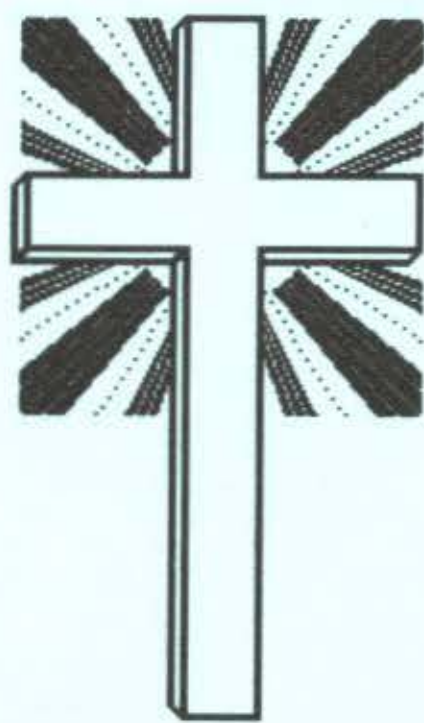


*Minutes
of the
122nd Annual Sessions
of
Cahaba River District Association
of
Free Will Baptists*



*Convened at
Prattville Free Will Baptist Church
1147 Upper Kingston Road
Prattville, AL 36067
&
Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church
Highway 231-North
Pell City, AL 35125
October 6-7, 2000*

THE ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND SESSIONS OF
THE CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Convening with
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PRATTVILLE,AL 36067
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MARCH 3: Cahaba River Semi-Annual Session- Shady Grove, Adamsville.
APRIL 7 : Cahaba River Women Active for Christ- Forestdale,Birmingham.
MAY 5 : AL State Wom.Aux .Eastside FWB. – Dothan
JULY 15-19 : National Assoc.FWB.- Detroit,Michigan
SEPTEMBER 21-22: AL State WAC Retreat -Shocco Springs, Talledega.
OCTOBER 5-6 : Cahaba River Annual Association - undetermined location
NOVEMBER 8-9: AL State Assoc.- First FWB Church, Sylacauga.

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SEMI-ANNUAL MINUTES
OF
THE 122nd SESSION
OF
THE CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

CONVENING WITH: [DATE: MARCH 4, 2000]

PRATTVILLE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH..PRATTVILLE,AL
REV.FRED JONES.....PASTOR
REV.GLENN HOOD.....ASST.MODERATOR

THE 122nd SESSION BEGAN WITH A CONGREGATIONAL SONG
LED BY, REV.FRED JONES ENTITLED, :GLORYLAND."

OPENING PRAYER LED BY BRO.HOWARD SCHULTZ.

CONGREGATION SANG, "LIVING BY FAITH."

ASST.MODERATOR, REV.GLENN HOOD USED EPHESIANS 5:15-17
AND EXODUS 23:13 IN HIS MESSAGE ENTITLED, "LIVE RIGHT."
(MODERATOR REV.RICKEY PATTERSON WAS IN HOLY LAND.)

ALTAR PRAYER WAS LED BY REV.EUGENE HOWARD.

THE 122nd SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CLERK, STEVE DAY.

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORTED THE FOLLOWING:

1. THAT-18 OF 21 CHURCHES REPORTED, AND ADAMSVILLE,
CORNERSTONE, AND LIGHTHOUSE DID SEND DUES.
 2. THAT-NEW LIFE REQUESTED EXAMINATION FOR PAUL WILLIAMS
TO PREACH THE GOSPEL FOR ONE YEAR.
 3. THAT-FRIENDSHIP REQUESTED EXAMINATION OF DEACON
FOR KEVIN CABANIS.
- REV.PAUL OPPY, BRO.HOWARD SCHULTZ, & BRO.WILLIAM BOYD.

ROLL WAS CALLED FOR DELEGATES.

VISITORS WELCOMED WERE REV.& MRS.HAROLD ISBELL OF MT.
OLIVE, REV.& MRS.RAYMOND RIVERS OF FULTONDALE, AND
REV.RICK CASH, STATE PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR.

