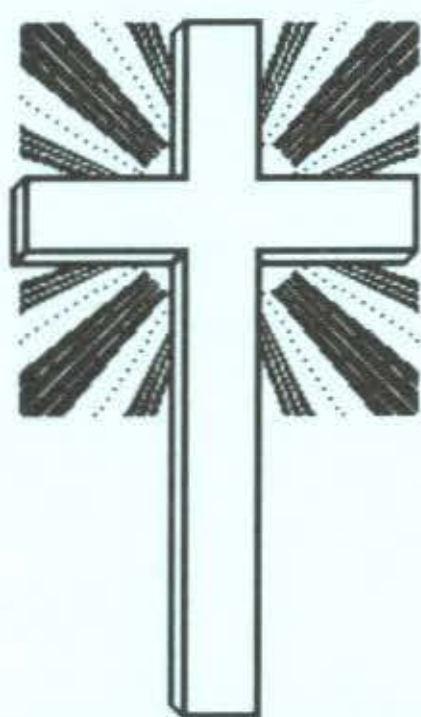


*Minutes  
of the  
121<sup>st</sup> Annual Sessions  
of  
Cahaba River District Association  
of  
Free Will Baptists*



*Convened at  
Centerpoint Free Will Baptist Church  
831 Mary Vann Lane  
Birmingham, AL 35215  
March 6, 1999  
&*

*First Free Will Baptist Church  
2902 North Broad Street  
Selma, AL 36701  
October 1-2, 1999*



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122nd Semi-Annual Session.....	March 4, 2000
Prattville FWB Mission	Prattville, AL
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Mt. Zion FWB Church	Pell City, AL
District Thanksgiving Service..	Nov. 20, 2000
Location to be announced	
Woman's Auxiliary District....	April 1, 2000
Sylacauga 1st FWB	Sylacauga, AL
Woman's Auxiliary State.....	May 6, 2000
1st FWB Church	Jasper, AL
AL State Assoc.....	Nov. 9-10, 2000
Free Will Baptist Church	Florence, AL
AL State Assoc.....	Nov. 8-9, 2001
First FWB Church.....	Sylacauga, AL



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[DIRECTORY OF CAHABA RIVER CHURCHES]

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CLERK:

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[ MISCELLANEOUS ADDRESSES ]

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SEMI-ANNUAL MINUTES  
OF  
THE 121st SESSION  
OF  
THE CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

MARCH 6, 1999

CENTERPOINT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
BIRMINGHAM, AL

HOST PASTOR.....REV. GLENN HOOD  
MODERATOR.....REV. RICKEY PATTERSON

The 121st Semi-Annual session opened with a welcome from host pastor, Rev. Glenn Hood. Rev. Hood led congregational song, "Victory In Jesus."

Opening prayer was led by Rev. Fred Jones, home missionary. ( Prattville, AL )

Congregation sang "I Want To Be A Worker."

Rev. Rickey Patterson used Genesis 5:21 for the moderator's message entitled, "Message of Methuselah."

The 121st session was called to order by the clerk, Steve Day.

Credentials Committee reported the following:

- Item 1. Twenty of twenty-two churches reported.
- Item 2. Adamsville and Lighthouse not reported.
- Item 3. No fees received from two churches above.
- Item 4. No delegates listed for Adamsville or Cornerstone.



SEMI-ANNUAL MINUTES continued:

Credential Committee report continued.....

5. Deceased members reported as follows;

Huffman-Alice Feltman

Mt. Pleasant-H.B. Stone, Annie Ingram.

Mt. Zion-Althea Beavers

Sylacauga-Viola Wyatt, Wanda Blanchard.

6. Refer Rodney Brazil of Bethel to Ordaining council for license.

7. Request a section be designated on report form for deceased to be listed and for members who were dismissed.

Rev. Wayne McDaniel

Rev. E. B. Ledlow, CH

Bro. James W. Lee

Visitors were welcomed.

Old Business; none reported.

