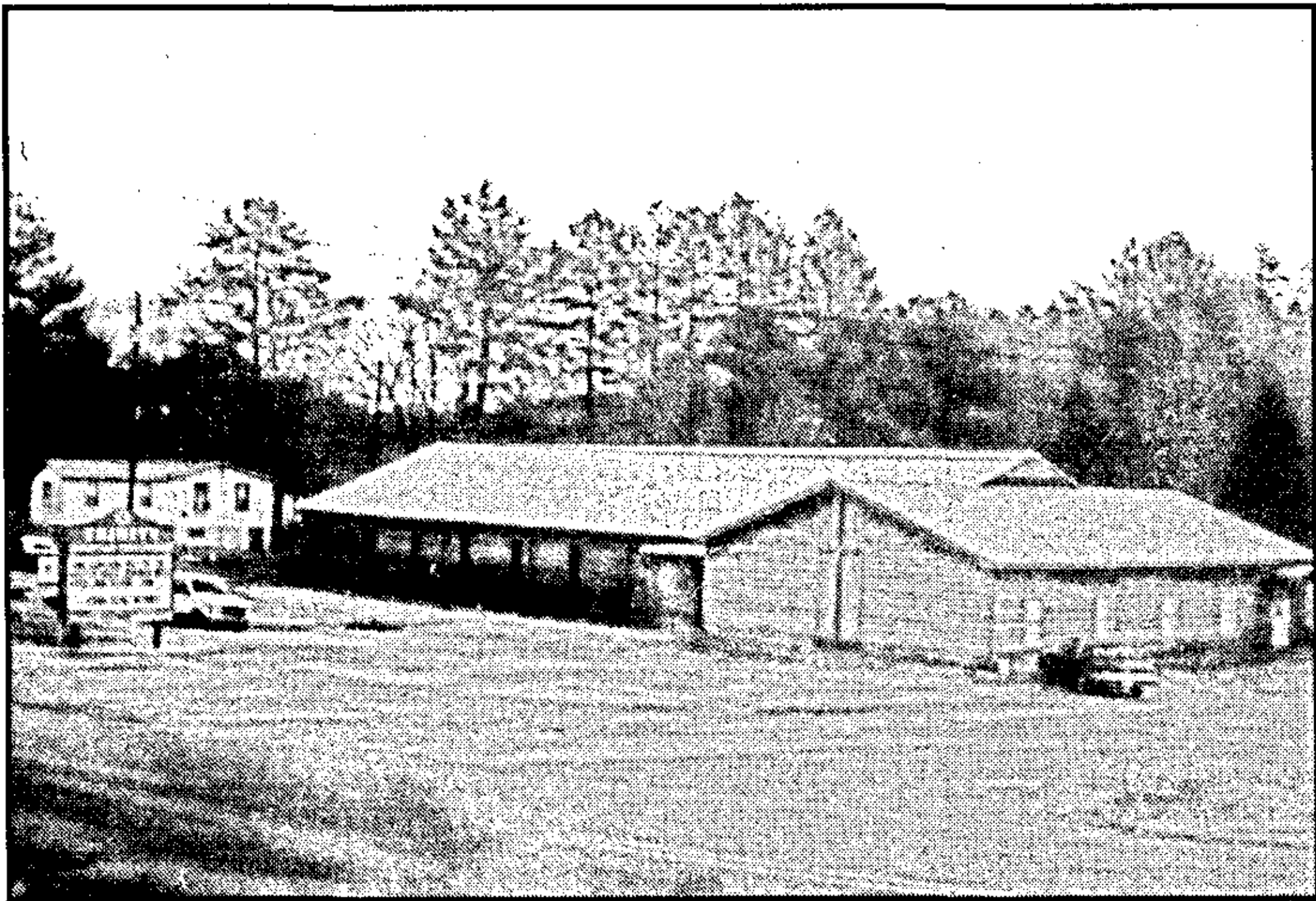


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**CONVENED WITH:**

**SHADY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**1630 UNION GROVE ROAD**  
**ADAMSVILLE, AL 35005**  
**MARCH 6, 2004**

**AND**

**TRINITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**2165 FLOYD BRADFORD ROAD**  
**TRUSSVILLE, AL 35173**  
**OCTOBER 1-2, 2004**





