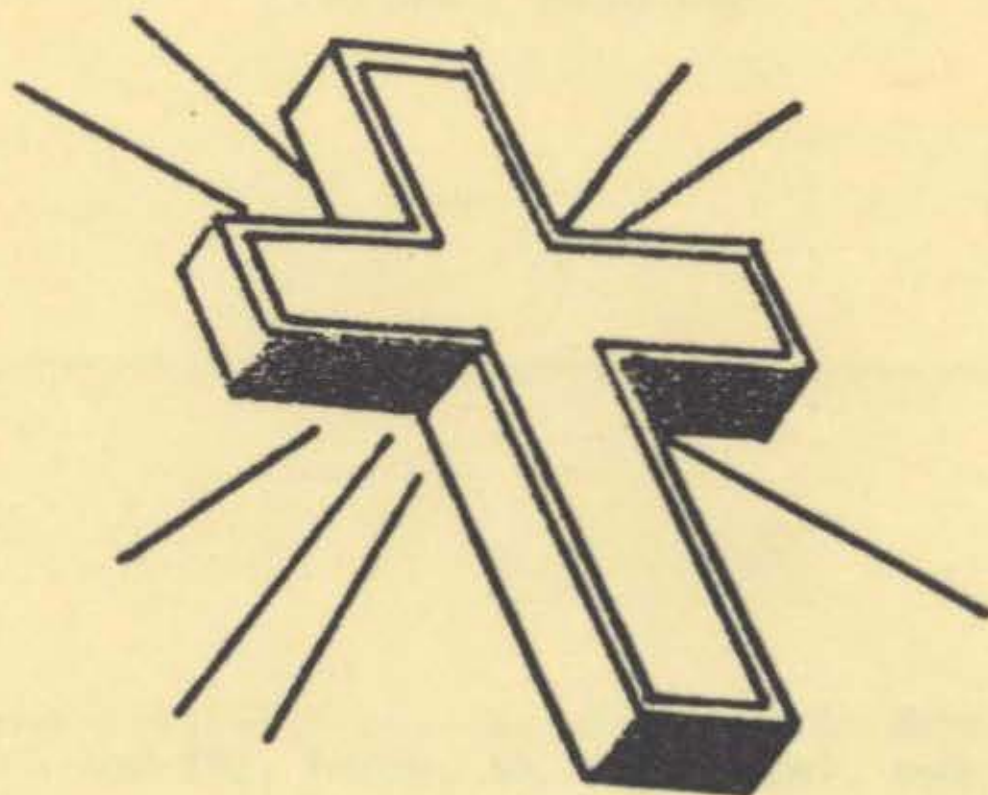


Minutes
of the
110th Annual Session
of the
Cahaba River
Free Will Baptist Association



convened at
First Free Will Baptist of Selma
2902 North Broad Street
Selma, Alabama 36701

Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st, 1988

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MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

REV. CHARLEY WEAVER, MODERATOR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1988
6:45 to 7:00 P.M. Registration

7:00 P.M. service began with Bro. John Ackerman leading a song, Victory in Jesus. The pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church welcomed everyone then lead in prayer. Special songs were sung by Bro. Mike Ramsey and his wife and by Jimmy and Kathy Crowe, also by Sis. Maxwell Harper. Bro. Mike Ramsey joined the Association from the South Carolina Association. New officers for the coming year were elected. Bro. Howard Schultz was elected as moderator. Bro. Mike Ramsey was elected assistant moderator. An offering was taken up for missionary, Rick Bowling. The message was preached by Rev. Rick Bowling entitled "The Cause of the Church." Refreshments were served afterwards by the host church.

PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 1, 1988
8:30 to 9:00 A.M. - Registration

9:00 A.M. service opened in song, led by Bro. John Ackerman "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story. Moderator Earnest Walker opened service.