OLD BUSINESS WAS CALLED FOR.....continued next page...

OLD BUSINESS ...continued.....

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT CONCERNING THE SALE OF
THE PROPERTY AT STERRETT, AL WAS GIVEN BY REV.LYNN WILSON.
....."AFTER PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION, WE THE MEMBERS OF THE
EXECUTIVE BOARD MAKE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS TO
THE ASSOCIATION CONCERNING THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE
OF THE PROPERTY AT STERRETT, AL. (YOUTH CAMP)."

- #1. FIFTY-THOUSAND DOLLARS(\$50,000.00) BE PUT IN AN IN-
TEREST BEARING ACCOUNT(CD) AND THE INTEREST BE GIVEN
TO THE CAHABA RIVER HOME MISSIONS BOARD AND TO BE
REVIEWED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ANNUALLY.
- #2. TEN-THOUSAND DOLLARS(\$10,000.00) BE CHanneled
THROUGH THE HOME MISSIONS BOARD TO FULTONDALE CHURCH.
- #3. ONE-THOUSAND DOLLARS(\$1,000.00) BE GIVEN TO THE BOARD
OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR YOUTH RALLIES, ETC.
- #4. TWO-THOUSAND DOLLARS(\$2,000.00) BE GIVEN TO THE
YOUTH CAMP AT GUIN, AL.
- #5. TWO-THOUSAND DOLLARS(\$2,000.00) BE GIVEN TO "HERE
AM I" MINISTRY. (ICY MAE FREDRICK)
- #6. THAT ANY BALANCE UNDESIGNATED BE PLACED IN THE
GENERAL FUND OF CAHABA RIVER ASSOCIATION TREASURY.
- #7. FIFTEEN-THOUSAND DOLLARS(\$15,000.00) BE GIVEN TO
THE AL STATE PROMOTIONAL OFFICE.

These recommendations were accepted by a 55 to 28 vote.
Clerk, Steve Day reported a balance of \$83,053.66 to date.

HOME MISSIONS BOARD REPORT WAS GIVEN BY BRO.JAMES TYUS
AND REV.E.B.LEDLow AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCE OCTOBER 1999.....	\$1968.69
RECEIVED.....	588.05
RECEIVED FOR FULTONDALE.....	1000.00
TOTAL BALANCE.....	3556.74
PAID OUT.....	870.23
BALANCE 3-1-00.....	\$2686.51

REV.E.B.LEDLow REPORTED ON THE FULTONDALE CHURCH.
REV.RAYMOND RIVERS WAS ELECTED PASTOR.

TREASURER'S REPORT WAS GIVEN BY STEVE DAY AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCE 10-2-1999.....	\$2784.37
RECEIVED...fees.....	2055.00
...offerings.....	119.00
BALANCE.....	4958.37
PAID OUT.....	2943.14
BALANCE 3-4-00.....	\$2015.23

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BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT WAS GIVEN BY REV.GLENN HOOD AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCE 10-1999.....\$286.80
RECEIPTS..... 203.94
PAID OUT..... 307.00
BALANCE.....\$183.74
ATTENDANCE AT RALLIES.....aver.79
DAVIS' CHAPEL..... 98
CENTERPOINT..... 60
Next rally at Union Hill 3-18-00

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT WAS GIVEN BY BRO.LECIL GARDNER AS FOLLOWS:

THE SEARCH FOR A DIRECTOR IS ONGOING. LINDA BERRY'S HUSBAND IS SICK AND NEEDS OUR PRAYERS. THE ALL PURPOSE BUILDING IS NOW OCCUPIED.IT HAS A KITCHEN,LIBRARY,OFFICES,AND MUCH MORE. OPEN HOUSE IS PLANNED FOR VIEWING THIS NEW ADDITION. A HANDICAP BUILDING IS IN FUTURE PLANS OF EXPANSION. THE HOME NOW HAS TWENTY CHILDREN.MR.SMITH IS OVER TEENAGE BOYS.HE HAS HORSES FOR THEM TO RIDE. SIX MORE TRUSTEES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO BOARD.

