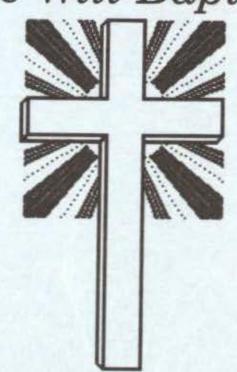
Minutes
of the
117th Annual Sessions
of

Cahaba River District Association

Free Will Baptists



Convened at
Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church
P. O. Box 54
Vandiver, AL 35176
March 4, 1995

First Free Will Baptist Church
Broad Street
Selma, AL 36701
October 6-7, 1995

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OF THE

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UNION HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH VANDIVER, AL MARCH 4,1995

AND

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH SELMA, AL OCTOBER 6-7,1995

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April 6,1996....District Woman's Auxiliary Fairview Free Will Bapt. Moody, Al

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"TOTAL YEARLY STATISTICS" OCTOBER 1994-OCTOBER 95

Number of churches	21	***************************************	t1 CO	1 605 40
of Churches		Income	\$1,08	1,695.48
Mission churches	1_	Paid pastor		94825.00
Total members	2336	Evangelist		9859.00
Ordained ministers	38	Literature		14534.00
Ordained deacons	71	Education		3574.00
Licensed ministers		Foreign miss:	ions	54233.00
Woman's auxiliary	185	Home missions	5 _	36392.00
Sunday school	1987	Children's Ho	ome	14663.00
Cts	627	College		4227.00
Master's men	28	District fees	5 _	3100.00

SEMI-ANNUAL MINUTES OF THE 117th SESSION OF THE CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS MARCH 4,1995

The 117th Semi-Annual session convened with the Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Vandiver, AL Pastor......Rev.Marshall Alexander Moderator.....Rev.Wayne McDaniel

The session opened with a congregational song entitled, "I'll Fly Away"led by Rev.E.B.Ledlow.

Opening prayer led by Rev. Wayne McDaniel.

A warm welcome was given by Rev.Ricky Andrews who sang a song entitled, "Thinking Of Me".

Moderator message was taken from scriptures in Romans 8:28 and John 10:10. The text was entitled, "Do All Things Work Together For Good?"

Clerk Stephen Day called the 117th semi-annual session to order for business.

Credentials committee report was given by Bro.John Ackerman as follows:

- 1. Churches asking for certificates of standing were reminded to only request these at annual session.
- 2.No letter was reported from Cornerstone, Alabaster.
- 3.Rev.Jerry Wright was listed on both Union Hill and Belview as a minister and member.
- 4.Rev.Ray Ritch was listed on both Huffman and Fairview as a minister and member.
- 5. Some churches hand-delivered their fee monies. [This report was accepted as read.]

continued.....

All delegates and standing delegates were ask to stand and be recognized as the voting body for this session.

Visitor welcomed was Rev. Fred Jones, Prattville, AL

01d Business: none

Cahaba River Home Missions Board: Bro. James Tyus as follows:

Balance on hand: \$5349.98 Paid out: \$2625.00 Receipts: \$1094.08

Four churches contributing were; Mt.Zion, Fairview, Fultondale, and Huffman. Report accepted.

Cahaba River Treasurer's report:Bro.Steve Day, as follows:

Report accepted.

Cahaba River Board of Christian Education report: Bro.Jim Martin, as follows:

Balance in treas. \$294.17
No meeting in January due to conflict. The next meeting is March 25. Remember youth that are to compete at finals. New Life host for March. Report accepted

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SEMI-ANNUAL MINUTES..continued.....

Free Will Baptist Children's Home report: Bro. Lecil Gardner as follows:

The situation concerning Bro.Corey and a worker at the home being charged with wrongdoing is that Bro. Corey has been cleared and the worker is being charged. The new building is started, concrete poured, and bathroom pipe set. Man to do framing had car wreck and everything now is on hold. Need help! Voted to get someone else. Five new children arriving this week. Need two workers. Got new license for two years. Best year ever! Report accepted.

