing. Motion that moderator appoint
Trustees for Youth Camp accepted and the following Trustees were
appointed by moderator:

Belview: Bro. Robert Roberson, 2201 2nd Ave. N., Leeds, Ala.
Davis Chapel: Voyd Howard, Rt. 1, Box 69, Sterrett, Ala.
East B' Ham: E. O. Shelnut, 913 48th St. N., Birmingham, Ala.
Mt. Pleasant: Roy Hodgins, Route 1, Sprott, Alabama
Union Hill: Sidney Partridge, Route 1, Sterrett, Alabama
Graysville: Roy Kuykendall, Graysville, Alabama
North B' Ham: Joe Kimbrough, 4525 73rd St. N., Birmingham, Ala.
Mt. Olive: Harold Duckett, Route 1, Leeds, Alabama
Sylacauga: J. W. Isbell, Swan Trailer Ct., Alexander City, Ala.
Fairview 1: Bro. Ed Goodwin, Route 2, Trussville, Alabama
Center Point: Dennis Feltman, 608 Robinson Dr., Birmingham, Ala.
Forestdale: James Beasley, 2409 Cross Bow Dr., Birmingham 14, Ala.
Pilgrim: Henry Pickett, Route 1, Marvel, Alabama
Fairview 2: Bill Howton, Route 7, Oxford, Alabama
Bethel: Albert Pickett, Route 1, Marvel, Alabama
Pleasant Valley: Cecil Hodgins
Shady Grove: Edsol Hardisty, Route 2, Adamsville, Alabama

Motion to accept these men passed. Motion passed that
moderator appoint delegates to State Association. Delegates
appointed were:

Belview:	Sis. Polly Roberson
Davis Chapel:	Sis. Beatrice Howard
East B' Ham:	Sis. Jeanette Wales
Mt. Pleasant:	Sis. Phoebe Hodgins
Union Hill:	Sis. Linda Hodgins
Graysville:	Sis. W. H. Ryland
North B' Ham:	Sis. John Haisten
Mt. Olive:	Sis. Dovie Edge
Sylacauga:	Sis. Sue Looper
Fairview 1:	Bro. Henry McLaughlin
Center Point:	Sis. Rosa Feltman
Forestdale:	Sis. Billie Rollins
Pilgrim:	Sis. Minnie Pickett
Fairview 2:	Sis. Ernest Walker
Bethel:	Sis. Albert Pickett
Pleasant Valley:	Sis. Nellie Hodgins
Shady Grove:	Sis. Mavern Pickett
Annual Assoc:	Sis. Jerome Goodwin

Motion passed to accept these delegates. Election of

officers: New officers are:

Moderator	Rev. Eugene Howard
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Ernest Walker
Clerk	P. A. Nichols
Assistant Clerk	Sis. Billie Rollins
Treasurer	P. A. Nichols
Executive Board	Rev. James Pickett, 1 Year Chairman
	Rev. Jerome Goodwin, 2 Year
	Rev. J. D. Wales, 3 Year
Home Mission Board	Rev. Eugene Howard, 1 Year Chairman

Bro. Cecil Hodgens, 2 Year
Bro. Albert McSpadden, 3 Year

Ordaining Council report given and accepted. (See Committee Reports) Ordination Service. Charge given by Rev. Amon Edge. Scripture: II Timothy 2:15 Ordination prayer and laying on of hands at altar. Hand of fellowship given to ordained men and wives. Standing vote of thanks to host church. Motion passed to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. Jerome Goodwin.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(All of the following recommendations and reports were accepted by the association),

AUDITING COMMITTEE: We, the Auditing Committee find the Treasurer's report in order.

Mrs. Jack Rollins
Thelma Gardner
Mrs. Evelyn Henegar

DECEASED COMMITTEE: We, the Committee for Deceased Members wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the following churches: Bethel; Bro. Frank Pickett. Belview; Bro. & Sis. Reid Ramey. East Birmingham; Mrs. June Johnson. North Birmingham; Katie McSpadden. Union Hill; Bro. John Bramlett & R. H. Howard. Pilgrim; Fred Lawley. Sylacauga; Ralph McCain & Della Isbell. Mt. Pleasant; 2, no names.

