

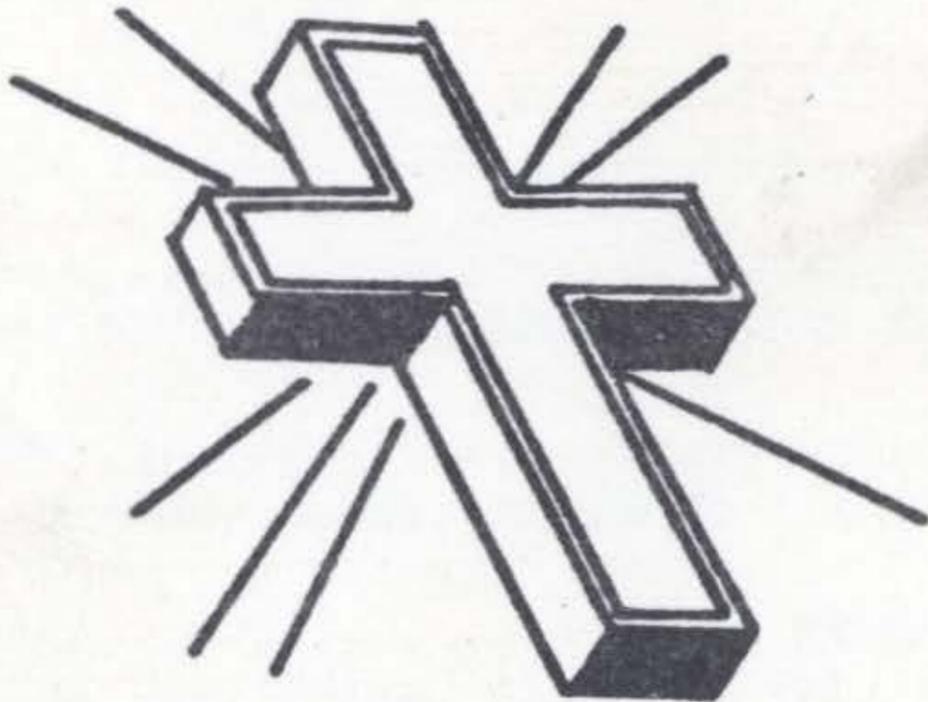
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Of The

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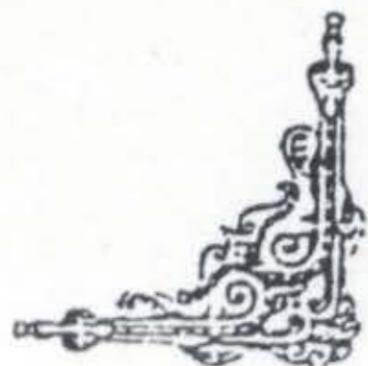


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Oct. 4th. And 5th. 1991



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Friday, October 4, 1991

The Ministers and Deacons Conference convened at Center Point Free Will Baptist Church. The Service was opened with prayer followed by Spirit moving congregational singing. Brother Harper brought the Moderator's message "The Vineyard" from Isaiah 5:1-7. A very good message.

The business session of the Conference was called to order by the Clerk. There was no old business. The Moderator called for new business.

The nomination for officers of the Conference was called for. Rev. Wayne McDaniel was nominated to be Moderator for the coming year. There was no further nominations. Motion was made and seconded to close the nomination and election be made by proclamation.

Rev. Jimmy Youngblood was nominated to be the assistant Moderator. There was no further nominations. Motion was made and seconded to close the nomination and election be made by proclamation.

Special singing by Sister Jeanette Harper; "When We See Jesus," a great song with a wonderful message. Sister Harper did a great job singing, exhibiting a marvelous spirit. The message was brought by Brother John Ackerman. His text was taken from John 12:20-23, and his subject was "When We See Jesus." A real warm heart searching message, and a very good service. Offering of \$130.03 was voted to send to Dave Franks, Jr., Accountants.

PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 5, 1991

8:30 to 9:00 A.M. REGISTRATION

The one hundred thirteenth annual Association of the Cahaba River Free Will Baptist convened with Center Point Free will Baptist Church. The meeting was opened by congregational singing, Rev. J.D. Wales led in prayer. Moderators message was taken from Genesis 45:4-9 with the though, "Do Not Fall Out By The Way." Some very encouraging and provoking thoughts. The meeting was called to order by the Clerk.

Credentials Committee report was given by Rev. J.D. Wales. Motion was made to receive report, seconded, and carried. Clerk read the list of delegates, substitutions were made and delegates were seated. A report was given by the Moderator on the now standing condition of the Youth Camp Board Treasurer. Home Mission Board report was given by Bro. Paul Nichols. M.S. & C. to receive the report. The call was made for the Board of Christian Education. There was no report. Bro. Lecil Gardner gave the Children's Home Report. M.S. & C. to receive the report as information. Delegates to the Alabama State Association in Madison was selected. Sister Polly Roberson gave the Auditing Committee's report on the Clerk/Treasurer and Home Mission Board's books.

INTERMISSION

Worship service began with congregational singing, and a special by the girls quartet from Center Point Church. Dr. Tom Malone from the Free Will Baptist Bible College brought the morning message from Genesis 28:10-22, a timely message on confrontation. A very provoking message. The offering was taken in the amount of \$464.00, the proceeds of which was to go to the Free Will Baptist College. The body was recessed to a delicious lunch.

The afternoon session began with congregational singing and a good devotion by Rev. Jack Rollins. He brought the devotion from Luke 9:58-62 giving three

provoking thoughts; 1) The Uncounted Cost, 2) The Unburied Corpse, and 3) The Unforsaken Circle.

The Business and Deceased Committee's report was given by Bro. John Ackerman making the following recommendations; 1) If possible, Church clerks type letter to association; 2) That the Churches that have not compiled with by-laws of Association not be reported to the Alabama State Association, or their delegates; 3) Work date be set for clean-up at Youth Camp; 4) The Nominating Committee be appointed to serve one year; 5) A plaque be given to Sister McFadden in honor of the service her husband rendered to the Association; 6) We stand for a moment of silent prayer in respect to the deceased of the Association. M.S.&C. Amendments were made to the following articles; Article no. 2) The Clerk write to the Churches who have not paid at least \$30.00 for each Associational meeting (annual and semi-annual), and if not paid by October 31st not to report them to the State Association. M.S.&C. 3) The work day at the Youth Camp be set for everyone who could meet, to meet October 19th at 7:00 a.m. M.S.&C. 4) The present Nominating Committee (Rev. Maxwell Harper, Bro. Lecil Gardner, and Rev. Donald Grice) serve for one year. M.S.&C. Rev Wayne Neely led closing prayer in remembrance of the Deceased.

A recommendation and motion was made from the body that the Executive Board investigate the matter concerning the funds in the treasure of Youth Camp Board. The Executive Board was authorized to seek legal assistances to investigate the matter and take whatever action necessary to resolve it. It was suggested that the Executive Board meet with Union Hill Church to inform them of the matter and to revoke Rev. Michael Andrews' credentials if no restitution of funds and records be made. It was also recommended that Rev. Glenn Hood and Rev. Ernest Walker remain on the Executive Board until this matter of the Youth Camp Board Funds be resolved. M.S.&C.

It was recommended that in the future two signatures be obtained on each check given from any treasurer of

any Board within the Association, and that the Association or the Board elect an ordained person within the Church of the Boards Treasurer. M.S.&C.

Rev. Ron Woodard gave the Ordaining Council's report. M.S.&C.

Two items were voted on separately and passed.

There was no one to be ordained.

Rev. Maxwell Harper gave the Nominating Committee's report. Officers were elected individually. See report of Nominating Committee.

Announcements were made.

A standing vote of appreciation was given to Host Church for food and hospitality. Our closing prayer was led by Brother Paul Nichols.

