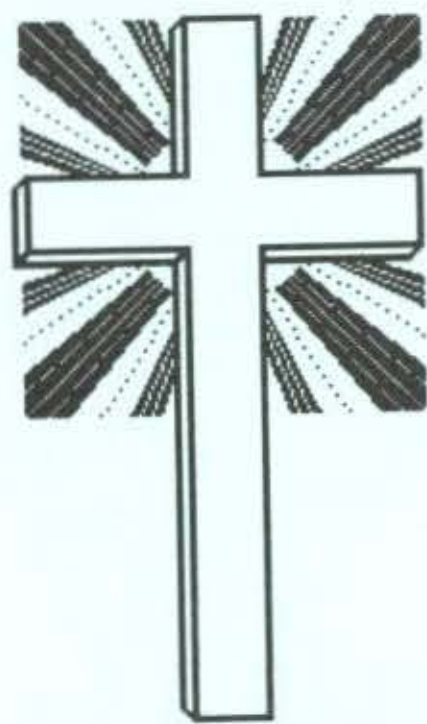


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of the  
119<sup>th</sup> Annual Sessions  
of  
Cahaba River District Association  
of  
Free Will Baptists*



*Convened at  
First Free Will Baptist Church  
54 Twin Street  
Sylacauga, AL 35150  
March 5, 1997*

*&  
Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church  
Highway 231  
Pell City, AL 35125  
October 3-4, 1997*



THE  
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MARCH 7, 1998.....	Semi-Annual Asso. Huffman FWB Church <u>Birmingham, AL</u>
OCTOBER 2-3, 1998.....	Annual Session Shady Grove FWB <u>Adamsville, AL</u>
APRIL.....	Wom. Aux. Annual Mt. Zion FWB <u>Pell City, AL</u>



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see clerk for info!

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CLERK:

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"CHURCHES DIRECTORY"

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"ANNUAL STATISTICS"

OCTOBER 1996-1997

A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Number of churches 21
2. Number in city 18 rural 3
3. Full-time pastors 4 part-time 17

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total members added 155
2. Total members lost 50
3. Total Baptisms 85
4. Total membership 2517

C. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Ordained ministers 36
2. Licensed ministers 4
3. Deacons 58
4. Sunday School 1403
5. CTS 177
6. WNAC 120
7. Master's Men 23



SEMI-ANNUAL MINUTES  
OF  
THE 119th SESSION  
OF  
THE CABAHA RIVER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

convening March 1, 1997 with....

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, SYLACAUGA, ALABAMA  
PASTOR ..... REV. WAYNE McDANIEL  
MODERATOR ..... REV. WAYNE NEELY  
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The 119th session opened with welcome from host church pastor, Rev. Wayne McDaniel.

Host church choir sang led by Sis. Rikki Lee.

Moderator, Rev. Wayne Neely made his opening statement.

Rev. Dr. Richard Cordell, State Promotional Director led in opening prayer.

Asst. Clerk, Rev. Ray Ritch called the 119th session to order for business.

Credentials Committee reported eighteen letters in order. Three churches had not reported by mail, but were given to clerk after committee meeting. One church had no name on it. (Identified from pastor name later.) Committee members were Bro. Paul Nichols and Rev. G. Hood.

Delegates were seated by roll call.

Visitors were welcomed.

Home Missions reported a balance of \$3047.17 (J. Tyus, Treas.)

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SEMI-ANNUAL MINUTES continued.....

Rev. Ray Ritch, Asst. Treas. reported a bal. of \$2222.53.

Rev. Glenn Hood reported for Christian Ed. Board.

Bro. Lecil Gardner reported on Children's Home as follows: Two buildings being bricked. Old building to be vacated in three years. 200 applications for deaf children received. Present children being taught sign language.

Melissa Williamson sang a special song.

Rev. Richard Cordell gave a report on his state work.

Business Committee report : Rev. Earnest Walker.....

Item 1. Recommend association pay entry fee for state youth rally participants.

Item 2. Recommend a list be compiled of ministers and deacons 65+ for lifetime certificates.

Item 3. Recommend each church able send \$25.00 to youth rally.