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@ MOODY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
1212 PARK AVENUE, MOODY, AL 35004**

**APRIL 2, 2005 - DISTRICT WAC ANNUAL SESSION  
@ MOODY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
1212 PARK AVENUE, MOODY, AL 35004**

**MAY 7, 2005 - STATE WAC ANNUAL SESSION  
@ RED BAY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
1303 HWY. 24 E., RED BAY, AL 35582**

**JULY 17-21, 2005 - NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL  
BAPTISTS @ LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY**

**SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1, 2005- CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT  
ANNUAL SESSION @ OAK GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH,  
50 KINGS ROAD, SYLACAUGA, AL 35151**

**NOVEMBER 09-11, 2005- ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION  
@ FORESTDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH,  
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# **CHURCHES DIRECTORY**

## **CHURCH**



## **PASTOR**



## **CLERK**



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<b>5.</b> <b><u>FAITH</u></b> 1150 HILL CREST RD. ADAMSVILLE, AL 35005 205-798-7349	<b>REV. STEVEN WEBB</b> 6254 SPRING HOLLOW ROAD GARDENDALE, AL 35071 205-631-3821	<b>ANDI CREASMAN</b> 1150 HILLCREST RD. ADAMSVILLE, AL 35005 205-798-7349

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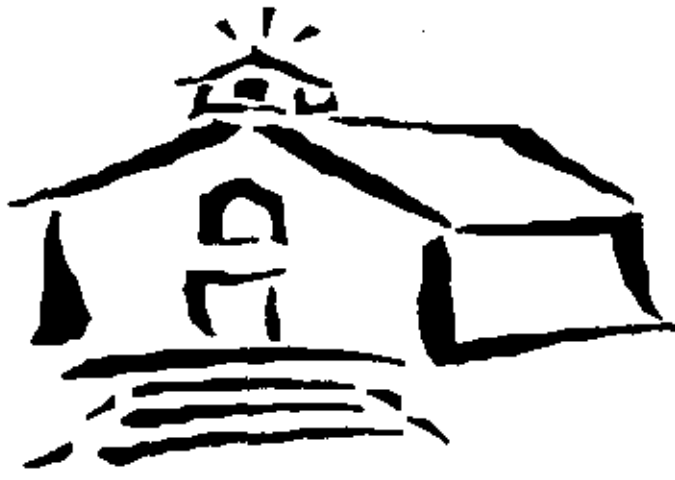
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<b>6.</b> <b><u>FIRST (OAK GROVE)</u></b> <b>50 KINGS ROAD</b> <b>SYLACAUGA, AL 35151</b> <b>256-245-4945</b>	<b>REV. WAYNE</b> <b>Mc DANIEL</b> <b>54 TWIN STREET</b> <b>SYLACAUGA, AL</b> <b>35150</b> <b>256-249-9373</b>	<b>BEVERLY GREEN</b> <b>105 LANE POND</b> <b>CIRCLE</b> <b>SYLACAUGA, AL 35151</b> <b>256-249-3502</b>
<b>7.</b> <b><u>FIRST</u></b> <b>(PLEASANT GROVE)</b> <b>1025 PLEASANT GROVE</b> <b>RD.</b> <b>PLEASANT GROVE, AL</b> <b>35127</b> <b>205-744-6374</b>	<b>REV. GRANT WEBB</b> <b>P.O. BOX 104</b> <b>PLEASANT GROVE, AL</b> <b>35127</b> <b>205-744-7590</b>	<b>MARY KEARNEY</b> <b>P.O. BOX 111</b> <b>PLEASANT GROVE, AL</b> <b>35127</b> <b>205-744-6692</b>
<b>8.</b> <b><u>FIRST (PRATTVILLE)</u></b> <b>1147 UPPER KINGSTON</b> <b>ROAD</b> <b>P.O. BOX 680307</b> <b>PRATTVILLE, AL 36067</b> <b>334-358-1911</b>	<b>REV. WAYNE WILSON</b> <b>1902 CEDAR RIDGE</b> <b>LOOP</b> <b>PRATTVILLE, AL 36067</b> <b>334-361-2316</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>9.</b> <b><u>FIRST (SELMA)</u></b> <b>2902 BROAD STREET</b> <b>SELMA, AL 36701</b> <b>334-872-5521</b>	<b>REV. KEN RAY</b> <b>752 FULTON GAP ROAD</b> <b>SYLACAUGA, AL 35150</b> <b>256-249-3634</b>	<b>WILLIAM</b> <b>J. OVERFIELD</b> <b>309 WESTWOOD DRIVE</b> <b>SELMA, AL 36701</b> <b>334-874-9506</b>
<b>10.</b> <b><u>FIRST (TALLADEGA)</u></b> <b>256 WHITSON ROAD</b> <b>TALLADEGA, AL 35160</b> <b>256-761-1752</b>	<b>REV. SAMUEL NICKLES</b> <b>300 WHITSON ROAD</b> <b>TALLADEGA, AL 35160</b> <b>256-761-1752</b>	<b>PATSY JONES</b> <b>36 LOWER MITCHELL</b> <b>ROAD</b> <b>LINCOLN, AL 35096</b> <b>205-763-3242</b>