Congregation sang,. "At Calvary."

Rev.Glenn Hood reported upcoming events in April for the "World Missions Offering", to be received April 30. Accepted as information.

Rev. Alexander gave information for intermission.

Rev.Larry Morgan dismissed in prayer.

"INTERMISSION"

Opening song after intermission by Rickey Andrews, "There is a River"

Business/Deceased Committee morning report:Rev.Ernest Walker as follows:

- 1. Recommend Prattville be accepted as a mission church.
- 2.Recommend Rev.Fred Jones be accepted as a member pending receipt of letter from Jasper Association. Accepted

Deceased Committee report as follows:

1.Leon Andrews-Union Hill, 2.R. Dietz-Lighthouse, 3. Carolyn Wills-?, 4. Mary McSpadden-Fultondale, 5. Walter Harris_?, and 6. Ruth Shaw-Davis' Chapel.

Report accepted with silence and prayer by Rev.Jack Rollins continued....

SEMI-ANNUAL MINUTES .. continued

Rev.Ray and wife, Sue Ritch were recognized for their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

Congregation sang: "I'd Like To Live In Glory"

Special song: "Call To Come On Home", Guy Wales.

Morning message by Rev.Ernest Walker.The text was "Jesus Passed By." Scripture: Matt.20:29-30 and Luke 19:1.

Rev.McDaniel recommended a film entitled, "Heaven's Gates and Hell's Flames."

LUNCH Prayer by Fred Jones.

Congregation song: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Devotion: Rev. Jim Martin. Text was "Why Do Men Disobey?" Scripture from John 3:4-7.

Rev.Fred Jones reported on the work in Prattville, AL. An offering was taken and given to Bro.Jones' work. Total offering was \$186.41.

Floor was open for discussion concerning Youth Camp property as follows:

- 1. The Executive committee will meet and decide when to get deed put into Cahaba River name.
- 2. Sale of the twenty acres and buildings was discussed ed in detail. Adjourning landowner has discussed buying the property.
- 3.All monies from Youth Camp Fund will be returned.
- 4. Rev. Jack Rollins made a motion for the Executive Board to handle the matter of the future of the land sale or whatever. Seconded and carried.

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SEMI-ANNUAL MINUTES ... continued

Seminar scheduled for Ministers/Deacons at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church on June 10,1995.

Upcoming Events:

The 117th Annual session meet with Selma, October 6 for the Ministers/Deacons Conference and October 7, for the Annual Session.

The 118th semi-annual session meet with Shady Grove on March 2,1996.

The Woman's Auxiliary District meet with Centerpoint on April 1,1995. Guest speaker, Monica White.

Woman's Auxiliary State meeting will be at Forestdale on May 6,1995. Guest speaker, Rev. Levy Corey.

Adjournment prayer by Rev.Robert Roberson.

(end of semi-annual minutes)

MINISTERS/DEACONS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
THE 117th ANNUAL SESSION OF CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT
ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS. October 6,1995

The 117th annual session of the Ministers/Deacons
Conference met with First Free Will Baptist Church
Selma, AL. Pastor.Rev.Tim Baumgarten
Moderator.....Bro.Howard Schultz

The session opened with song 1ed by Rev.Baumgarten, "Nothing But The Blood." Rev.Baumgarten gave a warm welcome to all.

Rev.E.B.Ledlow led in opening prayer.

Moderator's message, entitled. "Word For Gentiles," was from scripture found in Acts 13:46-47.

Congregation sang. "Saved By The Blood"and Victory in Jesus."

Clerk, Steve Day called 117th session to order.

Visitors and membership called for None

Business: No old business.

New business: Election of assistant moderator.

Rev. Ernest Walker elected as assistant.

Offering of \$50.00 was given to Prattville work.

Congregation sang." I'll Fly Away" and Christy Matherson sang" People Need The Lord."

Rev.Fred Jones, guest speaker used Hebrews 11 and Exodus 3 with his text, "Moses."