(Note:Open House was July 22.New building was named "The Lambert Building.")

DECEASED REPORT WAS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1.BETHEL..ELIZABETH PERGSSER
- 2.CENTERPOINT..CHRISTINE WHILDEN
- 3.FORESTDALEKIM BRAKE 9-99
- 4.FULTONDALE.....JUDY PARKER
- 5.MT.ZION.....DR.FLOYD BARBER
- 6.SELMA 1stCARRIE CHAVERS
- 7.SYLACAUGA 1st ...MAE SMITH

(Rev.Ernest Walker prayed.)

INTERMISSION

OPENING SONG, "TRAVELING ON" LED BY REV.JIM MARTIN.

AL.STATE PROMOTIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR THANKED THE ASSOCIATION FOR OFFERINGS TO THE OFFICE AND THE CAMP AT GUIN.(REV.RICK CASH.)

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PRATTVILLE CHURCH CHOIR PERFORMED SPECIAL SINGING.

MORNING MESSAGE WAS PREACHED BY REV.RAYMOND RIVERS, NEW PASTOR OF FULTONDALE CHURCH.REV.RIVERS USED LUKE 18 TO COMPLIMENT HIS MESSAGE INTITLED, "PRAYER."

REV.J.D.WALES WAS HONORED BY REV.FRED JONES FOR ALL THE HELP HE AND HIS CHURCH HAD GIVEN PRATTVILLE.

LUNCH

OPENING SONG WAS LED BY REV.FRED JONES ENTITLED, "WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN."

TESIMONY SERVICE REPLACED AFTERNOON DEVOTION.

REV.& MRS.RAYMOND RIVERS SANG A SPECIAL SONG.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT WAS GIVEN BY POLLY ROBERSON,DISTRICT PRESIDENT.ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT SYLACAUGA ON APRIL 1,2000.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT WAS GIVEN BY REV.E.B. LEDLOW AS FOLLOWS:

WE,THE ORDAINING COUNCIL RECOMMEND THAT BRO. KEVIN CABANIS BE ORDAINED BY HIS CHURCH,(FRIENDSHIP FWB) AS A DEACON.

WE ALSO RECOMMEND BRO.PAUL WILLIAMS BE GRANTED A LICENSE TO PREACH THE GOSPEL FOR ONE YEAR UNDER THE WATCHCARE OF HIS CHURCH,(NEW LIFE). Rev.Maxwell Harper,Rev.E.B.Ledlow,& Rev.J.D.Wales.

BENEDICTION PRAYER BY BRO.ROYCE GRISSOM.

END OF MINUTES

WORSHIP AND PRAISE SERVICE
(MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE)
OCTOBER 6, 2000

HOST CHURCH.....MT.ZION, PELL CITY, AL
HOST PASTOR.....REV.J.D.WALES
MODERATOR.....REV.MELVIN HUNTER

The 122nd session of the Worship and Praise Service began with the congregation singing, "When We All Get To Heaven !" led by Bro.Royce Grissom.

The opening prayer was led by, Rev.E.B.Ledlow

The congregation sang, " O,Come Angel Band".

Assistant Moderator, Rev.Melvin Hunter opened the service with a request of prayer for Rev.Max Feltman.(Absent due to sickness.)

The host pastor, Rev.J.D.Wales welcomed the congregation.

The moderator, Rev.Melvin Hunter used, I John 4:4 with his text intitled, " God Is Still In Control." (Moderator's message)

An offering of \$122.55 was received and given to State Promotional Office.(Rev.John Ackerman prayed blessing for offering.)

Congregation sang, " Mansion Over The Hilltop." and "What a Friend We Have In Jesus."

Special singers , "The Second Generation", sang three specials which everyone enjoyed.

Rev.Ray Rivers and his wife sang a special, "Homecoming Day."