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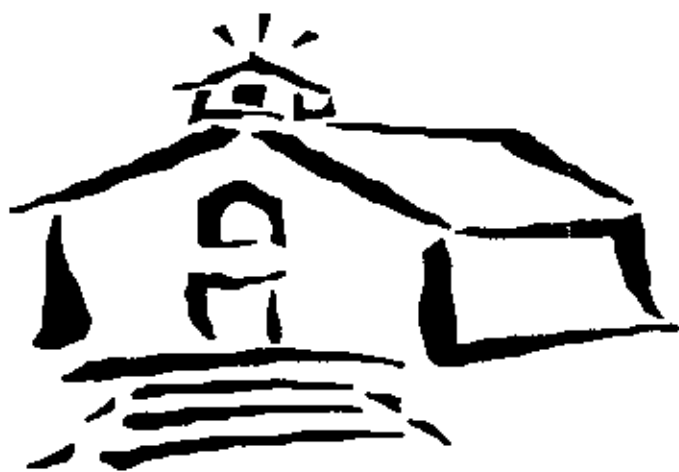


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<b>12.</b> <b><u>FRIENDSHIP</u></b> HIGHWAY 79 (SELFVILLE) REMLAP, AL 35133 NO PHONE	<b>REV. RON WOODARD</b> 112 PARKWOOD CIRCLE GARDENDALE, AL 35071 205-631-2030	<b>JEFF HORN</b> 9716 SILLEY DEAN ROAD PINSON, AL 35126 205-681-1809
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<b>15.</b> <b><u>MT. OLIVE</u></b> COUNTY ROAD 41-N LEEDS, AL 35094 NO PHONE	Interim pastor <b>REV.MIKE FERGUSON</b> P.O.BOX 17, COOK SPRINGS, AL 35052 205-884-8887	<b>CARLENE HARRIS</b> 121 WILLOW CREEK CIRCLE LEEDS, AL 35094 205-699-8073