Bro. Mike Ramsey welcomed associations to Selma. Norman Copeland prayed opening prayer. Second song sung, "Oh I Want to See Him." Moderator Earnest Walker brought message from Acts 8:5. Bro. Joseph King then called the session to order. Credential committee report was given by Bro. Wayne McDaniel. Motioned, second and carried. Roll call and seating of delegates by clerk. Roll call of committees made with the following substitutions: Bro. Steve Day named to the Business and Decreased Committee, Bro. Grafford Johnson named to the Ordaining Council, Sis. Leona Nichols and Sis. Penny Wright named to the Sunday School and CTS Committee. Bro. Norman Copeland named to the Credentials Committee and Bro. Jerry Wright named to the Audit Committee. Home Missions report given by Bro. Paul Nichols M,S, and C and recommendations be accepted. Youth Camp Board and Financial report given by Bro. Lecil Gardner M,S, and C. Children's Home report given by Lecil Gardner. Children's Home needs more interest from churches to furnish supplies. Income has been meeting expenses. Need hay and corn to feed horses, M,S, and C. Bro. J.D. Wales brought up discussion as to why children's home is not receiving financial support from state and HEW. If children's home did accept whatever this financial support, they would be forced to accept whatever child the state sent regardless of race, creed or color. Requested that executive board get together a report on this for semi-annual meeting. M,S, and C Sunday School and CTS report given by Penny Wright. M,S, and C Temperance Committee report given by Charlene Parton. M,S, and C Family Devotion report given by Sis. Cody Isbell. M,S, and C Song Hallelujah, "We Shall Rise" led by Bro. John Ackerman. Offering received to give to Friendship Free Will Baptist building program in Locust Fork. \$121.00 was received. Recessed for fellowship. Morning worship service opened in song led by Bro. Mike Ramsey, "When We All Get to Heaven." Prayer offered by Bro. Jack Rollins. Special song by ladies trio, "Someday" and special song by Pam Ramsey, "The Only Real Peace." Morning message brought by Bro. Tim Trimble from First Peter 1:1-7 entitled, "The Trial of Your Faith" and was a real blessing to all. Bro. Ron Woodard dismissed in prayer for lunch.

Afternoon session opened in song by Sis. Harper singing special song "The Family of God". Bro. Mike Ramsey did a little "Christian Magic" for the congregation. Devotion; was given by Rev. Rick Bowling missionary to Uruguay from Psalms 73:1-15 entitled, "What God Has Done For Us." Registration committee report was given by Sis. Shirley Pugh. M,S, and C Delegates to State Convention to be held in Dothan then named. Center Point - Alice Hood, Forestdale - Billie Rollins, Fultondale - Goldy Ellison, Huffman - Paul Nichols, Mt. Olive - Cody Isbell, Mt. Pleasant - Jeanette Harper, Mt. Zion - Jeanette Wales, New Life - Pearl Schultz, Selma - Bernice Ackerman, Sylacauga - Mary Johnson, Union Hill - Penny Wright. Standing of the Ministry and Credential Committee report given by Bro. Wayne McDaniel. M,S and C Audit Committee report given by Bro. Paul Nichols. M,S, and C Nominating Committee report given by Bro. Jack Rollins. M,S, and C Business and Decreased Committee report given by Bro. Howard Schultz. A moment of silence and prayer for the family of decreased was given. Discussed if associational conferences will be held at churches or youth camp. Decided that conferences for the next two years will be held at churches. M,S, and C suggestion was made that Youth Camp be sold. It was ordered by moderator that the Executive Board investigate all phases, such as, value, what to do with profits, etc. and this was tabled until

PROCEEDINGS (CONTINUED)

next conference. Ordaining Council report given by Bro. Robert Roberson. Ordination for Lonnie Watts as deacon washeld with Bro. Roberson charing and Bro. John Ackerman offering prayer.. Session was adjourned by moderator. Closed in prayer by Rev. Charley Weaver.

HOME MISSION BOARD

1. We recommend that the Association elect the new Home Missions Board Member at the end of this report, so the Home Missions Board, including the new members can meet at the Lunch break today.
2. We recommend the following men as members of the Home Missions Board:
Bro. James Tyus to replace Bro. Voyd Howard (Term expires Oct. 1989)
Rev. Sam Nickles to replace Rev. Mike Andrews (Term expires Oct. 1991)

Paul A. Nichols, Chairman
Rev. Glenn A. Hood, Clerk-Treasurer

HOME MISSIONS BOARD REPORT

REPORT TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 1, 1988

MONTH	RECEIVED	PAID OUT	BALANCE
NOV. 87	\$ 572.83	\$400.00	\$644.36
DEC. 87	332.85	400.00	577.21
JAN. 88	425.94	400.00	603.15
FEB. 88	174.45	400.00	377.60
APR. 88	421.03	401.89	396.74
MAY 88	274.51	466.00	205.25
JUNE 88	223.92	405.74	23.43
AUG. 88	199.46	200.00	22.89
SEPT. 88	447.66	200.00	270.55
TOTLAS	\$3072.65	\$3273.63	

DISBURSEMENTS - OCT. 87-88

Missionary Charley Weaver	2200.00
Missionary Tim Trimble	1066.00
Postmaster - Stamps	1.89
Deposit Slips	5.74
	<u>\$3273.63</u>

OFFERING SOURCES- OCT. 87-88

Center Point FWB	729.17
Mt. Zion FWB	262.43
Bethel FWB	357.75
Fultondale FWB	643.70
Shady Grove FWB	462.70
Huffman FWB	36.90
New Life FWB	240.00
Alabama FWB Missions	50.00
National Woman's Aux.	20.00
Love Offering	20.00
Davis Chapel FWB	90.00
Forestdale FWB woman's Aux.	110.00
Fairview FWB Church	50.00
TOTAL	<u>\$3072.65</u>

