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The 90th Session of the Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association to meet at the Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Youth Camp on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1968.

## 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 Acknowledgements.
5. Report of the treasure.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business.
8. Report of all committees.
9. Motion to adjourn.

## PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, September 28th, 1967 - 7:00 P.M.

Service opened with congregational singing, 'Are you Washed in the Blood.' Prayer by Bro. Allen Higginbotham. More congregational singing. Talk or welcome by Moderator. Devotional lead by Rev. Larry Johnson with testimonies from the congregation. Song and handshake by congregation.

8:00 P.M. - Talk on Youth Camp and book he has written and also message by Rev. W. H. Ryland. Scripture, St. John 5:39, I John 3:24, I Timothy 1:15, Romans 5:1, Hebrews 2:3, and Acts 4:12. Invitation to come to Jesus given.

Conference called to order by Clerk. Credential Committee appointed by Moderator: Ed Goodwin - Chairman, E. O. Shelnut, and Voyd Howard. Visitors from other associations recognized and announcements. Benediction by Rev. A. D. Lynn.

Friday, September 29th, 1967 - 9:00 A.M.

Service opened with congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Marlow. Scripture reading by Assistant Moderator, St. John 14:1-4. Altar prayer. Welcome by Sis. Billie Rollins. Congregational singing. Report of Credential Committee. (accepted) Visitors recognized. Letters read by Sis. H. A. McSpadden and Sis. Margie Isbell. Letters accepted and delegates seated. Devotional Committee appointed: Sis. Parker, Sis. Imogene Walker, and Sis. Goodwin. Recess.

10:45 A.M. Special 'Where Could I go but to the Lord' by Mr. & Mrs. Gene Coffman. Devotion Committee report given and accepted. Rev. Jimmie Sims selected for devotion and Rev. A. J. Looper selected for preaching. Business Committee and Ordaining

Council appointed. Congregational singing. Devotional by Rev. Jimmie Sims. Scripture, Psalms 133:1-2. Special 'A Millionaire with Jesus' by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coffman.

Message by Rev. A. J. Looper. Scripture, Psalms 78:41 and also part of 13th Chapter of Numbers. Dismissed for lunch with prayer by Bro. Armstrong.

Friday September 29th, 1:00 P.M.

Service opened after lunch with congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Ryland. Scripture reading, Psalms 1st Chapter, by Moderator. Appointment of committees. Partial report of Business Committee. (Business Committee recommended that Mt. Zion church be received and delegates seated by this body. This was accepted by conference.) Delegates of Mt. Zion Church given hand of fellowship while congregation sings 'Amazing Grace' Special by Rev. J. D. Wales, 'Family Bible.' Letter of appreciation for filter plant at Childrens' Home read. Congregational singing. Devotional by Rev. M. D. Harper. Report of Temperance Committee given and accepted.

Auditing Committee report given and accepted. (See Committee Reports) Oral report on Youth Rallies given and accepted as information. Deceased Committee report given and accepted.

Talk by Rev. M. D. Harper on public education and lack of religious teachings in our public schools. Atheism taught in our textbooks. Atheists had religion took out of education. We need to stand up and have Atheism took out. Don't force Free Will Baptist or salvation on anyone, but give them the freedom to accept it. Talk by Rev. J. W. Marlow: Put Bible reading and prayer back in schools. We are heading toward one world government. Congregation had moment of silence for deceased. Talk by Paul Nichols concerning the National Council of Churches. The Sunday School literature on the Adult Level published by the Sunday School Dept. of the National Association of Free Will Baptists is still based on the International Sunday School Lesson outlines, which are owned and controlled by the National Council of Churches. The Sunday School literature below the Adult level has already been changed to our Free Will Baptist Curriculum and is not now based on the International Sunday School lesson outlines. The Sunday School Dept. has been planning a change on the Adult level, to our own curriculum for several years now. It seems that the Sunday School Dept. should have had time to make this change by now and we need to encourage them to make this change now and let them know that we are opposed to paying the National Council of Churches for these outlines. Bro. Looper speaks in favor of Sunday School Department.

Report of Sunday School and C.T.S. Committee. (The following report was made by this Committee) We, the Sunday School and C.T.S. Committee feel that our teachers should be spirit filled and members of the Free-will Baptist as far as possible - We ask that this association advise its churches to discontinue the Adult Sunday School Material as long as its lessons are

based on the International Sunday School Lesson, because of its affiliations with the National Council of Churches and if adopted to forward this request to the State Association asking them to adopt the same, and to notify the Freewill Baptist Publishing House of this adoption. We encourage the teachers to catch a vision of the fields that are white all ready for harvest, praying without ceasing, looking to Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of our faith. Henry McLaughlin, Gene Coffman, Amon Edge, E. O. Shellnut, Jimmy Sims. (After discussion by the conference, there was a motion and second which was passed by the conference to table the motion and second to accept this report. This report will not be printed under Committee Reports, but a latter report by the Sunday School and C.T.S. Committee which was accepted by the conference will be printed there.)