HOME MISSIONS BOARD

REPORT TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE - OCTOBER 5, 1991

November 1990 through September 1991

Previous Balance		<u>\$351.95</u>	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Nov-Dec 90	179.66	400.00	131.61
Jan 91	440.37	200.00	371.98
Feb-Mar 91	306.82	400.00	278.80
Apr-June 91	579.54	600.00	258.34
July 91	129.07	200.00	187.41
Aug-Sept 91	<u>365.23</u>	<u>400.00</u>	152.64
Totals	\$2000.69	\$2200.00	

Disbursements to Missionary Charley Weaver \$2,200.00

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR

Fultondale FWB	422.28
Shady Grove FWB	365.17
Huffman FWB	207.00
New Life FWB	220.00
Forestdale Woman's Auxiliary	91.00
Fairview FWB	132.54
Sylacauga FWB	502.70
Davis Chapel FWB	<u>60.00</u>
Total	\$2000.69

Rev. Glenn Hood,
Treasurer

We the Auditing Committee have examined the books of the Home Mission Board and the Associations Clerk/Treasurer and found them to be in order.

Respectfully Submitted
Polly Roberson
Jobie Hardwick
David Wilson

We the Credentials Committee have examined the letters from all of our Churches (a total of 19) and recommend that the delegates be seated.

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>		
Total Membership	1,555	1,853	increase	298
New Members	67	117	"	50
Baptized	37	71	"	34
Dismissed	40	33	decrease	7
Deceased	5	15	increase	10

Respectfully Submitted
Rev. J.D. Wales
Bro. Paul Hardwick
Bro. Royce Grissom

BUSINESS AND DECEASED COMMITTEE

We, the Business Committee, give following report:

- 1) Suggest, if possible, that Church Clerk type letters, or print delegates names plainly.
- 2) Recommend that Churches that have not complied with by-laws of Association not have delegates seated unless money is paid.
Motion was made and seconded that the Clerk write the Churches who have not paid for at least three delegates by October 31, 1991 not be reported at Alabama State meeting.
Motion was carried.
- 3) A work date be set for work at Youth Camp. Motion made and seconded for everyone who could meet at 7:00 a.m. October 19, 1991 for work day at Camp.
Motion was carried.
- 4) Recommend the Nominating Committee be appointed to serve for one year.
Motion made and seconded.
Motion was carried.
- 5) Recommend a plaque be given to Sister McFadden for the service her husband gave the Association.
Motion made and seconded.
Motion was carried.
- 6) Recommend we stand for a moment of silent prayer in respect to the deceased. Deceased: Davis Chapel - Bro. Carl Stevens, Sis. Inez Goodwin, Bro. Monroe McCoy; Mt. Pleasant - three deceased, no names given; Fultondale - Bro. H.A. McFadden; Mt. Zion - Sis. Ola Chapman; Adamsville - one deceased, no name given; Huffman - Bro. Percy Hood; Sylacauga - three deceased, no names given. Prayer was led by Rev. Wayne Neely.

Respectfully submitted
Rev. Jack Rollins
Bro. John Ackerman
Rev. Jimmy Youngblood

Rev. Rickey Patterson
Rev. Gene Howard

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, recommend for:

Moderator - Rev. Glenn A. Hood
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Executive Board Member - Bro. John Ackerman
Home Mission Board - Rev. Rickey Patterson
Rev. Fred Whilden
Rev. Ron Woodard
Christian Education Board - Rev. David Reese
Ordaining Council - Rev. Bruce Damron

Respectfully Submitted
Rev. Maxwell Harper
Rev. Donald Grice
Bro. Lecil Gardner

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

We, the Registration Committee, make the following report. The registration for Saturday, October 5, 1991:

Deacons	- 11
Ministers	- 15
Delegates	- 36
Visitors	- 14
Total	<u>76</u>

Submitted by Host Church

ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, the Ordaining Council, recommend the following be issued a license to preach:

- (1) Rev. Arlie Bevan be licensed for first time for one year.
That Rev. Raymond Rivers, Rev. Mike Ferguson, Rev. David C. Reese, and Rev. Rickey Andrews be relicensed for one year.

(2) That James Wheeler's credentials be revoked since he has joined another denomination.

Rev. Lee Bevan was not present and could not be examined for license first time.

