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Assistant Moderator .....	Rev. A. J. Looper 54 Twin St., Sylacauga, Ala., Tel. 245-7194
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Assistant Treasurer .....	Mr. Albert Pickett Rte. #1, Box 76, Marvel, Ala. 35113

The 92nd Session of the Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association to meet at the Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, Route 1, Sterrett, Ala. on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1970.

General Officers of the Cahaba River Association  
For the Year 1969-1970

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Assistant Moderator ..... Rev. James Pickett  
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Rev. J. D. Wales, 3 Yr. Chm.-4428 10th Ave. N., B'ham, Ala. Tel. 592-2448

MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED

Belview Church  
Rev. Lonnie M. Goodwin  
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Rev. Robert Roberson  
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Tel. 699-6907

Bethel  
Rev. M. D. Harper  
Rte. #1  
Montevallo, Ala. 35115  
Tel. 665-2629

Rev. Kirby Godwin  
913 6th St. SW  
Birmingham, Ala.

Center Point Church  
Rev. J. G. Youngblood  
102 Robt. E. Lee St.  
Leeds, Ala. 35094

Rev. Bradford Perry  
8328 6th Ave. N.

Davis Chapel Church  
Rev. Eugene Howard  
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Rev. Percy B. Stokes  
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Rev. Glenn A. Hood  
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Rev. Amon Edge  
Leeds, Ala.

Rev. Amos Ragsdale  
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Leeds, Ala. 35094  
Tel. 699-6530

Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr.  
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Fairview Church #2

Rev. Ernest Walker  
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Rev. C. O. Goodwin  
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Rev. Jack L. Rollins  
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Birmingham, Ala. 35214  
Tel. 798-1508

Graysville Church

Rev. W. H. Ryland  
901 Ridge Pl.  
Birmingham, Ala. 35214

Rev. Roy Johnson  
Rte. #2, Box 609  
Adamsville, Ala.  
Tel. 674-5598

Rev. Frank Stewart  
P. O. Box 243  
Graysville, Ala.

Memorial Church

Rev. E. V. Reaid  
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Dora, Ala. 35062

Mt. Olive Church

Rev. A. D. Lynn  
Rte. #1  
Sterrett, Ala. 35147

Rev. H. M. Hollis

Mt. Zion Church

Rev. Jerome E. Goodwin  
Rte. #3, Box 429A  
Leeds, Ala. 35094  
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First Church, North B'ham.

Rev. W. A. Hodges  
229 20th St. SW  
Birmingham, Ala.

North Gadsden Church

Rev. Floyd Williams  
2430 Helton St.  
Ala. City, Ala.

Pleasant Valley Church

Rev. J. J. Staab  
2314 N. 33rd Ave.  
Birmingham, Ala. 35207  
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Shady Grove Church

Rev. James M. Pickett  
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Adamsville, Ala. 35005

First Church, Sylacauga

Rev. A. J. Looper  
54 Twin St.  
Sylacauga, Ala. 35150  
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Rev. Robert Armstrong  
50 Ga. Ave.  
Sylacauga, Ala.

Union Hill Church

Rev. H. E. White  
Rte. #1  
Sterrett, Ala. 35147

Visiting Ministers

Rev. Walter E. Jones  
(East Ala. Assn.)  
2011 Second Ave.  
Phenix City, Ala.

Rev. Paul R. Davis  
(Liberty #2 Assn.)  
19 N. 30th  
Pell City, Ala.

DEACONS WHO REGISTERED

Bethel Church  
Thomas Pickett  
Rte. 1  
Marvel, Ala.

Cleve Allen  
Marvel, Ala.

Albert L. Pickett  
Rte. 1, Box 76  
Marvel, Ala. 35113

Clarence Pickett  
Rte. 1  
Marvel, Ala.

Center Point Church  
Billy Brannon, Jr.  
Birmingham, Ala.

Joe Kimbrough  
Birmingham, Ala.

Dennis Feltman  
Birmingham, Ala.

Davis Chapel  
Billy Britton

O. V. Howard  
Sterrett, Ala.

E. E. Minor

Marshall L. Alexander

Chester Wydemon  
Rte. 1  
Sterrett, Ala.

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Royce Grissom J. H. McCullough  
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E. O. Shelnut  
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Birmingham, Ala.

R. P. Hood  
815 38th St. N.  
Birmingham, Ala.

L. T. Howard  
807 N. 38th St.  
Birmingham, Ala.

Robert Howard  
717 38th St. N.  
Birmingham, Ala.

Garland Bratton  
651 Camp Circle  
Birmingham, Ala.

Fairview Church #1  
Frank Tomlinson  
Box 248  
Leeds, Ala.

Ed Goodwin  
Rte. 2  
Trussville, Ala. 35173

W. E. Thompson

Vernon D. Sollie  
Rte. #3  
Leeds, Ala.

Fairview Church #2  
Bill Howton

A. M. Henegar  
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Charles B. Boothe  
705 Finley Ave.  
Birmingham, Ala.

Lecil Gardner  
Birmingham, Ala.

Graysville Church  
Lee R. Kuykendall

Memorial Church  
Virgil Aycock  
Rte. 1  
Empire, Ala.

Mt. Olive Church  
Harold Duckett  
Rte. 1  
Leeds, Ala.

Chester E. Isbell  
Rte. 1  
Leeds, Ala. 35094

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H. T. Rogers  
Marion, Ala.

Roy L. Hodgens  
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P. H. Hardwick

James A. Tyus  
Pell City, Ala.

J. E. Dorough  
Pell City, Ala.

Jack R. Dorough  
Pell City, Ala.

Grady Hollis  
Pell City, Ala.

Amos D. Smith  
Rte. 1  
Cropwell, Ala.

First Church, North B'ham.  
Kenneth W. Marsh  
Birmingham, Ala.

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Birmingham, Ala.

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L. D. Perkins  
32 Mulberry Rd.  
Birmingham, Ala.

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T. A. Armstrong  
Sylacauga, Ala.

Grafford Johnson  
Sylacauga, Ala.

Jack Moody  
Sylacauga, Ala.

Mr. Jack R. Duffee  
57 East St.  
Sylacauga, Ala.