Partial report of Business Committee. (The following recommendation by the Business Committee was not accepted by the Association. See Committee Reports for recommendations that were accepted by the Association.) Recommend that the Association pay all expenses out of the General Fund for the Youth Camp and each church try to double their contributions which would amount to \$20.00 per month. (defeated) The following report of the Executive Committee (oral) was accepted as information. They were called to Leeds Church. The Pastor had 2 living wives. They recommended that the church dismiss the Pastor and elect another. This was done. Adjourn until Friday night session

Friday, September 29th, 1967, 7:00 P.M.

#### Ministers and Deacons Conference

Song service. Prayer by Rev. James Pickett. Scripture reading by Moderator in 6th chapter of Ephesians. Altar prayer by Ministers and Deacons. Congregational singing. Conference called to order by clerk. Visitor recognized (Rev. A. J. Lambert from Progressive Association). Minutes of last meeting read and accepted. Congregation stood for a moment of meditation in memory of Rev. Jeff Beasley and prayer by Rev. Maxwell Harper. Opportunity for new members given. Rev. A. D. Lynn accepted. Rev. A. D. Lynn given hand of fellowship. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Kylan and offering received for Childrens Home. Offering amounted to \$105.82.

Message by Rev. A. J. Lambert. Scripture, Psalms 133 - 'Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity ...' Also II Timothy 2:15, 16, & 19.

Letter of resignation from Rev. George Lashum read and accepted. Election of officers: Those elected were Moderator - Rev. Jerome Goodwin, Assistant Moderator - Rev. J. D. Wales. Motion to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. J. W. Marlow.

Saturday, September 30th, 1967, 9:00 A.M.

Congregational singing led by Rev. John Counts, Pianist, Sis. Billie Rollins. Scripture reading by Assistant Moderator, II Corinthians 4:3-5. Altar prayer led by Rev. Jack Rollins. Business Committee report given and accepted. Devotional Committee report: For devotional Rev. C. E. McCrory; for preaching, Rev. Jimmy Youngblood. Family Devotion Committee report given and accepted. (See Committee Reports) Standing of the Ministry report given and accepted. There seemed to be some difference of opinions concerning the regulations of the association as to who

were to receive certificates of standing and who should not. A motion was passed that a Committee be appointed to straighten out this situation or the regulations. Those appointed to this Committee were Rev. J. J. Staab, Chairman; Rev. Johnny Baxley and Rev. Maxwell Harper. Recess.

11:35 A. M. Congregational singing. Devotion by Rev. C. E. McCrory. Scripture, St. Matthew 7:7 and 21:22. Testimony service. Message by Rev. Jimmy Youngblood. Scripture, St. Luke 17:26-30, Ezekiel 16:48-49, I Corinthians 4:7, Daniel 4:30-32, Jude 14:15 and 6:7, Genesis 13:10 and 6:1-3. Invitation given. Dismissed for lunch by Rev. J.M. Dutton, Jr.

Saturday, September 30th, 1967, 1:00 P.M.

Service opened with Congregational singing. Scripture, II Timothy 3:1-5 by Moderator. Prayer by Rev. Ed Ledlow. Report of the 'Committee to straighten out Regulations as to who should get Certificates of Standing' given and accepted. (See Committee Reports) There was much discussion as to who would receive certificates of standing and a question as to who would receive certificates of standing. The Clerk tells the association that he is not going to send certificates of standing to the Ministers and Deacons of the churches that did not request certificates of standing for their Ministers and Deacons, if the Association wants him to do differently, to tell him. (The Association did not instruct the Clerk to do otherwise). (The above announcement by the Clerk was based on the Standing of the Ministry Report, which was accepted by the Association, and the discussion which had took place. The discussion brought out that last year a man from one church received a certificate of standing, altho his name was left off the Church Letter on purpose and the Church did not intend to request a certificate of standing for him.) Report of Sunday School and C.T.S. Committee given and accepted. Report of the Ordaining Council given. The following recommendation was made by the Ordaining Council, but was not accepted by the Association: We examined Bro. Clarence Goodwin and recommend that he be given a certificate of standing. (defeated) (See Committee reports for recommendations that were accepted by the Association.)

Election of Officers. New officers are:

Moderator .....	Rev. A. J. Looper
Assistant Moderator .....	Bro. Albert Pickett
Clerk .....	P. A. Nichols
Assistant Clerk .....	Sis. Marie Goodwin
Executive Board .....	Rev. Jerome Goodwin, 1 Yr. Chairman
	Rev. J. D. Wales, 2 Years
	Rev. Jimmy Youngblood, 3 Years
Home Mission Board ...	Bro. Cecil Hodgins, 1 Yr. Chairman
	Bro. Albert McSpadden, 2 Years
	Rev. Donald Grice, 3 Years

Delegates to State Association appointed:

