

**MINUTES  
of the  
ONE-HUNDRED-TWENTY-FOURTH SESSIONS  
of the  
CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION  
of the  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

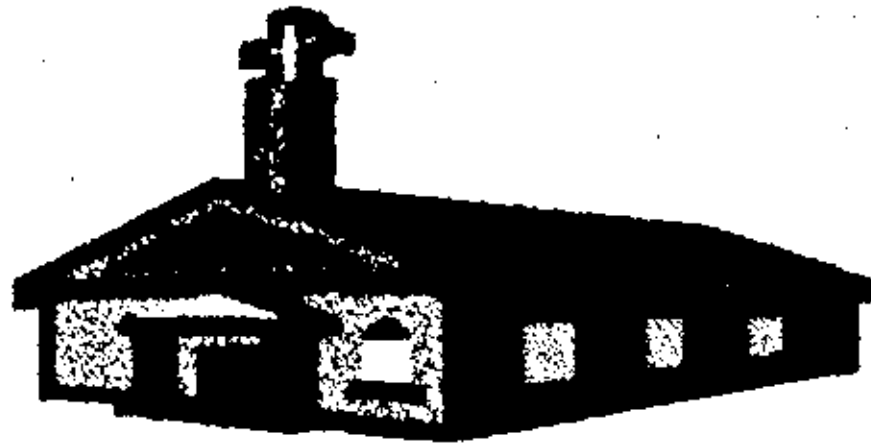


**CONVENED WITH  
MT.PLEASANT FREE WILL BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
PERRY COUNTY ROAD 2,SPROTT,AL 36799  
MARCH 2, 2002**

**AND**

**HUFFMAN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
1400 WARE BOULEVARD  
BIRMINGHAM,AL 35235  
OCTOBER 4-5, 2002**

**THE  
ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH SESSIONS  
OF CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

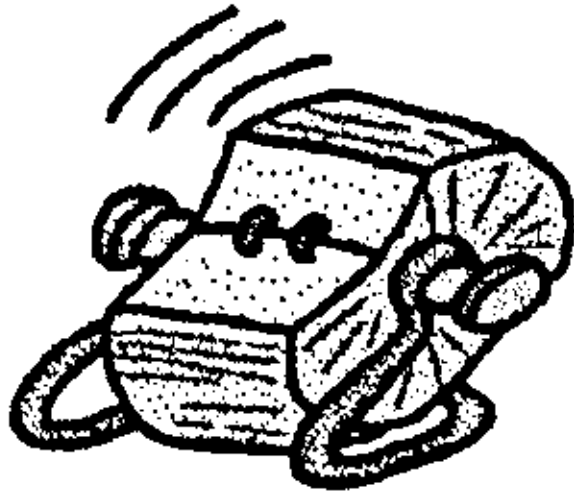


*(CONVENING WITH)*

*MT PLEASANT FREE WILL BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
PERRY CO. ROAD #2, SPROTT, AL 36799  
MARCH 2, 2002*

*(And)*

*HUFFMAN FREE WILL BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
1400 WARE BLVD., BHAM., AL 35235  
OCTOBER 4 & 5, 2002*



## TABLE OF CONTENTS

(Name)	(Page)
<b><u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>
<b><u>[OFFICERS]</u></b>	
<b><u>A. EXECUTIVE BOARD</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>
<b><u>B. ORDINATION COUNCIL</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>
<b><u>C. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>
<b><u>D. CAHABA RIVER MISSIONS</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>
<b><u>E. WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST</u></b>	<b><u>6</u></b>
<b><u>CHURCHES DIRECTORY</u></b>	<b><u>7-10</u></b>
<b><u>OTHER ADDRESSES</u></b>	<b><u>11</u></b>
<b><u>AVAILABLE MINISTERS LIST</u></b>	<b><u>12</u></b>
<b><u>[MINUTES]</u></b>	
<b><u>A. SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION</u></b>	<b><u>13-17</u></b>
<b><u>B. WORSHIP AND PRAISE SERVICE</u></b>	<b><u>18-19</u></b>
<b><u>C. ANNUAL SESSION.</u></b>	<b><u>20-27</u></b>
<b><u>D. WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST</u></b>	<b><u>28-29</u></b>
<b><u>REPORT TO ALABAMA ASSOCIATION</u></b>	<b><u>30</u></b>
<b><u>BY-LAWS (WORSHIP/PRAISE SERVICE)</u></b>	<b><u>31-32</u></b>
<b><u>CONSTITUTION</u></b>	<b><u>33-37</u></b>
<b><u>CHURCH CONFERENCE GUIDELINES</u></b>	<b><u>37</u></b>
<b><u>CHURCH COVENANT</u></b>	<b><u>38</u></b>
<b><u>ORDINATION GUIDELINES</u></b>	<b><u>39</u></b>
<b><u>FREE WILL BAPTIST TREATISE</u></b>	<b><u>40</u></b>



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**MARCH 1,2003- CAHABA RIVER SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION  
FULTONDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
3112 NEWCASTLE ROAD, FULTONDALE, AL 35068**

**MARCH 2003- PRAYER RETREAT- BRANSON, MO**

**APRIL 5,2003- DISTRICT WAC ANNUAL SESSION  
FAIRVIEW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
1804 PARK AVE., MOODY, AL 35004**

**MAY 4,2003 -STATE WAC ANNUAL SESSION  
MT.ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
ST.HWY.231-S, PELL CITY,AL 35125**

**JULY 20-24,2003- NATIONAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
CONVENTION- TAMPA, FL.**

**OCTOBER 3-4,2003- CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT ANNUAL  
SESSION. FAIRVIEW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
1804 PARK AVE. MOODY, AL 35004**

**NOVEMBER 5-7,2003- AL STATE CONVENTION  
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
50 KINGS RD. SYLACAUGA, AL. 35151**



## EXECUTIVE BOARD

### MODERATOR:

Rev. Ricky Patterson  
5231 Dogwood Trail  
Adamsville, AL 35005  
205-674-6750  
Term\*2002-2003

### ASST.MODERATOR:

Rev. Glenn Hood  
113-13<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW  
Birmingham, AL  
35215  
205-854-0394  
Term\* 2002-2003

### Member at large

Rev. Wayne McDaniel  
54 Twin Street  
Sylacauga, AL 35150  
256-249-9373  
Term\* 2005

### WORSHIP-PRAISE

#### MODERATOR:

Rev. Raymond Rivers  
1904 Fulton Road  
Fultondale, AL 35068  
205-841-6891  
Term\* 2002

### ASST.WORSHIP-

#### PRAISE

#### MODERATOR:

Rev. Michael Cox  
402 Brian Drive  
Adamsville, AL 35005  
205-674-6021  
Term\* 2002

### Member at large

Rev. John Ackerman  
2816 Co. Rd.84  
Selma, AL 36701  
334-872-8609  
Term\* 2003

### CLERK-TREASURER:

Steve Day  
P.O. Box 342  
Moody, AL 35004  
205-640-7470  
Term\*2003-2004

### ASST.CLERK-TREAS.

Rev. Michael Barber  
4 Geddon Point  
Pell City, AL 35128  
205-338-4090  
Term \* 2003-2004

### Member at large

Rev. Ricky Patterson  
5231 Dogwood trail  
Adamsville, AL 35005  
205-674-6750  
Term\* 2004

\*NOTE: SEE ARTICLE  
VI-C OF CONSTITUTION  
CONCERNING TERMS.