Item 4. Recommend each church able send \$1000.00 to the Prattville Building Fund by 5-1-97.

Item 5. Recommend offering to Rev. Cordell from today.

Item 6. Recommend each church add State Pro. Dept. to their monthly budget.

Item 7. Recommend each church send letter to State Senator in support of Judge Roy Moore's stand on Ten Commandments in courtroom. (Copy sent to Judge Moore also)

Item 8. Recommend Association send above letter to Governor and Senator.

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SEMI-ANNUAL MINUTES continued.....

After intermission the congregation sang: "Victory in Jesus"

Special song: Johnny Williamson

Prayer: Rev. Mickey Kirkland

Special song: Stephanie Gorman

Morning message: Rev. Jack Rollins used II Samuel 16:17 with his text entitled: "Overcome Behind the Battle Lines".

Offering for State Promo. Dept. totaled \$225.00.

After lunch the congregation sang, "Heaven's Jubilee."

Host church sang, "The Blood is Still There!"

Rev. Michael Barber entitled the afternoon message, "Back to the Basics." Scripture was I Samuel 13:14.

Ordaining Council reported recommending the following:

Item 1. Rev. Kendall Smith be accepted and given a certificate of standing upon request from Adamsville church.

Item 2. Rev. Jimmy Hodgens be given certificate of standing requested by Mt. Pleasant church.

A standing vote of "Thanks" to host church!

Benediction: Rev. Dr. Richard Cordell.

[END OF SEMI-ANNUAL MINUTES]

MINISTERS/DEACONS MINUTES

OF THE

119th SESSION OF CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 3, 1997

The 119th Annual session of the Ministers and Deacons convened with Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Pell City, Alabama. Pastor: Rev. J. D. Wales.

Conference Moderator: Rev. Ernest Walker.

The 119th session began with congregational singing led by Bro. Royce Grissom.

Moderator, Rev. Ernest Walker, welcomed each one and used I Corinthians 1:18 as a text for his sermon.

Church pastor, Rev. J. D. Wales led the opening prayer.

No visitors were reported.

Pastor Wales welcomed everyone to the church.

Mt. Zion church group sang "Matthew 24" as a special song.

Rev. E. B. Ledlow was elected Assistant Moderator for 1998.

The right hand of fellowship was given to, Rev. Lynn Wilson,

Rev. Brian Welch, Rev. Floyd Barber, Rev. Michael Barber, Bro.

Travis Webster, and Bro. Jamie Willis.

An offering was received and given to Sis. Fredrick, Missionary to Haiti in the amount of \$100.59.

Prayer: Rev. Rickey Patterson.

Rev. Ray Ritch sang "The Last Mile of the Way."

Evening message was preached by Bro. John Ackerman of Selma First Free Will Baptist Church. His text, "I Must Needs Go!", was taken from John 4:1-10. Many responded.

Rev. Maxwell Harper prayed.

Announcements were made.

Dismissal prayer by Bro. Royce Grissom.

Refreshments were served.

[END OF MINISTERS/DEACONS MINUTES]



ANNUAL MINUTES  
OF  
THE ONE-HUNDRED NINETEENTH SESSION  
OF  
CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 4, 1997

THE 119th SESSION CONVENED WITH MT. ZION FREE WILL  
BAPTIST CHURCH, HIGHWAY 231, PELL CITY, AL 35125  
Pastor..... Rev. J. D. Wales  
Moderator..... Rev. Wayne Neely

The 119th session opened with congregation singing  
led by Bro. Royce Grissom. "Gloryland Way & "Won't it  
be Wonderful There?"

Mt. Zion pastor, Rev. J. D. Wales welcomed everyone.

Opening prayer: Rev. Wayne Neely, moderator.

Moderator's message was delivered by Rev. Rickey  
Patterson, asst. moderator. The text was "Under The  
Table!" Scripture reading was Judges 1:1-8.

Clerk Steve Day declared the session in order.

Credentials Committee reported most letters in  
order with the following items of request:

1. Some letters did not list ordained men  
eligible for certificate of standing.
2. Shady Grove requested 1998 annual session.
3. Centerpoint requested David Reese be  
re-licensed to preach.
4. Friendship requested Larry Smith be  
re-licensed to preach.