Union Hill Church  
Johnie Parker  
Rte. 1  
Sterrett, Ala.

Leo Parker  
Vandiver, Ala.

DELEGATES WHO REGISTERED

Belview Church  
Viola Roberson  
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Leeds, Ala.

Ruby Pearson  
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Leeds, Ala.

Polly Roberson  
Leeds, Ala.

Bethel Church  
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Rte. 1, Box 76  
Marvel, Ala. 35113

Ethel Boothe  
Rte. 1  
Marvel, Ala. 35113

Monnie Moody  
Rte. 1  
Marvel, Ala. 35113

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Mrs. Dennis Feltman  
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Geraldine Howard  
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Mrs. Royce Grissom  
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Birmingham, Ala.

Mrs. Garland Bratton  
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Birmingham, Ala.

Fairview Church #1  
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Florence McLaughlin  
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Leeds, Ala.

W. H. McLaughlin  
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Leeds, Ala.

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Stella Howton  
Oxford, Ala.

Mrs. Ernest Walker  
Rte. 3, Box 147C  
Leeds, Ala.

Forestdale Church  
Mrs. Charles Boothe  
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Forestdale, Ala.

Graysville Church  
Mrs. Ann Vaughn  
Rte. 1, Box 18d  
Graysville, Ala.

Mrs. Doris Freeman  
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Adamsville, Ala.

Mrs. Martha NeSmith  
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Graysville, Ala.

Memorial Church  
Velma Aycock  
Rte. 1  
Empire, Ala.

Bertha Cole  
Rte. 1  
Empire, Ala.

Mrs. Fay Reaid  
Rte. 1, Box 210  
Dora, Ala.

Mt. Olive Church  
Shirley Lynn  
Rte. 1  
Sterrett, Ala.

Jimmy Duckett  
Rte. 1  
Leeds, Ala.

Mrs. Margie Isbell  
Dunnivant, Ala.

Darlene Lynn  
Rte. 1  
Sterrett, Ala.

Mt. Pleasant Church  
Brenda Jones  
Rte. 2, Box 119A  
Marion, Ala.

Judy Livingston  
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Mr. Mason Johnson  
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Sprott, Ala.

Mt. Zion Church  
Mrs. Faye Vaughn  
Rte. 1, Box 371A  
Pell City, Ala.

Mrs. Paul Hardwick  
Rte. 1, Box 26  
Pell City, Ala.

Mr. Ken Vaughn  
Rte. 1, Box 371A  
Pell City, Ala.

Mrs. Jerome Goodwin  
Rte. 3, Box 429A  
Leeds, Ala.

First Church, North B'ham.  
Icy Mae Frederick  
2632 Valley Rd. Blk. Ck.  
Birmingham, Ala.

Pam Marsh  
1400 5th Ave.  
Fultondale, Ala.

Mrs. H. A. McSpadden  
529 King Rd.  
Birmingham, Ala.

Mrs. Opal Hodges  
229 20th St. SW

North Gadsden Church  
Miss Jean Nelson  
3703 Warren Ave.

Miss Sandra Williams  
2008 Sansom Ave.

Miss Wanda Parrish  
207 S. 24th St.

David Parrish  
207 S. 24th St.

Pleasant Valley Church  
Mrs. J. J. Staab  
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Birmingham, Ala.

Shady Grove Church  
Mrs. James Pickett  
Rte. 2, Box 611  
Adamsville, Ala.

Mrs. Essie Mae Johnson  
Adamsville, Ala.

Mrs. Dora Johnson  
Rte. 2, Box 330

Ann Handley  
Rte. 2  
Adamsville, Ala.

Jane Handley  
Rte. 2  
Adamsville, Ala.

Sylacauga, First Church  
Ollie Hayes  
Sylacauga, Ala.

Herman Hayes  
Sylacauga, Ala.

Ruth Strickland  
Sylacauga, Ala.

Union Hill Church  
Mrs. Alton Parker  
Rte. 1  
Sterrett, Ala.

Mrs. Velma Parker  
Rte. 1  
Sterrett, Ala.

Mrs. Roeterry Andrews  
Vandiver, Ala. 35176

Mrs. Johnie Parker

Visitors registered .... 62  
Ministers registered ... 33  
Deacons registered ..... 50  
Delegates registered ... 57  
TOTAL Registered ..... 202

PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, October 2, 1969 - 7:15 P.M.

Service opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Albert Pickett and prayer by Bro. Paul Davis. Also prayer led by Rev. Maxwell Harper. Song, "Where the Soul Never Dies" while congregation has handshake. Visitor (Bro. Davis) recognized from Liberty #2 Association. Devotion led by Rev. Jerome Goodwin using the scripture, Zechariah 4:6. Conference called to order by Clerk. Credential committee appointed. Congregational song, "Victory in Jesus."

Message by Rev. W. H. Ryland using scripture in St. John, Chapter 20 with altar call at end of message. Dismissed with prayer.

Friday, October 3, 1969 - 9:00 A.M.

9:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. - Registration

Service opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Austin Hodges and prayer by Rev. Jimmy Youngblood. Devotional by Rev. Ernest Walker using scripture from I Samuel, chapter 17.

Credential Committee report given and accepted. Letters from churches read by Rev. Jerome Goodwin and Bro. Albert Pickett. Motion accepted to receive letters and seat delegates. Committees appointed by moderator. Dismissed for intermission with prayer by Rev. J. J. Staab.

11:00 A.M. - Congregational singing led by Bro. Jack Moody and prayer by Bro. Jack Duffee. Message by Rev. A. J. Looper. Scripture: Hebrews 13:8 and II Corinthians 6:14.

Lunch - Grace by Rev. Amon Edge

Friday, October 3, 1969 - 1:30 P.M.

Congregational singing led by Bro. Albert Pickett and prayer by Rev. Robert Armstrong. Devotional by Rev. R. L. Roberson using scripture from I Timothy, chapter 3.