## ORDINATION COUNCIL

**Rev. Mike Cox**  
**402 Brian Drive**  
**Adamsville ,AL 35005**  
**205-674-6021**  
**\*Term 2007**

**Rev .E. B Ledlow**  
**801 Magnolia Drive**  
**Sylacauga ,AL 35150**  
**256-245-0017**  
**\*Term 2005**

**Rev. Eugene Howard**  
**15481 Highway 43**  
**Vandiver, AL 35176**  
**205-672-9520**  
**\*Term 2003**

**Rev. Maxwell Harper**  
**Box 190 Highway 22**  
**Montevallo, AL 35115**  
**334-665-7254**  
**\*Term 2006**

**Rev. John Ackerman**  
**2816 County Road 84**  
**Selma, AL 36701**  
**334-872-8609**  
**\*Term 2004**

**\*note: See Article VI-D of**  
**Constitution concerning**  
**terms.**

### **NOTES:**

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Rev Wayne Neely  
P.O .Box 33  
Trafford, AL 35172  
205-647-2998  
\*Term 2007

Rev.Raymond Rivers  
1904 Fulton Road  
Fultondale ,AL 35068  
205-841-6891  
RSRIVERS@juno.com  
\*Term 2005

Rev Glenn Hood  
113-13<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW  
Birmingham ,AL 35215  
205-854-0394  
\*Term 2003

Rev. Mike Wydemon  
19750 Hwy 55 N.  
Sterrett, AL 35147  
205-672-9825  
\*Term 2006

Rev. Ernest Walker  
1925 M. A .Lee Drive  
Moody, AL 35004  
205-640-7222  
\*Term 2004

\*note: See Article VI-E of  
Constitution concerning term.

## NOTES:

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---



## CAHABA RIVER MISSIONS BOARD

Bro. James Tyus  
P.O. Box 692  
Pell City, AL 35125  
205-338-7755  
\*Term 2005

Bro. Paul Hardwick  
1601 Hardwick Road  
Pell City, AL 35125  
205-338-2537  
\*Term 2003

Rev. E.B. Ledlow  
801 Magnolia Drive  
Sylacauga AL 35150  
256-245-0017  
\*Term 2004

Rev. Charlie Weaver  
305 Reeves Lane SW  
Bessemer, AL 35023  
205-428-8243  
\*Term 2003

Bro. Harold Duckett  
9111 Co. Hwy #41  
Leeds, AL 35094  
205-699-5418  
\*Term 2004

Rev. Mike Wydemon  
19750 Highway 55 N  
Sterrett, AL 35147  
205-672-9825  
\*Term 2004

Rev. Sonny Bevan  
1754 Fairview Drive  
Moody, AL 35004  
205-640-2817  
\*Term 2003

*\*note: See Article VI-B of  
Constitution concerning  
terms.*





## **WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST**

### **COORDINATOR:**

**Sissy Click  
5210 Click Street  
Adamsville ,AL 35005  
205-674-9587**

### **ASSISTANT COORDINATOR:**

**Jodie Hardwick  
1601 Hardwick Road  
Pell City ,AL 35125  
205-338-2537**

### **SECRETARY & TREASURER:**

**Bettie Wade  
5116 Martin Drive  
Adamsville, AL 35005  
205-674-0678**

### **MISSIONS CHAIRMAN:**

**Rosalee Harris  
1235 Lewis Ave. NE  
Leeds ,AL 35094  
205-699-8297**

### **PRAYER CHAIRMAN:**

**Odessa Ledlow  
801 Magnolia Drive  
Sylacauga, Al 35150  
256-245-0017**

### **STUDY CHAIRMAN:**

**Carolyn Boyd  
3823 James Street  
Moody, Al 35004  
205-640-5613**

### **SERVICE CHAIRMAN:**

**N/A**

**note\* These officers terms  
are all from 2002 until 2004.**



## CHURCHES DIRECTORY

### **CHURCH**

### **PASTOR**

### **CLERK**

<b>BELVIEW :</b> <b>DORROUGH ST.</b> <b>LEEDS,AL 35094</b> <b>205-699-4646</b>	<b>REV.MIKE WYDEMON</b> <b>19750 HWY.55 N.</b> <b>STERRETT,AL 35147</b> <b>205-672-9825</b>	<b>LISA SPEEGLE</b> <b>105 BRIGMAN RD.</b> <b>SPRINGVILLE,AL35146</b> <b>205-629-7859</b>
<b>CALVARY:</b> <b>305 REEVES LN.SW</b> <b>BESSEMER,AL</b> <b>35022</b> <b>205-428-8243</b>	<b>REV.CHARLIE</b> <b>WEAVER</b> <b>305 REEVES LN.SW</b> <b>BESSEMER,AL 35022</b> <b>205-428-8243</b>	<b>NELL WEAVER</b> <b>305 REEVES LN.SW</b> <b>BESSEMER,AL 35022</b> <b>205-428-8243</b>
<b>CENTERPOINT:</b> <b>831 MARY VANN</b> <b>LN.</b> <b>B'HAM,AL 35215</b> <b>205-853-9683</b>	<b>REV.GLENN HOOD</b> <b>113- 13<sup>TH</sup> AV. NW</b> <b>B/HAM.,AL 35215</b> <b>205-854-0394</b> <b>E-mail</b> <b>gahood@juno.com</b>	<b>PAULINE HOOD</b> <b>3012 BRAKEFIELD DR.</b> <b>FULTONDALE,AL</b> <b>35068</b> <b>205-849-6468</b>
<b>DAVIS' CHAPEL</b> <b>CO.RD.55</b> <b>STERRETT,AL</b> <b>35147</b> <b>205-672-7579</b>	<b>REV.EUGENE</b> <b>HOWARD</b> <b>15481 HWY. 43</b> <b>VANDIVER,AL 35176</b> <b>205-672-9520</b>	<b>CAROLYN</b> <b>ALEXANDER</b> <b>P.O.BOX 5</b> <b>STERRETT,AL 35147</b> <b>205-672-7579</b>
<b>FAIRVIEW</b> <b>1804 PARK AVE.</b> <b>MOODY,AL 35004</b> <b>205-640-5003</b>	<b>REV.SONNY BEVAN</b> <b>1754 FAIRVIEW DRIVE</b> <b>MOODY,AL 35004</b> <b>205-640-2817</b>	<b>ROSALEE HARRIS</b> <b>1235 LEWIS AV.NE</b> <b>LEEDS,AL 35094</b> <b>205-699-8297</b>



## CHURCHES DIRECTORY

### **CHURCH**

### **PASTOR**

### **CLERK**

<b>FORESTDALE:</b> 2615 VETERANS MEM.PKWY. BIRMINGHAM,AL 35214 205-798-1724	<b>REV.MICHEAL COX</b> 402 BRIAN DR. ADAMSVILLE,AL 35005 205-674-6021	<b>GENEVA MARTIN</b> 5416 STOREY DR. ADAMSVILLE,AL 35005 205-674-9534
<b>FRIENDSHIP:</b> HWY.79 (Selfville) REMLAP,AL 35133 205-647-2998	<b>REV. RON WOODARD</b> 112 PARKWOOD CRL. GARDENDALE/AL 35071 205-631-8494	<b>CLYDE VAUGHN</b> 2979 COVERED BRIDGE CLEVELAND,AL3 5049
<b>FULTONDALE:</b> 3112 NEW CASTLE RD. BIRMINGHAM,AL 35068 205-631-8494	<b>REV.RAYMOND RIVERS</b> 1904 FULTON RD. FULTONDALE,AL 35068 205-841-6891 RSRIVERS@juno.com	<b>DONNA BRITT</b> P.O.BOX 374 KIMBERLY,AL 35091 205-631-8494
<b>HUFFMAN</b> 1400 WARE BLVD. BIRMINGHAM,AL 35215 205-854-9522	<b>REV.WAYNE NEELY</b> P.O.BOX 33 TRAFFORD,AL 35172 205-647-2998	<b>MELISSA ESTES</b> 2805 RIDGEBROOK RD FULTONDALE,AL 35068 205-849-9909
<b>MT.OLIVE</b> CO.HWY.#41 N LEEDS AL 35094 (Dunnavant community)	<b>REV.WESLEY LEE</b> 1475 COOK SPRINGS ROAD PELL CITY,AL 35125 205-338-4275	<b>CARLENE HARRIS</b> 121 WILLOW CREEK CIRCLE LEEDS,AL 35094 205-699-6096