Rev. Patterson reported the youth camp property would be cleaned up by Bro. Johnny Parker.

Home Missions report was given by Bro. James Tyus;

Financial report as follows: (9-30-98)

Received.....\$951.53

Fultondale ..\$230.20

State Ass. Mt. Zion..\$409.83

Fairview.. \$50.00

Huffman..\$261.50

Paid out.....\$750.00

Prattville work..\$750.00

Brought forward.....\$1607.37

Balance.....\$1808.96

Board of Christian Education report:

Rev. Glenn Hood reported as follows,

Average attendance at rallies between 70-96.

Balance in treasurer...\$470.48

SEMI-ANNUAL MINUTES continued.....

Treasurer's report by Steve Day as follows:

Balance on hand (10-3-98).....\$3190.53

Received.....(3-6-99)..... 1445.00

Offerings..... 108.00

Balance..... 4743.53

Paid out..... 2194.31

Balance.....\$2549.22

Children's Home report by Lecil Gardner:

Bro. Gardner reported \$75,000.00 had been added to debt. Money for new all-purpose building was borrowed from Carbon Hill bank. Some of the home's needs include mowers and houseparents.

Congregation sang: "Praise Him!"

Special song was sang by Rev. Patterson entitled, "To The Glory of My Father."

Business and Deceased Committee Report :

Item 1. Recommend clerk include a section on the semi-annual report letter to list deceased members and dismissed members.

Item 2. Recommend all information concerning Youth Camp property be sent to all churches.

Item 3. Recommend Rev. Paul Oppy clarify which church he is member. Name appeared on Union Hill and New Life.

Item 4. Recommend a moment of silence in memory of deceased. (see Credentials report).

Rev. Sonny Bevan

Bro. Royce Grissom

Rev. Charley Weaver

Polly Roberson

Odessa Ledlow



SEMI-ANNUAL MINUTES continued...

Intermission prayer by Rev. Max Feltman

Opening song was led by Rev. Glenn Hood.

Rev. Ernest Walker prayed opening prayer.

Congregation sang, "Love of God."

Jami King sang, "Take Me To The Cross."

Lisa Kimbrough sang, "Life Is Hard."

Congregation sang, "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go."

An offering of \$126.36 was received. Bro. Royce Grissom prayed.

Rev. J. D. Wales used Ezekiel 37:1-4 with the text of, "Hear Ye Dry Bones." for the morning message.

- DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Congregation sang, "I Never Shall Forget the Day."

Centerpoint given "Thank You" handclap for meal.

Prayer: Rev. Robert Roberson

Women's Auxiliary report by Sis. Polly Roberson.

Congregation sang, "Live In Glory."

SEMI-ANNUAL MINUTES continued...

Special song by Rev. Wales and Bro. Grissom was entitled, "Matthew 24."

Rev. Matthew Stanley delivered the afternoon message with scripture from II Timothy 1:4-6 and Revelation 12:1 concerning "Education."

Ordaining Council recommended Rodney Brazil be given a license to preach one year.

Registration reported as follows:

Delegates-45

Deacons- 14

Visitors- 13

Ministers 17

Total 89

HEAD COUNT REVEALED 110-115 attendance.

Benediction: Bro. Royce Grissom.

[END OF SEMI-ANNUAL MINUTES]



MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE  
OCTOBER 1, 1999

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Moderator.....Rev.E.B.Ledlow  
Asst.Moderator.....Rev.Max Feltman  
Host church.....Selma 1st FWB.

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The session opened with congregational song led by Bro.John Ackerman.

Rev.Maxwell Harper prayed opening prayer.

Host pastor,Rev.Melvin Hunter gave a warm welcome to everyone.

Assistant Moderator Rev.Max Feltman shared a message of "God's Goodness."

An offering of \$67.00 was received for the guest speaker and Rev.Wayne McDaniel asked God's blessings for it.

Congregational song, "O I Want To See Him." Moderator called for altar prayer.