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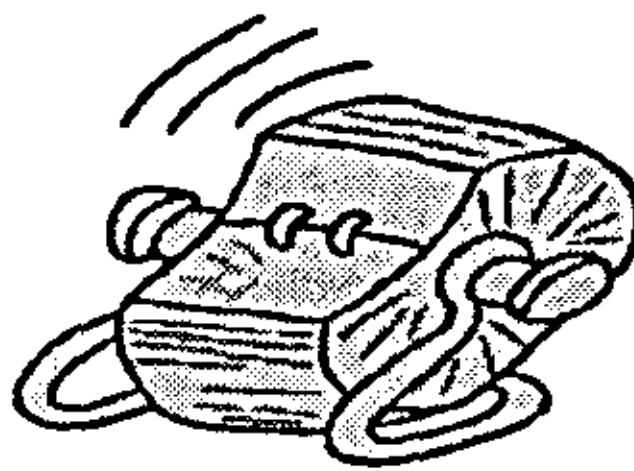
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<b>16.</b> <b><u>MT.PLEASANT</u></b> <b>ROUTE 1</b> <b>SPROTT, AL 36799</b> <b>334-665-7254</b>	<b>REV. JOHN ACKERMAN</b> <b>2816 COUNTY RD 84</b> <b>SELMA, AL 36703</b> <b>334-872-8609</b>	<b>PAUL NICHOLS</b> <b>ROUTE 3 BOX 135</b> <b>CENTREVILLE, AL</b> <b>35042</b> <b>205-926-6347</b>
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<b>19.</b> <b><u>TRINITY CHRISTIAN</u></b> <b><u>FELLOWSHIP</u></b> <b>2165 FLOYD</b> <b>BRADFORD RD.</b> <b>TRUSSVILLE, AL 35173</b> <b>205-956-1123</b>	<b>REV. RICK ANDREWS</b> <b>165 HALEY ACRES</b> <b>VANDIVER, AL 35176</b> <b>205-672-2006</b>	<b>MARCIA GRAVES</b> <b>2714 CARL JONES ROAD</b> <b>MOODY, AL 35004</b> <b>205-640-7154</b>
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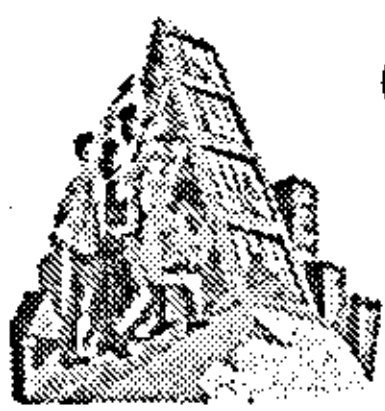


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OCTOBER 2004**

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**Please note: This list can change from session to session.**



# ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

March 4, 2004

Convening with:

SHADY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

1630 UNION GROVE ROAD

ADAMSVILLE, AL 35005

REV. RICKEY PATTERSON - PASTOR

MODERATOR - REV. MIKE COX

The 126<sup>th</sup> session began with congregational singing led by Bro. Marty Martin.

Sis. Cindy Powell sang a special song entitled, "He Gives Me Peace."

Moderator gave a warm welcome.

Rev. Wayne McDaniel prayed the opening prayer.

Rev. Raymond Rivers, assistant moderator used scripture found in Acts 1:1-3 with his message entitled "Passionless Preaching."

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

Credentials Committee reported nineteen church letters. Bro. Marty Martin, chairman. [End of Cred. Comm. report]

Roll was called and delegates were seated. Belview and New Life were recognized as Moody Free Will Baptist as the two churches united this year and chose a new name for their congregation.

Old business. None reported.

Cahaba River Missions Board report #1...

Balance 02-24-03	\$5302.83
Fairview	130.00
Fultondale	763.28
Mt. Zion (AL State)	989.50
Al State Assoc.	<u>463.48</u>
	\$7649.09
Ft. Collins Work	<u>-2000.00</u>
Balance 03-06-04	\$5649.09

James Tyus-Treasurer

[End of Home Miss. report]

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# ONE HUNDERD TWENTY-SIXTH SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

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## Cahaba River District Treasurer's report:

<u>Balance 10-04-03</u>	\$9503.01
Received (fees)	2360.00
No offerings	<u>0</u>
<u>Balance</u>	\$11863.01
Paid out:	
Moderator	\$ 50.00
Asst.Mod.	25.00
Clerk	150.00
Asst.Clerk	0
Food	475.00
Bd.Ch.Ed. offering	1000.00
FWB College	100.00
State fees (20 churches)	1700.00
State fee increase difference	1000.00
Post office box rent	24.00
Supplies	31.98
Supplies	125.96
Planning committee expense	26.72
Minutes booklets	<u>384.85</u>
<u>Total paid out.....</u>	\$5093.51
<u>Balance 03-06-04</u>	\$6769.50
Steve Day-Treasurer.	[End of Treas. report]

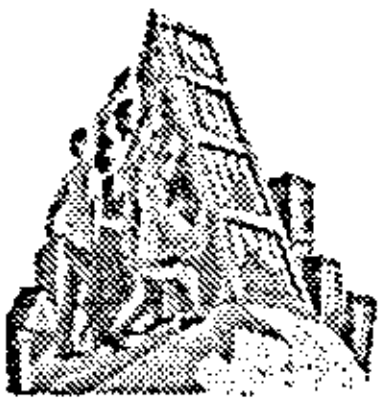
## Children's Home report:

Rev. Randy Key reported the 24 children were at their grade level in school thanks to Winfield school tutoring. The children are participating in school sports. [End of Ch.Home report.]