Childrens Home Report given by Rev. Carlton Lambert. Motion to receive this report as information, accepted. Report of Committee on Deceased given and accepted. (see committee reports) Congregation stood for moment of silent prayer. Sunday School and C.T.S. Committee report given and accepted. Temperance Committee report given and accepted. Family Devotion Committee report given and accepted. (see committee reports) Home Mission report given by Rev. J. J. Staab. Motion passed to receive this report as information. Auditing Committee report given and accepted. (see committee reports) Treasurer's Report read and accepted. Partial report of Business Committee given. Motion passed that report be received and voted on item by item. Item 1 of Business Committee amended by adding, "if ordained men meet standards of our association." Other items accepted as given in report. Youth Camp report given by Rev. W. H. Ryland and Bro. H. A. McSpadden. Moved and accepted that we accept this report. Credential Committee appointed to also serve as Nominating Committee. Congregation song, "Are You Washed in the Blood." Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Amos Ragsdale.

Friday, October 3, 1969 - Ordination Service - 6:20 P.M.

Service opened with congregational singing and prayer by Rev. Kirby Joe Godwin. Ordaining Council gave a partial report which was accepted. The ordination service followed with charge given by Rev. M. D. Harper. Ordination prayer by Rev. A. J. Looper and laying on of hands by ordained men.

7:00 P.M. MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

Singing by congregation. Scripture reading by Moderator, Rev. J. D. Wales using I Corinthians 12: 13-25. Prayer by Bro. Royce Grissom. Visitors recognized - Rev. Paul Davis from Liberty #2 association and Rev. Walter Jones from St. James F.W.B. Church, Phenix City, Ala. Minutes of last conference read and accepted. Special singing by duet from Mt. Zion Church, "It's not an Easy Road." Congregation song and opportunity for new members given. Motion passed to receive new members, Rev. Kirby Joe Godwin and Bro. Vernon Alexander. Congregation song while hand of fellowship given new members. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Wales. Offering taken for Free Will Baptist Childrens Home after prayer by Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr. Offering amounted to \$139.30.

Message by Rev. Walter E. Jones. Subject: "When Christ gives the Green Light." Scripture: St. Matthew 28: 16-20. Invitation given at end of message with 2 people responding. After the message, new officers were elected. A motion was passed that person getting second highest number of votes be assistant moderator. Those elected were Moderator - Rev. A. J. Looper, Assistant Moderator - Rev. James Pickett. Motion to adjourn Ministers and Deacons Conference accepted. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. James Pickett.

After the Ministers and Deacons Conference was adjourned, a partial report was given by the Ordaining Council. This report was accepted and ordination service followed. Charge was given by Rev. Amon Edge. Ordination prayer led by Rev. M. D. Harper and laying on of hands. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Cecil Hodgens.

Saturday, October 4, 1969 - 9:00 A.M.

Congregational singing and prayer conducted by Shady Grove Church. Special singing by Sis. Handley. Devotional and testimony service led by Rev. Amos Ragsdale from Fairview Church using Psalms 8:4. (Bro. Paul Hardwick replaces Bro. Cleve Allen on Credential and Nominating Committees) Report of Credential Committee given concerning two churches wishing to join our association. Report accepted. Special singing by group from Lookout Mountain Church. Congregational singing led by Bro. Pickett. Registration report given and accepted. Nominating Committee report given and election of officers. (See General Officers for the year 1969 - 1970 in front of this minute for officers elected.) Note: Treasurer to be elected at next year's session and on even numbered years.

Delegates to State Association appointed:

- Mt. Zion ..... Jeanette Smith
- Shady Grove ..... Dora Johnson
- Fairview #1 ..... Sis. J. M. Dutton, Jr.
- Mt. Olive ..... Shirley Lynn
- Union Hill ..... Onvia Parker
- Belview ..... Polly Roberson
- Center Point ..... Sis. Joe Kimbrough
- East Birmingham ..... Alice Gamble

North Birmingham ..... Sis. H. A. McSpadden  
 Bethel ..... Cherry Pickett  
                   alternate ..... Sis. Kirby Godwin  
 Pleasant Valley ..... Sis. J. J. Staab  
 Davis Chapel ..... Geraldine Howard  
 Graysville ..... Sis. W. H. Ryland  
 Cahaba River Assn. .... Marie Goodwin  
 Mt. Pleasant ..... Sis. Roy Hodgens  
 Lookout Mountain ..... Sis. J. J. Johnson  
 First Church, Sylacauga ..... Herman Hayes

Partial report of Business Committee given. (See Committee Reports)  
 The recommendation of the Business Committee concerning the Youth Camp Trustees was amended by adding "the Building Committee to be elected by the Youth Camp Trustees." North Gadsden and Lookout Mountain Churches given hand of fellowship. Final report of Business Committee given and accepted. (see committee reports) Intermission.

Final report of Ordaining Council given with ordination service following. Charge given by Rev. M. D. Harper. Ordination prayer by Rev. James Pickett and laying on of hands. Standing of the Ministry report given and accepted. (see committee reports) Special singing by Sis. Handley.

Message by Rev. Jack Rollins. Scripture, St. John 19:28 and St. John 14:12. Subject, "Five Things that Jesus left the Church." Announcements made. Motion passed to adjourn. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. J. J. Staab.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE: We, the Credential Committee have examined the letters and find them in order.

Jerome E. Goodwin  
 Harold Duckett  
 alternating-Cleve Allen & Paul Hardwick

AUDITING COMMITTEE: We, the Auditing Committee have examined the Treasurer's report and find it correct and in order.

Roy L. Hodgens, Chm.  
 Mrs. Royce Grissom  
 Ken Vaughn

DECEASED COMMITTEE: We would like to express our sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased. Graysville - Bro. J. W. Marlow, Fairview No. 1 - Edith Ragsdale, East B'ham- Bro. A. L. Howard and Bro. E. S. Williams, Anniston- Rose Lewellyn and Bro. Spurlin, Mt. Pleasant- Mrs. Etta Stone, Union Hill- I. C. Howard and Sylacauga First Church - Heulan Isbell.

Sis. Shirley Lynn  
 Sis. Ruth Strickland  
 Sis. Charlotte Graves

(Clerks note - The names of two deceased were received after the conference adjourned. They were Mr. Jesse Taylor and Miss Pearlmae Coley from Mt. Pleasant Church.)