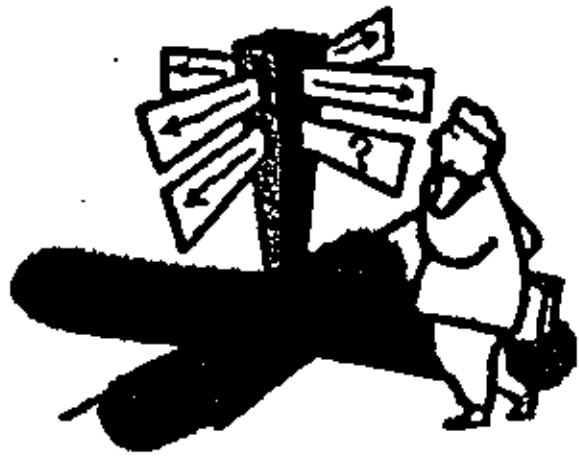
# CHURCHES DIRECTORY

## **CHURCH**

## **PASTOR**

## **CLERK**

MT PLEASANT PERRY CO.RD 2 SPROTT,AL 36799 334-665-7254	REV.JOHN ACKERMAN 2816 CO. RD. 84 SELMA,AL 36701 334-872-8609	PAUL NICHOLS RT.3 BOX 135 CENTREVILLE,AL 35042 205-926-6347
MT ZION ST.HWY.# 231-S PELL CITY,AL 35125 205-338-3708	REV.J.D.WALES 238 HAZELWOOD DR PELL CITY,AL 35125 205-884-3245	MARIE GOODWIN 2603 GOLF COURSE RD. PELL CITY,AL 35128 205-338-7346
NEW LIFE 1212 PARK AVE MOODY,AL 35004	REV.MIKE FERGUSON P.O.BOX 17 COOKS SPRINGS,AL 35052 (interim)	PEARL SCHULTZ 2095 KELLY CRK RD ODENVILLE,AL 35120 205-640-6838
SELMA ( FIRST) 2902 N.BROAD ST. SELMA,AL 36701 334-872-5521	N'A	WILLIAM J.OVERFIELD 309 WESTWOOD DR SELMA,AL 36701 334-872-5521
SHADY GROVE RT 2 BOX 662 ADAMSVILLE,AL 35005 205-674-7022	REV.RICKEY PATTERSON 5231 DOGWOOD TRAIL ADAMSVILLE,AL 35005 RPatter416@aol.com	WANDA HYATT 1630 UNION GROVE RD ADAMSVILLE,AL 35005



## CHURCHES DIRECTORY

**CHURCH                      PASTOR                      CLERK**

SYLACAUGA FIRST 50 KINGS ROAD SYLACAUGA,AL 35151 256-245-4945	REV.WAYNE McDANIEL 54 TWIN STREET SYLACAUGA,AL 35150 256-249-9373	DONNA TIDWELL 202 SARA LYNN DR. SYLACAUGA,AL 35150 256-249-3613
UNION HILL P.O.BOX 54 VANDIVER,AL 35176	REV.ERNEST WALKER 1925 M.A.LEE DR. MOODY,AL 35004 205-640-7222	ROETERRY ANDREWS 53363 HWY.25 VANDIVER,AL 35176 205-672-2515
PRATTVILLE MISSION CHURCH 1147 UPPER KINGSTON RD PRATTVILLE,AL 36067 334-358-1911	REV.WAYNE WILSON 1926 BRIARWOOD ST. PRATTVILLE,AL 36067 334-361-2316	LEXI MULLINS 1370 METS ROAD UNIT 79 BOX 2 P.O.BOX 680307 PRATTVILLE,AL 37067
END OF CHURCHES	DIRECTORY	YEAR 2002



## **OTHER ADDRESSES**

**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**  
**RANDY KEY-Superintendent**  
**P.O.BOX 8**  
**ELDRIDGE,AL 35554**  
**205-924-9751 or 205-924-9574**

**ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION PROMOTIONAL OFFICE**  
**REV.RICK CASH-Director**  
**P.O.BOX 9**  
**GUIN,AL 35563**  
**205-468-3057 or 205-468-3897**

**ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FWB**  
**Clerk- RODNEY YERBY**  
**115 MAXIMILLION DR.**  
**MADISON,AL 35758**  
**256-721-0402**  
**OR**  
**Asst.-clerk-KENNETH BOZEMAN**  
**P.O.BOX 88, MILLPORT,AL 35576**  
**205-662-3488**

**WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST -State President**  
**ELWANDA OAKES**  
**P.O.BOX 351**  
**VERNON,AL 35592**  
**205-695-9621 or 205-695-7791**



## **[AVAILABLE MINISTERS]**

### **AVAILABLE ORDAINED AND LISCENSED MINISTERS OF THE CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION AS OF OCTOBER 2002**

1. Rev .Marshall Alexander 205-672-7567 Sterrett AL
2. Rev .Micheal Barber 205-338-4090 Pell City AL
3. Rev .Bruce Damron, 205-640-7981 Moody AL
4. Rev. Claudie Deavors 334-872-5521 Selma, AL
5. Rev Lester Gann 205-640-7838 Moody, AL
6. Rev .Maxwell Harper 334-665-7254 Montevallo, AL
7. Rev. James Hodgens 334-872-8609 Selma AL
8. \*Rev .Larry Johnson, 205-678-0919 Chelsea, AL
9. Rev. Howard Jones 256-249-9373 Sylacauga, AL
10. Rev .Harold Latta 205-378-5416 Childersburg, AL
11. Rev. E .B.Ledlow 256-245-0017 Sylacauga AL
12. Rev. Paul Oppy 403-8743 Pelham, AL
13. \*Rev. David Reese 205-849-8536 Tarrant, AL \*
14. Rev. Ray Ritch 205-798-5416 Birmingham, Al
15. Rev. Jack Rollins 205-798-1508 Birmingham, Al
16. \*Rev. Larry Smith 237-4573 Remlap, AL
17. Rev .Lynn Wilson, 205-647-6922 Graysville, AL
18. Rev Jerry Wright 205-699-3687 Leeds, AL

\* licensed ministers





## ***THE ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION***

**Convening with:**

**MT.PLEASANT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
SPROTT,AL    REV.JOHN ACKERMAN,PASTOR  
MODERATOR, REV.ERNEST WALKER  
MARCH 2,2002**

**The session began with congregational singing led by Bre.Frank Mitchell. The songs were entitled, "I'd Rather Be an Old-Time Christian and Victory In Jesus."**

**Opening Prayer led by Rev Jack Rollins.**

**Asst.-Moderator, Rev. Ernest Walker welcomed all to the service.**

**Host Pastor, Rev .John Ackerman welcomed everyone and gave instructions for all facilities.**

**Rev. Walker used "Treasures in Heaven" as his text for the moderator's message. The scripture was from Matt.6:19-20.**

**Clerk, Steve Day called the session to order for business .**

**Credentials Committee reported all letters in order. Report was given by Rev .Chris Wall.**

**Clerk called each church name and delegates were seated with the exception of Calvary and Friendship whom had no delegates present.**