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ANNUAL MINUTES continued.....

Credentials Committee continued.....

5. Rev. Brian Welch referred to Ordaining  
Council coming from no association. Church re-  
quested certificate of standing. (Selma)

6. Rev. Lynn Wilson, new pastor of Huffman, was  
referred to Ordaining Council (coming from other  
association to Cahaba River.)

Howard Schultz, Chairman.

Delegates were seated. (Adamsville did not report)

Visitors welcomed were Rev. Dr. Richard Cordell and  
Rev. Dave Franks, Jr., and Rev. Paul Oppy.

Old Business: None reported.

Cahaba River Home Missions reported a balance  
of \$ 2345.98. Bro. Paul Hardwick read report.

Treasurer's Report by Bro. Steve Day-Treasurer:

Balance on hand...9-30-96.....	\$ 3461.68
Fees received.....9-30-97.....	3000.00
Offering from 119th semi-annual..	225.00
Balance.....	\$ 6686.68
Paid Out as follows:	
Moderator.....	25.00
Asst. Moderator.....	12.50
Treasurer./clerk.....	100.00
Asst. Treasurer./clerk.....	20.00
Food expense 118th .....	500.00
AL. St. Asso. Promo. Dept. ....	500.00
AL. St. Asso. (state fees) .....	1100.00
Supplies.....	15.94
Moody Post Office box.....	8.00
Supplies.....	26.99

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ANNUAL MINUTES continued.....

Treasurer's report continued.....

Computer Graphic (minute books)....	\$ 236.79
Program committee lunch.....	43.93
U.S.P.O. stamps.....	32.00
Food 119th semi-annual session.....	500.00
AL.St.Bd.Christ.Ed. youth rally....	85.00
Supplies.....	9.05
Supplies.....	75.24
Computer Graphic supplies.....	150.50
Safety Deposit Box.....	25.00
Program committee annual lunch ....	45.30

TOTAL PAID OUT.....\$3511.24  
 BALANCE ON HAND 9-30-97..... 3175.44  
 OFFERING FOR PROM.DEPT. .... 225.00  
 BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD .....\$ 2950.44  
 SAVINGS ACCOUNT (YOUTH CAMP LAND).....\$ 5581.00  
 end of report

Board of Christian Education report:Rev.Glen Hood.  
 Bro.Glen encouraged all youth to come whether they  
 compete or not. Balance in account.....\$ 253.53  
 Churches giving to this Board are: Sylacauga,  
 Prattville,Selma,Bessemer,Centerpoint,Belview,  
 Friendship,and New Life.

Children's Home report: Lecil Gardner reporting.  
 The Children's Home has a total of 36 children at  
 this report.Three preachers and their wives are  
 full time workers now. The elderly lady still lives  
 in the old condemned building for now. All three  
 new buildings are full.Work has begun on all-purp-  
 ose building.One boy attending college.  
 end of report

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ANNUAL MINUTES continued.....

Delegates Appointed to State Association:

Bethel-Sis.Cherry Pickett  
 Fairview-Sis.Wanda Damron  
 Forestdale-Bro.Lecil Gardner  
 Mt.Pleasant-Bro.Paul Nichols  
 New Life-Sis.Imogene Walker  
 Shady Grove-Bro.Richard Clark  
 Prattville Mission-Sis.Barbara Jones

Rev.Dr.Richard Cordell,State Promotional Direc-  
 tor reported on a new mission project entitled,  
 "A.C.T.S. Plan." (Alabama Coming Together for  
 the Saviour.) Acts 1:8

INTERMISSION

Congregation sang,"Meet You in the Morning!"

Business Committee report:Bro.Guy Wales.

Item 1.Recommend a report of the status  
 of the Youth Camp property be discussed.

Item 2.Recommend the invitation of Shady  
 Grove to host the Annual session be excepted.

Item 3.Host for semi-annual is needed.

Item 4.Recommend all stand and Thank Mt.  
 Zion for hospitality and fine meal.

Item 5.Recommend more programs be sent to  
 churches for sessions.