The guest speaker was Rev.Rick Cash. His message was entitled, " Being Confronted By God." Scripture was Genesis 35:1-6.

Clerk, Bro.Steve Day called the 122nd Worship and Praise Service to order for any business needed transacted.

Rev.Raymond Rivers, Pastor of Fultondale, and Rev.Mike Cox, pastor of Forestdale, joined the ministers and deacons conference.

Rev.Raymond Rivers was elected asstistant moderator for the 123rd session of the Worship and Praise Service in October 2001.

A motion was made for the Saturday morning session to begin earlier than usual. (Motion was carried.)

There were no visitors.

Service was adjourned in prayer by, Rev.E.B.Ledlow.

[End of Worship and Praise Service Minutes]

THE ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE
CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

OCTOBER 6-7, 2000

HOST CHURCH.....MT.ZION, PELL CITY, AL
HOST PASTOR.....REV.J.D.WALES
MODERATOR..... REV.RICKY PATTERSON

The 122nd session of the Cahaba River District Association began with congregation singing, "Heaven's Jubilee." Bro.Royce Grossom led the singing.

Rev.Jack Rollins prayed the opening prayer.

Congregation sang, "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me."

Rev.and Mrs.E.B.Ledlow sang, "When God Dipped His Love." accompanied by Sis.Vonda Hunter.

Congregation sang, " I'll Meet You By the River."

Rev.and Mrs.Raymond Rivers sang a special entitled, " He Made a Change."

Moderator, Rev.Ricky Patterson encouraged the congregation to shake hands and fellowship.

Host pastor, Rev.Wales welcomed all to Mt.Zion church.

Moderator's message was entitled, " Behold The Lamb." with scripture reading from St.John 1:29.

Opening prayer was led by, Rev.Ray Ritch.

Clerk, Steve Day called the one-hundred twenty-second annual session to order for business.

Moderator made changes in Auditing Committee as follows: Bro. Marvin Claytor, Sis.Vonda Hunter, Bro.Ken Combs, and Sis.Polly Roberson.

Ordaining Council Committee was strengthen with Rev.Ray Ritch replacing Rev.Floyd Barber.

Credentials Committee report was given by: Rev.Sonny Bevan as follows: 1. Clarification was needed for Rev.Larry Smith's name on Friendship's letter as deacon and minister. Pastor did so.

2. Mt.Pleasant requested ordination for John Ackerman at his church.

3. Forestdale requested ordination for deacon Calvin Gilvert.

4. Belview requested ordination for Kenneth Cook and Harold Young as deacons and Wesley Lee be licensed to preach the gospel.

5. Centerpoint requested David Reese be re-licensed to preach. This report was accepted and all was in order. (end of report)

Delegates were seated.

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Rev. Ricky Patterson, moderator, reported that Cornerstone is no longer Free Will Baptist and therefore is no longer a member of this association since they are independent and that Adamsville has not reported to the association therefore their status is not known. Several attempts have been made to contact them. (information)

Old business: none

Visitors recognized: none

Home Missions Board report: Bro. James Tyus as follows:

BROUGHT FORWARD.....	\$ 2696.51
DEPOSITS.....	14973.78
BALANCE.....	17670.29
PAID OUT.....	11355.40
Fultondale	11310.00
Treas. food allow.	45.40
TOTAL BALANCE.....	\$6314.89
TOTAL MONEY FOR FULTONDALE PROJECT.....	\$ 4641.85

Churches participating....

[12 of 20 churches] Davis' Chapel, Centerpoint, Mt. Zion, Sylacauga, Pickett fam., Forestdale, Belview, Union Hill, Shady Grove, Selma, Prattville, Mt. Pleasant,

Bro. Tyus reported Fultondale work doing good! (end of report)

Cahaba River Treasurer's Report given by Steve Day as follows:

Balance on hand Sept. 30, 1999.....	\$ 2784.37
Total fees received as of Sept. 30, 2000.....	4255.00
Offering 1999 Annual Assoc. (121st).....	119.00
Youth Camp Sale C.D. deposit-May 5, 2000.....	34545.39
Total Balance	\$41703.76
Paid out for:	
Moderator.....	\$ 25.00
Asst. Moderator.....	12.50
Clerk.....	100.00
Asst. Clerk.....	20.00
Food expense for 121st session.....	500.00
AL State Assoc. fees.....	1785.00
Checks.....	11.48
Post Office -box fee.....	14.00
Supplies.....	50.00
Minutes books printed..Computer Graphics.....	367.00

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121st Annual session Planning Committee food exp. \$	58.16
Food expense for 122nd Annual Asso.	450.00
Stamps.....	66.00
Supplies.....	194.60
Supplies.....	31.65
Board of Christian Education	1000.00
Cahaba River Home Missions	10000.00
AL State Promotional Office	15000.00
Trinity Youth Camp	2000.00
Post Office (security mail).....	31.65
Here Am I (Fredrick)	1000.00
Supplies	11.37
Supplies	30.65
Supplies	35.95
Bank Safe Deposit Box	25.00
122nd Annual session Planning Committee food exp..	22.61

Total Paid Out	\$ 33842.49
Balance On Hand.. Sept. 30, 2000	7861.27

*Account #2. Interest earning C.D.

Balance from Youth Camp Sale (Certificate Deposit) \$	50000.00
Interest earned from 5/4/00-10/3/00.....	680.55
Total balance	\$ 50680.55

(End of report)

Board of Christian Education Report given by Rev. Ernest

Walker as follows:

Balance..3/4/00.....	\$ 183.74
Offering (Rally).....	114.10
Offering (Cahaba River Asso.)	1000.00
Total balance.....	\$1297.84
Paid out Expenses...Bk. fee...\$	28.00
AL Bd. Ch. Ed.	95.00
Total paid out	\$ 123.00
Balance 10/7/00	\$ 1174.84

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Eldridge Children's Home report given by Lecil Gardner as follows:

- 1.New building dedicated in honor of Carlton Lambert.Over 400 in attendance.
- 2.Number of children at present are 19.
- 3.Trustees have interviewed three men for superintendant.No decision.
- 4.Another clerk was hired to help in office with new updated computers.
- 5.Employees now have good insurance.
- 6.Employee retirement plan is channeled through retirement of FWB's.
- 7.Employees include, one married couple,and three single ladies.
- 8.One young man had to be sent back to his mother due to behavior.
- 9.The old building will be torn down for the cost of \$10,000.00.
- 10.County inspectors bragged on new kitchen facility.

(end of report)

Offering from Friday evening service was voted on and given to State Promotional Director. \$ 122.55

State Delegates for Nov.9-10 at Florence were as follows:

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| 1.Marie Goodwin-Mt.Zion | 5.Paul Nichols-Mt.Pleasant |
| 2.Vonda Hunter-Selma | 6.Vivian Oppy-New Life |
| 3.Thelma Gardner-Forestdale | 7.Cherry Pickett-Bethel |
| 4.Barbara Ellison-Sylacauga | 8.Imogene Walker-Union Hill |

(end of delegates)

Business Committee report given by Rev.Melvin Hunter as follows:

- 1.Prayer was requested for Rev.Max Feltman battling cancer.
- 2.Thanksgiving service was discussed with no response.
- 3.Deceased report included the following loved ones:

Belview-Virgil and Geneva Isbell

Davis' Chapel-Larry Johnson & Aaron Buchanan

Mt.Olive- Voyd Isbell

Mt.Zion-Rev.Floyd Barber & William Brown

Selma- Rena Parten

Shady Grove-Leona Lamen & Lacy Fikes

Union Hill-Lisa Smith,Dorman Lynn,& Enna Daves White

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4.Recommend standing ovation to host church,Mt.Zion for hospitality,beautiful decorations,and wonderful food.The spirit-filled service,great preaching,wonderful singing,and fellowship will be remembered .Thank you!

Committee members were Rev.Melvin Hunter,Bro.Paul Nichols,Rev. Wayne Neely, Rev.John Ackerman, and Rev.Raymond Rivers.