Mrs. Gladys Reeves
Mrs. Mary Shirley
Mrs. Charlotte Graves

STANDING OF THE MINISTRY: We recommend that all ministers and deacons whom their church recommend receive a certificate of standing, also they who were left off by oversight.

Robert Armstrong, Chairman
Don Grice
Earl Isbell

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C. T. S. COMMITTEE: We, the Sunday School and C. T. S. Committee feel that the teachers should have a love for God's word, love for teaching and a desire to win people to Christ. They should be humble, filled with the Spirit and study to shew themselves approved unto God, a workman, worthy, that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Students also have an obligation to study God's word and to search the scriptures. Let us pray for the success of our Sunday School and C. T. S.; for the future of our church lies in these classes today.

Bro. J. D. Wales
Bro. Jack Rollins
Bro. Roy Kuykendall
Bro. Ray Graves
Bro. Henry McLaughlin

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: The fruits of the spirit, love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Take the Bible way. I Corinthians 9:25. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we are incorruptible.

Bro. G. L. Ellis
Chester E. Isbell
Rev. A. J. Looper

FAMILY DEVOTION: Every home should have a Family Altar in it. Prov. 22:6 - Train up a child in the way it should go and when he is old he will not depart. In these days there is no time to let up. Pray without ceasing.

Mrs. Ed Goodwin
Mrs. Minnie Pickett
Mrs. W. H. Powell

ORDAINING COUNCIL: We, your Ordaining Council recommend the following candidates for license and ordination. For license; Danny Parker from Union Hill church. To be ordained to preach; A. D. Lynn from Mt. Olive church and Amos Ragsdale from Fairview 1 Church. To be ordained as Deacons; Edsol Hardisty from Shady Grove Church and Earl Thompson from Fairview 1 Church.

J. W. Marlow
Amon Edge

Albert L. Pickett

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE: We, your Credential Committee have examined the following letters and find them in order (with correction made on Sylacauga letter of amount paid annual association): Pleasant Valley; Forestdale; East Birmingham; Center Point; Davis Chapel; Fairview, Rte. 2, Trussville; Belview, Leeds; Mt. Pleasant, Sprott; Pilgrim; Union Hill; Fairview, Anniston; Graysville; Bethel; North Birmingham; Mt. Olive; Shady Grove; Sylacauga.

W. H. Ryland
J. M. Dutton
Albert Pickett

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

1. We recommend that this Association elect a board of Trustees for the Youth Camp, one from each church.
2. Recommend we empower the Board of Trustees to borrow \$6,000.00 for the building of an auditorium on the Youth Camp site.
3. Each church in this association pay the minimum sum of \$10.00 per month for this camp site.
4. Trustees elected work in corporation with the Building Committee.
5. Each church send workers to work at the Youth Camp on Saturdays.

6. This Association write Probate Judge, Conrad Fowler a letter of thanks for grading road and place to build on camp site.
7. We recommend the money be taken from the Treasure to pay for the foundation of Youth Camp Auditorium. (Approximately \$200.00)
8. Pay Clerk \$75.00 for his duties. Change Constitution next year.
9. Pay Center Point church \$50.00 from Association Treasure.
10. Pay A. J. Lambert \$20.00 for his expense.
11. Pay \$400.00 on Filter Plant for Childrens' Home and each Pastor make a special drive at his church.
12. Each Church send \$10.00 for food one month in advance of the Association
13. Article 10 in the Constitution be stressed to each church to send 25% of tithe to Association.
14. Chairman of Building Committee render a bill to the Association Treasurer for his expenses.
15. We recommend that the youth service on Thursday night be dropped and the Associational work begin on Thursday night and Message in order to finish the associational work by noon Saturday.