**No visitors.**

**No Old Business.**

**Continued next page.....**





## **THE ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION**

**District Treasurer Steve Day gave the following semi-annual report:**

Balance on hand as of 10-06-01	\$ 8285.72
Fees received as of 03-02-02	1760.00
Offerings	<u>172.33</u>
Balance after fees and offerings	\$ 10218.05
Paid out	<u>\$ 3055.40</u>
Balance on hand 03-02-02	\$ 7162.65

**PLEASE NOTE THIS\***

**\*\$50,000.00 is still in savings and drawing interest. Any church needing information of same can contact clerk for details. {See annual report to association.}**

**Cahaba River District Home Missions report was given by Bro. James Tyus**

Balance on hand 02-27-02	\$ 2888.97
--------------------------	------------

**Congregation sang "Heaven's Jubilee and "Amazing Grace,"**

**Special song: "Take It to the Lord In Prayer."**

**After the Testimony service, Rev. Walker reported Rev. Glenn Hood was absent due to the birth of a new grandson.**

**Business and deceased committee report was given by Rev .Raymond Rivers as follows:**

**Item #1. that a status report be given concerning Lighthouse Free Will Baptist Church's association with this district. Clerk, Steve Day reported that Lighthouse had not paid fees necessary for recognition to the state association and would not be considered active in this association until all back fees are paid to this district**

**Item #2. recommend the "Available Ministers List" be updated and each minister be contacted before their name is added to the list.**

**Item # 3. recommend an offering be given to Children's Home designated for bedroom furnishings. \$ 200.00 was designated.**

**Item #4. recommend a rising vote of "THANKS" to Mt. Pleasant church!**

**Continued next page...**



## **THE ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION**

### **Deceased report:**

1. Belview: Ernie Stone and Charlie Roberson
2. Centerpoint: Onzell Willingham
3. Fairview: Carrie Winslett and Lavelle Hawthorne
4. Forestdale: Richard Burton
5. Huffman: Vern Brasher and Charlie Gamble
6. Mt. Pleasant: E.W. Johnson and Lloyd Mitchell
7. Mt. Zion: Leroy Palmer
8. Bible College student
9. Carlton Lambert's son-in-law

After scripture reading of Psalms 147:3, Rev. Sonny Bevan prayed for loved ones.

### **Children's Home report was given by Lecil Gardner ,trustee as follows:**

New cottage ready for dedication April 27. Will be handicap accessible and have storm cellar. Big boys happy !

Denise Blackmon has been chosen as summer missionary to Mexico.

**Little Rebecca Wall** was anointed prior to having to have serious surgery

After intermission...

**Congregation** sang "**He Set Me Free.**"

**Opening prayer** : Rev. Rickey Patterson

**Congregation** sang: "**Fill My Way With Love.**"

### **Board of Christian Education report was given by Rev .Raymond Rivers:**

Balance **\$ 1296.94**

Receipts **288.30**

Balance after receipts **\$ 1585.24**

Paid out: **620.28**

Ending balance **\$ 964.96**

Schedule includes: **Friendship** 3-16-02 (Ventriloquist) & **Fultondale** 5-18-02 (cookout)

**Continued next page...**



## ***THE ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION***

Morning message was delivered by Rev. David Gilbert, pastor of Huffman. The text was entitled "A Christian Who Would Not Quit!" Scripture reading was from Jeremiah 20:7 & 9. Congregation sang "Kneel at the Cross."

**LUNCH** Prayer by Royce Grissom

Congregation sang "Over In Glory land."

Registration report was given by host church as follows:

Ministers	18
Deacons	16
Delegates	37
Non-Delegates	<u>10</u>
Total	81

Special song was sang by Skyler Harris entitled "City of Gold"

Special song was sang by Jeanette Harper entitled "Let Me Touch Him"

Special song was sang by "The Group" entitled "Search Me, Oh God!" (Rev. & Mrs. Ledlow, Rev. Cox, & Bro. Grissom)

Afternoon devotion was conducted by Rev. Wesley Lee. His text was entitled "Preach The Gospel" with scripture from Mark 16:15-18.

Schedule for future sessions:

October 4-5, 2002 Huffman

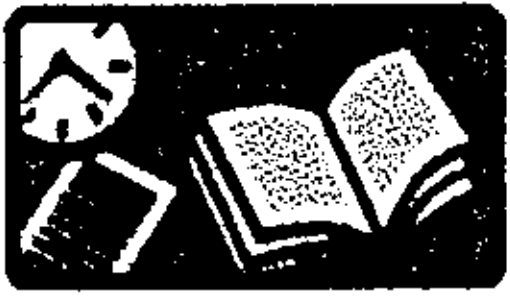
March 1, 2003 Fultondale

October 3-4, 2003 Fairview

Ordaining council report was given by Rev. John Ackerman as follows;

Item #1. Recommend Rev David Gilbert be accepted in this association coming from the Jasper Association.

Continued next page..



## ***THE ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION***

### **Ordination council continued...**

#### **Item # 2.**

**Recommend Wesley Lee be ordained today. Bro. Lee has accepted Mt. Olive Church as pastor. Rev. Ackerman lead the charge and Rev. Ledlow prayed as hands were lain on Bro. Lee. Psalms 1:1-2 was read. Members were :Rev. Maxwell Harper, Rev. John Ackerman, Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Rev. Wayne McDaniel, and Rev. Chris Wall.**

**Everyone applauded Mt. Pleasant for their wonderful welcome!**

**Benediction : Rev. Mike Cox, pastor of Forestdale.**

**END OF SEMI-ANNUAL MINUTES**



### ***NOTES:***

---

---

---

---

---



## **WORSHIP AND PRAISE SERVICE**

Convening with:

**HUFFMAN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
1400 WARE BOULEVARD  
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35235**

**REV. WAYNE NEELY-PASTOR  
REV. RAYMOND RIVERS-MODERATOR  
October 5, 2002**

The singing began with the congregation singing, "Victory In Jesus", led by Rev. Rickey Patterson.

Moderator, Rev. Raymond Rivers welcomed everyone to the "Worship and Praise" service Assistant-moderator Rev. Mike Cox, led the opening prayer.

Congregation sang: "Love Lifted Me."

Alabama State Promotional director, Rev. Rick Cash reported the following:

1. the new Alabama .Digest is ready for distribution,
2. that Alabama people gave a total of \$416,753.00 making it possible for Rev. and Mrs. Fred Jones to start a work with the Hispanic people.
3. that Jamie Lancaster reported six converts in Uruguay.
4. that Rev. Wayne Wilson reported seventy-one in church at Prattville.
5. that Mike Corley reported 80-90 preachers in Russia and he will be on furlough in December.
6. that Jeff Lunsford is teaching in Mongolia.
7. that our next missionary will probably be to the Muslim world.
8. that Rev. Roger Raper needs our prayers due to construction being hindered by a endangered wild hawk nesting in a tree on the property.

The moderator called for a testimony service. After several testimonies the congregation sang a song intitled, "I'd Rather Be An Old-time Christian.".

Continued.....