A motion was made and seconded that the report be received as given. The motion carried and each item was voted on separately.

Respectfully Submitted

Rev. Ron Woodard
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REPORT OF TREASURER

GENERAL FUND

Balance brought forward September 1990		\$1,276.30
ADAMSVILLE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH	GEN. FUND	60.00
	FOOD	50.00
BELVIEW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH	GEN. FUND	60.00
	FOOD	50.00
BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH	GEN. FUND	
	FOOD	
CENTER POINT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH	GEN. FUND	60.00
	FOOD	50.00
CENTRAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH	GEN. FUND	60.00
	FOOD	
DAVIS CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH	GEN. FUND	60.00
	FOOD	50.00
FAIRVIEW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH	GEN. FUND	60.00
	FOOD	50.00
FORESTDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH	GEN. FUND	100.00
	FOOD	50.00
FRIENDSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH	GEN. FUND	60.00
	FOOD	50.00
FULTONDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH	GEN. FUND	30.00
	FOOD	5.00
HUFFMAN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH	GEN. FUND	30.00
	FOOD	25.00
MT. OLIVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH	GEN. FUND	60.00
	FOOD	50.00
MT. PLEASANT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH	GEN. FUND	60.00
	FOOD	50.00
MT. ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH	GEN. FUND	110.00
	FOOD	50.00
NEW LIFE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH	GEN. FUND	60.00
	FOOD	50.00
SELMA FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH	GEN. FUND	80.00
	FOOD	50.00
SHADY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH	GEN. FUND	71.00
	FOOD	50.00
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH SYLACAUGA	GEN. FUND	291.34
	FOOD	25.00
UNION HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH	GEN. FUND	30.00
	FOOD	

COLLECTION AT MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE 26.50
 COLLECTION AT MORNING ASSOCIATION SERVICE 100.81

April 6, 1991

Total Receipts \$3,450.95

Expenses

Bro. John Ackerman - Clerk/Treasurer	\$100.00
Bro. James Tyus - Asst/ Clerk	20.00
Rev. Glenn Hood - Moderator	25.00
Rev. Ernest Walker - Asst. Moderator	12.50
Rev. Maxwell Harper - Speaker (Deacons and Ministers Conf.)	26.50
State Assn. fees for 18 Churches	540.00
Mid-South Pastors and Workers Conference	100.81
Williams Photographics & Printing	342.47
U.S. Post Office (mailing)	2.70
U.S. Post Office (stamps)	25.00
Wal-mart (envelopes)	1.08
First Free Will Baptist Church (food)	380.00
U.S. Post Office (mailing)	24.70
U.S. Post Office (mailing)	7.15
U.S. Post Office (mailing)	3.27
Balance on hand September 30, 1991	\$1,839.77

The theme for the 37th Annual Women's Auxiliary District Convention was "Let Us Serve Until He Comes." The Convention convened at Mt. Zion on a beautiful Lord's day. Meeting was opened with the song "I Will Serve Thee," led by Jobie Hardwick. We then had prayer led by Jobie Hardwick. Our President, Polly Roberson, then read 2nd Thes. 2:1-2.

Tammy Bryant and Kathy Huffstutler then sang a beautiful song for us. Rosa Tollison, from Mt. Zion, then gave each of us a warm welcome. Kathy and Tammy then gave us a beautiful rendition of "God Bless The U.S.A."

The Credentials Committee then reported that all Auxiliaries had sent in their letters and all were in order. Billie Rollins and Sissie Click reporting. Moved and seconded. Motion carried. Roll call of delegates was then made. Delegates were then seated. The Business Committee was appointed. Alice Hood, Barbara Kirkland, Phyllis Woodard, and Bettie Wade were appointed to serve on this committee. The Audit Committee is Peggy Cummings, Ophellia Phillips. The Nominating Committee is Bernice Ackerman, Robbin King, and Sara Jo Victory.

The Audit Committee reported that they had examined the books and found everything to be in order. Bro. Thomas Kirkland led us in an offertory prayer. Kathy and Tammy sang "He Is More Wonderful" while the offering was being received. The offering was \$78.95.