FINANCIAL REPORT OF YOUTH CAMP

MONEY RECEIVED FOR YEAR OCT. 1 1987-88

Fultondale	\$240.00
Center Point	729.17
Forestdale	240.00
New Life	300.00
Union Hill	120.00
Mt. Zion	833.43
Davis Chapel	125.00
Belview Ladies Aux.	60.00
Selma	136.45
Adamsville	100.00
Huffman	16.00
Timber Cut For Power Lines	94.31
Brought Forward	9730.17
TOTAL FOR YEAR	<u>12,724.53</u>

FINANCIAL REPORT (CONTINUED)

PAID OUT FOR YEAR

Power Company	\$635.07
Water Works	179.50
Mike Andrews	900.00
Rewiring Swimming Pool Pump	550.00
Cleaning Supplies	225.00
Insurance	325.00
Ladder	78.63
TOTAL PAID OUT	2893.20
RECEIVED	12,724.53
PAID OUT	2,893.20
BALANCE IN TREASURY	9,831.33

Treasurer - Lecil Gardner

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

FINANCIAL REPORT

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

11-21-87	Selma Donation	20.00
11-21-87	Forestdale Donation	20.00
11-21-87	New Life Rally Offering	163.21
11-21-87	Fairview Donation	20.00
1-16-88	Forestdale Rally Offering	157.35
1-16-88	New Life Donation	100.00
1-16-88	Forestdale Donation	20.00
1-24-88	Fairview Donation	20.00
3-12-88	Fairview Donation	20.00
3-15-88	Center Point Rally Offering	102.06
3-14-88	Forestdale Donation	20.00
4-16-88	alabaster Rally Offering	47.14
6-13-88	Forestdale Donation	20.00
9-18-88	Center Point Rally Offering	63.77
9-18-88	Fultondale Donation	100.00
9-21-88	Forestdale Donation	20.00
		913.53
Balance Brought Forward		258.74

EXPENSES

10-27-87	Debit for Checks	7.08
11-21-87	Free Will Baptist Children's Home	150.00

11-30-87	Bank Service Charge	4.44
12-31-87	Bank Service Charge	3.81
1-16-88	Missionary Conference	157.35
2-16-88	Postage	6.25
2-6-88	Bank Service Charge	6.00
3-12-88	Bank Service Charge	5.56
3-15-88	Southeastern FWB Bible College	105.00
4-16-88	Tim Timble (Trophies)	51.10
5-9-88	Randall House	118.42
6-12-88	Alabama C.E. Board	135.00
8-23-88	Randall House	50.45
9-18-88	Bob Jones University (Sheffey Film) ...	165.50
9-18-88	David Reese (Postage)	15.00
		980.96
Balance		191.31

COMMITTEE REPORT

AUDITING COMMITTEE:

We have examined the Treasurer's reports of Cahaba River Association General Fund, The Youth camp, Board of Christian Education and the Home Mission Department and find them in order.

Submitted by:

Bro. Paul A. Nichols
Bro. Marvin Stone
Rev. Jerry V. Wright

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CTS:

2 Timothy 2:15; "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Children involved in CTS is supposed to have covered the Bible by first grade thru twelfth grade. We need to Stress CTS training for our young people. Our young people today are more interested in outside activities than things of God and the church. we can blame ourselves for this. Are we really teaching our Sunday School classes about the Bible or are we letting them do as they please? We as parents are responsible for seeing that our children are taught God's word and good christian principals. We make sure they do their schoolwork. We should make sure they study God's word as well.

Submitted by:

Sis. Penny Wright
Sis. Leona Nichols
Sis. Kathy Day

STANDING OF THE MINISTRY AND CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

We the credentials committee have examined the letters from the churches and recommend the seating of their delegates.

We the credentials committee and standing of the ministry recommend the following:

1. Bro. David Reese's license to preach be renewed for one year.
2. Friendship Free Will Baptist Church be accepted into the Cahaba River Association and the ordained men receive a certificate of standing. Rev. Wayne Neely and Bro. Larry Smith.
3. Rev. Mike Ramsey be accepted into the Cahaba River Association upon receipt of a letter from the South Carolina Association.
4. Bro. George Gullledge and Bro. Jonah Dove's license to preach be renewed for one year.
5. Bro. Bruce Damron be accepted into Cahaba River Association pending a letter from Birmingham District Association.
6. Bro. Mike Fergerson and Bro. Roger Fergerson's license to preach be renewed.
7. Rev. Tim Trimble, Rev. Ron Woodard and Rev. Lamar Cox be granted certificates of standing.
8. Bro. Rick Patterson be accepted into the Cahaba River Association pending a letter from the West Florida Association.
9. Bro. Rayburn Stone's license to preach the gospel be renewed for one year.