Bro. W. H. Ryland
Bro. J. M. Dutton
Bro. Eugene Howard
Bro. Ed Goodwin
Bro. H. A. McSpadden

HOME MISSION TREASURE REPORT

Balance brought forward ----- \$2217.23

Received:

First F. W. B. Church of Birmingham-----\$25.82
Cahaba River 1st District Qrtly. Conference--=22.00
Total Received-----\$47.82 47.82
Total brought forward and received-----\$2265.05

Paid Out:

Davis Chapel F. W. B. Church (reimbursement for surveying of youth camp property)-----\$178.00
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Davis (property for youth camp)-----2000.00
Guaranteed Title Insurance for Youth Camp property-----65.00
Ala. F. W. B. Home Mission Board-----2.39
Home Missions Board of National Association

of Free Will Baptists-----2.39
Total Paid Out-----\$2247.78 \$2247.78
Balance in Treasury-----17.27

ASSOCIATION TREASURE REPORT

Balance brought forward-----\$911.64

Received:

Received at conference ... 1965

Ministers and Deacons-----	\$ 85.00	
Davis Chapel-----	15.00	
Mount Pleasant-----	15.00	
Belview-----	10.00	
Union Hill-----	10.00	
Fairview No. 1 (Trussville)-----	20.00	
Fairview No. 2 (Anniston)-----	10.00	
Forestdale-----	42.74	
Graysville-----	20.00	
Pleasant Valley-----	10.00	
First F.W.B. Church of Birmingham-----	121.32	
East Birmingham-----	25.00	
Bethel-----	10.00	
Pilgrim Rest-----	10.00	
Shady Grove-----	10.00	
Sylacauga-----	20.00	
Dillworth-----	10.00	
Mount Olive-----	10.00	
Cahaba River Woman's Auxiliary Convention-----	10.00	
Davis Chapel F.W.B. Church (designated for youth camp)-----	117.18	
Pleasant Valley F.W.B. Church (designated for youth camp)-----	100.00	
First F.W.B. Church of Birmingham (designated for youth camp)-----	100.00	
Fairview F.W.B. Church No. 1 (designated for youth camp)-----	100.00	
Total Received-----	\$881.24	\$881.24
Total brought forward and received-----		\$1792.88

Paid Out:

Rev. Carlton Lambert (expenses to attend association)-----\$ 50.00
Free Will Baptist Childrens' Home-----250.00
Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr. (Moderator)-----25.00
Bro. Ed Goodwin (Assistant Moderator)-----12.50
P. A. Nichols (Clerk)-----25.00
Postage and Envelopes for Clerk & Treasurer---6.89

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Ala. State Association of F.W.B.-----	85.00	
Rev. E. B. Ledlow-----	50.00	
Nelson-Johnson Printing Co. (for printing minutes of 1965 session)-----	126.60	
Mr. W. H. Bland (for digging well at youth camp)-----	200.00	
Mr. H. A. McSpadden (to pay for rope & bucket & pump for well at youth camp)-----	81.27	
Total Paid Out-----	\$912.26	\$ 912.26
Balance in Treasury-----		\$ 880.62

(\$135.91 of above balance is designated for youth camp)

P. A. Nichols, Treasurer

MINISTERS AND DEACONS

P - Present at Ministers & Deacons Conference
A - Absent at Ministers & Deacons Conference
L - Reported by Letter

Ministers:

P - Lonnie Goodwin	\$1.00	P - J. M. Dutton	\$1.00
P - Amos Ragsdale	1.00	L - Eugene Howard	1.00
A - Monroe McCay	1.00	P - J. J. Staab	1.00
P - Ernest Walker	1.00	L - Allen Higginbotham	1.00
P - J. D. Wales	1.00	A - Curtis Sewell	
P - Jack Rollins	1.00	P - Jeff Beasley	1.00
A - Robert Parker	Gold	A - Elvie White	1.00
P - Marlin Hodgins	1.00	P - Edward McCrory	1.00
L - Roy Johnson	1.00	L - Dewey Colley	1.00
P - Larry Johnson	1.00	P - J. W. Marlow (Gold)	1.00
P - W. H. Ryland	1.00	P - M. D. Harper	1.00
P - Jimmy Youngblood	1.00	P - John Haisten	1.00
P - Wm. A. Hodges	1.00	A - L. B. Hallmark	
P - H. O. Walden	1.00	P - George LaShaum	1.00
P - John C. Baxley	1.00	P - Robert Armstrong	1.00
P - Don Grice	1.00	A - Floyd C. Barber	
P - A. J. Looper	1.00	P - Jerome Goodwin	1.00
A - Howard Cashatt		L - Earl E. Isbell (Gold)	1.00
P - Amon Edge	1.00	P - A. D. Lynn	1.00
P - James Pickett	1.00		