## **WORSHIP AND PRAISE SERVICE**

**Continued.....**

**Susan Rivers sang a special song entitled :The Only Reason."**

**Guest speaker, Rev. Wayne Neely used I Samuel 15:22-23 with his message entitled, "Be Obedient To God."**

**After an invitation song, Clerk Steve Day called the session to order for business as follows:**

**1.since Rev. Chris Wall, former pastor of New Life has moved back to South Carolina and cannot fulfill his obligation as the 2003 moderator, the body elected Rev. Mike Cox as moderator and Rev.Rickey Patterson as assistant-moderator for the 125<sup>th</sup> annual Worship & Praise service.**

**Huffman pastor Rev. Wayne Neely expressed his appreciation to congregation.**

**Refreshments were served after dismissal prayer by Rev. Rick Cash.**

**END**







**THE ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH  
ANNUAL SESSION  
of  
CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

**Convening with:**

**HUFFMAN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
1400 WARE BOULEVARD BIRMINGHAM, AL 35235  
REV. WAYNE NEELY, Host pastor, REV. GLENN HOOD, Moderator  
OCTOBER 5, 2002**

**The one-hundred twenty-fourth session of the Cahaba River District Association began with a welcome from Moderator, Rev. Glenn Hood.**

**Rev. Raymond Rivers led the congregation in a song entitled, "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There."**

**Rev. Hood used II Timothy 2:15-16 with the text of "We're People Of The Book" as the moderator's message.**

**Rev. Hood opened the session with altar prayer led by Rev. Wayne McDaniel.**

**Clerk, Steve Day called the session to order for business.**

**Credentials Committee reported as follows:**

**Item #1. that, seventeen churches sent report letters. No letter was received from Prattville mission church and Lighthouse, (Montgomery).**

**Item #2. that, Larry Johnson be examined for license to preach the gospel. Bro. Johnson is from Fairview.**

**Item #3. that, Larry Smith of Friendship church and David Reese of Centerpoint church be re-licensed to preach the gospel one year.**

**Item #4. that, life-time certificates be issued to Chester Isbell and Harold Duckett, deacons of Mt. Olive church.**

**Report members were Rev. Sonny Bevan, Rev. Lester Gann, and Clerk, Steve Day.**

**continued.....**



**THE ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH  
ANNUAL SESSION  
of  
CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

continued....

Roll was called and delegates were seated by moderator, Rev. Hood.

Visitor, Rev. Randy Key, Eldridge Children's Home director was welcomed.

Old Business : Rev. Mike Cox ask about our status with Lighthouse church (Montgomery). Clerk, Steve Day reported he wrote a letter of explanation concerning the channels fees go through in order for each church to be recognized at the district ,state,and national level. Lighthouse church did not respond. Bro.Day has repeatedly tried to contact the pastor and clerk asking them to comply with the rule.

Children's Home report was given by Rev. Randy Key-director as follows:

- A. The home is housing 28 children.
- B. The hill property is being cleared for biking,hiking,fishing,camping,and horse-back riding.
- C. Lisa did well as a two weeks summer missionary to Mexico and has a great testimony.
- D. Three new kids are being considered and three went home to family with two being dismissed due to problems with discipline.

Treasurer's report was by Steve Day as follows:

Balance on hand 09- 30-02	<u>\$8,285.72</u>
Received...fees 09-30-02	\$3,520.00
interest on CD	1,999.30
offerings, 123 <sup>rd</sup> annual & 124 <sup>th</sup> semi-annual	<u>172.33</u>
Total receipts....	\$5,691.63
Balance after receipts.....	<u>\$13,977.35</u>

Treasurer's report continued next page....





**THE ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH  
ANNUAL SESSION  
of  
CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

**Treasurer's report continued.....**

***Paid out:***

Alabama state association (Promotional office)	\$172.33
Forestdale church (food for 123 <sup>rd</sup> session)	450.00
Moderator fee	25.00
Asst. Moderator fee	12.50
Clerk fee	100.00
Asst. Clerk fee	20.00
Stamps	34.00
Image craft (supplies)	15.75
Al State Assoc. (fees for 19 churches)	1,615.00
Safe deposit box	25.00
Post office box fee	20.00
Stamps	34.00
Circuit city (supplies)	49.65
Walmart (supplies)	63.13
Computer graphics (minutes books)	419.04
Children's home (furniture)	200.00
Board of Christian education	500.00
Mt. Pleasant church (food for 124 <sup>th</sup> semi-annual)	450.00
Stamps	38.50
Walmart (supplies)	99.17
Safe deposit box	25.00
124 <sup>th</sup> planning committee expenses	<u>33.94</u>
<b>Total paid out:</b>	<b>\$4,402.01</b>
<b>Ending balance 09-30-02</b>	<b><u>\$9,575.34</u></b>

**END OF TREASURER'S REPORT**

**continued...**



**THE ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH  
ANNUAL SESSION  
of  
CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

continued...

Board of Christian Education report was given by Rev. Ernest Walker as follows;

Balance on hand 10-06-02	\$1296.94
Receipts:	
Rally offering	\$239.30
Pizza sales	160.00
Cahaba River offering	<u>500.00</u>
Total balance after receipts...	\$2196.24
Paid out:	
Bank fee	\$48.00
Stamps	37.00
Pizza	289.78
Gym rental	100.00
Report supplies	26.26
Speaker (Duncan)	200.00
Speaker (Morter)	200.00
Board meeting expense	136.98
Walmart (supplies)	4.28
Park rental	50.00
So.Eastern Bible College	200.00
Cornerstone (film rental)	<u>26.00</u>
Total paid out...	\$1318.30
Ending balance ...	\$877.94

Rally attendance report:

Centerpoint 92 First Baptist,Moody 138 Friendship 97  
Fultondale Park 38 Centerpoint 26

**END OF BD.CHRIST.ED. REPORT**

continued.....



**THE ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH  
ANNUAL SESSION  
of  
CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

continued...

**Cahaba River Home Missions Board report** was given by Bro. James Tyus:

<b>Balance brought forward...</b>	<b><u>\$1988.02</u></b>
<b><u>Receipts...</u></b>	
<b>Fairview church</b>	<b>\$120.00</b>
<b>Fultondale church</b>	<b>834.98</b>
<b>Mt. Zion</b>	<b>1140.88</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b><u>217.29</u></b>
<b><u>Total receipts:</u></b>	<b>\$2313.15</b>
<b><u>Ending Balance</u> 09-30-02</b>	<b>\$4301.17</b>
<b>Bank statement balance</b>	<b>\$4301.23</b>

**Delegates to State Association: Nov. 6-8** Dothan (Eastside)

**Susan Rivers      Paul Nichols      Barbara Ellison**  
**Jeanette Wales      Odessa Ledlow**

**Auditing Committee report** was given by Polly Roberson as follows:

The books for, 1. the District Treasurer, 2. the Cahaba River Missions, and, the Christian Education Board were found to be in order.

Committee members were Rev. Rickey Patterson, Polly Roberson, Leona Nichols, and Carlene Harris.

continued...



**THE ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH  
ANNUAL SESSION  
of  
CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

continued...

**Nomination Committee** recommended these replacements and/or changes for the following offices: (Rev. Wayne Neely reporting)

1. **Ordination Council:** Rev. Mike Cox to replace Rev. Marshall Alexander.
2. **Executive Board:** Rev. Wayne McDaniel to replace himself.
3. **Clerk/Treasurer:** Bro. Steve Day to replace himself.
4. **Asst.-Clerk-Treas.-** Rev. Michael Barber to replace Rev. Ray Ritch
5. **Board of Christian Education:** Rev. Wayne Neely to replace himself and Rev. Mike Wydemon to replace Rev. Chris Wall.
6. **Cahaba River Missions Board:** Harold Duckett to replace Rev. Wayne McDaniel, James Tyus to replace himself, and Rev. E. B. Ledlow to replace himself.
7. **Committee members** were Rev. Wayne Neely, Rev. John Ackerman, and Rev. Wesley Lee.