Adjourn in Prayer by Rev. Albert Pickett.

end of Min/Dea.minutes

ANNUAL MINUTES

OF THE 117th SESSION OF THE CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS. October 7,1995

The session opened with congregation singing "Joy Unspeakable" and "I'll Fly Away."

Selma's pastor, Rev. Tim Baumgarten welcomed the people.

ModeratorRev.Wayne McDaniel used the text"Timothy's Charge." Scripture was found in II Timothy 4:1-3.

Clerk, Steve Day called the 117th session to order.

Credentials committee chairman, Howard Schultz reported all letters in order and delegates were seated. MSC

Visitor, Rev. Richard Cordell, state promotional director was recognized.

Business: (morning session)-

Old business: none.

Cahaba River Home Missions report given by James

Tyus, Treasurer as follows:

Mt.Zion \$ 1417.37

Fairview 100.00

Fultondale 389.07

Huffman 841.51 Bal. \$9529.57 Paid out to Prattville work........ 4725.00

Balance 10-6-95.....\$4804.57

minutes con't ...

ANNUAL MINUTES continued....

Rev.Fred Jones reported the work in Prattville has around twenty people attending.He thanked John and Bernice Ackerman for help this year.Plans and land have been decided on with Ron Woodard helping. Bro. Fred ask for prayer. end of report. MSC

Children's Home report was given by Bro.Lecil
Gardner.He reported a need for brick mason help
and the work was hindered by a death.Also the home
will receive \$75000.00 from a will when it is probated.
A preacher/wife team are helping out in place of
dismissed man.

end of report. MSC

Treasurer's Report: (9-30-94 to 9-30-95) Balance
New balance\$5865.79
Paid out: Moderator\$ 20.00 Asst.Mod
Total paid out\$2879.71
New balance 9-30-95\$2986.08
Steve Day-Treasurer. end of treas.report

minutes con't.....

ANNUAL MINUTES continued.....

State Delegates appointed as follows: Cherry Pickett, Kathy Day, Lecil Gardner, Sue Ritch, Jeanette Harper, Nell Grissom, Pearl Schultz, Rosey Baumgarten, Odessa Ledlow, Polly Roberson, and Paul Nichols.

Rev.and Mrs.Maxwell Harper were honored for 50 years of being ordained as a minister./wife.

Old business: Moderator yeilded chair to Assistant moderator in order to dicuss item concerning child-ren's home turning deed to camp property back to Cahaba River.Bro.Lecil Gardner volunteered to see that all was taken care of and all papers given to clerk.

item MSC

Song: "When We All Get To Heaven" led by Bro. Tim.

Deceased Committee report by Bro.James Tyus as follows:1.Mt.Zion-Joe Gortney, K.W.Smith, and Betty Tims. 2.Forestdale-Lois C.Eads. 3.Davis' Chapel-Annie R.Shaw. 4.Union Hill-Leon Andrews. 5.Selma-Betty Hinds. 6.Bethel-One(no name). 7.Fultondale-Three(no names).

After moment of silence/prayer report was MSC.

Business Committee report as follows:

Item 1. Request Mike Wydemon be examined for ordination as minister from Davis' Chapel.

Item 2. Request William Boyd and Lavelle Hawthrone be examined for deacons from Fairview.

Item 3.Larry Smith and Jerry Coolidge be licensed to preach from Friendship and Billy Vaughn be relicensed to preach.

Item 4. David Reese be relicensed to preach from Centerpoint.

Business report con't....

minutes con't....

ANNUAL MINUTES continued.....

Business Committee report continued......

Item 5.Rev.Floyd Barber be given a certificate
of standing to association he joined.

Item 6.Discussion was made on Article VI-A of the Constitution to be changed to read "All of the above officers" in place of "The clerk-treasurer" on the last line of the article. (item was tabled to evening session.)

end of report.

State Promotional Director, Rev. Richard Cordell gave a brief report on denominational work.