Submitted by:

Rev. Wayne McDaniel
Rev. Charley Weaver
Bro. Norman Copeland

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

We the temperance committee of the 110th Annual Conference of Cahaba River Free Will Baptist Association wish to make a statement as Christians and to make you conscientiously aware of the sinful and immoral cruelty of the abortion of God's children.

Exodus 20:13 states "Thou shalt not kill." The Bible further states in Psalms 127:3 "Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is his reward."

It is our obligation as Christians to actively participate in movements that halt the legal slaughter of God's innocent children.

We further state it is our duty as parents to educate our children in the word of God, and to witness to others within our community or wherever God may lead us concerning these little ones. As stated in Galatians 6:6-7, "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things be not deceived." God is not mocked for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Submitted by:

Sis. Charlene Parton
Sis. Joyce Howell
Bro. Harry Pugh

BUSINESS AND DECREASED COMMITTEE:

We recommend that we stop a moment and remember those who have gone on and their families. Center Point - Mrs. Mellie Howard, Joe Kimbrough; Fairview - Ed Goodwin, Mt. Zion - Myrtle Hollis, Union Hill - Libby Kelley and Betty Jo Parker. Forestdale - Johnnie Irwin and Authur Rollins.

We the Business Committee recommend:

1. We have the following conferences at the following locations: March 1989 - Mt. Zion; October 1989 - New Life; March 1990 - Huffman; October 1990 - Forestdale.
2. That the clerk make a list of all ministers, deacons with name, addresses and telephone numbers for record and for credentials committee before conference.
3. It has been suggested that association sell youth camp. Business committee has no recommendation. (Refer to clerk minutes for discussion of this matter.)

Submitted by:

Bro. Howard Schultz
Bro. Nelson Harris
Bro. Steve Day
Bro. Dennis Feltman
Rev. J.D. Wales

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

We the Nominating Committee recommend that for:

1. Moderator - Rev. Glen Hood
2. Assistant Moderator - Rev. Ernest Walker
3. Clerk - Bro. John Ackerman
4. Executive Board - Rev. Jerry Wright to replace Rev. Donnie Hussey, Bro. Howard Schultz to replace Rev. Jack Rollins. (Term expires 1991)
5. Home Missions Board - accept recommendation of Home Mission Board.
6. Board of Christian Education - Rev. Rick Patterson to replace Donnie Hussey, Rev. Tim Trimble to replace himself. (Term to expire 1993)
7. Ordaining Council - Rev. Wayne McDaniel to replace Robert Armstrong. (Term expires 1993); Rev. Ron Woodard to replace Bro. John Ackerman (Term expires 1991).
8. Youth Camp Board of Trustees - Bro. Dennis Feltman to replace Bro. Joe Kimbrough (Term expires 1989); Bro. Terry Davis to replace Bro. Lecil Gardner and Bro. Mike Andrews to replace himself. (Term expires 1992)
9. Assistant Clerk - James Tyus

Submitted by:

Rev. Jack L. Rollins
Bro. Ernest Stone
Rev. Mike Andrews

FAMILY DEVOTION:

We, the Family Devotion Committee believe the strength of the church begins in the home. We believe that every christian family should have family devotion, also the parents need this time of studying the Bible and praying with their children. This strengthens the relationship of child and parent. A family that prays together stays together. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Submitted by:

Sis. Cody Isbell
Sis. Jimmie Duckett
Sis. Margie Harris

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE:

The following registered Friday, Sept. 29, 1988:

Deacons - 6
Ministers - 7
Visitors - 16
Delegates - 6
TOTAL 35

The following registered Saturday, Oct. 1, 1988:

Deacons - 17
Ministers - 23
Delegates - 39
Visitors - 33
TOTAL 111

The total for both days - 146

Submitted by:

Sis. Shirley Pugh
Sis. Joyce Howell

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

We the Ordaining Council recommend the following:

1. Bro. Lonnie Watts be ordained deacon at today's conference. Bro. Watts is from the Fultondale FWB.
2. Bro. Roy Green Jr. be ordained as deacon at his home church of Sylacauga First FWB.
3. Bro. Charles Sorenson be ordained as deacon at his home church of Friendship FWB.