Belview:.....	Sis. Polly Roberson
Davis Chapel:.....	Sis. Eugene Howard

East Birmingham:.....Sis. Jeanette Wales  
 Mt. Pleasant:.....Bro. Mason Johnson  
 Union Hill:.....Sis. Bettie Joe Parker  
 Graysville:.....Sis. Verla Ryland  
 First Church (North B'ham)....Sis. H. A. McSpadden  
 Mt. Olive:.....Sis. Dovie Edge  
 First Church (Sylacauga):.....Sis. A. J. Looper  
 Fairview No. 1:.....Sis. Jo Ann Burkett  
 Center Point:.....Sis. Rosa Feltman  
 Forestdale:.....Sis. Billie Rollins  
 Pilgrim:.....Sis. Minnie Pickett  
 Fairview No. 2:.....Sis. Ernest Walker  
 Bethel:.....Sis. Jack Counts  
 Pleasant Valley:.....Sis. Shirley Grice  
 Shady Grove:.....Sis. James Pickett  
 Mt. Zion:.....Sis. Elsie Hardwick  
 Annual Association.....P. A. Nichols

Bro. Paul Hardwick selected as Trustee for Youth Camp from Mt. Zion Church. The following were appointed to make arrangements for the revival at the Youth Camp: Sis. Billie Rollins, Bro. E. O. Shelnut, and Sis. Marie Goodwin. An offering of \$39.05 was received for the Youth Camp. Report and prayer requests for missionaries by Rev. E. B. Ledlow. The Montgomery Church has 62 members. Motion to accept Bro. E. B. Ledlow's report as information.

Ordination Service: Bro. Roland Rutledge ordained to preach the Gospel. Bro. Chester Wydeman, Bro. Marshall Alexander, Bro. Royce Grissom, Bro. Ernest Markham, and Bro. Robert Howard ordained as Deacons. Bro. Robert Robertson and Bro. Danny Parker licensed to preach the Gospel. Sis. Velma Henegar commissioned for missionary work. Charge given by Rev. James Pickett. Scripture in Acts 6 and Timothy. Altar prayer by ordained men. Hand of fellowship given to newly ordained men and their wives. Dismissed with prayer.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

AUDITING COMMITTEE: We, your Auditing Committee, find the treasure report correct and in order.  
 Verla Ryland  
 Sylvania Click  
 Annie Ruth Shaw

DECEASED COMMITTEE: Our deepest sympathy to the loved ones of the deceased: Union Hill - Bro. Sam Parker, Forrestdale - Rev. Jeff Beasley, Graysville - Sis. Mary Rollins, Shady Grove - Bros. Leo Handley and Clarence Stafford, Mt. Zion - Bro. Donald Davenport, Dillsworth - Bro. Irken Gunter and Sis. Marie Phillip,

East B'ham - Bro. Calvin McCreless, Sylacauga - Bro. Dewey Brewer.

Deceased Committee: Mrs. Mary Shirley  
 Mrs. Margie Isbell  
 Mrs. H. A. McSpadden

STANDING OF THE MINISTRY: We recommend that all ministers and deacons whom their church requested a certificate of standing for them, be given a certificate of standing.

Rev. James Pickett  
 Rev. Maxwell Harper  
 Bro. Voyd Howard

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C.T.S. COMMITTEE: We, the Sunday School and C.T.S. Committee feel that our teachers should be Spirit filled and members of the Freewill Baptist as far as possible. We encourage the teachers to catch a vision of the fields that are white all ready for harvest, praying without ceasing, looking to Jesus Christ, the Author and finisher of our faith.

Wm. Henry McLaughlin  
 Amon Edge  
 E. O. Shelnut

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: The temperance committee recommends the following scripture: Romans 12:1-2 and Romans 13:12-14.

Bro. J. W. Isbell  
 Bro. J. M. Dutton, Sr.  
 Sis. Ruth Strickland

FAMILY DEVOTION: A Strong church is made up of strong homes. In order for our children to have a firm belief in God we need to set the example for them in our daily lives especially in our homes and not just at church. Modern times still require old fashion Christianity. We recommend each home have a special time for devotion, religious discussion and especially a family altar. Deut: 6:7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and when thou risest up.

Sis. Jimmie Duckett  
 Sis. Bettie Jo Parker  
 Mrs. Jack Rollins

ORDAINING COUNCIL: We, your Ordaining Council, recommend the following candidates for ordination as follows: Bro. Roland Rutledge to Preach the gospel. Bro. Chester Wydeman, Bro. Marshall Alexander, Bro. Royce Grissom, Bro. Earnest Markham and Bro. Robert Howard to be Deacons. We recommend for license, Bro. Robert Robertson and Danny Parker to preach the Gospel.

We recommend that Sis. Velma Henegar be commissioned to do Missionary Work. (See proceedings for other recommendation which was not accepted by Association).

Bro. A. J. Looper  
 Bro. W. H. Ryland  
 Bro. J. D. Wales

COMMITTEE TO STRAIGHTEN OUT REGULATIONS AS TO WHO SHOULD GET CERTIFICATES OF STANDING:

We recommend that article XI of the constitution be changed to read as follows: Each Minister, Deacon and Elected Church delegate shall pay annual fee of \$1.00 for the support of the Association.