Deacons:

P - Robert Roberson	\$1.00	L - Amos Falkner	\$1.00
P - Ed Goodwin	1.00	P - Vernon Sollie	1.00
A - Charlie Smith	Gold	A - Vernon Newton	1.00
P - Frank Tomlinson	1.00	A - Emmet Lee	1.00
P - Billy Britton	1.00	A - Voyd Howard	1.00
P - C. G. Jemison	1.00	P - Garland Bratton	1.00
P - Dennis Feltman	1.00	L - Alvin M. Henegar	1.00
L - Bill Howton	1.00	A - Buddy Harmon	
A - Echols Pressley	1.00	A - Robert Williams	
A - Coy Crocker	Gold	A - V. R. Ewing	1.00
P - Lonnie T. Howard (Gold)	1.00	P - J. H. McCullough	Gold
L - Calvin McCreless	1.00	L - E. O. Shelnut	1.00
P - R. P. Hood	1.00	P - Charles Boothe	1.00
P - James Harris	1.00	P - James Beasley	1.00
P - Charles Evans	1.00	P - T. V. Evans	1.00
P - W. H. Powell	1.00	A - Roy L. Hodgins	
A - H. T. Rogers	Gold	A - Charlie C. Stone	Gold
A - James Kitchens	1.00	A - Henry Pickett	1.00
A - Bill Pickett	1.00	L - Johnnie Parker	1.00

L - R. J. Hodgins	1.00	A - Carlyle McLain	1.00
A - Roy Kuykendall	Gold	A - Russell Kuykendall	1.00
A - Melvin NeSmith	1.00	A - Ronald Spruell	1.00
A - Curtis Brake	1.00	P - Cleve Allen	1.00
A - Tommy Pickett	1.00	P - Albert Pickett	1.00
L - Albert McSpadden	1.00	P - Joe Kimbrough	1.00
P - Tennis Fredrick	1.00	P - Lecil Gardner	1.00
P - Opal Alexander	1.00	P - Ken Marsh	1.00
L - Artie Fredrick	1.00	L - J. W. Isbell	1.00
P - W. J. Kirkland	1.00	A - A. L. Harmon	
L - Shelley Isabell	1.00	L - T. A. Armstrong	1.00
P - Carl Wood	1.00	A - Cecil Kendrick	
A - Cecil Hodgins	1.00	A - Glenn Kendrick	
P - Harold Duckett	1.00	P - Chester E. Isbell	1.00
A - Joe Click	1.00	A - Jimmy Sanders	1.00
A - Johnny Higgins	1.00	A - Robert Click	1.00
A - Clarence Pickett	1.00	Edsol Hardisty	1.00
P - Walker Isbell	1.00		

PASTORS AND CLERKS

Forestdale- Rev. Jack Rollins, 920 Meehan Ave, B'ham, Ala. 35214
Mrs. Jack Rollins, 920 Meehan Ave, B'ham, Ala. 35214

Fairview 2- Rev. Ernest Walker, Rt. 2, Box 147, Trussville, Ala.
Edna Harmon, 3332 Truman St, Blue Mountain, Ala. 36201

Pilgrim - None
Minnie Pickett Route 1, Marvel, Ala.

East B'ham- Rev. J. D. Wales, 4428 10th Ave. N, Birmingham, Ala.
Pauline J. Parker, 1237 Forrest St., Tarrant, Ala.

Mt. Olive - Rev. A. D. Lynn, Route 1, Sterrett, Ala.
Chester E. Isbell, Rt. 1, Leeds, Ala.

Bethel - Not called
Albert L. Pickett, Rt. 1, Box 62, Marvel, Alabama

Center Point-Rev. J. J. Staab, 2314 N.33 Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
Mrs. Rosa Feltman, 608 Robison Dr., Birmingham, Ala.