STANDING OF THE MINISTRY:

1. We, the Standing of the Ministry Committee do hereby recommend that all ministers and deacons recommended by church letters be granted a certificate of standing for one year.
2. The committee does hereby recommend that all active ordained and licensed preachers who do not make an effort in the coming year to preach and promote the gospel will have action taken concerning their status. These men are expected to maintain character in their community as expressed in I Timothy 3: 1-13.
3. We recommend that Ministers license of Gary Hood be extended for one year.
4. We request that the Moderator appoint a committee to council with Nathan Davis concerning his soul. If his response is contrary to the treaties of the Free Will Baptist, then it is desirable that his credentials as a minister be revoked. (note - The Executive Board was appointed to serve as this committee.)
5. We recommend that the licensed and ordained people of new churches requesting membership into this association be called in question by the Business Committee, which reports to the association and if found worthy be given standing.

Rev. Jimmy Youngblood  
 Bro. Grafford Johnson  
 Bro. Jack Moody

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C.T.S. COMMITTEE: We, the Sunday School and C.T.S. Committee feel that special emphasis should be placed upon our youth, especially our teens.

We feel the Sunday School and C.T.S. program is vital to all ages, however we must not fail to realize the teen years are the years of many decisions and temptations. Therefore the Sunday School and C.T.S. can play an important part in training our teens to prepare to be a better Freewill Baptist.

Polly Roberson, Chm.  
 Cherry Pickett  
 Jimmie Duckett

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: We, the Temperance Committee recommend that we use Ephesians 4: 1-3 "I therefore the prisoner of the Lord beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Surely if Paul saw the need to put emphasis on this in his day we need also today. We need to conduct our lives as would be pleasing to God. We also recommend that we back people that are opposed to pornography. It is just as sinful for someone to administer evil influence by the sale of or giving to someone as is a dose of poison to the flesh. We are called to carry the gospel of Jesus Christ, and this is against God's will. The Bible says be temperant in all things. Especially they who endeavor to follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

Henry McLaughlin  
 Mrs. Jerome Goodwin  
 J. H. Hayes

**FAMILY DEVOTION:** The first commandment with promise is found in Exodus 20:12. "Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. We believe that the home is the first place to begin training our children to honor their parents and above all to love and honor God. With this verse in mind, our children will have a stronger desire to serve the Lord throughout his life.

Parents must set an example before their children by living a daily christian life. Daily devotion and prayer in the home is the beginning of this great promise.

Sis. Mary McSpadden, Chm.  
Sis. Doris Freeman  
Sis. Rosa Feltman

**ORDAINING COUNCIL:** We recommend that the following men be ordained as deacons: Vernon Alexander, Jack Duffee, Fred Smith, Steve Johnson, Donald Handley and Joe Lackey. We recommend that Dillard Key and Joe Isbell be licensed to preach the gospel.

Rev. Maxwell Harper  
Rev. Amon Edge  
Rev. Ernest Walker

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE:**

1. We recommend that Pleasant Grove Church be accepted in this association. (note - this item was amended by conference by adding, "if ordained men meet standards of our association.")
2. We recommend that the 2nd district quarterly meeting be accepted to meet in the regular 1st district quarterly meeting, as they have already voted to do so.
3. We recommend that the type of License from the Randall Book Store be used in our association.
4. We recommend that Rev. Walter Jones be paid \$25.00 for traveling expense, here.
5. We recommend that a Nominating Committee be appointed to nominate officers for our association and other nominations can be accepted from floor.
6. We recommend that the next session of the association be held at the Youth Camp unless some church petitions for it and get a majority vote to meet with their church.
7. We recommend that all our churches and individuals stand by and support our Cahaba River Mission Board in work about to be launched in Bessemer, Hueytown area.
8. We recommend that each pastor take it up with the church and send at least \$100.00 in the next two weeks on the Youth Camp.
9. We recommend that a vote of thanks be extended to Center Point & North B'ham. Churches for scrubbing out house and seats.
10. We recommend that we receive the Lookout Mountain Church into our association under our rules and regulations.
11. We recommend that we receive the North Gadsden Church into our association under our rules and regulations.

12. We recommend that each church elect or re-elect a Trustee each year for the Youth Camp and send his name and address in letter to the association. (note - this item was amended by adding, "the Building Committee to be elected by the Youth Camp Trustees.")
13. We recommend that we pay the association (1) delegate expenses to the state association not to exceed \$25.00.
14. We recommend that Carl Wood of Sylacauga be granted a GOLDEN Certificate of standing as a deacon.
15. We recommend that Rev. Morris Hollis be granted a GOLDEN Certificate.