## Christian Education Board report given by Mike Cox:

Beginning balance 10-05-03	\$ 839.41
Income	1000.00
Offerings	91.15
Total expenses	646.36
Ending balance	\$1284.20
Attendance :(11-15-03 @ Union Hill 74)(01-24-04 @ Moody Bapt.Gym 215)	
Future rallies: Skating @ Barger's Skate, Morris...03-20-04	
unknown... 05-15-04	[End of Bd.Ch.Ed. report]

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# ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

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Congregation sang a song entitled, "Getting Ready To Leave."  
and a chorus entitled, "He is Lord."

Sis. Jeanie Moran sang a special song entitled, "Keep Me In Thy Will."

Business and Deceased Committee report given by Wayne McDaniel:

Item 1. recommend a letter of good standing be sent to the North Alabama Association for Rev. Melvin Hunter.

Item 2. recommend letter of good standing be accepted for Rev. Wayne Wilson from the Progressive Association.

Item 3. recommend Faith Free Will Baptist Church, 1150 Hillcrest Road, Adamsville, AL 35005 be welcomed into the Cahaba River Association by a rising vote of confidence. (Letter from North Alabama Association accepted.)

Item 4. recommend a constitutional change to Article X concerning church fees. The article shall read : "Each church shall pay a representation fee of one-hundred ten dollars (\$110.00) per session of the annual and semi-annual conferences in order to be seated." This item was tabled to the afternoon session for vote. [End of Business report]

Deceased report:

Fairview-Rev. Arlie (Sonny) Bevan

Friendship-1

Mt. Pleasant- Allie Ingram

Oak Grove, Sylacauga-Willie Mae Craft & Andrew Stadler

Prattville- 1

Trinity- Gilbert Cubes & Mary Sloan

Union Hill- Lamar Tumlin

A moment of silence was observed and prayer by William Bolton.

Committee members: Wayne McDaniel, Ricky Patterson, Wayne Neely, Paul Nichols, & Lecil Gardner. [End of Deceased report]

Shady Grove's drama team performed a special drama.

Intermission

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## ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

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Worship Service began with the congregation singing, "I'd Rather Be An Old-Time Christian."

Moderator gave registration report: Ministers 19, Deacons 19, Delegates 36, & Guests, 33. Total attendance 117.

An offering of \$203.00 was received for the Children's Home @ Eldridge.

Special song: Marty Martin sang "For Me He Died".

Morning message: Rev. John Ackerman used II Corinthians 6:14-17 with his title of "Showing Jesus To The World".

Rev. Ricky Patterson sang a special entitled, "God Is Good."

Lunch blessing : Rev. Wayne Neely

Congregation sang "I'll Fly Away." & Leaning On The Everlasting Arms."

Rev. Charlie Weaver gave afternoon message. His text was entitled, "Leaders and Followers." The scripture was Matthew 15:12-14.

Ordaining Council report:

Item 1. Kenneth Cook is licensed for one year to preach the gospel.

Item 2. Due to questionable reports received from Rev. Melvin Hunter's former church congregation, we recommend Brother Hunter be placed under the watch care of his church for a period of one year.

Rev. Ricky Andrews reporting. [End of Ordaining Council report]

Business Committee afternoon report:

Item 1. (Tabled from morning session) recommend church fees be increased from \$85.00 to \$110.00 each session. (Accepted)

Wayne McDaniel reported. [End of Business Committee afternoon report]

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# ONE HUNDERD TWENTY-SIXTH SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

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Cahaba River Home Missions Board Report # 2...

The board agreed to give the Selma church an offering of \$2500.00 to help relieve temporary financial burdens. The board recommended all churches consider sending an offering each month until the church is in the black. Money sent to the board should be earmarked "Selma project."  
[End of Home Missions Board report]

Rising vote of appreciation given to Shady Grove for hosting association.

Benediction prayer: Rev. J.D. Wales

[End of minutes of the 126<sup>th</sup> semi-annual session]

## NOTES

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*One hundred twenty-sixth annual*  
**PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE**

*@Trinity Christian Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church  
Trussville, AL • Rev. Ricky Andrews-Pastor  
Rev. Mike Cox, Moderator*

**October 1, 2004**

*The Praise and Worship Service* opened with a welcome from the host pastor, Rev. Ricky Andrews.