Submitted by:

Bro. Ackerman Rev. Max Feltman
Bro. James Tyus Bro. Grafford Johnson
Rev. Robert Roberson

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CHURCH

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CHURCHES	MEMBERS	NEW MEMBERS	BAPTIZED	DISMISSED	DECEASED	ORDAINED MINISTERS	LICENSED MINISTERS	ORDAINED DEACONS	CHURCH VALUATION	PAID PASTORS	PAID EVANGELISTS	MISSIONS	RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE	CHILDREN'S HOME	SUNDAY SCHOOL	CTS	AUXILIARY	BUILDING REPAIR & IMPROVEMENT
Adamsville																		
Belview	50	3	0	0	0	2	2	2	25,000	0	200	480	0	480	60	0	6	5000
Bethel	93	0	1	0	1	1	0	3	0	262	0	491.50	0	245.75	25	5	6	0
Center Point	120	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	88		17	0
Davis Chapel	38	1	1	0	0	3	0	4	85,000	2,550	200	132	0	410	55	0	0	5,400
Fairview	30	4	4	7	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forestdale	149	2	0	3	1	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	0	20	0
Fultondale	43	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	200,000	4,311	0	731.50	0	365.75	40	0	14	4,750
Huffman	82	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	255,000	10,400	68.21	125.18	0	26.07	31	0	0	0
Mt. Olive	98	3	0	0	0	3	2	5	60,000	1,650	25	0	0	0	52	0	0	0
Mt. Pleasant	88	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	30,000	7,710	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mt. Zion	176	10	7	2	1	2	0	6	140,660	19,125	197.87	7,319	0	250	110	0	12	0
New Life	48	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	2,231	0	140	49	25	6	1,785
Selma	193	23	9	0	2	1	0	2	110,000	15,800	0	1,133	0	313	73	93	10	800
Shady Grove	75	12	10	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sylacauga	189	1	6	0	1	3	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	147	0	25	0
Union Hill	54	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	0	4,400	150	0	0	2,322.30	51	0	0	0
Friendship	17	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18 Churches	1543	62	39	15	12	23	8	50	905,660	68,570	1291	2415	0	24,156	882	123	128	17,735

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REPORT OF TREASURER (GENERAL FUND)

Balance Brought Forward Sept. 1987	782.04
Received:	
Adamsville FWB Church	21.00
Adamsville FWB Church (Food Fund)	35.00
Belview FWB Church	28.00
Belview FWB Church (Food Fund)	105.00
Bethel FWB Church	42.00
Behtel FWB Church (Food Fund)	35.00
Center Point FWB Church	28.00
Center Pint FWB Church (Food Fund)	70.00
Davis Chapel FWB Church	42.00
Davis Chapel FWB Church (Food Fund)	70.00
Fairview FWB Church	35.00
Fairview FWB Church (Food Fund)	70.00
Forestdale FWB Church	133.00
Forestdale FWB Church (Food Fund)	70.00
Fultondale FWB Church	14.00
Fultondale FWB Church (Food Fund)	70.00
Huffman FWB Church	42.00
Huffamn FWB Church (Food Fund)	70.00
Mt. Olive FWB Church	42.00
Mt. Olive FWB Church (Food Fund)	70.00
Mt. Pleasant FWB Church	42.00
Mt. Zion FWB Church	70.00
Mt. Zion FWB Church (Food Fund)	70.00
New Life FWB Church	42.00
New Life FWB Church (Food Fund)	70.00
Selma FWB church	70.00
Selma FWB Church (Food Fund)	70.00
Shady Grove FWB Church	18.00
Shady Grove FWB Curch (Food Fund)	35.00
Sylacauga FWB Church	56.00
Sylacauga FWB Church (Food Fund)	70.00
Union Hill FWB Church	57.00
Union Hill FWB Church (Food Fund)	70.00
Friendship FWB Church	14.00
Friendship FWB Church (Food Fund)	35.00
Offering Semi Annual Conference	127.00
Donations	14.50
TOTAL	\$2022.50

EXPENSES

John Ackerman (Clerk & Treasurer)	100.00
James Tyus (Asst. Clerk)	20.00
Rev. Glenn Hood (Moderator)	25.00
Rev. Ernest Walker (Asst. Moderator)	12.50
Stamps and Postage	52.82
Ala. State Association (17 Churches 20 Each)	340.00
Williams Photographic (Printing Minutes)	310.51

EXPENSES (CONTINUED)

Shady Grove (Food)	437.87
Smith Printing (Supplies & Bulletins)	51.17
Dr. Levy Corey (Benevolence Semi Annual Conference)	135.00
Selma (Food)	385.00
TOTAL	\$1869.87
Balance Sept. 30, 1988	\$934.67

CAHABA RIVER ANNUAL DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION CENTER POINT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

34th SESSION APRIL 2, 1988
THEME - THEM ALSO I MUST BRING

Presiding - Mrs. Rumel Kimbrough Song Director - Carol Reese
Secretary & Treasurer - Polly Harper Pianist - Nell Grissom

The 34th session of the Cahaba River District Auxiliary Convention began on a rainy day. We began with a song "Christ Arose" very appropriate since Easter was the following day. Rumel Kimbrough lead in prayer, then gave encouragement because of rainy weather.