- (1) All Ministers be given a certificate of standing for one year. The church of which he is a member in good standing making request for same.
- (2) Deacons be issued a certificate of standing for one year by the church which is a member of the Cahaba River Association, signed by Church Moderator and Clerk.

M. D. Harper  
J. C. Baxley  
J. J. Staab

(Note: The above constitutional changes are not now in effect and will not go into effect until voted on again by the Association and passed in accordance with Article XIII of the constitution.)

#### BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

1. We recommend that Mt. Zion Church be received and delegates seated by this body.
2. Recommend that Mrs. McCreles be given a Gold Certificate in honor of her husband, Mr. Calvin McCreles, who was to receive same this year.
3. Recommend a two weeks fellowship revival here at the camp, last two weeks of Oct. with the exception of Sunday and Sunday Night services and a committee of three be appointed or elected for the arrangements of these services by this body.
4. Recommend that the Second District, 'if they so desire' combine and make one District and meet at the Youth Camp. (Note: A motion was passed to table this recommendation until next session after Second District has discussed it.)
5. Recommend that Bro. C. O. Goodman be referred to the Ordaining Council.
6. Recommend a Life Time Certificate in the ministry for Bro. Amon Edge.
7. Recommend Sis. Velma Henegar be referred to the Ordaining Council.
8. Recommend that the Home Mission Board Contact Bro. J. W. Isbell and see about the possibility of organizing a church in Alexander City, Ala.
9. We recommend all candidates for ordination be referred to the Ordaining Council.
10. Recommend Bro. Robert Williams be given a Gold Certificate as a Deacon.
11. Recommend that this association pay the present indebtedness on Youth Camp and hold up on future buildings until this indebtedness is paid.
12. Recommend that the Churches that can do so, pay \$20.00 per month toward youth camp.
13. Recommend that the next Association meet at the Youth Camp.
14. Recommend that we receive an offering today for the Youth Camp.
15. Recommend that we pay Bro. Lambert \$20.00 toward his expenses for coming and speaking.

W. H. Ryland, Chairman  
J. M. Dutton, Jr., Sec.

Other members of business committee were H.A. McSpadden, Ed Goodwin, and A. D. Lynn

#### ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS

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

#### Ministers:

P - C. E. McCrory	\$1.00	A - Robert Parker	(Gold)
A - Elvie White		P - Danny Parker	(licensed)
P - Eugene Howard	1.00	A - Monroe McCay	\$1.00
P - J. J. Staab	1.00	A - Howard Cashatt	1.00
P - Lonnie Goodwin	1.00	P - Jerome Goodwin	1.00
P - Robert Roberson	(lic'nd)	P - Jack Rollins	1.00
P - Larry Johnson	1.00	P - L. B. Hallmark	1.00
P - Ernest Walker	1.00	P - Allen Higgenbotham	1.00
P - C. O. Goodwin	1.00	P - J. D. Wales	1.00
A - Ronnie Edwards	(lic'nd)	A - Glenn Allen Hood	(lic'nd)
P - W. H. Ryland	1.00	P - J. W. Marlow	1.00
A - Dewey Colley	1.00	A - Roy Johnson	1.00
A - Frank Stewart	(lic'nd)	P - A. J. Looper	1.00
P - Johnnie Baxley	1.00	L - Robert Armstrong	1.00
P - A. D. Lynn	1.00	L - Earl E. Isbell	1.00
P - Amon Edge	(Gold)	P - John Counts	1.00
P - Maxwell Harper	1.00	A - C. R. Morgan	
P - J. M. Dutton	1.00	P - Amos Ragsdale	1.00
A - Harry H. Blanchard	1.00	P - James Pickett	1.00
P - Roland Rutledge	1.00	L - Jimmy Sims	1.00
P - Jimmy Youngblood	1.00	L - John Haisten	1.00
P - Donald Grice	1.00	L - Austin Hodges	1.00
A - H. O. Walden			

#### Deacons:

A - Johnny Parker	\$1.00	A - R. J. Hodgens	
A - Earnest Minor		P - Billie Britton	\$1.00
P - Voyd Howard	1.00	P - C. G. Jemison	1.00
P - Chester Wydemon	1.00	P - Marshal Alexander	1.00
P - Joe Kimbrough	1.00	A - Dennis Feltman	1.00
A - Amos Falkner	1.00	P - James Beasley	1.00
P - James Harris	1.00	A - W. H. Powell	
P - C. B. Boothe	1.00	A - T. V. Evans	
A - C. T. Evans		L - Alvin Henegar	1.00
A - Robert Williams	(Gold)	P - Bill Howton	1.00
P - Echols Presley	1.00	A - J. W. Wise	1.00
P - Percy Hood	1.00	P - Lonnie Howard	(Gold) 1.00
P - E. O. Shelnut	1.00	P - J. H. McCullough	(Gold)
A - Robert Howard		P - Royce Grissom	
P - Garland Bratton	1.00	A - Ernest Markham	
A - Roy Hodges		A - H. T. Rogers	
A - Taylor Terry		A - C. C. Stone	
A - Melvin NeSmith	1.00	A - John Terry Rollins	1.00
A - Russell Kuykendall	1.00	A - Curtis Brake	1.00