Item 6.Deceased report as follows:(Ernest  
 Markham-Huffman,)(V.R.Vines & Jackie Harris-  
 SHady Grove),(Charles Porch-Selma),Clarence  
 Gamble & Tate Maddox-Centerpoint),(Mignon Howard  
 & Lemearl Lowery-Union Hill),(Tommy Booth-Forest-  
 dale),(Mary Robinson-Davis'Chapel),(Jack Davis &  
 Ressie Sellers-Sylacauga),(Dollie Isbell-Mt.Olive.)

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ANNUAL MINUTES continued.....

Prayer and moment of silence : Rev.Fred Jones.

Lifetime "GOLD" Certificates were awarded to the Ministers and Deacons 65+ for years of faithful service to God and the Free Will Baptists.

Rev.Dr.Richard Cordell reported for the Al.State work and encouraged each church to win the lost and teach them to stand.

Rev.Bruce Damron delivered the "Morning Message" entitled,"If a Man Die?" Scripture reading was found in Job 14:12-19.

Invitational song was :Just As I Am"

An offering of \$135.75 was received.Offeratory prayer by Rev.Ray Ritch.

Lunch Blessing was prayed by Rev.Glenn Hood.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregation sang,"In The Sweet Forever"

Special song:"He'll Do It Again." by Mt.Zion.

Moderator,Rev.Neely read I Peter 5:6.

Rev.Lester Gann delivered the afternoon message entitled,"Wages Of Sin." Scripture reading was from Romans 6:23. Invitation was given and congregation sang,"Near The Cross."

Auditing Committee reported Home Missions,Christian Ed.Bd.,and Association clerk books in order.

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ANNUAL MINUTES continued.....

Business Committee report continued from morning session after having been read,but not voted upon: (All items voted on and accepted)

Item 1.Moderator reported the youth camp property had not been sold. It is become the responsibility of the executive committee again.

Item 2. Annual association be at Shady Grove. Voted and accepted.( 120th Annual)

Item 3. Semi-Annual association to be held at Huffman. (120th Semi-Annual) Accepted.

Item 4. Everyone stood for "Thank You!"to host church.

Item 5. Information!

Item 6. Deceased report given in morning.

Registration Committee reported an attendance of 27 Ministers,16 Deacons, 34 Delegates, and 19 visitors for a total of 96 in attendance.

Nominating Committee recommended the following:

#### 1. Ordaining Council\*

\* Dr.Floyd Barber replace Rev.Jimmy Youngblood. Term expiring 2003.

\* Rev.Marshall Alexander replace Rev.Eugene Howard. Term expiring 2002.

#### 2. Home Missions\*

\*Rev.Fred Jones,Rev.Charlie Weaver,and Rev.Mike Wydemon replace themselves. Term expiring 1999.

#### 3. Executive Board \*

\*Bro.John Ackerman replaces self. Term expiring 1999.

#### 4. Moderator\*

\* Rev.Rickey Patterson. Term 1998-99

#### 5. Assistant Moderator\*

\* Rev. Glenn Hood. Term 1998-99

Report accepted as recommended.

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ANNUAL MINUTES continued.....

Rev.Fred Jones reported on the Prattville Mission.

Motion made and accepted that committees be more informed as to their duties before the association whenever possible so as to be ready to give reports as quickly as possible at the association.

Thanksgiving Service will be held,Nov.25,1997 at Mt.Zion,Pell City,AL.

Ordaining Council report: (accepted)

1. Rev.Micheal Barber be ordained with Rev. Maxwell Harper issuing the charge.

2. that Rev.Lynn Wilson be issued a certificate of standing from this association.

3. that Rev.Brian Welch be granted a certificate of standing and clerk write the Progressive Association concerning Rev.Welch.

4. that all churches list the Ministers and Deacons 65+ they wish to receive Lifetime "Gold" Certificates on their church letter when reporting to the association.

Morning offering to be given to Prattville church.

Missionary,Rev.Dave Franks,Jr. gives testimony.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev.Lynn Wilson.

[ END OF ANNUAL MINUTES ]



MINUTES  
OF THE  
CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT  
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

April 5,1997

convening with:  
New Life Free Will Baptist Church  
1212 Moody Parkway,Moody,AL 35004

The convention was opened with a song entitled,"Footprints of Jesus" by Robbin King of Centerpoint auxiliary.