**PASTORS AND CLERKS**

Belview	-Rev. Robert Roberson, 413 Poole St., Leeds, Ala. 35094 Peggy Cummings, 2218 3rd Ave. N., Leeds, Ala. 35094
Bethel	-Rev. Kirby J. Godwin, 2538 20th Pl. Ens., B'ham, Ala. Albert L. Pickett, Rt. 1, Box 76, Marvel, Ala. 35113
Center Point	-Rev. Jimmy G. Youngblood, 102 Robt. E. Lee St., Leeds, Ala. Annie M. Robbins, Rt. 2, Box 611D, Pinson, Ala. 35126
Davis Chapel	-Rev. Paul R. Davis, 19 N. 30th St., Pell City, Ala. 35125 Sis. Carolyn Alexander
East B'ham	-Rev. J. D. Wales, 4428 10th Ave. N., B'ham, Ala. Pauline J. Parker, 1237 Forrest St., Tarrant, Ala.
Fairview #1	-Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr., 400 25th St. N., Leeds, Ala. 35094 Mrs. Johnny Burkett
Fairview #2	-Rev. Eugene Howard, Rt. 1, Box 71, Sterrett, Ala. 35147 Edna Harmon, 3332 Truman St., Blue Mountain, Ala. 36201
Forestdale	-Rev. Jack L. Rollins, 920 Meehan Ave., B'ham, Ala. 35214 Mrs. James J. Beasley, 2409 Crossbow Dr., B'ham, Ala. 35214
Graysville	-Rev. W. H. Ryland, 901 Ridge Pl., B'ham, Ala. 35214 Mrs. Curtis L. Brake, 608 Osceola Cir., Fairfield, Ala. 35064
Lookout Mtn.	-Rev. Nolan Holland, 318 Paden Reich Ave., Gadsden, Ala. Joe S. Lackey, 1825 Mt. Zion Ave., Gadsden, Ala. 35901
Memorial	-Rev. E. V. Reaid, Rt. 1, Box 210, Dora, Ala. 35062 Lorene McNiese, Rt. 1, Empire, Ala.
Mt. Olive	-Rev. A. D. Lynn, Rt. 1, Sterrett, Ala. 35147 Chester E. Isbell, Rt. 1, Leeds, Ala. 35094
Mt. Pleasant	-Rev. Maxwell Harper, Rt. 1, Montevallo, Ala. 35115 Mrs. Roy L. Hodgins, Rt. 1, Box 62, Sprott, Ala. 36779
Mt. Zion	-Rev. Jerome Goodwin, Rt. 3, Box 429A, Leeds, Ala. 35094 Bro. Amos Smith, Rt. 1, Cropwell, Ala.
First Church (North B'ham)	-Rev. Austin Hodges, 229 S.W. 20th St., B'ham, Ala. Icy Mae Frederick, 2632 Valley Rd, Blk. Ck, B'ham, Ala. 35217
North Gadsden	-Rev. James Wycuff, 2301 White Ave., Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Ophelia Williams
Pleasant Grove	-Rev. B. T. Alexander, P. O. Box 23, Pleasant Grove, Ala. 35127 Mrs. Kathleen Sfakianos, 1132 4th Way, Pleasant Grove, Ala. 35127
Pleasant Valley	-Rev. J. J. Staab, 2314 N. 33rd Ave., B'ham, Ala. 35207 Mrs. Cecil Hodgins, Rt. 1, Box 91, Chelsea, Ala. 35043
Shady Grove	-Rev. James Pickett, Rt. 2, Box 611, Adamsville, Ala. 35005 Sis. Ann Handley, Rt. 2, Adamsville, Ala. 35005
First Church (Sylacauga)	-Rev. A. J. Looper, 54 Twin St., Sylacauga, Ala. 35150 Katherine Isbell, 809 Magnolia Dr., Sylacauga, Ala. 35150
Union Hill	-Rev. Wallace Patterson, Pell City, Ala. Sis. Roeterry Andrews, Vandiver, Ala. 35176

REPORT OF TREASURER

GENERAL FUND

Balance brought forward ..... \$331.19

RECEIVED:

Davis Chapel F.W.B. Church.....	\$101.47	
Fairview F.W.B. Church #2 .....	10.00	
Union Hill F.W.B. Church .....	10.00	
Mt. Pleasant F.W.B. Church .....	15.00	
Pleasant Valley F.W.B. Church .....	10.00	
First F.W.B. Church (North B'ham) .....	109.25	
Fairview F.W.B. Church #1 .....	20.00	
Mt. Zion F.W.B. Church .....	15.00	
Belview F.W.B. Church .....	10.00	
Graysville F.W.B. Church .....	10.00	
Center Point F.W.B. Church .....	10.00	
Memorial F.W.B. Church .....	10.00	
Shady Grove F.W.B. Church .....	10.00	
East B'ham F.W.B. Church .....	25.00	
Mt. Olive F.W.B. Church .....	10.00	
First F.W.B. Church (Sylacauga) .....	5.00	
Bethel F.W.B. Church .....	15.00	
Offering for F.W.B. Childrens Home .....	111.95	
Ministers and Deacons .....	101.00	
Womans Auxiliary Convention .....	10.00	
Total Received .....	\$618.67	618.67

Total brought forward and received ..... \$949.86

PAID OUT:

Rev. A. J. Looper (Moderator) .....	\$ 25.00	
Albert Pickett (Asst. Moderator) .....	12.50	
P. A. Nichols (Clerk & Treasurer) .....	75.00	
F.W.B. Childrens Home .....	111.95	
Rev. John Edwards (for expenses) .....	30.00	
Rev. E. R. Mayo (for expenses) .....	15.00	
Ala. State Association of F.W.B. ....	90.00	
Randall Bookstore (ordination certificates) .....	10.00	
Envelopes and Postage .....	9.00	
Nelson/Johnson Printing Co. (400 minutes) .....	137.64	
Bank Charge .....	.10	
Total Paid Out .....	\$516.19	516.19

Balance, Sept. 18, 1969 ..... \$433.67

HOME MISSION FUND

Balance brought forward ..... \$110.02

RECEIVED:

Graysville F.W.B. Church .....	\$ 28.00	
East B'ham F.W.B. Church .....	200.60	
Fairview F.W.B. Church #1 .....	60.00	
First F.W.B. Church (North B'ham.) .....	109.31	
Center Point F.W.B. Church .....	71.30	
Pleasant Valley F.W.B. Church .....	120.00	
Cahaba River First District Quarterly Conf. ....	24.00	
Shady Grove F.W.B. Church .....	17.12	
Bethel F.W.B. Church .....	15.00	
Davis Chapel F.W.B. Church.....	17.70	
Total Received.....	\$663.03	663.03

Total Brought Fwd. and Received ..... \$773.05

PAID OUT:

Arab Mission expenses.....	\$ 17.76	
Receipt book, envelopes & postage .....	5.72	
Ala. F.W.B. Missions .....	29.50	
National F.W.B. Home Missions .....	29.50	
Total Paid Out .....	\$ 82.48	82.48

Balance, Sept. 18, 1969 ..... \$690.57

\$23.83 of balance is designated for "Hueytown Project"

YOUTH CAMP FUND

Balance brought forward ..... \$962.94

RECEIVED:

Mt. Olive F.W.B. Church .....	\$ 57.43	
Mt. Zion F.W.B. Church .....	120.00	
Graysville F.W.B. Church .....	92.00	
Forestdale F.W.B. Church .....	240.00	
East B'ham F.W.B. Church .....	240.00	
Union Hill F.W.B. Church .....	100.00	
First F.W.B. Church (North B'ham.) .....	390.00	
First F.W.B. Church (Sylacauga) .....	110.00	
Mt. Pleasant F.W.B. Church .....	120.00	
Fairview F.W.B. Church #1 .....	200.00	
Pleasant Valley F.W.B. Church .....	20.00	
Davis Chapel F.W.B. Church .....	76.00	
Bethel F.W.B. Church .....	120.00	
Memorial F.W.B. Church .....	55.00	
Total Received .....	\$1940.43	1940.43