A - Roy Kuykendall	(Gold)	P - J. W. Isabell	1.00
P - Shelley Isbell	1.00	P - Willie Kirkland	1.00
L - A. L. Harmon	1.00	P - T. A. Armstrong	1.00
P - Carl Wood	1.00	P - Harold Duckett	1.00
P - Chester Isbell	1.00	A - Tommy Pickett	1.00
A - Cleve Allen	1.00	A - Albert L. Pickett	1.00
P - Virgil Aycock	1.00	L - Eucl Beersdorf	1.00
L - Vernon Newton	1.00	P - Earl Thompson	1.00
A - Charlie Smith		P - Frank Tomlinson	1.00
P - Emmitt Lee	1.00	P - Vernon Sollie	1.00
P - Ed Goodwin	1.00	A - Johnny H. Higgins	1.00
A - Robert Click	1.00	P - Clarence Pickett	1.00
A - Edsol Hardisty	1.00	A - Jimmy Sanders	1.00
A - Joe Click	1.00	P - Henry Pickett	1.00
A - Bill Pickett	1.00	A - James Kitchens	1.00
A - James Tyce		A - Paul Hardwick	1.00
A - K. W. Smith		A - Grady Hollis	
A - Cecil Kendrick		P - Cecil Hodgins	1.00
A - Glenn Kendrick	1.00	P - Albert McSpadden	1.00
P - Tennis Frederick	1.00	P - Lecil Gardner	1.00
A - Opal Alexander	1.00	A - Ken Marsh	
L - Artie Frederick	1.00		

#### PASTORS AND CLERKS

Belview - Rev. Lonnie Goodwin, 110 Rowan Rd.  
Leeds, Ala. 35094  
Mrs. Polly Roberson, 2nd Ave. N.  
Leeds, Ala. 35094

Bethel - Rev. John Counts, 412 Kim Drive,  
Birmingham, Ala.  
Albert Pickett, Rt. 1, Box 62,  
Marvel, Ala. 35113

Center Point - Rev. J. J. Staab, 2314 N. 33rd Ave.  
Birmingham, Ala.  
Mrs. Rosa Feltman, 608 Robison Dr.  
Birmingham, Ala. 35215

Davis Chapel - Rev. Eugene Howard, Rt. 1, Box 71,  
Sterrett, Ala. 35147  
Sis. Beatrice Howard Rt. 1, Box 71,  
Sterrett, Ala.

Dilworth - Rev. C. R. Morgan, Sumiton, Ala.  
Lorene McNiese

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

Fairview 1 - Rev. J. M. Dutton, 400 N. 25th St.  
Leeds, Ala. 35094  
Ed Goodwin, Rt. 2, Trussville, Ala.

Fairview 2 - Rev. Ernest Walker, Rt. 2, Box 147C,  
Trussville, Ala. 35173  
Edna Harmon, 3332 Truman St. Blue Mountain, Ala.

Forestdale - Rev. Jack Rollins, 920 Meehan Ave. B'ham, Ala.  
Mrs. James Beasley, 2409 Crossbow Dr.  
B'ham, Ala. 35214

Graysville - Rev. W. H. Ryland, 901 Ridge Pl.  
B'ham, Ala.  
Mrs. Curtis Brake, 608 Osceola Cir.  
Fairfield, Ala. 35064

Mt. Olive - Rev. Jimmy Youngblood, 102 Robt. E. Lee St.  
Leeds, Ala.

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

Mt. Zion - Rev. John A. Haisten, 406 N. 26th St.  
Pell City, Ala. 35125  
Bro. Paul Hardwick, Pell City, Ala.

North B'ham - Rev. Austin Hodges, 229 20th St. S.W.  
B'ham, Ala.

First F.W.B. - Annie Mae Robbins, Rt. 2, Box 611C,  
Pinson, Ala. 35126

Pilgrim - Not called.  
Minnie Pickett, Rt. 1, Marvel, Ala.

Pleasant V'ly - Rev. Donald Grice, Rt. 1, Box 81B,  
Chelsea, Ala. 35043  
Mrs. Mary Shirley, Rt. 1, Box 82,  
Chelsea, Ala.

Shady Grove - Rev. James Pickett, Rt. 2,  
Adamsville, Ala. 35005  
Mrs. Joe Click, Rt. 2, Adamsville, Ala.