**Business/Deceased Committee report** was given by Rev. Mike Cox as follows:

**Item #1.** Recommend clerk fee be changed to one-hundred fifty dollars (\$100.00) per year. (effective immediately)

**Note\*** This item was tabled to the evening session since it required a constitutional change.

**Item #2.** Recommend rising vote of "Thanks" to host church, Huffman.

**Deceased** list as follows: Davis' Chapel-Lenoir Davis, Mt. Pleasant-Susan Smith, Sylacauga-Grafford Johnson & Louise Bearden, Mt. Zion-Brett Hanner & Ruby Jones, Centerpoint, James W. Mise and Mt. Olive, Myrtle Henson. A moment of silent prayer was led by Rev. Mike Cox. Committee members were: Rev. Mike Cox, Rev. Raymond Rivers, and Bro. Paul Nichols.

continued...



**THE ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH  
ANNUAL SESSION  
of  
CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

continued...

**Registration committee report** was given by host pastor, Rev. Wayne Neely:  
Delegates 40 + Deacons 17 + Ministers + 25 + Visitors 22 = 104 total

**After intermission**, Rev. Rivers led a congregational song entitled, "I Never Shall Forget The Day."

**"The Melody Girls"** sang two specials entitled, "Can The World See Jesus In You?" and "Oh! What A Day!"

**The District Thanksgiving service** was announced to be at Mt. Zion, November 26 and Rev. Micheal Barber will be bringing the message.

An **offering** of \$113.55 was received. Offering prayer by Bro. Al England

**The congregation** sang, "He Set Me Free."

**Rev. and Mrs. E.B. Ledlow** sang two songs entitled, "What A Lovely Name" and "He Came To Me."

**Rev. E.B. Ledlow** used scripture from Matthew 27:15-28 with his message entitled "What Shall I Do With Jesus, Which Is Called Christ?"  
Invitational hymn was entitled "Have Thine Own Way."

**Rev. Ron Woodard** blessed the lunch.

**After a wonderful lunch** the congregation sang "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" to begin the evening session.

continued...



**THE ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH  
ANNUAL SESSION  
of  
CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

continued...

Rev. Larry Smith used the text "Peace" with scripture reading from I Thess. 5 for the evening devotion.

The Business committee had the following items to be voted upon:

Item 1. that, the item tabled from the morning session concerning a constitutional change of Article XI be taken off the table for consideration and vote. The Article would be changed to read "the clerk-treasurer shall be paid one-hundred-fifty dollars (\$150.00) annually.

Item 2. that, the morning offering of \$113.55 be given to Roger Raper's work in Ft. Collins, CO.

Item 3. that, the \$500.00 being given to Bd. Christ. Ed. be raised to \$1000.00 annually. (All three items were accepted.)

Ordaining Council report was given by Rev. E. B. Ledlow as follows:

Item 1. that, David Reese of Centerpoint church and Larry Smith of Friendship church be re-licensed for one year.

Item 2. that, Chester Isbell and Harold Duckett of Mt. Olive church be given life-time certificates for deacons over 65 years of age.

Item 3. that, Larry Johnson of Fairview church be licensed to preach the gospel for one year.

Ordination Council consisted of Rev. Maxwell Harper, Rev. Robert Roberson, Rev. Eugene Howard, Rev. John Ackerman, and Rev. E. B. Ledlow. This report was accepted.

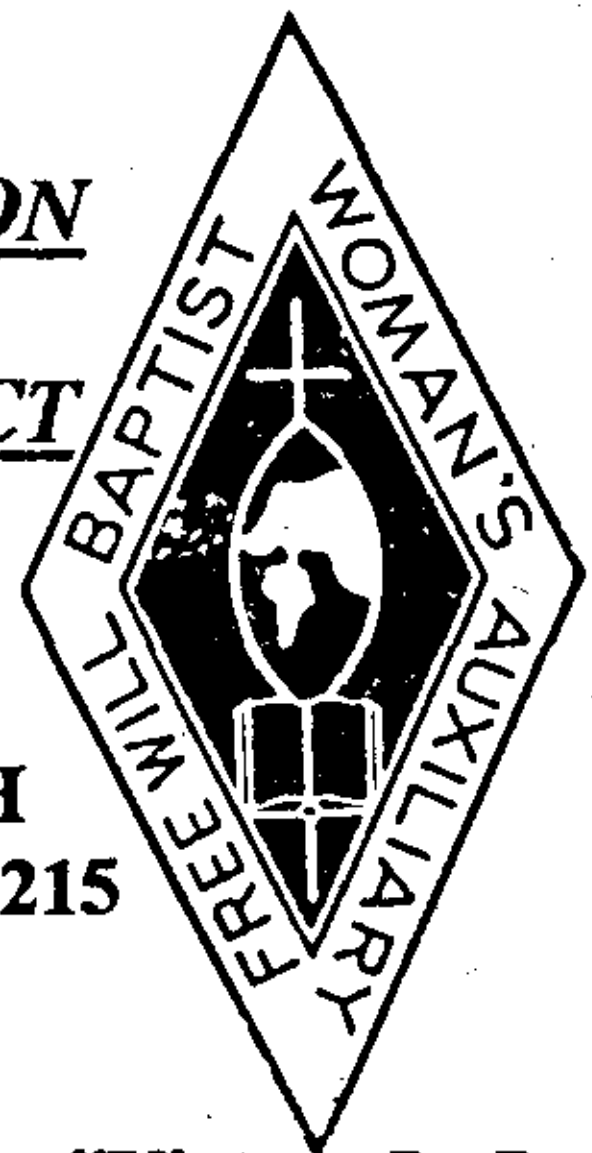
Benediction prayer was by Rev. Wayne McDaniel

**END OF ANNUAL MINUTES**





**THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
**of the**  
**CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT**  
**"WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST"**



Convening with:

**CENTERPOINT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**831 MARY VANN LANE, BIRMINGHAM, AL 35215**  
**APRIL 6, 2002**

The convention opened with the congregation singing, **"Victory In Jesus."**  
Song director was Peggy Cummings.

Rev. Glenn Hood led the opening prayer.

President, Sissy Click called the meeting to order for business.

Welcome was given by Pauline Hood and response by Rosalee Harris.

Congregation sang, **"Gloryland Way."**

Devotional was given by Donna Gilbert entitled, **"How To Be Friends To God."** Proverbs 18:24.

Phyllis Hawkins sang a beautiful song entitled, **"We Can Touch Him."**

President called the roll, seated delegates, and appointed committees.

Carolyn Wilson sang a special entitled, **"Fill This Place."**

Rev. Wayne Wilson, missionary pastor to Prattville used **"Power Of Prayer"** as his text with John 14:7 as scripture reading.

Door prizes were distributed and congregation sang, **"I Want To Be A Worker."**

continued.....

**THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
**of the**  
**CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT**  
**"WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST"**



**WAC continued....**

**Reports were:**

1. Attendance: 33 (Forestdale won banner with 66% present.)
2. Appreciation thanked Centerpoint for all their hard work and beautiful decorations.
3. Audit reported all books in order.
4. Credentials reported six auxiliaries sent letters.
5. Business : A. that the 2003 session be at Fairview, Moody and the 2004 session be at Mt. Zion, Pell City. B. that \$600.00 mission project money go to Wayne Wilson.(Prattville).

After lunch Phyllis Hawkins sang a special entitled, "Another Word For Grace."