Prayer by Rev. Wayne McDaniel for intermission.

Congregation sang "Standing On The Promises".

Moderator declares intermission ended.

Special song "My House Is Full" by Christy Matherson.

Offering of \$153.00 was given to Dr.Cordell's work.

Congregation sang "Heavenly Love".

Rev. Ricky Andrews sang "Thinking Of Me".

Special Speaker, Dr. Richard Cordell took his text from Amos 5:16-20.

Rev.Robert Roberson prayed the lunch blessing.

Dismissed for lunch.

minutes con't.....

ANNUAL MINUTES continued.....

Congregation sang "I'm Climbing Up The Mountain".

Rev.Mike Wydemon, Davis' Chapel minister gave the evening devotion from II Timothy 2:20.

Auditing committee report was given by Rev.E.B. Ledlow. Cahaba River treasurer and Missions Board finances were in order.Board of Chr.Ed.no report. Report was read and accepted.

Registration reported by host church as follows: Ministers-19, Deacons-12, Delegates-29, Visitor-29= Total attendance 89 Report accepted.

Old business:(from morning session concerning item tabled) constitution change, Article VI-A. This item was voted down and two new items were tabled until next session. These items are as follows:

1. The moderator be elected on odd years.

2. The assistant-clerk/treasurer follow same rule of election as clerk/treasurer.

These items to be discussed at next session. end of old business.

Nomination committee report: Paul Nichols as follows: Moderator-Rev. Wayne Neely ('96-97)

Asst. Moderator-Rev. Ricky Andrews ('96-97)

Executive Board-Rev.Maxwell Harper('98)

Rev.Wayne McDaniel('96)

Home Missions- James Tyus ('98)

Paul Hardwick ('98)

Fred Jones ('97)

Ordaining Council-E.B.Ledlow (2000)

Board of Christian Ed.-Steve Day (2000)

Order of term expiration for Ordaining Council *

*Feltman'96-Howard '97- Youngblood'98-Wales'99

and Ledlow'2000. end of report. MSC

minutes con't.....

ANNUAL MINUTES continued

Selma church was given a rising vote of "Thanks".

Ordaining Council report given by Rev.Robert Roberson. The following were found worthy for ordination:

1.William Boyd-deacon(Fairview)

2.Lavelle Hawthrone-deacon(Fairview)

3.Mike Wydemon-minister(Davis'Chapel)

Charge was given by Rev.Robert Roberson. report was accepted.MSC

Association was adjourned by prayer.

end of Annual Minutes!



MINUTES OF THE 39th ANNUAL SESSION OF

CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUX.

CONVENING WITH CENTERPOINT FREE WILL

BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

APRIL 1,1995

Having been established that the "First "annual meeting of the Cahaba River District Woman's Auxiliary was held in 1956, therefore this session is the 39th, not the 41st as supposed. (see 1955 minutes.)

The 39th Cahaba River District Woman's Auxiliary convened with Centerpoint Free Will Baptist Church Birmingham, Al., April 1,1995. Polly Roberson presiding.

Theme for this session was entitled "Great and Mighty Things Through Prayer."

Robbin King led the congregational song"Thy Loving Kindness:

Rev.Glenn Hood led in Opening prayer.

Sister Polly read Philippians 4:4-7 and congregation sang, "Call on Me"

Prayer requests were taken and Alice Hood led in prayer.

Welcome was given by Centerpoint president, Christine Whilden making everyone feel at home.

Gladys Branton responsed with a hearty, "Thanks!"
Credentials Committee, Imogene Walker and Pearl
Schultz reported all letters in order with one not
sending state food money. Report accepted and
delegates seated. Roll was called.

Committees appointed as follows:

- 1.Banner (Aux.count)...Imogene Walker, Pearl Schultz.
- 2. Audit.. Ophelia Phillips, Elaine Hazelwood.
- 3. Appreciation.. Tommie Booth, Rosalee Phillips.
- 4. Business.. Odessa Ledlow, Jobie Hardwick, Ozzie Seals, and Bettie Wade.
- 5.Nominating..Rosalee Phillips, Nell Grissom, Imogene Walker.
- 6.State Nominating Committee..Odessa Ledlow. continued next page...