Sylacauga - Rev. A. J. Looper, 53 Twin St.,  
Sylacauga, Ala. 35150

First F.W.B. - Katherine Isbell, 809 Magnolia Dr.  
Sylacauga, Ala. 35150

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

#### REPORT OF TREASURER

##### HOME MISSION FUND

Balance brought forward	-----	\$17.27
Received:		
Cahaba River First District Qtly. Conf.	\$24.00	
Fairview Free Will Baptist Church No. 1	15.00	
First F.W.B. Church of Bham (for		
Center Point Church	-----	30.51
Total Received	-----	\$69.51-69.51
Total brought forward and received	-----	\$86.78
Paid Out:		
Center Point Free Will Baptist Church	30.51	
Ala. State Home Mission Board	-----	1.95
National Home Mission Board	-----	1.95
Total paid out	-----	\$34.41-34.41
Balance Sept. 16, 1967	-----	\$52.37

##### GENERAL FUND

Balance brought forward	-----	\$744.71
Received:		
Special offering for filter plant at		
Childrens' Home	-----	\$212.78

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Belview Free Will Baptist Church-----	10.00	
Fairview Free Will Baptist Church No. 1	15.00	
Davis Chapel Free Will Baptist Church-	58.05	
East Bham Free Will Baptist Church----	25.00	
Forestdale Free Will Baptist Church-- 1	15.20	
Mt. Pleasant Free Will Baptist Church-	15.00	
Pilgrim Free Will Baptist Church-----	20.00	
Henry Pickett (Pilgrim Church)-----	20.00	
Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church----	10.00	
Fairview Free Will Baptist Church No. 2	10.00	
Graysville Free Will Baptist Church----	10.00	
Bethel Free Will Baptist Church-----	15.00	
First Free Will Baptist Church of Bham	138.97	
Pleasant Valley Free Will Baptist Church	10.00	
Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church-----	10.00	
Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church----	10.00	
First Free Will Baptist Church of		
Sylacauga-----	20.00	
Ministers and Deacons-----	96.00	
Cahaba River Woman's Aux. Convention----	10.00	
Total Received-----	\$831.00	<u>\$831.00</u>
Total brought forward and received-----		\$1575.71
Paid out:		
Rev. John Haisten (Asst. Moderator)---	\$12.50	
F.W.B. Childrens Home (to apply on		
filter plant)-----	612.78	
P. A. Nichols (Clerk)-----	75.00	
Rev. A. J. Lambert (expenses to 1966		
conference)-----	20.00	
Center Point Free Will Baptist Church--	50.00	
Envelopes and Postage-----	9.67	
Rev. Ernest Walker (Moderator)-----	25.00	
Ala. State Assoc. of F.W.B.-----	85.00	
Transferred to Youth Camp Fund to pay		
for foundation for building-----	200.00	
H. A. McSpadden-(expenses)-----	39.60	
Nelson-Johnson Printing Co. (1966 mins)	126.60	
Mrs. Jerome Goodwin (expenses to att-		
end State Assoc)-----	15.00	
Bank charges-----	4.94	
Total Paid Out-----	\$1276.09	<u>\$1276.09</u>
Balance Sept. 16, 1967-----		\$299.62

#### YOUTH CAMP FUND

Balance brought forward-----	\$135.91	
Received:		
Fairview Free Will Bapt. Church No. 1	\$610.00	
Fairview Free Will Bapt. Church No. 2	250.00	
Pilgrim Free Will Bapt. Church-----	40.00	
Henry Pickett (Pilgrim Church)-----	20.00	
Cahaba River Annual Assoc. General Fund	200.00	
Forestdale Free Will Baptist Church----	327.09	
First Free Will Bapt. Church of		
Sylacauga-----	110.00	
Graysville Free Will Baptist Church----	338.10	
Davis Chapel Free Will Baptist Church	121.17	
Belview Free Will Baptist Church-----	110.00	
Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church--	70.00	
Special Collections-----	160.57	
Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church----	190.93	
Youth Rally of Cahaba River Assoc.----	55.50	
First Free Will Bapt. Church of Bham----	210.80	
Second District Quarterly Conference--	50.00	
Mt. Pleasant Free Will Baptist Church-	100.00	
Mr. & Mrs. H. A. McSpadden-----	103.46	

Center Point Free Will Baptist Church-	40.00	
East Bham Free Will Baptist Church----	120.00	
First District Quarterly Conference----	83.86	
Royce Grissom-----	25.00	
Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church----	40.00	
Total Received-----	\$3376.48	<u>\$3376.48</u>
Total brought forward and received-----		\$3512.39
Paid Out:		
Electric Meter Deposit:-----	\$15.00	
Material for pump-----	60.00	
Builders Supply Co.-----	2605.95	
Rev. W. H. Ryland (reimbursement for		
money spent for material for Youth		
Camp)-----	118.48	
Leon Dispenett (labor for laying blocks)	392.00	
Electric work and Mis. material-----	89.66	
Mr. H. A. McSpadden (reimbursement for		
money spent for gasoline & material)	123.28	
Coosa Valley Electric Co-operative, Inc.	5.00	
Postage Stamps-----	1.00	
Nelson Supply Co. (glass)-----	27.85	
Total Paid Out-----	\$3438.22	<u>\$3438.22</u>
Balance Sept. 16, 1967-----		\$74.17

P. A. Nichols, Treasurer

#### The Cahaba River Association Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The 13th session Woman's Auxiliary Convention was held at the North Birmingham Church. The session was opened with a song led by Sister Robbins. Prayer by Sister McSpadden. Song by Sister Robbins. Welcome address by Sister McSpadden. Response by Sister Rollins. President's message by Sister Annette Tomlinson. Using for her scripture Phil. 3:10. She gave a wonderful talk on our Auxiliary and how we should give of our best to the job we have been appointed.