Total Brought Fwd. and Received ..... \$2903.37

PAID OUT:

Light bulbs, shields & tissue .....	\$ 6.43	
Coosa Valley Electric Co-operative, Inc. ....	15.37	
Building Material, labor & expenses .....	2419.77	
Receipt book, envelopes & postage .....	8.12	
Total Paid Out .....	\$2449.69	2449.69

Balance, Sept. 18, 1969 ..... \$453.68

THE WOMANS AUXILIARY REPORT

The 15th Session of The Woman's Auxiliary Convention was held at the Shady Grove Church on Saturday April 5th, 1969. The session was opened with "Break Thou The Bread of Life." Prayer by Rev. James Pickett.

Welcome: Sis Ann Handley  
Response: Sis McSpadden  
President's Message: Sis Marie Goodwin

Sis Pearl Schultz and Sis. Faye Vaughn were appointed to read the reports. Delegates seated. The Committees were appointed.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

Sis. Annette Tomlinson, Chairman  
 Sis. Thelma Gardner  
 Sis. Clara Brasher  
 Sis. Dot Smith  
 Sis. Polly Roberson



NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Sis. Billie Rollins, Chairman  
Sis. Jobie Hardwick  
Sis. Alice Gamble  
Sis. Syble Ellis  
Sis. Jan Handley  
Sis. Doris Freeman

AUDITING COMMITTEE:

Sis. Mae Powell, Chairman  
Sis. Nell Grissom  
Sis. Dot Goodwin  
Sis. Sherrill Jones

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:

Sis. Faye Vaughn, Chairman  
Sis. Lonie Dutton  
Sis. Reba Pennington

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE:

Sis. Jan Pitts, Chairman

Song: "Take Time To Be Holy"

Special Music: "I'm a Child of the King" Bro. Smith, Sis. Jan Handley & Sis Jan Pitts.

Talks: A World In Hunger

Graysville - Sis Vera Ryland  
Forestdale - Sis Bobbie Beasley  
Fairview - Sis Linda Taylor

ACHIEVEMENT CHART JUDGES:

Sis. Mary Shirley, Sis. McSpadden

Special Music: "Had It Not Been" Sis Nell Grissom  
"Jesus Is Coming Soon" Sis Betty Davis

Play: "TO LATE" Host Church

Special: "Heavenly Saint" Sis Jan Handley

Message: Rev. Jimmy Aldrich--our missionary to the Ivory Coast, Africa.  
... a very soul-stirring and soul-searching message.

Dismiss for lunch - Blessing: Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr. A very delicious meal served. Thanks ladies!

THE AFTERNOON SESSION:

The Achievement Chart was awarded to Forestdale.

Sis. Mary Shirley, Chairman  
Sis. McSpadden

The Banner Attendance awarded to Forestdale.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REGISTRATION:

Ministers 3  
Delegates 24  
Visitors 57  
84

Sis Jan Pitts, Chairman

This report accepted.

APPRECIATION:

We, the Appreciation Committee wish to thank the Ladies Auxiliary of Shady Grove for the delicious food and the cordial greeting they have extended to us. We count it a privilege to have Bro. Jimmy Aldridge with us. His message has touched the hearts of all. We send our prayers back with them and may God bless them.

Sis Faye Vaughn, Chairman  
Sis Reba Pennington  
Sis Lonie Dutton

This report accepted.

BUSINESS:

We, the Business committee, recommend that the following items be adopted by this body.

1. Report Blanks not to be read but rather the secretary compile a report and put in minutes. Accepted.

2. Give \$100.00 to State Project (Decatur Work)  
Give \$400.00 to Bro. Jimmy Aldrich  
Give \$400.00 to Bro. Daniel Merkh Accepted.

3. Take motion off table and vote on it. We the Committee appointed to revise our report letter recommend that we adopt our State Report letter, since from our annual reports, a report letter is then sent to the State. We feel it would be better for us to use State & National Report Letter.

Sis Annette Tomlinson, Chairman  
Sis Mavern Pickett  
Sis Libly Willoughly

This report accepted.

4. Recommend that the Convention pay expense of cars (gas) to carry delegates to Montgomery or wherever the State Convention is every year. Accepted.

5. Recommend that a petty fund be set aside for stamps, and other necessary items.

6. Recommend that the group decided the next Convention - Graysville and East B'ham. The group decided on Graysville.

7. Recommend that we continue our project of \$100.00. Accepted.

8. That the attendance banner be on percentage wise with no one church winning two years in a row. Accepted.

Sis Annette Tomlinson, Chairman  
Sis Thelma Gardner  
Sis Clara Brasher  
Sis Dot Smith  
Sis Polly Roberson

AUDITING:

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

Sis Mae Powell, Chairman  
 Sis Nell Grissom  
 Sis Dot Goodwin  
 Sis Sherrill Jones

This report accepted.

**NOMINATING:**

We, the Nominating Committee, would like to recommend the following, for officers next year.

President ... Marie Goodwin  
 Vice-Pres. .. Ann Handley  
 Sec & Treas... Annette Tomlinson  
 Program-Prayer Chairman ... Jimmie Taylor  
 Personal-Service Chairman ... Doris Freeman  
 Mission Chairman ... Billie Rollins  
 Study Course Chairman ... Alice Gamble  
 Stewardship Chairman ... Marion Parker

Billie Rollins, Chairman  
 Jobie Hardwick  
 Alice Gamble  
 Sybil Ellis  
 Jan Handley  
 Doris Freeman

This report accepted.

The 1968-69 officers were recognized and a report of their work given. This was accepted as information. Personal prayer by Mrs. Marvene Pickett sponsor a District Day of Prayer. 5 churches represented with 22 present. Study course by Mrs. Jo Ann Burkett 1 District Workshop on manual. 7 churches represented with 21 present. Personal service by Mrs. Libly Willoughly.