Sis.Francis Blackmon sang, "There Is A River, and "People Need The Lord."

Congregation sang, "To God Be The Glory."

Rev.Melvin Hunter sang, "Wilt Thou Be Whole?"

Guest speaker,Rev.Donnie Blackmon of Unity Free Will Baptist Church,Syiacauga used the text entitled, "Is There Not a Cause?"

The scripture was I Samuel 17:29.

After altar call song,Rev.Melvin Hunter was elected assistant moderator for the 122nd annual session.

Rev.Hunter joined the minister's and deacon's conference. (Letter of recommendation received from North Alabama association October 14, 1999.)

No visitors

Benediction was by Rev.Albert Pickett.

end

THE ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE  
CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION  
OCTOBER 2, 1999

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Moderator.....Rev.Rickey Patterson  
Asst.Moderator.....Rev.Glenn Hood  
Host Church.....Selma 1st FWB

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The one-hundred twenty-first session of the Cabaha River District Association began with a congregational song led by Bro.John Ackerman.

Rev.Mike Wydemon, pastor of Belview Church prayed the opening prayer.

Rev.Rick Cash, Alabama State Promotional Director was asked to speak in the place of the Moderator's message by Rev.Patterson. The scripture used was Hebrews 4: 14-16. The title was "What He Wants Us To See."

Bro.Steve Day, Association clerk called 121st session to order for business.

Credentials Committee report was reported by Rev.Lynn Wilson. The report stated all letters received were in order. Committee included Rev.Max Feltman and Rev.E.B.-Ledlow, and Rev.Wilson.

Delegates were recognized and seated.

Visitors :Rev.Rick Cash

Welcome was given by Selma pastor, Rev.Hunter.

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ANNUAL SESSION.....continued....

Business Committee reported the following to be tabled from morning session to evening session:

Item 1. that the church fees recorded in the Constitution Article X be changed from ~~fifty~~ dollars (\$50.00) to eighty-five dollars (\$85.00).

Item 2. that the "Ministers & Deacons Conference" be renamed "Worship & Praise Service" to encourage all brothers and sisters to attend the Friday service.

(These two items were tabled to evening)

Old Business: None reported.

Home Missions report was given by Bro. James Tyus as follows:

Balance as of March 1999.....\$1808.76

Received:

Mt. Zion (Al St. Asso.)	\$514.36
Fultondale	279.13
Fairview	70.00
Huffman	243.25
Unknown	103.19

Total receipts..... \$1209.93

Paid Out:

Rev. Fred Jones	\$1050.00
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Balance 9-30-99..... \$1968.69

Board of Christian Education report was given by Rev. Glenn Hood as follows:

Balance as of 3-6-99..... \$470.48

Receipts 199.32

Total \$669.80

Disbursements 383.00

Balance 10-2-99 \$286.80

continued.....

ANNUAL SESSION.....continued....

Board of Christian Education report continued..

Rally Attendance:

Shady Grove (March) 103

Friendship (May) 75

Centerpoint (Sept.) 46

Next rally Davis Chapel, Nov. 13, 1999

Guests-"Legacy of Praise" (Nashville)

Competition winners (District)

1. Joy King-Solo

2. Joy King & Allen Hood-Duet \*

3. Jared King-Instrumental \*

4. Drama Group-Shady Grove \*

5. Pantomine Group-Shady Grove \*

6. Sword Drill-Andy Scarvey-Shady Grove

\*State Winners

Children's Home report was given by Bro.

Lecil Gardner as follows:

1. Rev. Roger Bennett (interim director) did not have the education degrees accepted by the state to remain as director. Letter was read concerning this by Rev. Ritch, asst. clerk explaining guidelines for director.

2. Office and kitchen are in new building. Upstairs not completed.

3. Sis. Linda Berry (Children's Home Worker) has been named Interim Director.

Delegates to Alabama State Association:

Paul Nichols, Mike Young, Lecil Gardner, Alice Hood, Barbara Bevan, Jerry Smith, Jeanette Wales, Imogene Walker, Vonda Hunter, and Terry Gross.