The president called the meeting into session. President's devotion was from John 10:16. She was encouraging us to put our efforts together so we can bring others into the fold, then shared with us the happiness that she feels by being in the shepherd's fold.

Appointed Credentials Committee - Pearl Schultz, Imojean Walker, Robbin King. Choir lead by Carol Reese then sang a special song.

Welcome was given by Mrs. Annie Mae Maddox - join our hearts in prayer remembering the resurrection of Christ. response was given by Mrs. Mary McSpadden using Isaiah 26:3 as Scripture.

Mrs. Rumel Kimbrough then took the auxiliary count - Belview not re-presented, Center Point 18, Fairview 6, Forestdale 11, Fultondale 6, My. Zion 5, Selma 3, New Life 6.

Skit by Center Point Church - Title "Woman's Auxiliary Clinic" very good. Theme of skit was the many excuses we use for not attending auxiliary such as, discouragement, attitude, etc.

The Credentials committee reported letters were in order. Next President called Roll - motion was made then delegates seated. Committees were appointed as follows:

Audit Committee: Lucille Killingsworth - Selma, Jobie Hardwick - Mt. Zion, Rosalee Phillips - Fairview. Business Committee: Sissie Click - Forestdale, Alcie Hood - Center Point, Gertrude Wolford - Fultondale. Appreciation Committee: Bernice Ackerman - Selma, Elaine Hazewood - Mt. Zion, Shari Sanford - Forestdale. Registration Committee: Jean Byrd, Melissa Gilmore, Windy Williams, Denise King from Center Point.

Robbin King sang a solo. Carol Reese lead congregation in "While The Ages Roll".

Our guest speaker Bro. Richard Hendrix was introduced, Bro. Hendrix is Home Missionary from Huntsville (Madison) Al. First of all he shared with us a report on work in Madison - had 89 present on Roll Call Sunday - has baptized 11 - told us about visitation, witnessing and of the opportunity he has to meet folks from foreign countries. He told us about property that has been purchased in a growing area, of the good fellowship in the church. Bro. Hendrix is proud to be Free Will Baptist. Message fro, John 2:13 Zeal is something we have to have to bring people to meet God. Challenged us to let Jesus' attitude of Zeal and enthusiasm be an example to us. Our attitude is most important in bringing them in.

Bro. Glenn Hood then commended the ladies for the fine job they had done, had prayer ans gave an invitation, then dismissed in prayer asking blessing on the food.

Morning session ended at 11:30 A.M.

Afternoon session began at 12:30 with song lead by Carol Reese "If Jesus Goes With Me." Jobie Hardwick lead in Prayer.

Committee Report as follows:

AUDIT COMMITTEE - We the audit Committee have examined the books and found all in order, balances and correct.

Submitted by:
Rosalee Phillips
Jobie Hardwick
Lucille Killingsworth

BUSINESS COMMITTEE - That we give:

1. \$125.00 State Project
2. \$525.00 to Hendrix Land Fund.
3. That the 1989 convention go to New Life.

Alice Hood, Gertrude Wolford, Sissie Click --- Alice Hood, Chairman.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE - We the Appreciation committee, want to thank the Center Point Free Will Baptist Church and Ladies Auxiliary for their hospitality, good food, and beautiful decorations. We also want to say how much we enjoyed the skit and how very inspirational it was

to us. We appreciate Bro. Hendrix taking the time to be with us today and his sermon was very uplifting, enthusiastic, and really blessed our hearts. Once again, we would like to thank everyone that had a part in making this a successful day. The congregation gave the Center Point Church a rising vote of thanks.

Elaine Hazelwood, Bernice Ackerman, Shari Sanford

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE - Reported total of 61 registered - 7 churches represented.

Jean Byrd, Windy Williams, Denise King, Melissa Gilmore
Denise King, Chairman

New Life got Attendance Banner 80% present. 8 members - 6 present.

Alice Hood gave coming events: Encouraged us to be sure to attend the State Meeting at Mt. Zion. Gave needs for provisional closet - electric can openers, king sized sheets, colored canister, tupperware sets, dish towels. Bring love gift. Retreat - Ridgecrest N.C. Sept. 8-10. Be sure to save old postage stamps and bring to State Meeting.

Bro. Hendrix announced retreat for ladies in Huntsville - last week end in April.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE 1988: Pearl Schultz & Imojean Walker - New Life, Charlotte Graves - Fairview, President & Secretary.

Mrs. Charlotte Graves presented \$173.00 to Bro. Richard Hendrix as love gift.