Auditing Committee report was given by Polly Roberson:

We,the Auditing Committee have examined the books and records of the Board of Christian Education,the Cahaba River treasurer,and the Cahaba River Home Missions treasurer and have found them all three to be in order. Marvin Claytor,Ken Combs,Polly Roberson, and Vonda Hunter. (end of report)

Moderator,Rev.Ricky Patterson presented "Gold Certificates" to the following 65+ ordained men:

- 1.Rev.Paul Oppy 2.Rev.Ray Ritch 3.Howard Schultz 4.John Alexander.

Rev.Raymond Rivers said "Thank You!" to Cahaba River people for all your prayers and offerings.

"Intermission"

Congregation sang:"Gloryland Way."

Offering was received for Children's Home totaling \$ 142.00

Congregation sang:" Won't it be Wonderful There?"

Rev.and Mrs. Raymond Rivers sang:"Master of the Sea."

Second Generation and Penny Wright sang:"God on the Mountain." and "Some Call it Home."

Rev.Mike Wydemon of Belview preached the morning message , entitled,"How Far Can You See?" Scripture reading was Nehemiah 4:1-6.

Lunch :Dismissed in prayer by Rev.Jack Rollins.

Congregation sang:"He Keeps Me Singing."

Moderator sang:"Making a Change."

Cahaba River Quartet sang:"Search Me." and "Winging Way Home."

Rev.Paul Oppy preached the afternoon message entitled:The Seven Fold Sins of not winning souls." Scripture was Matt.28:18-20.

Registration reported a total of 23 ministers,20 deacons, 46 delegated,and 47 visitors for a total of 136 present.

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Nomination Committee report given by: Rev. Ernest Walker as follows: We, the Nominating Committee recommend the following for:

1. Ordaining council-Rev. J.D. Wales, Rev. Lynn Wilson, & Rev. Eugene Howard.
2. Board of Ch. Ed.-Rev. Raymond Rivers & Bro. Terry Chappel.
3. Cahaba River Home Missions-Rev. Fred Jones, Rev. Charlie Weaver, Rev. Mike Wydemon, & Rev. Sonny Bevan.
4. Clerk-Treasurer-Save Day
5. Asst. Clerk-Treasurer-Rev. Ray Ritch
6. Member at Large-Rev. John Ackerman & Rev. Wayne McDaniel

Committee members: Rev. Ernest Walker, Rev. Al Pickett, & Rev. Lynn Wilson.
(end of report)

Ordaining Council report given by Rev. Ray Ritch as follows:
That: 1. Bro. John Ackerman be ordained to preach. (Service to be at his church.)

2. Bro. Mike Cox be accepted in this asso. pending a letter from his association,
3. Bro. Raymond Rivers be accepted into this association.
4. Bro. Kenneth Cook and Bro. Harold Young be ordained as deacons.
5. Bro. Wesley Lee be licensed to preach the gospel.

Committee members were Rev. E.B. Ledlow, Rev. Maxwell Harper, Rev. J.D. Wales, and Rev. Ray Ritch. (end of report)

Rev. Ray Ritch gave the charge to the candidates and Rev. Maxwell Harper prayed the dedication prayer.

Rev. Ricky Patterson reminded that the March 2001 session will be held at Shady Grove church. (123rd Semi-Annual session)

Benediction was by Bro. Paul Hardwick.

[END OF ANNUAL SESSION MINUTES]



THE 46th ANNUAL CONVENTION
WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

Convening with
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
TWIN STREET, SYLACAUGA, AL APRIL 1, 2000

The forty-sixth annual session theme was entitled, "Open Door To The Future."

The opening prayer was by the host pastor, Rev. Wayne McDaniel. President, Sis. Polly Roberson called the session to order.

The welcome address was given by Sis. Odessa Ledlow. Sis. Jobie Hardwick responded with a hearty, "Thank You!"

The president called the roll of delegates to be seated. Committees were appointed.