Belview - Rev. Jerome Goodwin, Trussville, Ala.
Mrs. Polly Roberson, 2nd Ave. N., Leeds, Alabama

Shady Grove-Rev. James Pickett, Route 2, Adamsville, Alabama
Mrs. Joe Click, Route 2, Adamsville, Alabama

Mt. Pleasant-Rev. M. D. Harper, Route 1, Montevallo, Alabama
Mrs. Roy L. Hodgins, Rt. 1, Box 62, Sprott, Ala. 36779

Graysville- Rev. W. H. Ryland, 901 Ridge Pl., Birmingham, Alabama
Mrs. Curtis Brake, 608 Osceola Circle Fairfield, Ala.

Fairview 1- Rev. J. M. Dutton, 400 N. 25th St., Leeds, Alabama
Bro. Ed Goodwin, Route 2, Trussville, Alabama

First F.W.B.-Rev. John Haisten, 2224 34th Ave. N, Birmingham, Ala.
(North B'ham) Annie Mae Robbins, Rt. 2, Box 611C, Pinson, Alabama

First F.W.B.-Rev. A. L. Looper, 54 Twin St., Sylcauga, Alabama
(Sylcauga) Sis. Katherine Isbell, 809 Magnolia Dr., Sylcauga, Ala

Davis Chapel-Rev. Eugene Howard, Rt. 1, Box 71, Sterrett, Ala.
Mrs. Beatrice Howard, Rt. 1, Box 71, Sterrett, Ala.

Union Hill - Rev. Charles E. McCrory, Rt. 1, Box 136, Munford, Ala.
Mrs. Mignon Howard, Vandiver, Ala. 35176

Pleasant Valley-Rev. Donald Grice, Rt. 1, Chelsea, Ala. 35043
Mrs. Mary Shirley Rt. 1, Box 82, Chelsea, Ala. 35043

THE CAHABA RIVER SSSOCIATION WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The 12th session Woman's Auxiliary Convention was held at Forestdale Church. The session was opened with a song, 'Praise Him,' led by Sister Webb. Prayer by: Bro. John Haisten. Devotional: Sister Beasley, reading some Scripture from Matthew 27. Song: 'Christ for the Whole Wide World', led by Sister Robbins. Welcome address was given by Sister Billie Rollins. Response by Sister Keefer. The President's message by Sister Ryland. She gave a wonderful message on Missions.

A motion was made that all Auxiliary members be delegates and have a right to vote by Sister Rollins and it was carried.

The President appointed Sister Betty Davis and Sister Fredrick to read the letters. The letters were read and received and the delegates seated.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Nomination Committee:	Appreciation Committee:
Sister Ray Click	Sister Florence Lee
Sister Dorothy Goodwin	Sister Thelma Gardner
Sister Gladys Reese	Sister Betty Fredrick
Business Committee:	
Sister Betty Davis	Program Committee:
Sister Mary McSpadden	Sister Ellis
Sister Bobbie Beasley	Sister Branon
Auditing Committee:	Sister Fredrick
Sister Louise Webb	Sister Russell
Sister Margie Garrett	Sister Robbins
Sister Jessie Keefer	Sister Tomlinson

Roll Call of Churches:

Fairview No. 1
Fairview No. 2
Forestdale
Graysville
North Birmingham
Shady Grove

North Birmingham won the Attendance Banner.

Song service led by Sister Billie Rollins.

Speaker: Sister Click 'Mobilizing to get the job done through Preaching.'

Speaker: Sister Robbins 'Mobilizing to get the job done through Teaching and Literature.'

Speaker: Sister Dan Merkh (missionary to France) 'Mobilizing to get the job done through Medicine and Radio.'

Specials: Sister Betty Davis and Sister Dan Merkh

Song Service led by Sister Robbins.

Keynote Message: Rev. Dan Merkh, our missionary to France.

Prayer by: Bro. James Beasley giving thanks for lunch. We were served a wonderful meal by the ladies of the Forestdale Church.

Afternoon session opened with song: 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus' led by Bro. J. M. Dutton, Jr.

Play: 'Let Susie Do It' presented by the Forestdale Church.

Song: 'Be a light for Jesus'

Speaker: A representative from National Child Evangelism, Mrs. Jackie Thomas.