Alice Hood then told us about the Walk-A-Thon and the State Retreat. The State Retreat will be September 27th and 28th at the 4-H Center in Columbiana, AL. We then had several Church announcements, and testamonies. The Counting Committee reported that we had a total of 75 present.

Our guest speaker was Sis. Icy Mae Frederick, missionaey to Haiti. She told us about her calling to Haiti. She stated that she first went to Haiti for two weeks but has been there for a number of years. She told

Total Receipts \$3,432

us of the work that she has done in Haiti. She told about how God has always supplied her every need for her work in Haiti. She told us of many of the trials and tribulations of her work there. It was a stirring and wonderful message.

The Convention was then dismissed for lunch with prayer by Bro. John Ackerman.

The afternoon session was opened with prayer by Billie Rollins. Craig Hazelwood did a lip sinc to "God Bless The U.S.A." A wonderful job. Elaine Hazelwood did a very stirring skit to the song "Light Your World."

The Business Committee recommends that \$125.00 go to the State project, \$575.00 go to Dave Franks, Jr., and that the District spend \$15.00 for a door prize for the State Retreat. The committee also recommends that the convention go to Selma in 1992 and that the attendance banner go to Selma with 80% of their membership present. They also recommend that the Walk-A-Thon be held the 2nd Saturday in April each year, beginning in 1992. Motion made that the report be accepted. Seconds made. Motion carried.

The Nominating Committee nominates the following officers: President, Polly Roberson; Vice-President, Nell Grissom; Secretary and Treasurer, Betty Wade; Mission Action, Barbara Kirkland; Mission Study, Ozzie Seale; Mission Prayer, Peggy Cummings; Field Prayer Worker, Alice Hood; and Assistant Secretary, Billie Rollins. Motion made, seconded that the officers be elected. Motion carried.

The Program Committee for 1992 is Polly Roberson, Bettie Wade, Libby Willoughby, and 2 from the host church.

Sis. Frederick told us of her need for medicine for the clinic in Haiti. She said that if anyone had any kinds of medicine that they wanted to send, to

contact her and she would either tell you how to send it, or send it herself.

Gladys Branton then presented Sis. Frederick with a love offering of \$150.00. We then took up another offering for Sis. Frederick to help furnish the cement needed and the offering was in the amount of \$255.95.

Libby Willoughby then had the installation of officers. She used the theme "Opening Our Hearts to Serve Until He Comes." Phyllis Hawkins sang "Open Mine Eyes" as a song of dedication for the officers. A very meaningful installation.

We were then dismissed with prayer by Alice Hood.

Bettie Wade
Sec./Treas.

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COUNCIL CHARTER
We, the members of the NLSSE, do hereby covenant to be guided by the following principles:
1. We will love and obey God in all things, to seek His will in all our decisions and actions, and to be obedient to His commands.
2. We will love one another as ourselves, and to be kind, gentle, and patient with one another.
3. We will be diligent in our study of the Bible, and to be wise in our use of the Word of God.
4. We will be diligent in our prayer, and to be faithful in our service to the church and to the world.
5. We will be diligent in our use of the gifts of the Spirit, and to be faithful in our service to the church and to the world.
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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 the 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 conferences.
- 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 two (2) 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 shall be elected on even numbered years.
- B. There shall 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. The Moderator shall serve as Chairman of the Executive Board.

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 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 the end of session their responsibility shall cease.

Article VIII - There shall be a Business, Deceased and a Nominating and a Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee shall meet in advance and be ready to give their report at the beginning of the session. There shall also be a auditing and registration committee for the annual session.

Article IX - This Association shall meet on the first Saturday morning in October, and the first Saturday in March each year. Ministers and Deacons Conference shall meet on Friday night before annual conference.

Article X - Each church shall pay a representation fee for each conference (annual conference and semi-annual conference) of \$10 for each delegate that the church is entitled to according to article IV of this constitution. Each church must pay for at least three delegates to be seated and reported to the State Association.

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

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

Chapter XVI - Tithing

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

Chapter XVII - The Gospel Ministry

1. 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.

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.