A love offering of \$ 156.00 was presented to Rev.& Mrs.Wilson.

Odessa Ledlow made the announcements & session dismissed with prayer.

**Auxiliaries present were :**

1. Belview-Leeds
2. Centerpoint-Birmingham
3. Fairview-Moody
4. Forestdale-Birmingham
5. First-Sylacauga
6. Mt.Zion-Pell City

**Bettie Wade, Sec/Treas.**

***FOR WE ARE LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD:  
II CORINTHIANS 3:9***





## **ANNUAL LETTER TO STATE**

From: Cahaba River District Association  
To: Alabama State Association  
Date: October 6 ,2001 to October 5,2002

Moderator: Rev. Glenn Hood  
113-13<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW  
Birmingham, AL 35215  
Ph# 205-854-0394

### **DELEGATES:**

Paul Nichols Jeanette Wales Odessa Led low  
Barbara Ellison Susan Rivers

### **CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS:**

Churches 18 (city-14) (rural-4)

### **GENERAL INFOMATION:**

Ordained ministers 33 Licensed ministers 3  
Ordained deacons 46  
Sunday school 878 CTS 208  
WAC 62 Masters men 5

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Baptisms 22 Members added 58 members lost 19  
Total membership : 1474

Amount enclosed: ( fees) \$ 1530.00  
Number of minutes books requested 40

Clerk Steve Day , P. O .Box 342,  
Moody, AL 35004 205-640-7470



## ***BY-LAWS OF THE 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 Credentials committee for advice but not for trial. They may be seated if found worthy. If not, they are to be 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 the moderator.**
- 8. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one officer (or committee man) if his nomination is elected.**

**continued...**



## ***BY-LAWS OF THE WORSHIP AND PRAISE SERVICE***

- 9. The moderator must not allow any discussion to be carried on in an un-Christian- 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 presents.**
- 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 this Association.**
- 14. A minister carries a license until he is called to a church or enters full-time evangelistic work. The license is 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 moderator will be elected by the body each year.**

**End**



# CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I- The association shall be known as, the "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 privileges 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. Assistant Moderator
  3. Clerk-Treasurer
  4. Assistant Clerk-Treasurer
- continued.....



## CONSTITUTION

These four shall serve two-year (2) terms and be elected by the body. The moderator and assistant-moderator shall be elected at "odd" years and the clerk-treasurer and assistant clerk-treasurer shall be elected at "even" numbered years. The clerk-treasurer shall handle all monies of the association except,

1. The Cahaba River Missions Board fund
2. The Christian Education Board fund.

### ARTICLE VI-B- There shall be a "Home Missions Board".

The board shall consist of seven (7) members with three (3) members coming off the board each year. When vacancies occur the body shall elect new members. The Missions board shall elect their own Clerk-treasurer which shall record minutes of all meetings and handle all monies belonging to same.

### ARTICLE 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 of the Worship/Praise service
6. Assistant Moderator of the Worship/Praise service.
7. Three (3) Members-At Large elected by the association to serve a three year (3) with one coming off the board each year.

Any five members will constitute a quorum. When vacancies occur the body shall elect replacements. The moderator shall serve as Chairman of the board.

continued...



## CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE VI-D- There shall be an "Ordination Council." It shall consists of five (5) members with one coming off each year. As vacancies occur the body shall elect replacements. All members of this council shall be Ordained ministers or deacons. It shall be the duty of the council to meet with candidates for :

1. Licensing as ministers of the Gospel.
2. Ordination as ministers of the Gospel.
3. Ordination as deacons.

It shall further be their duty to assure compliance with the By-Laws of the Presbytery.

ARTICLE VI-E- There shall be a "Board of Christian Education". It shall consists of five members with one coming off each year. If vacancies occur the body will elect replacements. The board shall elect their 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 the end of the session.

ARTICLE VIII-A- Committees shall be as follows:

1. Business
2. Deceased
3. Nomination
4. Credentials
5. Auditing
6. Registration.

Credentials shall meet in advance and be ready to report at the beginning of the session.

continued...





## CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE VIII-B- The Auditing and Registration committees will serve at the Annual association session 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 will be held Friday evening before the first Saturday in October of each year.

ARTICLE X- Each church shall pay a representation fee of eighty-five (85) dollars"per"session of the annual and semi-annual conferences in order to be seated.

ARTICLE XI-

1. The clerk-treasurer shall be paid one-hundred-fifty dollars.(\$150.00) annually. { Amended 10-05-02 }
2. The assistant clerk-treasurer shall be paid twenty (20) dollars annually.
3. The moderator shall be paid twenty-five (25) dollars annually.
4. The assistant-moderator shall be paid twelve (12) dollars and fifty (50 )cents annually.

All other expenditures shall be the decision of the body.

continued...



# CONSTITUTION

continued.....

**ARTICLE XII-** this constitution can be amended (or altered ) at any regular session of the association by two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present providing proposed admendment be presented in writing to the body and be tabled from the morning session until the afternoon (or evening) session, or from the afternoon (or evening ) session until the next session.

[ End of constitution ]

## **' CHURCH CONFERENCE GUIDELINES'**

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

## **"NOTES"**

---

---

---

---





## **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.**

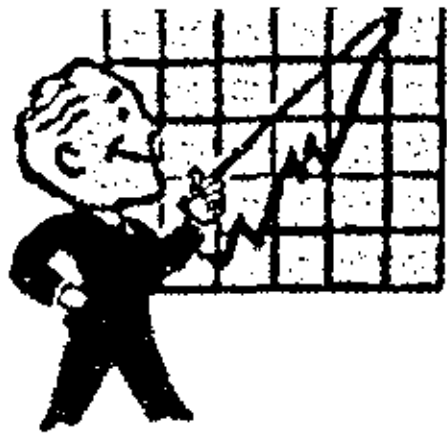
**We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

**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.**



## **ORDINATION GUIDELINES**

1. This association ordains no man which 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 these ministers are to be re-issued each year if the church of which they are a member makes a request for the license to be re-newed for another year.
3. This association ordains no one who does not believe fully the faith and practice of the Free Will Baptist Treatise.
4. This association ordains no one who does not believe and practice tithing.
5. This association ordains no one who does not believe in the verbal inspiration of the Word of God.
6. This association does not ordain women to preach the gospel.
7. This association will not ordain anyone affiliated with the World Council of churches.
8. This association will not ordain anyone with a" bad character" report with "them that are without."
9. This association will not ordain anyone who does not believe and practice the ordinances of the church. These are: A. Baptism by immersion; B. Communion; and C. Feetwashing.
10. This association will not ordain anyone who does not believe a person can apostatize and be lost.



TREATISE  
[THE FAITH OF THE FREE WILL BAPTISTS]

CHAPTER I  
"THE HOLY SCRIPTURES"

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

CHAPTER II  
"BEING AND ATTRIBUTES OF GOD"

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

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

CHAPTER III  
"DIVINE GOVERNMENT AND PROVIDENCE"

1. God exercises a providential care and superintendence over all His creatures, and governs the world in wisdom and mercy, according to the testimony of His Word.

2. God has endowed man with power of free choice, and governs him by moral laws and motives; and this power of free choice is the exact measure of man's responsibility.

3. All events are present with God from everlasting to everlasting; but His knowledge of them does not in any sense cause them, nor does He decree all events which He knows will occur.

## CHAPTER IV

### "CREATION, PRIMITIVE STATE OF MAN, AND HIS FALL"

#### SECTION I: Creation

1. Of the world. God created the world, and all things that it contains, for His own pleasure and glory and the enjoyment of His creatures.