Took offering for the general treasury (\$51.10) Bro. Hood lead in Prayer.

After having a wonderful day and with all minds clear the 34th session of the Cahaba River District Auxiliary Convention was dismissed by President, Mrs. Rumel Kimbrough.

Polly Harper Secretary - Treasurer (1987-88)

CAHABA RIVER ANNUAL DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION

FINANCIAL REPORT

APRIL 2, 1988 CONVENTION DATE

CHURCH	MEMBERS	DUES	FOOD EXPENSES	PROJECT	LOVE GIFT	TO WNAC
Belview	5	\$11.25	\$10.00	\$100.00	\$10.00	\$1.00
Center Point	17	38.25	HOST	100.00	28.00	1.00
Fairview	9	20.25	10.00	50.00	18.00	
Forestdale	23	51.75	10.00	100.00	39.00	1.00
Fultondale	11	24.75	10.00	100.00	22.00	1.00
Mt. Zion	11	24.75	10.00	100.00	22.00	1.00
New Life	8	18.00	10.00	50.00	10.00	8.00
Selma	12	27.00	10.00	50.00	24.00	1.00
	96	\$216.00	\$70.00	\$650.00	\$173.00	\$ 14.00

Balance Brought Forward As of June 25, 1987 (Books rec'd from former Treasurer) \$ 90.97
Deposit form District Churches 1,053.10
\$1,144.07

DISBURSMENTS

3-31-88 Check #142 Cash for love gift for Belview, Fairview, Selma \$52.00
4-01-88 #143 Center Point Auxiliary Food Expense 70.00
4-08-88 #144 WNAC - Richard Hendrix Land Fund 525.00
4-08-88 #145 Alabama State Women's Auxiliary [192.00 Dues 125.00 State Project] 351.00
[14.00 WNAC Postage - 20.00 Food Expenses]
Bank charges July 1987-88 20.30
\$1,018.30

Brought Forward 6-25-87 \$ 90.97
Deposited + 1,053.10
Disbursed - 1,018.30

TOTAL 125.77 As of July 26, 1988

Polly Harper Secretary - Treasurer 1987-88

GUIDE LINES FOR ORDINATION

1. This Association ordains no man that has more than one living wife, nor a man whose wife has more than one living husband.
2. Every minister carries a license until he is either called to a church or enters full time evangelistic work. The license of ministers licensed by this Association are to be reissued each year, if the church of which they are a member makes this request.
3. This Association ordains no one that doesn't believe fully the faith and practice of the Free Will Baptist Treatise.
4. This Association ordains no one that doesn't believe and practice tithing.
5. This Association ordains no one that doesn't believe in the verbal inspiration of Word of God.
6. This Association will not ordain women to preach the Gospel.
7. This Association will not ordain anyone that is affiliated with the World Council of Churches.
8. This Association will not ordain any one with a bad character with them that are without.
9. This Association will not ordain anyone that doesn't believe and practice the ordinances of the church.
A. Baptism by immersion; B. Communion; C. Feet Washing
10. This Association will not ordain anyone that doesn't believe a person can apostatize and be lost.

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 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. Every Minister carries a license until he is either called to a church or enters full time evangelistic work. The license of ministers licensed by this Association are to be reissued each year, if the church of which they are a member makes this request.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this 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 the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.'

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, 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 bonds 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 and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle 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 of God 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 educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic effort; for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 ordained Ministers, Deacons and Delegates of different churches forming the same. All ordained ministers, active deacons and officers of the association shall be standing delegates.

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. Any ordained man that is a member of a mission church sponsored by this association shall have delegate privileges at all conference meetings.

Article V - All church clerks shall mail church letters to the Association clerk not later than four weeks in advance of the first day of the beginning of the Association.

Article VI - A. The officers of the Association shall be composed of Moderator, Assistant Moderator Clerk-Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer. The Moderator and Assistant Moderator shall serve one (1) year terms, and the Clerk-Treasurer and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer shall serve two (2) year terms. They shall be elected by the body. The Clerk-Treasurer shall handle all money of the Association, except the Home Missions Fund and the Youth Camp Fund. The Clerk-Treasurer and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer shall be elected on even numbered years.

B - There shall also be a Home Mission Board. The Home Mission Board shall consist of seven (7) members with three (3) members coming off each year. When vacancies occur, the body shall elect. The Home Missions Board shall elect their own Clerk-Treasurer which shall keep minutes of Home Missions Board meetings and shall handle all money belonging to the Home Missions Fund.

C - There shall also be an Executive Board. The Executive Board shall consist of seven (7) members. Four (4) of the seven members shall be the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer. The remaining three (3) shall be elected by the Association to serve a three (3) year term with one coming off each year. Any four (4) members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum. When vacancies occur, the body shall elect.