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY minutes continued

Miss Allison Hood sang "Speak His Name".

Alice Hood gave the morning devotion from

Joshua 22:5. Song and devotion were beautiful.

Offering was received and Robbin King sang,

"Closer To You," beautifully!

Guest speaker, Miss Monica White of Cordova, AL., shared her desire to go to China and teach the English language at the English Language Institute/China. The opportunity to witness to her students about God is her calling.

Fairview Auxiliary won the attendance award. Coming events were announced by Jobie Hardwick. Registration committee reported 33 total present. Auditing committee reported financial record

Jobie Hardwick prayed lunch blessing.
After songs and prayer, the afternoon session

Appreciation committee reported the food delicious and the flowers and decorations beautiful.

Business committee recommended the following:

1. The District buy flowers for speaker and President of the state association.

2. The 1997 session meet at New Life church, Moody, AL. 3. Project money, (\$600.00) be given to Monica White. All the above were accepted and reported the 1996 session will be at Fairview, Moody.

Nominating committee presented these officers

and were accepted:

1.President:Carolyn Wilson. 2.V.P.:Christine Whilden. 3.Sec/Tres.:Bettie Wade. 4.Mission Action:Jobie Hard-wick. 5.Mission Prayer:Rosalee Phillips. 6.Mission Study:Pearl Schultz. 7.Field Worker:Polly Roberson.

Installation was presented by Libby Willoughby. Love gift was presented by Odessa Ledlow to Monica White totaling \$158.00.

(Bettie Wade-Sec/Tres.)

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"BY-LAWS OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE"

- The Clerk, Assistant-Clerk, or Senior Minister in years may call the meeting to order and 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.
- Each meeting shall be opened with scripture reading and prayer.
- By a two-thirds(2/3) vote any decision of the Moderator may be over-ruled.
- 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 not vote.
- 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-like spirit.
- 10. The person who desires to speak must first rise and address the Moderator and, (when recognized) proceed.
- 11. The votes on any question must be counted upon request of one-fifth (1/5) 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. Ministers of this body shall support all Boards and Committees elected by Association.
- 14.A minister carries a license until he is called to a church or enters full-time Evangelistic work. The license are re-issued each year if the church of his membership makes the request to this association.

15. The Assistant-Moderator will automatically become the Moderator for the following year and a new Assistant will be elected each year by the body.

CONSTITUTION

Article I-The Association shall be known as "Cahaba River Association of Free Will Baptists."

Article II-This 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 this constitution and all rules of the same.

Article IV- Each church composing this association shall be entitled to three delegates of the first one-hundred members and one for each additional fifty or fraction thereof. Any ordained man that is a member of a mission church sponsored by this association shall have delegate priviledges at all conferences.

<u>Article V- All</u> church clerks shall mail church letters to the association clerk no 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: 1. Moderator, 2. Assistant Moderator, 3. Clerk-Treasurer, and 4. Assistant Clerk-Treasurer. These four shall serve two year terms and be elected by the body. The clerk-treasurer shall handle all monies of the association expect, The Home Missions Fund and the Board of Christian Education Fund. The clerk-treasurer shall be elected on even numbered years.

(B.) There shall be a <u>Home Missions Board</u>. The board shall consist of seven members with three members coming off each year. When vacancies occur, the body shall elect.

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Article VI-B

The <u>Home Missions</u> Board shall elect their own Clerk/Treasurer which shall record minutes of all meetings and handle all monies belonging to same.