2. Of the Angels. The angels were created by God to glorify Him and obey His commandments. Those who have kept their first estate He employs in ministering blessings to the heirs of salvation and in executing His judgments upon the world.

3. Of Man. God created man, consisting of a material body and a thinking, rational soul. He was made in the image of God, to glorify his Maker.

#### SECTION II: Primitive Man, and His Fall

Our first parents, in their original state, were upright. They naturally preferred and desired to obey their Creator, and had no preference or desire to transgress His will until they were influenced and inclined by the tempter to disobey God's commands. Previous to this, the only tendency of their nature was to do righteousness. In consequence of the first transgression, the state under which the posterity of Adam came into the world is so different from that of Adam that they have not that righteousness and purity which Adam had before the fall; they are not willing to obey God, but are inclined to evil. Hence, none, by virtue of any natural goodness and mere work of their own, can become the children of God, but are all dependent for salvation upon the redemption effected through the blood of Christ, and upon being created anew unto obedience through the operation of the Spirit; both of which are freely provided for every descendant of Adam.

## CHAPTER V

### "OF CHRIST"

#### SECTION I: His Divinity

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, possesses all divine perfections. As He and the Father are one, He in His divine nature, filled all the offices and performed the works of God to His creatures.....



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

A. His Titles:

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

B. His Attributes:

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

C. His Works:

By Christ the world was created. He preserves and governs it; He has provided redemption for all men and He will be their final Judge.

SECTION II: The Incarnation of Christ

The Word, which in the beginning was with God and which was God, by whom all things were made, condescended to a state of humiliation in being united with human nature and becoming like us, pollution and sin expected. In this state, as a subject of the law, He was liable to the infirmities of our nature, was tempted as we are, but lived our example, perfect obedience to the divine requirements. As Christ was made of the seed of David, according to the flesh, He is "the Son of man," and as the divine existence is the fountain from which He proceeded, and was the only agency by which He was begotten, He is "the Son of God," being the only begotten of the Father, and the only incarnation of the Divine Being.

CHAPTER VI

"THE ATONEMENT AND MEDIATION OF CHRIST"

1. The Atonement: As sin cannot be pardoned without a sacrifice, and the blood of beasts could never wash away sin, Christ gave Himself a sacrifice for the sins of the world, and thus made salvation possible for all men. He died for us, suffering in our stead, to make known the righteousness of God,

that He might be just in justifying sinners who believe in His Son. Through the redemption effected by Christ, salvation is actually enjoyed in this world, and will be enjoyed in the next by all who do not in this life refuse obedience to the known requirements of God. The atonement for sin was necessary. For present and future obedience can no more blot out our past sins than past obedience can remove the guilt of present and future sins. If God pardoned the sins of men without satisfaction for the violation of His law, it would follow that transgression might go on with impunity; government would be abrogated, and the obligation of obedience to God would be, in effect, removed.

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

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

## CHAPTER VII

### "THE HOLY SPIRIT"

1. The Scriptures ascribe to the Holy Spirit the acts and attributes of an intelligent being. He guides, knows, moves, gives information, commands, forbids, sends forth, reproves, and can be sinned against.

2. The attributes of God are ascribed to the Holy Spirit.

3. The works of God are ascribed to the Holy Spirit: creation, inspiration, giving of life, and sanctification.

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

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

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

#### CHAPTER VIII "THE GOSPEL CALL"

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

#### CHAPTER IX "REPENTANCE"

The repentance which the Gospel requires includes a deep conviction, a penitential sorrow, an open confession, a decided hatred, and an entire forsaking of all sin. This repentance God has enjoined on all men; and without it in this life the sinner must perish eternally.

#### CHAPTER X "FAITH"

Saving faith is an assent of the mind to the fundamental truths of revelation, an acceptance of the Gospel, through the influence of the Holy Spirit, and a firm confidence and trust in Christ. The fruit of faith is obedience to the Gospel. The power to believe is the gift of God,



but believing is an act of the creature, which is required as a condition of pardon, and without which the sinner cannot obtain salvation. All men are required to believe in Christ, and those who yield obedience to this requirement become the children of God by faith.

## CHAPTER XI "REGENERATION"

As man is a fallen and sinful being, he must be regenerated in order to obtain salvation. This change is an instantaneous renewal of the heart by the Holy Spirit, whereby the penitent sinner receives new life, becomes a child of God, and is disposed to serve Him. This is called in Scripture being born again, born of the Spirit, being quickened, passing from death unto life, and a partaking of the divine nature.

## CHAPTER XII "JUSTIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION"

1. Justification. Personal justification implies that the person justified has been guilty before God; and, in consideration of the atonement of Christ, accepted by faith, the sinner is pardoned and absolved from the guilt of sin and restored to the divine favor. Christ's atonement is the foundation of the sinner's redemption, yet, without repentance and faith, it can never give him justification and peace with God.

2. Sanctification is the continuing of God's grace by which the Christian may constantly grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## CHAPTER XIII "PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS"

There are strong grounds to hope that the truly regenerate will persevere unto the end, and be saved, through the power of divine grace which

is pledged for their support;but their future obedience and final salvation are neither determined nor certain, since through infirmity and manifold temptations they are in danger of falling;and they ought,therefore,to watch and pray lest they make shipwreck of their faith and be lost.

#### APPENDIX TO CHAPTER XIII

Adopted July,1969

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

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

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

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

## CHAPTER XIV

### "THE LORD'S DAY"

This is one day in seven, which from the creation of the world God has set apart for sacred rest and holy service. Under the former dispensation, the seventh day of the week, as commemorative of the work of creation, was set apart for the Lord's Day. Under the Gospel, the first day of the week, in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ and by authority of Christ and the apostles, is observed as the Christian Sabbath. On this day all men are required to refrain from secular labor and devote themselves to the worship and service of God.

## CHAPTER XV

### "THE CHURCH"

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

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

## CHAPTER XVI

### "TITHING"

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

## CHAPTER XVII

### "THE GOSPEL MINISTRY"

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

2.Duties of Ministers. These are to preach the Word,Administer the ordinances of the Gospel, visit their people,and otherwise perform the work of faithful ministers.

## CHAPTER XVIII

### "ORDINANCES OF THE GOSPEL"

1.Christian Baptism. This is the immersion of believers in water,in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, in which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ, the death of Christians to the world, the washing of their souls from the pollution of sin,their rising to newness of life,their engagement to serve God,and their resurrection at the last day.

2.The Lord's Supper. This is a commemoration of the death of Christ for our sins in the use of bread which He made the emblem of His broken body,and the cup,the emblem of His shed blood, and by it the believer expresses his love for Christ,his faith and hope in Him,and pledges to Him perpetual fidelity.

It is the privilege and duty of all who have spiritual union with Christ to commemorate His death,and no man has a right to forbid these tokens to the least of His disciples.

3.Washing the Saints Feet. This is a sacred ordinance,which teaches humility and reminds the believer of the necessity of a daily cleansing from all sin. It was instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ,and called an "example" on the night of His betrayal,and in connection with the institution of the Lord's Supper. It is the duty and happy prerogative of every believer to observe this sacred ordinance.

## CHAPTER XIX

### "DEATH"

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

## CHAPTER XX

### "SECOND COMING OF CHRIST"

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

## CHAPTER XXI

### "THE RESURRECTION"

The Scriptures teach the resurrection of the bodies of all men, each in its own order; they that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil to the resurrection of damnation.

## CHAPTER XXII

### "THE JUDGMENT AND RETRIBUTION"

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

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

[Reference Scriptures: See Treatise Booklet]

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

### "NOTES"

---

---

---

---

---

---