The President appointed Sister Marie Goodwin and Sister Jo Ann Burkett to read the letters. The delegates were asked to stand. A motion was made that we receive the letters and seat the delegates. Second by Sister Lee. A motion was made that all the ladies have a right to vote and it was carried.

Song by the Forestdale Trio, 'Nearer to Thee'.

The roll call of the churches for the banner. Forestdale winning the banner. The banner was presented to Sister Willoughby by Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr.

Recognition of the Center Point Auxiliary.

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

#### Appointment of Committees:

Business:	Sister Billie Rollins	Nominating:
	Sister Jo Ann Burkett	Sister Florence Lee
	Sister McSpadden	Sister Essie Johnson
		Sister Peggy Cummings

Auditing:	Sister Marie Goodwin	Appreciation:
	Sister J.J. Staab	Sister W. H. Ryland
	Sister Powell	Sister Roper
	Sister V. Rollins	Sister Dot Goodwin

#### Registration:

Sister Robbins  
Sister Carla Hardin  
Sister Rita Russell  
Sister Willoughby

#### Program:

Sister A. Tomlinson  
Sister M. Dutton  
Sister Jo Ann Burkett  
Sister Charlotte Graves  
Sister James Pickett,  
standing member

Devotional given by Sister James Pickett. A wonderful message was brought to us on the importance of the Woman's Auxiliary. A challenge was given to us that we be labors for God and win the lost to Him. An altar prayer of dedication was given. Dedicating ourselves to God. Song led by Sister Robbins 'Give of your best.'

Forestdale Trio: 'Jesus is First With Me.' and 'Unworthy'.

Sister Annette Tomlinson introduced our guest speaker, Miss Mary Ellen Rice, our missionary to Brazil. 'God's Call of Missions,' using for her scripture John 3:16, Matthew 28:20 and Phil. 3:10. Prayer. A wonderful message was enjoyed by everyone.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. A. J. Looper, Pastor of Sylacauga Church.

Afternoon session began with song service and prayer by Bro. Gardner.

The host church presented a play 'The Old Rugged Cross' which was very inspirational and was enjoyed very much by everyone.

Song 'Oh, What a Saviour'.

A poem 'The Story of Christ' presented by Sister Fredrich. Song 'I Surrender All'. Thank the host church for the wonderful program.

#### Report of the Committee:

##### Registration Committee:

Visitors 39; Delegates 13; Ministers 2;

A total of 54.

Sister Robbins      Sister Russell  
Sister Hardin      Sister Willoughby

A motion and second to receive. Carried.

##### Appreciation Committee:

We, your appreciation committee, wish to thank the North Birmingham Church for opening their door to this convention for the warm welcome and bountiful lunch served. Everyone seemed to enjoy the message by Sister Rice.

Sister Click      Sister Roper  
Sister Goodwin      Sister Ryland

Moved and second to accept. Carried.

##### Auditing Committee:

We, your auditing committee, have examined the books and found them in order.

Sister Marie Goodwin      Sister Rollins  
Sister Powell      Sister Staab

Moved and second to accept. Carried.

#### Nominating Committee:

We, the nominating committee, wish to submit the following for officers next year.

President	Sister James Pickett
Vice President	Sister Marie Goodwin
Secretary & Treas	Sister Annette Tomlinson
Youth Chairman	Sister Billie Rollins
Study Course	
Chairman	Sister Bobbie Beasley
Program Prayer	
Chairman	Sister Sue Looper

Sister Florence Lee, Sister Peggy Cummings  
Sister Essie Mae Johnson

A move and second to accept. Carried.

#### Business Committee:

1. We, your Business Committee, recommend dues advanced from 30 cents to \$1.25 per member. We recommend treasurer to take out 25 cents per member instead of usual 20 cents to go to State to make up difference in dues and in 1968 each Auxiliary member pay \$1.25 per member. A motion to vote on one at a time. Carried.

2. We recommend each Auxiliary to obtain a Standard Achievement Chart and try to make each one an A-1 Auxiliary. A motion and second. Carried.

3. Workshop be held in coming year for instructions of Auxiliary members. Motion and second to accept. Carried.

4. Project be the same. Each Auxiliary giving \$100.00 to missions or as much as possible. Motion and second. Carried.

5. Project money amounted to \$450.00. We recommend that we give \$225.00 to Sister Mary Ellen Rice's account. And \$225.00 to Bro. Dave Franks' account. Motion made and second. Carried.

6. We recommend that our next Annual Auxiliary Convention go to Fairview No. 1, Trussville, Ala. Motion and second. Carried.

Sister McSpadden      Sister Rollins  
Sister Burkett

A motion was made to give the President power to appoint delegates to the State Convention, a move and second was made and it was carried.