<u>VI-C</u> There shall be an <u>Executive Board</u>. It shall consist of nine members. These shall be as follows: (1) Moderator, (2) Assistant-Moderator,

(3) Clerk/Treasurer, (4) Assistant-Clerk/Treasurer,

(5) Moderator-Ministers/Deacons Conference (6) Assistant Moderator-Ministers/Deacons Conference, and three members at large elected by the association to serve a three year term with one to be coming off each year. Any five members will constitute a quorum. When vacancies occur the body will elect. The Moderator will serve as Chairman of this Board.

<u>VI-D</u> There shall be an O<u>rdaining Council</u>. It shall consists of five members with one coming off each year. As vacancies occur the body shall elect. All members of this council shall be Ordained Ministers or Deacons. It shall be the duty of the council to meet with candidates for liscensing or ordaination as ministers of the Gospel and candidates for ordaination as Deacons. It shall further be their duty to assure compliance with the By-Laws of the Presbytery.

<u>VI-E</u> There shall be a Board of Christian Education. It shall consist of five members with one coming off each year. If vacancies occur the body will elect. It shall elect it's own Clerk/Treasurer to record minutes of meetings and handle all monies belonging to same.

Article VII-All committees shall be appointed in advance by the Moderator. Their responsibility will cease at end of session.

Article VIII-A. Committees shall be(1) Business,(2)Deceased,(3)Nomination,(4)Credentials,(5)Auditing,and (6)Registration. Credentials shall meet in advance and be ready to report at beginning of session.

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Article VIII-B

The Auditing and Registration committees will serve at the Annual Association only!
Article VIII-C

The Credentials committee shall be composed of Ordained men.

Article VIII-D

All other committees except Registration shall have at least one Ordained man on it.

Article IX

This association shall meet the first Saturday morning in March and the first Saturday morning in October of each year. The Ministers/Deacons Conference shall meet Friday evening before the first Saturday in October of each year.

Article X

Each church shall pay a representation fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) each session of the annual and semi-annual conferences in order to be seated.

Article XI

The Clerk/Treasurer shall be paid one-hundred dollars(\$100.00)annually. The Assistant Clerk/Treasurer shall be paid twenty dollars(\$20.00)annually. The Moderator shall be paid twenty-five dollars(\$25.00) annually. The Assistant Moderator shall be paid twelve dollars and fifty-cents(\$12.50)annually. All other expenditures shall be decision of the body.

Article XII

This Constitution can be amended (or altered) at any regular session of the association by two-thirds vote of members present providing proposed admendment be presented in writing to the body and be tabled from the morning session until the evening session or, from the evening session until the next session.

"ORDER OF CHURCH CONFERENCE"

- 1.Call for peace and fellowship of church.
- 2.Opportunity for members.
- 3. Reading of the minutes of the 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.

"GUIDELINES 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 re-issued each year if the church of which they are a member makes this request.
- 3. This association ordains no one that does not believe fully the faith and practice of the Free Will Baptist Treatise.
- 4. This association ordains no one that does not believe and practice tithing.
- 5. This association ordains no one that does not believe in the verbal inspiration of the 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 anyone with a bad character with them that are without.
- 9. This association will not ordain anyone that does not believe and practice the ordinances of the church. A. Baptism by immersion; B. Communion; C. Feetwashing.
- 10. This association will not ordain anyone that does not believe a person can apostatize and be lost.

"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 appearances 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 it's poor, and all it's benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the 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.

TREATISE ARTICLES OF FAITH Chapter 1-The Holy Scriptures

These are the Old and 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 infallable 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, omnipotent, independent, good, wise, holy, just, and merciful, the Creator, preserver, and Governor of the universe; the Redeemer Savior, santifier, and judge of men; and the only proper object of worship.

The mode of his existence, however is 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. We 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 l. 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.

 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.

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. irevious 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

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

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, 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; goverment 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-TheGospel 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 XIJ-Justification and Santification

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 perrsevere 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 temtations 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 Thrist 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 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 veliever 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 perogative 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 resurre-

ction of damnation.

Chapter XXII-The Final Judgement and Final Retribution l. 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.

 Final Retribution. Immediately after the final judgement, the rightous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked will go

into a state of endless punishment.