1. October-pounding for our Children's Home "For we must share if we would keep the blessings from above. Ceasing to give, we cease to have."
2. February-Sent cards to retired ministers "The way to be happy is to make others happy. Helping others is the secret of success."
3. April-personal shower for our missionaries, Bro. & Sis. Jimmy Aldrich. "Auxiliaries that does good for good's sake, seeks neither praise nor rewards, but is sure of both-Praise and reward in the end." Mission by Sis. Billie Rollins. These reports were accepted.

**Delegates to the State Convention:**

Marie Goodwin - standing delegate	Martha Burtum
Billie Rollins - Cahaba River	Jeanette Smith
Mary Shirley	Joyce Taylor
Libly Willoughly	Sis McSpadden
Annette Tomlinson	
Jan Handley	
Sue Looper	

Installation of Officers: Sis Billie Rollins "The Way Marker"  
Business Adjourned: Personal Service Chairman presented gifts to Missionary Jimmy Aldrich.

**WORKSHOP**

Song: "Will Work Till Jesus Comes"  
Devotional: Sis. Powell  
 Altar Prayer  
Song: "Send The Light"  
 Introduction of The Manual  
President: Sis Bobbie Beasley  
Vice President: Sis Jo Ann Burkett  
Program Prayer: Sis James Pickett  
Sec., Corres. Sec. & Treas: Sis. Annette Tomlinson  
Personal Service: Sis Libly Willoughly  
Mission: Sis Billie Rollins  
Study Course: Sis Jo Ann Burkett  
Attendance:

Forestdale	6
Mt. Zion	3
No. Bham	2
Center Pt.	1
Shady Grove	2
Graysville	2
Fairview	5
	<u>21</u> Total

This was the first District Workshop ever held in our District.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

<u>Church</u>	<u>Dues</u>	<u>Conv. Exp.</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>State Project</u>
Belview	8.75	-	100.00	-
Center Point	3.75	5.00	-	-
East B'ham	12.50	5.00	100.00	-
Fairview	15.00	5.00	100.00	-
Forestdale	15.00	5.00	90.00	10.00
Graysville	12.50	5.00	75.00	-
Mt. Zion	15.00	5.00	85.00	-
No. B'ham	13.75	5.00	50.00	-
Pleasant Valley	12.50	-	100.00	10.00
Shady Grove	22.50	-	100.00	10.00
Sylacauga	12.50	-	100.00	-
	<u>143.75</u>	<u>35.00</u>	<u>900.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
Balance brought forward	57.01			
Dues	143.75			
Conv. Expense	35.00			
Project	900.00			
State Project	<u>30.00</u>			
	1165.76			
Paid Out	<u>1060.00</u>			
Bal. in Treasury ...	105.76			

Items Paid Out ...

Marie Goodwin (gas)	7.00
Bro. Jimmy Aldrich	400.00
Shady Grove	5.00
Pleasant Valley	5.00
Bro. Daniel Merhk	400.00
State Project	100.00
Dues	143.00
	<u>1060.00</u>

ANNUAL REPORT

For Convention Year 69  
of the

Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary of Cahaba River

President: Sis Marie Goodwin Address: Rt. 3, Leeds, Alabama  
Treasurer: Sis Annette Tomlinson Address: Leeds, Alabama  
Delegates Names: List enclosed  
Number Auxiliaries reporting ... 11; Number Districts ... 1; Total Membership ... 143  
Amount Per Capita Membership Fees sent to Treasurer ... \$1.00

ENLISTMENT DEPARTMENT

Enrollment at beginning of convention year 135; present enrollment 143.  
Number new members 23; number lost 10; average attendance 94.  
Number making contacts to enlist new members 67; to bring back absentees 67.

STUDY COURSE DEPARTMENT

<u>Courses conducted ...</u>		<u>Attendance</u>
Missions	1	7
Manual	5	31
Prayer	0	0
Youth	1	9
Evangelism	3	27
Christian Living	2	17
Stewardship	0	0

Reading circles conducted 4; number participating 8.  
Number daily Bible readers 66.  
Number promoting church libraries 17.

PROGRAM-PRAYER DEPARTMENT

Number special programs held 12.  
Number Seasons of Prayer observed 12.  
Number observing Prayer Fellowship 49.

PERSONAL SERVICE-EVANGELISM DEPARTMENT

Number engaged in personal service 70.  
Number making soul-winning efforts 58.  
Number souls won 22.

PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT

Articles written 0, letters or cards 774.  
Church bulletins 12, posters 43, other 640.  
Number subscribers to Contact 36, Co-Laborer 76, State papers 0.

MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

Number participating in special missions emphasis 61.  
Number reading Heartbeat 67, Mission-Grams 60.  
Number contributing to Missionary Provision Closet 52.

PERSONAL GIFTS

(Contributed through channels other than the auxiliary treasury)

Missions	\$559.62
Bible Colleges	191.00
Children's Homes	400.15
Superannuation	-
Other	-

Name Annette Tomlinson  
Recording Secretary  
Address Leeds, Alabama

Treasurer's Report  
Convention Year 1968 to 1969

ANNUAL REPORT

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Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary of Cahaba River

- I. Stewardship Possessions:
  - Number auxiliary members contributing to missions 92.
  - Number tithers on roll at beginning of convention year 49.
  - Number new tithers this year 6.
  - Present number tithers 74.
  
- II. Financial Report:
  - Number active members on roll 119. Per capita membership fee sent by  
Woman's Auxiliary \$1.00; by Young Woman's Auxiliary --.
  - Amount sent to Co-Laborer Fund -
  - Amount sent to WNAC General Fund \$21.33
  - Amount sent to Student Loan Fund 25.00
  - Amount of Pre-Easter Prayer Offering  
for Foreign Missions 37.75
  - Amount of Pre-Thanksgiving Offering for  
National Home Missions 98.77
  - Amount of Pre-Christmas Offering for  
State Home Missions & others 2008.71
  - Cash gifts to Children's Homes 1508.85
  - Cash gifts to Free Will Baptist  
Bible Colleges 162.50
  - Amount sent to Superannuation 41.00
  - Cash gifts to retired ministers -

Amount spent for auxiliary literature	\$167.25
Amount spent for local church activities	-
Other special gifts to Missions	421.79

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Tomlinson  
Treasurer

Leeds, Alabama  
Address

#### 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 Treasury
6. Unfinished business
7. New business
8. Report of all committees
9. Motion to adjourn

#### 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- Dropped from this constitution at the 1968 session.

Article XII - The clerk shall be paid \$60.00 annually and the Treasurer \$15.00 annually. The Moderator shall be paid the sum of \$25.00 annually. The Assistant Moderator shall be paid the sum of \$12.50 annually. All other expenditures not specified shall be by decision of the body.