#### Delegates appointed.

Sister McSpadden	North Birmingham
Sister Pickett	Shady Grove
Sister Ryland	Graysville
Sister Roper	Forestdale
Sister Goodwin	Fairview No. 1
Sister Looper	Sylacauga
Sister Goodwin	Belview
Sister Parker	District Delegate

A motion was made that the District Convention buy gas for two cars to carry delegates to the State Meeting in Montgomery. Second and carried.

Installation of new officers. Title 'A Bouquet of Flowers', using our Auxiliary colors--purple and white. Sister Burkett gave the charge using Isaiah 35: 1-3. Dedication prayer was led by Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr.

A good day of fellowship was enjoyed by all. Dismissed by prayer.

A personal message from Sister Annette Tomlinson. The State Auxiliary Convention voted that each local Auxiliary take as a project buying some furniture for the Free Will Baptist Bible College. If one or five dollars is all that you can afford, please send that and keep up the total and report at our Annual Convention in April.

Also we did not send enough money to the State for the dues and we had to send another check for the amount of \$70.50. If your Auxiliary did not send the full amount of dues, would you please send an offering. Our treasure only has \$8.81.

Thank you.

#### Treasurer's Report

	Dues	Convention Expense
Fairview No. 2	\$ 3.00	\$ 5.00
Graysville	3.00	5.00
Centerpoint		5.00
Belview	2.70	5.00
Fairview No. 1	4.80	5.00
Shady Grove	4.80	5.00
North Birmingham	3.30	5.00
Forestdale	<u>3.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>
	\$24.60	\$40.00
Project Money:		
Graysville	\$100.00	
Fairview No. 1	100.00	
Shady Grove	100.00	
North Birmingham	50.00	
Forestdale	<u>100.00</u>	
	\$450.00	
Total Cash Received	514.60	
Bal. Brought Forward	<u>62.21</u>	
	\$576.81	

Paid Out: Mary Ellen Rice Account	\$225.00	
Dave Franks Account	225.00	
Dues	94.00	
Convention Expense	14.00	(Sis. Rollins & Sis. Tomlinson)
Minutes	<u>10.00</u>	
	\$568.00	
Total Cash	\$576.81	
Total Paid Out	<u>568.00</u>	
Bal. in Treasure	\$ 8.81	

#### 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

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 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 live for Christ, his faith and hope in Him and pledges to him perpetual fidelity.

It is the privilege and duty of all who have spiritual union with Christ to commemorate His death; and no man has a right to forbid these tokens to the least of His Disciples.

3. **Washing the Saints Feet.** This is a sacred Ordinance, which teaches humility, and reminds the believer of the necessity of a daily cleansing from all sin. It was instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ, and called an "example" on the night of His betrayal, and in connection with the institution of the Lord's Supper. It is the duty and happy prerogative of every believer to observe this sacred ordinance.

## Chapter XIX—Death

1. Death. As a result of sin, all mankind, is subject to the death of the body. The soul does not die with the body; but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery, according to the character here possessed.

## Chapter XX—Second Coming of Christ

The Lord Jesus, who ascended on high, and sits at the right hand of God, will come again, to close the Gospel Dispensation, Glorify His Saints, and judge the world.

## Chapter XXI—The Resurrection

The Scriptures teach the resurrection of the bodies of all men each in its own order; they have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil to the resurrection of damnation.

## Chapter XXII—The Final Judgement and Final Retribution

1. The Final Judgement. There will be a final judgement, when time and man's probation will close forever. Then all men will be judged according to their works.
2. Final Retribution. Immediately after the final judgement, the righteous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked will go into a state of endless punishment.

Gold Certificate* MINISTERS	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Baptized	Funerals	Marriages	Revivals	Miles Traveled	Offerings	Expense
Larry R. Johnson	0	10	0	0	1	Helped 0	? 2000	? 150.00	? 100.00
J. W. Marlow*	0	20	0	4	3	1	170	50.00	6.75
Lonnie Goodwin	1	28	0	0	0		15000	1560.00	1500.00
Ernest Walker	1	95	4	3	3	4	7000	970.00	500.00
Eugene Howard	1	135	11	3	0	2	8200	2600.00	875.00
Jack Rollins	1	106	9	1	1	8	19000	6188.00	1780.00
J. D. Wales	1	176	27	2	3	0	2000	1040.00	1000.00
J. J. Staab	1	104	0	0	1	0		200.00	
Jimmy Youngblood			10	2	0	2	2500	1570.00	300.00
J. M. Dutton, Jr.	1	118	4	1	6	2	900	40.00	35.00
John C. Baxley	0	70	0	2	2	0	14000	1680.00	1000.00
William A. Hodges	1	96	3	0	0	1	6000	1300.00	300.00
Jimmy Sims	1	104	1	0	1	2	20000	3500.00	3500.00
A. J. Looper	1	130	6	2	1		? ?	25.00	30.00
C. D. Goodwin	0	60	0	5	6	2	4680	40.00	33.00
Allen Higginbotham	0	119	0	0	2	1		2880.00	245.00
W. H. Ryland	1		14	3	3				