The welcome was given by Imojean Walker for New Life,the host church.

Linda Woodruff responded with a big"Thank You!"

The Credentials Committee reported all the auxiliary letters were in order.The report was accepted and delegates were seated.Pauline Hood reporting for this committee.

Committees were appointed for the business.

Auxiliary count revealed a total of 53 present.

Congregation sang"Won't It Be Wonderful."

Jamie King sang a special song.

Devotion by Christine Whilden,was entitled,"Study Expanding Our Knowledge." Very inspiring!

Offering was received while congregation sang" Trust In Jesus"

Carolyn Wilson,President,introduced our guest,June McVay,missionary to Spain. June shared the preparations needed to get ready to go to the field and the work there.

Dismissed for lunch.

Congregation sang,"He Loves Me"

Centerpoint won the Attendance Banner!

Auditing Committee reported and was accepted.

Appreciation Committee thanked New Life for having the convention and the special welcome. Report was wholeheartly excepted.

Business committee gave the following recommenations to be considered:.....

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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MINUTES continued.....

Business Committee recommends:

1. \$600.00 be given to our guest, June McVay.
2. \$ 25.00 be given New Life for expenses.
3. that the First Free Will Auxiliary of Sylacauga be accepted for membership.
4. Annual report have a space for listing deceased members.
5. that the 1999 convention be at Belview.
6. that a love offering be accepted for Icy Mae Fredrick, Missionary to Haiti. (school)
7. that food money be increased to \$15.00.

All the above recommendations were accepted.

Deceased members reported were: 1. Gladys Reeves and Tommie Booth from Forestdale, and 2. Linda Harris from Fairview.

Nomination Committee recommended the following officers for 1998-1999 sessions.

1. Pres. Polly Roberson
2. Vice Pres. Jobie Hardwick
3. Sec./Treas. Bettie Wade
4. Mission Action-Nell Grissom
5. Mission Prayer-Odessa Ledlow
6. Mission Study-Rosa Tollison
7. Field Worker-Sonya Roper

Report and officers were accepted.

Jobie Hardwick presented June McVay with the special love gift.

Future events were announced, door prizes were distributed, and meeting adjourned with prayer.

Bettie Wade-Sec.

[END OF WOMAN'S AUX. MINUTES]

"BY-LAWS OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE"

1. 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.
3. Each meeting shall be opened with scripture reading and prayer.
4. 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.
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-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 elected 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(3)delegates of the first one-hundred (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 priviledges at all conferences.

Article V-All 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 the following: 1.Moderator,2.Asst.Moderator, 3.Clerk-Treasurer,4.Asst.Clerk-Treasurer, These four shall serve two(2)year terms and be elected by the body. The moderator and assistant-moderator shall be elected at odd years and the treasurer and assistant-treasurer shall be elected at even numbered years.The clerk-treasurer shall handle all monies of the association except, the Home Missions and Board of Christian Education funds.

Article VI-[B] There shall be a Home Missions Board. The Board shall consist of seven(7)members with three(3) members coming off each year.When vacancies occur the body shall elect.

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## CONSTITUTION

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Article VI-B

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

VI-C There shall be an Executive Board. 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.

VI-D There shall be an Ordaining Council. 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 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.

VI-E 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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## CONSTITUTION

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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.

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## "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

[THE FAITH OF THE FREE WILL BAPTISTS]

### CHAPTER I

#### "THE HOLY SCRIPTURES"

These are the Old and New Testaments; they were written by holy men, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and are God's revealed word to man. They are a sufficient and infallible rule and guide to salvation and all Christian worship and service.

### CHAPTER II

#### "BEING AND ATTRIBUTES OF GOD"

The Scriptures teach that there is only one true and living God, who is Spirit, self-existent, eternal, immutable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, independent, good, wise, holy, just, and merciful, the... Creator, Preserver, and Governor of the Universe; the Redeemer, Saviour, Sanctifier, and Judge of men; and the only proper object of worship.