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ANNUAL MINUTES...continued...

AL State Promotional Director, Rev. Rick Cash reported that 14 Cahaba River churches had given a total of \$43,000.00 to the ACTS 1:8 program and he appreciated the churches which gave to the office work. The plan was working well.

Treasurer's report by Steve Day:

Balance 9-30-98.....	\$ 3190.53
Received.....Fees	2945.00
120th .... Annual..(Offering).....	108.00
121st....Semi-annual...(offering).....	126.36
Total.....	\$ 6369.89
Paid out:	
Moderator.....	25.00
Asst.Moderator.....	12.50
Clerk-Treasurer.....	100.00
Asst.Clerk-Treas. ....	20.00
Food 120th session .....	450.00
FWB Children's Home .....	108.00
AL State church fees .....	1100.00
Post Office Box.....	12.00
Minutes Books .....	306.80
Supplies .....	20.81
121st semi-annual plan committee.....	39.20
Food 121st semi-annual session...	475.00
Johnny Parker(bush-hog camp).....	750.00
Supplies .....	3.85
Stamps .....	66.00
Supplies .....	17.54
Safe Deposit Box .....	25.00
121st annual plan committee.....	53.82
Total.....	\$ 3585.52
Balance 9-30-99 .....	\$ 2784.37
Savings Account Balance.....	\$81301.12

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ANNUAL MINUTES...continues....

Business Committee report: Rev. Fred Jones

Item 1. recommend since the State Asso. increased fees for churches, that Cahaba River District increase church representation fees from fifty dollars (\$50.00) to eighty-five dollars (\$85.00). See article X of Cahaba River Constitution.

Item 2. recommend the "Ministers and Deacons Conference" be renamed "Worship and Praise Service." Articles VI-C, members #5 & 6 and Article IX will change to accommodate new name change. (See Constitution)

Item 3. concerning monies collected from Youth Camp sale, the following suggestions were presented to the Business Committee for consideration:

A. Mt. Pleasant recommended monies be invested in a interest bearing account and interest be used as follows: 1. The Cahaba River Home Missions Board administer it to missions work. 2. the interest go in the Cahaba River Association treasury and be used for expenses of Annual and Semi-Annual sessions.

B. Mt. Olive recommended monies be given to the Eldridge Children's Home to pay on building or any need.

C. Sylacauga First FWB recommended one third of monies go to AL State Promotional Office and two-thirds go to the ACTS 1:8 Plan.

D. Prattville Mission recommended fifty thousand dollars (\$ 50,000.00) be placed in a interest bearing account and the remainder divided between ACTS 1:8 and the State Promotional office.

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ANNUAL MINUTES...continued....

Business Committee report continued.....

Item 3 continued.....

D.Prattville Mission suggestion #2...

that all interest from interest bearing account be given to Eldridge Children's Home.

E.Rev.Jack Rollins recommended a portion of the monies be shared with a FWB Youth Camp.

F. Bro.Lecil Gardner recommended the largest amount of monies go to Eldridge Children's Home.

Motion was made and seconded that a Committee be appointed to consider all suggestions and decision be made at March session. Moderator appointed the Executive Committee to bring a report to March session concerning this item of business.

Note\* The monies are now in a C.D. which matures March 2000.

Item 4. Deceased report as follows:

Belview-Mary Bowers & Carol Scott

Bethel-2 no names were listed

Centerpoint-Robin King

Fairview- Jerome Goodwin, Lynn Harris, Joe Wise.

First (Selma)-Janice Moore, Frank Mitchell, & Bert Horton.

First(Sylacauga)- Florence Caldwell & Sara Hayes.

Forestdale- Claude Bonds & Linnie Stafford.

Huffman - Alice Feltman.

Mt.Olive- 1 no name listed.

Shady Grove- Qualeen Clayton.