Workshop: President and Vice-President--Sister Betty Davis
Personal Service Chairman and Treasurer--Sister Annette Tomlinson

Business Session:

Report of Committees:

Nominating Committee:

We, your nominating committee submit the following:

President...Sister Annette Tomlinson

Vice-President...Sister James Beasley

Sec-Treas....Sister Margaret Dutton

Youth Chairman...Sister Joe Kimbrough

Study Course Chairman .Sister Betty Davis

Program Prayer Chairman...Sister Billie Rollins

Sister Dorthy Goodwin, Chairman

Sister Reeves

Sister Robert Click

A motion was made to accept report and vote on each one separately, and it was carried.

Business Committee:

1. We your Business Committee recommend that we give \$15.00 to Sister Jackie Thomas that spoke on Child Evangelism. Accepted.

2. We recommend to give our Project money to Rev. Dan Merkh. Accepted.

3. We recommend that each Auxiliary make a special effort to help furnish a room of its needs for the Children Home. (Contact Bro. Lambert to find out the room you would like to sponsor.) Accepted.

4. We recommend that we raise \$100.00 or as much as possible for Foreign Missions as our project next year. Accepted.

Sister Betty Davis

Sister H. A. McSpadden

Sister James Beasley

Auditing Committee

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

Sister Louise Webb

Sister Margie Garrett

Sister Jessie Keefer

Appreciation Committee:

We, your Appreciation Committee, wish to thank the church for the good lunch and the good fellowship with everyone. We all enjoyed the inspiring message by Rev. Dan Merkh and the play 'Let Susie Do It.' May God Bless each one.

Sister Florence Lee
Sister Betty Jo Fredrick
Sister Thelma Gardner

Delegates appointed to the State Convention:

Fairview 1	Sister Webb
Shady Grove	Sister Davis
North B'ham	Sister Kimbrough
Forestdale	Sister Rollins
Graysville	Sister Reeves
Cahaba River	Sister McSpadden

Song: Led by Sister Betty Davis

We would like to thank the Forestdale Church again for the wonderful meal and good fellowship.

A motion to adjourn.

Dismissed by Sister Betty Davis

TREASURE REPORT

Balance Brought Forward	47.31
Total cash received	<u>729.09</u>
	776.40
PAID OUT	
Bro. Dan Merkh (Missionary to France)	625.39
Sister Jackie Thomas (Child Evangelism)	15.00
State Dues	13.80
Minutes	10.00
Montgomery Land Project	<u>50.00</u>
	714.19
Cash on Hand	776.40
Paid Out	<u>714.19</u>
Balance	62.21

BY-LAWS OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS

Conference of Cahaba River Association

- (1) The Clerk or Assistant Clerk, or the Senior Minister in years, may call the meeting to order and shall have charge until Moderator assumes his place.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the Clerk to enroll all Ministers present who are in good standing. If there are questionable characters they shall be referred to an appointed Credential Committee for advice but not for trial. They may be seated if found worthy, if not they are referred to their church.
- (3) Each meeting shall be opened with scripture reading and prayer.
- (4) By a two-thirds vote any decision of the moderator may be overruled.
- (5) This meeting shall sit with open doors unless it goes into a committee as a whole.
- (6) Any person, not a member of the body shall be allowed to take part in discussion, with Moderator's permission, but shall have no vote.
- (7) All members of the body are expected to be present throughout the session unless excused by Moderator.
- (8) No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one officer or committeeman if his nomination is elected.
- (9) The Moderator must not allow any discussion to be carried on in an unchristian spirit.
- (10) The person who desires to speak, must first rise and address the Moderator and when recognized shall proceed.
- (11) The votes on any question must be counted upon request of one-fifth of members present.
- (12) No member shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes, nor twice on the same subject unless given permission by Moderator.
- (13) All Ministers belonging to this body are required to support all committees and boards elected or appointed by Association, (such as Home Mission Board, Building Committee, etc.).
- (14) This body ordains no one until he has carried license for one year and proved himself worthy of Ordination.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by Faith in Christ, and adopting the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves one another by the Will of God in the solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things. To avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men".

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship, and by self-denial, faith and good works, endeavor to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, public worship, and the observances of the Ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church and of its poor, and all it's benevolent work.