The mode of His existence, however, is a subject far above the understanding of man-finite beings cannot comprehend Him. There is nothing in the universe that can justly represent Him, for there is none like Him. He is the fountain of all perfection and happiness. He is glorified by the whole creation, and is 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 are all dependent for 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 descendant of Adam.

## CHAPTER V

### "OF CHRIST"

#### SECTION I: His Divinity

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 revelation to us. As man, He performed all the duties toward God that we are required to perform, repentance of sin expected. His divinity is proved from His titles, His attributes, and His works.

#### A. His Titles:

The Bible ascribes to Christ the titles of Saviour, Jehovah, Lord of hosts, the first and last, God, true God, great God, God over all, mighty God, and the everlasting Father.

#### B. His Attributes:

He is eternal, unchangeable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, holy, and to be worshipped.

#### C. 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 expected. 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 as 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 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 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 abrogated, and the obligation of obedience to God would be, in effect, removed.

2. Mediation of Christ: Our Lord not only died for our sins, but He arose for our justification, and ascended up to heaven, where, as the only mediator between God and man, He makes intercession for us until He comes again.

3. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God in their own persons, are only subject to the first death, which was brought on by the fall of the first Adam, and not that any one of them dying in that state shall suffer punishment in 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 sanctification.

4. The Apostles assert that the Holy Ghost is Lord and God.

From the foregoing the conclusion is that the Holy Spirit is in reality God and one with the Father in all divine perfections. It has also been shown that Jesus Christ is God—one with the Father. Then these three—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—are one God.

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

#### CHAPTER VIII "THE GOSPEL CALL"

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

#### CHAPTER IX "REPENTANCE"

The repentance which the Gospel requires includes a deep conviction, a penitential sorrow, an open confession, a decided hatred, and an entire forsaking of 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 continuing of God's grace by which the Christian may constantly grow 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 shipwreck of their faith and be lost.

#### APPENDIX TO CHAPTER XIII Adopted July, 1969

1. We believe that salvation is a present possession by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and that a person's eternal destiny depends on whether he has this possession. This we hold in distinction from those who teach that salvation depends on human works or merit.

2. We believe that a saved individual may, in freedom of will, cease to trust in Christ for salvation and once again be lost. This we hold in distinction from those who teach that a believer may not again be lost.

3. We believe that any individual living in the practice of sin (whether he be called "backslider" or "sinner") must be judged by that evidence to be lost should he so die in his sins. This we hold in distinction from those who suggest that pernicious doctrine that a man may live in sin as he pleases and still claim Heaven as his eternal Home.

4. We believe that any regenerate person who has sinned (again, whether he be called "backslider" or "sinner") and in whose heart a desire arises to repent may do so and be restored to favor and fellowship with God. This we hold in distinction from those who teach that when a Christian sins he cannot repent and be restored to favor and fellowship with God.



#### CHAPTER XIV "THE LORD'S DAY"

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 Lord's Day. Under the Gospel, the first day of the week, in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ and by authority of Christ and the apostles, is observed as the Christian Sabbath. On this day all men are required to refrain from secular labor and devote themselves to the worship and service of God.

#### CHAPTER XV "THE CHURCH"

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

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

#### CHAPTER XVI "TITHING"

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

#### CHAPTER XVII "THE GOSPEL MINISTRY"

1. Qualification of Ministers. They must possess good, natural and acquired abilities, deep and ardent piety, be especially called of God to the work, and ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands.

2. Duties of Ministers. These are to preach the Word, Administer the ordinances of the Gospel, visit their people, and otherwise 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 the Holy Spirit, in which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ, the death of Christians to the world, the washing of 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, and 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"

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



## CHAPTER XX

### "SECOND COMING OF CHRIST"

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

## CHAPTER XXI

### "THE RESURRECTION"

The Scriptures teach the resurrection of the bodies of all men, each in its own order; they that 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 JUDGMENT AND RETRIBUTION"

1. The Judgment. There will be a judgment, when time and man's probation will close forever. Then all men will be judged according to their works.

2. Retribution. Immediately after the judgment, the righteous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked will go into a state of endless punishment.

[Reference Scriptures: See Treatise Booklet]

Adopted by the National Association November 7, 1935 at Nashville, Tennessee.

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