Article XIII—This Constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the Association by two-thirds(2/3) vote of members present, provided proposed amendment or alteration be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

### MINISTER'S REPORT TO ASSOCIATION

No. of Churches Pastored \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Sermons Preached \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. Baptized \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Funerals Conducted \_\_\_\_\_ No. of  
 Marriages Performed \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Revivals \_\_\_\_\_ No. of  
 Miles Traveled \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Offerings \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expense \_\_\_\_\_  
 Elder \_\_\_\_\_

### TREATISE ARTICLES OF FAITH

#### Chapter I—The Holy Scriptures

These are the Old and the New Testaments. They are written by Holy Men, inspired by the Holy Spirit and are God's revealed word to man. They are a sufficient and infallible rule and guide to salvation and all christian worship and service.

#### Chapter II—Being and Attributes of God

The Scriptures teach that there is only one true and living God, who is spirit, self-existent, eternal immutable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, independent, good, wise, holy, just, and merciful, the Creator, preserver, and Governor of the universe; the Redeemer Savior, sanctifier, and judge of men; and the only proper object of worship.

The mode of his existence, however is a subject far above the understanding of man—finite beings cannot comprehend him. There is nothing in the universe that can justly represent him, for there is none like him. He is the fountain of all perfection and happiness. He is glorified by the whole creation, and worthy to be loved and served by all intelligence.

#### Chapter III—Divine Government and Providence

1. God exercises a providential care and superintendence over all His creatures, and governs the world in wisdom and mercy, according to the testimony of His word.
2. God has endowed man with power of free choice, and governs him by moral laws and motives; and this power of free choice is the exact measure of man's responsibility.
3. All events are present with God from everlasting to everlasting; but His knowledge of them does not in any sense cause them nor does He decree all events which He knows will occur.

#### Chapter VI—The Atonement and Mediation of Christ

1. The Atonement—As sin cannot be pardoned without a sacrifice, and the blood of beasts could never wash away sin, Christ gave Himself a sacrifice for the sins of the world, and thus made salvation known possible for all men. He died for us, suffering in our stead, to make known the righteousness of God, that He might be just in justifying

sinner who believe in His Son. Through the redemption effected by Christ salvation is actually enjoyed in this world, and will be enjoyed in the next by all who do not in this life refuse obedience to the known requirements of God. The atonement for our sin was necessary. For present and future obedience can no more blot out our past sins than past obedience can remove the guilt of present and future sins. If God pardoned the sins of men without satisfaction for the violation of His law it would follow that transgression might go on with impunity; government would be aggregated, and the obligation of obedience to God would be in effect. removed.

2. Mediation of Christ. Our Lord not only died for our sins, but He arose for our justification, and ascended up to Heaven, where, as the only Mediator between God and man, He makes intercession for us, until He comes again.
3. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the Law of God, in their own persons are only subject to the first death which was brought on by the fall of the first Adam, and not that anyone of them dying in that state shall suffer punishment on Hell by the guilt of Adam's sin for of such is the Kingdom of God.

#### Chapter VII—The Holy Spirit

1. The Scriptures ascribe to the Holy Spirit the acts and attributes of an intelligent being. He guides, knows, moves, gives information, commands, forbids, sends forth, reproves, and can be sinned against.
2. The attributes of God are ascribed to the Holy Spirit.
3. The works of God are ascribed to the Holy Spirit; creation, inspiration, giving of life, and a sanctification.
4. The Apostles assert that the Holy Spirit is Lord and God. From the foregoing the conclusion is that the Holy Spirit, is in reality God, and one with the Father in divine perfections. It has also been shown that Jesus Christ is God—one with the Father. Then these Three: The Father, Son and Holy Spirit, are One God.

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

#### Chapter VIII—The Gospel Call

The call of the Gospel is co-extensive with the atonement to all men both by the Word and strivings of the spirit, so that Salvation is rendered equally possible to all, and, if any fail of eternal life, the fault is wholly his own.

#### Chapter IX—Repentance

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

#### Chapter X—Faith

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

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

#### Chapter XI—Regeneration

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

#### Chapter XII—Justification and Sanctification

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

#### Chapter XIII—Perseverance of the Saints

There are strong grounds to hope that the truly regenerate will persevere unto the end, and be saved, through the power of divine grace which is pledged for their support, but their future obedience and final salvation are neither determined nor certain, since through infirmity and manifold temptations they are in danger of falling; and they ought therefore to watch and pray, lest they make ship-wreck of their faith and be lost.

#### Chapter XIV—The Sabbath

This is one day in seven, which from the creation of the world God has set apart for sacred rest and holy service. Under the former dispensation, the seventh day of the week as commemorative of the work of creation, was set apart for the Sabbath. Under the Gospel, the first day of the week, in commemoration of the Resurrection of Christ, and by authority of Christ and the Apostles, is observed as the Christian Sabbath. On this day all men are required to refrain from secular labor and devote themselves to the worship and service of God.

#### Chapter XV—The Church

A Christian Church is an organized body of believers in Christ, who stately assemble to worship God, and who sustain the Ordinances of the Gospel according to the Scriptures. Believers in Christ are admitted to this church on giving evidence of faith in Christ, obtaining consent of the body, being baptized, and receiving the right hand of fellowship.

The Church of God, or members of the Body of Christ, is the whole body of christians throughout the whole world, and none but the regenerate are its members.

#### Chapter XVI—Tithing

Both the Old and New Scriptures teach tithing as God's Financial Plan for the support of His work.



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