We agree to accept christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the spirit" in the bond of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring and, as far as we are able, promote the success of the Church of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold christian principles sacred and christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom may come and his will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of education and denominational enterprises, the evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world. And may the God of Peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless until the coming of Our Lord Jesus.

CONSTITUTION

Article I—The Association shall be known as The Cahaba River Association of The Free Will Baptist.

Article II—The Association shall be composed of Ministers, Deacons, and Delegates of different churches forming the same.

Article III—All Ministers and Churches wishing to become members of this body must willingly submit to the Articles of Constitution and all rules of same.

Article IV—Each church composing this Association shall be entitled to three(3) delegates of the first 100 members and one (1) for each additional fifty (50) or fraction thereof.

Article V—All church clerks shall mail church letters to the Association clerk not later than one week in advance of the first day of the beginning of the Association.

Article VI—The Officers of the Association shall be composed of Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer. They shall be elected by body each year, at the end of each session. The Treasurer shall serve for a term of two (2) years. He shall handle all money of the Association and shall be bonded.

Article VII—Credential Committee shall be appointed on Thursday Night at the beginning of Association, and receive church letters and shall be ready to report on letters at 9:00 a.m. Friday, stating if letters are certified and give list of delegates from said church.

Article VIII—All appointed committees shall be appointed at each session and shall serve during session. At end of session their responsibility shall cease.

Article IX—This Association shall meet on Thursday Night before the first Sunday in October of each year.

Article X—Each church shall pay tithes of their income thus: 25 per cent of tithes to Children's Home, 25 per cent of tithes to Annual Association, 25 per cent of tithes to Home Mission, 15 per cent of tithes to Foreign Mission, 10 per cent of tithes to Superannuation.

Article XI—Each Minister and Deacon belonging to the body shall pay an annual fee of \$1.00

Article XII—The Clerk shall be paid the sum of \$25.00 annually. The Moderator shall be paid the sum of \$25.00 annually. 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, etemal 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 yeild obedience to this requirement become the Children of God by Faith.

Chapter XI—Regeneration

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

Chapter XII—Justification and Sanctification

1. Justification. Personal justification implies that the person justified has been guilty before God, and in consideration of the atonement of Christ, accepted by faith, the sinner is pardoned and absolved from the guilt of sin and restored to the divine favor. Christ's atonement is the foundation of the sinner's redemption, yet, without repentance and faith, it can never give him justification and peace with God.
2. Sanctification is the beginning of God's Grace by which the christian man constantly grows in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Chapter XIII—Perseverance of the Saints

There are strong grounds to hope that the truly regenerate will persevere 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 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	Baptised	Funerals	Marriages	Revivals	Miles Traveled	Offerings	Expense
Allen Higginbotham		39	0	0	2	0	300	22.00	27.50
Marlin S. Hodgens	1	54	0	1	0	0	2560	319.19	82.60
J. J. Looper	1	88	5	2	1	0	14500	1850.00	1500.00
Wm. A. Hodges		25	0	0	1	1	500	65.00	25.00
John C. Baxley	0	60	0	0	2	0	2200	40.00	60.00
Ray Johnson	0	8			2			60.00	
Eugene Howard	1	115	3	4	0	3	1000	675.00	200.00
Jack L. Rollins	1	104	8	0	1	1	5400	1660.00	710.00
Jimmy Youngblood	1	130	3	2	2	10			
L. O. Walden	0	35	0	1	1	1			
Harry Johnson	Assist.	15	0	0	0	0	150	360.00	40.00
Jerome Goodwin	1	104	2			1	8500	2150.00	900.00
J. M. Dutton, Jr.	1	128	6	1	0	4	2500	1560.00	800.00
George LaShum		27		1	1	Helped			
Ernest Walker	1	130	0	1	3	1	14500	1560.00	1400.00
J. J. Staab	1	104	4			1	6000	1050.00	650.00
L. H. Ryland	1	126	16	2	1	3	1300	1900.00	300.00
Donnie M. Goodwin	1	44	0	0	0	0	2000	250.00	150.00
L. W. Marlow*	0	28	0	4	3	0	500	150.00	50.00
John A. Haisten	1	156	8	3	3	3	24000	4200.00	4200.00