The president gave a devotional using Rev. 3:8 concerning, "Open Doors." Rev. Dennis Hagood, guest speaker from Huntsville mission led in prayer.

The Credentials committee reported all letters in order. (Accepted)

The Audit committee reported treasurer books in order. (Accepted)

Special music, "His Hand In Mine."

Haiti missionary, Sis. Icy Mae Fredrick gave a brief report on the work and a love offering was received for her work.

The Attendance Banner was awarded to Centerpoint with 100% members. Sis. Sandi Chance sang, "He Is Here!"

Mission Study Chairman, Carolyn Boyd shared several books she suggested be good reading ending with the Bible as her favorite.

Mission Action Chairman, Rosalee Harris reported on Rev. Dave Franks Sr. to retire.

The guest speaker, Rev. Dennis Hagood gave a brief report on the work in South Huntsville, AL and preached a wonderful message entitled, "Will You Walk Through The Open Doors?" Scripture was Colossians 4:2.

After a wonderful lunch, the business committee reported the following recommendations: 1. the project money (\$ 550.00) be given to the Hagood account. 2. the 2002 Convention be held at Centerpoint, 3. that registration for the convention begin at 9:00 A.M., 4. that the following deceased be remembered in silent prayer... Belview-Mary Bowers, Centerpoint-Robin King & Christine Whilden, Fairview-Lynn Harris.

A love offering was presented to Rev. & Mrs. Hagood by Rosalee Harris. The appreciation committee gave a "Hearty Thank You!" to Sylacauga ladies for all their hard work to host the session. After door prizes were given the session dismissed in prayer. BETTIE WADE-SEC/TREAS.

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

CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION to ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF F.W.B.
(Name of Quarterly Meeting or District Association) (Name of District Association or State Association)

Meeting at MT. ZION F.W.B. CHURCH Church on OCTOBER 7 1999
HWY. 231, PELL CITY, AL (date)

Period of time this report covers: From OCTOBER 2 1999 to OCTOBER 7 2000
Percent Moderator's Name REV. RICKEY PATTERSON Telephone 205 / 674-6750

Mailing Address 5231 DOGWOOD TRAIL
City ADAMSVILLE State ALABAMA Zip 35005

DELEGATES: PAUL NICHOLS IMOGENE WALKER
MARIE GOODWIN CHERRY PICKETT
THELMA GARDNER VONDA HUNTER
BARBARA ELLISON VIVIAN OPPY

A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Total number of churches 20
2. Total number of churches in:
city/town 16 rural 4
3. Total number of churches reporting 20
4. Total number of churches with:
full-time pastors n/a
part-time pastors n/a

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

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

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Total number of ordained ministers* 38
licensed ministers* 4
2. Total number of ordained deacons 60
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 1,480
5. Total CTS enrollment 278
6. Total WNAC enrollment 58
7. Total Master's Men enrollment 22

[Please note:
Adamsville and Cornerstone F.W.B. churches
are no longer members of this district.]
[Rev. Tim Trimble is no longer a member
of Cornerstone Church.]

Number of district association minutes requested
Number of state association minutes requested 35
Amount of representation fee enclosed \$ 1200.00

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.

Order from Executive Office, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202 or nearest Free Will Baptist book-store. Retain carbon copy for your records.

Form 502

(Rev. 1/87)

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) 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 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 admendment be presented in writing to the body and be tabled from the morning session until the evening session or,from the evening session until the next session.

"ORDER OF CHURCH CONFERENCE"

- 1.Call for peace and fellowship of church.
- 2.Opportunity for members.
- 3.Reading of the minutes of the last conference.
- 4.Call for acknowledgements.
- 5.Report of the Treasury.
- 6.Unfinished business.
- 7.New business.
- 8.Report of all committees.
- 9.Motion to adjourn.

"GUIDELINES FOR ORDINATION"

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

"CHURCH COVENANT"

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

We promise, by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of it's poor, and all it's benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come, and His Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic effort; for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

TREATISE

[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.

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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.

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