Union Hill- C.C.(Kit)McAugh, Lisa Smith, & Kenneth Brasher.

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ANNUAL MINUTES...continued...

Business Committee report continued.....

Item 5. that the District Thanksgiving Service go to Forestdale church with Rev.Rick Cash as guest speaker. Motion made, seconded, and carried. Date: Nov. 23.

Rev.Fred Jones introduced some of Prattville mission church members attending their first association meeting.

Intermission: Rev. Ernest Walker

Song Service included a special by Rev. Rickey Patterson entitled "I'm Changing Houses!" Congregation sang "I'll Have a New Life." Rev. Ray Ritch sang "Old Ship Of Zion." Rev. and Mrs. Ledlow sang "Here I Am."

Rev. Mickey Kirkland, pastor of Lighthouse Free Will Baptist, Montgomery used the text, "Trouble In America" with scripture from I Corinthians chapter 12 for the morning message.

Offering & Lunch prayer by Bro. Royce Grissom. (Offering total \$119.00)

"AFTERNOON SESSION"

Rev. Glenn Hood moderated the evening session.

Bro. Paul Nichols did a special.

Congregation sang "Living By Faith."

Rev. Lynn Wilson led in prayer.

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ANNUAL MINUTES...continued...

Rev. Glenn Hood opened floor for volunteers for the 122nd sessions. Prattville Mission Church will host the semi-annual in March 2000 and Mt. Zion will host the annual in October 2000.

Rev. Melvin Hunter sang "Who Am I."

Rev. Melvin Hunter used Joshua 1 with the text entitled "No Man Can Stop Us!" in the evening message.

Auditing Committee reported all District treasurers books in order. Rev. Sonny Bevan, Alice Hood, and Pauline Hood served.

Registration Committee reported the following:

Friday Oct. 1 - Total present 44  
Saturday Oct. 2 - Total present 91  
Ministers 19 Deacons 11 Delegates 36 Other? Visitors 25

Nominating Committee recommended Rev. Rickey Patterson and Rev. Glenn Hood remain as Moderator and Asst. Moderator. Rev. Ray Ritch reported.

Business Committee recommended Items 1 and 2 be removed from the table and voted on. Both items were carried.

Bro. Paul Hardwick elected to Home Missions Board.

Benediction by Rev. E. B. Ledlow.

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ANNUAL LETTER FROM QUARTERLY MEETING TO DISTRICT ASSOCIATION  
OR  
DISTRICT ASSOCIATION TO STATE ASSOCIATION

CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION to ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FWB  
(Name of Quarterly Meeting or District Association) (Name of District Association or State Association)

Meeting at SELMA FIRST FREE WILL Church on OCTOBER 2, 1999  
(date)

Period of time this report covers: From OCTOBER 3, 1998 to OCTOBER 2, 1999

Present Moderator's Name REV. RICKEY PATTERSON Telephone 205 / 674- 6750

Mailing Address 5231 DOGWOOD TRAIL

City ADAMSVILLE State AL Zip 35005

DELEGATES: PAUL NICHOLS JERRY SMITH  
LECIL GARDNER BARBARA BEVAN  
MIKE YOUNG VONDA HUNTER  
JEANETTE WALES ALICE HOOD  
IMOGENE WALKER TERRY GROSS

A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Total number of churches 21
2. Total number of churches in:  
city/town 17 rural 4
3. Total number of churches reporting 21
4. Total number of churches with:  
full-time pastors n/a  
part-time pastors n/a

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total number of baptisms 52
2. Total members added 92
3. Total members lost 40
4. Total membership 2386

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total income of all churches n/a
2. Total number of churches with budgets n/a

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Total number of churches with parsonages N/A
2. Total value of all church property,  
including parsonages N/A