D - The Youth Camp shall have a seven man board of trustees. They shall be elected by the body with two (2) coming off each year and one the fourth year. They shall have the responsibility of maintaining the camp and appointing the camp directors. The Board of Trustees for the Youth Camp shall elect their own Clerk-Treasurer which shall keep minutes of their meetings and shall handle all money belonging to the Youth Camp Fund. The Board of Trustees for the Youth Camp shall also elect their own Chairman.

E - There shall also be an Ordaining Council. The Ordaining Council shall consist of five (5) members with one (1) member coming off each year. As vacancies occur, they shall be elected by the body. All members of the Ordaining Council shall be ordained ministers or deacons. It shall be the duty of the Ordaining Council to meet with candidates for licensing and ordination as ministers of the Gospel and candidates for ordination as deacons. It shall further be their duty to assure compliance with the By-Laws of the Presbytery.

Article VII - All Committees shall be appointed in advance by Moderator. At end of session their responsibility shall cease.

Article VIII - The following committees shall meet in advance and be prepared to make their report at the beginning of session: Credential and Nominating, Deceased, Sunday School and C.T.S. Temperance, and Family Devotion.

Article IX - This Association shall meet on Saturday morning before the first Sunday in October of each year.

Article X - Each church shall pay a representation fee for each conference (annual conference and semi-annual conference) of \$7.00 for each delegate that the church is entitled to according to article IV of this constitution.

Article XI - The Clerk-Treasurer shall be paid \$100.00 annually. The Assistant Clerk-Treasurer shall be paid \$20.00 annually. The Moderator shall be paid \$25.00 annually. The Assistant Moderator shall be paid \$12.50 annually. All other expenditures not specified shall be by decision of the body.

Article XII - 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 and lay on the table from morning session until afternoon session or from afternoon session until evening session.

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 attributed 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 manfinite 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 IV - Creation, Primitive State of Man and His Fall

Section I - Creation

1. OF THE WORLD, God created the world, and all things that it contains, for His own pleasure and glory and the enjoyment of His creatures.
2. OF THE ANGELS, The angels were created by God to glorify Him and obey His commandments. Those who have kept their first estate He employs in ministering blessings to the heirs of salvation and in executing His judgments upon the world.
3. OF MAN, God created man, consisting of a material body and a thinking, rational soul. He was made in the image of God, to glorify his Maker.

Section II - Primitive Man and His Fall

Our first parents, in their original state, were upright. They naturally preferred and desired to obey their Creator, and had no preference or desire to transgress His will until they were influenced and inclined by the tempter to disobey God's commands. Previous to this, the only tendency of their nature was to do righteousness. In consequence of the first transgression, the state under which the posterity of Adam came into the world is so different from that of Adam that they have not that righteousness and purity which Adam had before the fall; they are not willing to obey God, but are inclined to evil. Hence none, by virtue of any natural goodness and mere work of their own; can become the children of God, but they are all dependent of salvation upon the redemption effected, through the blood of Christ, and upon being created anew unto obedience through the operation of the Spirit, both of which are freely provided for every descendent of Adam.

Chapter V - Of Christ

Section I

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, possesses all divine perfections. As He and the Father are one, he in His divine nature, filled all the offices and performed the works of God to His creatures that have been the subjects of revelations to us. As man, he performed all the duties toward God that we are required to perform, repentance of sin excepted.

His divinity is proved from His titles, His attributes, and His works.

1. HIS TITLES. The Bible ascribes to Christ the titles of Savior, Jehovah, Lord of Hosts, the First and the Last, God, true God, Great God over all, mighty God, and the everlasting Father.

2. HIS ATTRIBUTES. He is eternal, unchangable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, holy, and is to be worshipped.

3. HIS WORKS. By Christ the world was created. He preserves, and governs it; He has provided redemption for all men and He will be their final judge.

Section II - The Incarnation of Christ

The Word, which in the beginning was with God and which was God, by whom all things were made condescended to a state of humiliation in being united with human nature and becoming like us, pollution and sin excepted. In this state, as a subject of the law, He was liable to the infirmities of our nature, was tempted as we are, but lived our example, perfect obedience to the divine requirements. As Christ was made of the seed of David according to the flesh, He is 'the Son of man,' and has the divine existence is the fountain from which He proceeded, and was the only agency by which He was begotten, He is 'the Son of God,' being the only begotten of the Father, and the only incarnation of the Divine Being.

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 man 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 fall 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, as 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. Qualifications 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 to their souls from the pollution of sin, their rising to newness of life, their engagement 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, as the cup, the emblem of His shed blood, and by it the believer expresses his love for Christ, his faith and hope in Him and pledges to Him perpetual fidelity.

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

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

Chapter XIX - Death

1. Death. As 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.