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Total number of ordained ministers\* 37  
licensed ministers\* 2
2. Total number of ordained deacons 46
3. Total number of churches with day cares n/a  
with kindergartens n/a  
with Christian day schools n/a  
with Bible institutes n/a  
with colleges n/a
4. Total Sunday School enrollment 1476
5. Total CTS enrollment 275
6. Total WNAC enrollment 115
7. Total Master's Men enrollment 22

Number of district association minutes requested \_\_\_\_\_

Number of state association minutes requested 30

Amount of representation fees enclosed: Quarterly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ District \$ \_\_\_\_\_ State \$ 1785 National \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: Clerk's Name STEVE DAY Telephone 205 / 640-7470

Mailing Address P.O. BOX 342

City MOODY State AL Zip 35004

\*Attach names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers.

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Form 503

(Rev. 2/99)





CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT  
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY  
MINUTES

CONVENING WITH BELVIEW FWB  
CHURCH, LEEDS, AL APRIL 3, 1999

The forty-fifth annual meeting of the Cahaba River District Woman's Auxiliary was held with Belview Free Will Baptist Church on April 3, 1999. It was a beautiful day. The meeting theme was

entitled "Passing The Torch!" The opening song was "Send the Light!" Rev. Ernest Walker led the opening prayer.

Sis. Sonya Roper gave the welcome and Sis. Billie Rollins gave the response.

Sis. Christie Lee sang "Take Me To The Cross".

Delegates were seated and committees were appointed.

Sis. Lisa Wydemon sang "There's a Miracle."

Credentials committee reported all letters were in order. Report accepted.

Nominating committee reported the following officers for the next two years:  
President: Polly Roberson Term expires 2001  
Vice-President: Jobie Hardwick " " 2001  
Sec.-Treas.: Bettie Wade " " 2001  
Missions Action: Rosalee Harris " 2001  
Missions Prayer: Odessa Ledlow " 2001  
Missions Study: Carolyn Boyd " 2001  
Field Worker" Sonya Roper " 2001

This report was accepted and approved.

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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MINUTES..continued.....

President read Deuteronomy 32:45-47 for the devotional.

Auditing committee reported the treasurer's books were in order. Report was accepted and approved.

Attendance banner was awarded to Fairview Auxiliary with 77% of members present.

Pres. Polly Roberson announced the next session would meet with First FWB Woman's Auxiliary of Sylacauga, AL on April 1, 2000.

State delegates are as follows:  
Rosalee Harris, Ophelia Phillips, Nadine Combs, Sonya Roper, Faye Alvis, Alice Hood, Pauline Hood, Jerry Smith, Jackie Kelley, Gladys Branton, Bobbie Hawkins Mae Powell, and Ruth Brake.

Our special quest speaker was our own Icy Mae Fredrick, Missionary to Haiti and longtime member of Full-tondale Free Will Baptist Church. Sis. Fredrick was also honored for her 80th Birthday. (April 21, 1999). She told of her work in Haiti and gave a very inspiring message to all.

Sis. Nell Grissom presented Sis. Fredrick with a love offering.

After lunch, the Business committee recommended we give \$74.00 in order for our project money to total \$ 600.00. This will be divided between the Corleys (Russia) and the Lancasters (Uruguay).

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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MINUTES..continued....

Business committee also recommended \$ 10.00 be added to food money for it to total \$ 75.00. Accepted.

Business committee recommended that we not forget to send the \$ 10.00 food money for the state per auxiliary.

The 2001 Convention will be at Forestdale April 7,2001.

Sis.Rosalee Harris installed the newly elected officers for 1999-2001.

Door prizes were given away and meeting was adjourned by prayer.

Bettie Wade-Sec.-Treas.  
Cahaba River District  
Woman's Auxiliary

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BY-LAWS OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE SERVICE

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- for the Worship and Praise service (6) Assistant Moderator- for the Worship and Praise Service 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)Credentiāls,(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 Worship and Praise Service shall meet Friday evening before the first Saturday in October of each year.

### Article X

Each church shall pay a representation fee of eighty-five dollars(\$85)per 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 amendment 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 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.

## 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]

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