*Opening prayer:* Rev. Rick Cash

*Moderator,* Rev. Raymond Rivers responded to the welcome.

*The congregation sang* several church hymns led by Dawn Howard.

*Alabama State promotional director,* Rev. Rick Cash reported on the Acts I: 8 plan as follows:

Budget for year \$412,668.00.

A special banquet yielded \$ 11,000.00.

The Russian churches are doing well.

A special thanks to sixteen churches from Cahaba River who gave to the plan.

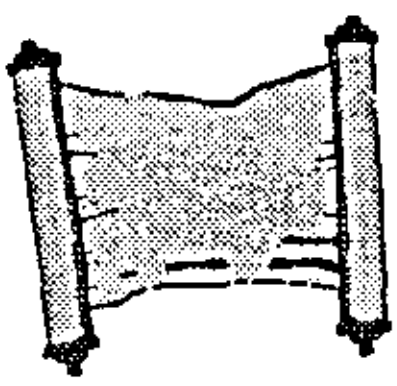
(An offering of \$102.00 was received for the plan.)

*Susan Rivers* sang a song entitled, "*He's the Reason.*"

*Guest speaker, Rev. Ricky Patterson* used the text, "*Good Connection*" with scripture from I Corinthians 1: 17-18.

*Benediction:* Rev. Ernest Walker

End of "*Praise and Worship*" service.



# THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

October 2, 2004

*Convening with:*

*Trinity Christian Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church  
Trussville, AL • Rev. Ricky Andrews- Pastor  
Rev. Mike Cox-Moderator*

The one hundred twenty-sixth annual session began with a hearty welcome from host pastor, Rev. Ricky Andrews.

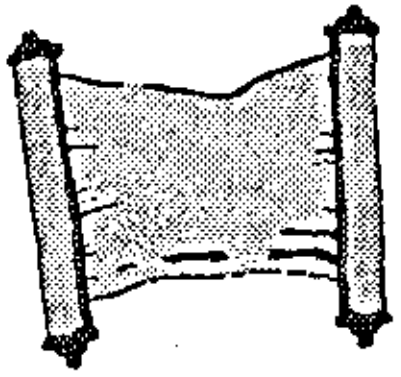
Moderator, Rev. Mike Cox responded to the welcome by thanking the church for hosting the annual meeting.

Michael Jackson led the congregation in singing several church hymns.

Moderator, Rev. Mike Cox used I Corinthians 1:1-2 with a text of "Power In The Pulpit" as the moderator's message followed by prayer.

Clerk, Steve Day declared the 126<sup>th</sup> session open for business.

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# THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

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Credentials committee reported 18 letters and these items:  
Some churches did not request certificates of standing for the ordained men. Committee suggested allowance since names were listed.

New pastor of Selma, Rev. Ken Ray was asked to meet with Ordaining Council.

Davis Chapel requested Kenneth Cook to be examined for ordination as minister.

Deceased list given to Deceased committee.

First church of Talladega requested membership coming from Liberty #2 Association.

Request Buster Bolton and Carey Wallis meet with the ordaining council to be examined as deacons.

{Howard Schultz, Wayne Neely, & Mike Roper.}

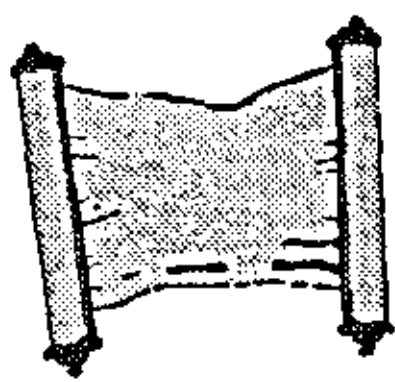
Roll call made, delegates seated, and absent committee members replaced.

Visitors welcomed: Two

Old business: none

Executive board report: none

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# THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

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*Board of Christian Education report:*

Balance 10-05-03	\$ 839.41
<i>Income</i>	<u>1091.15</u>
Total	\$ 1930.56

*Expenditures:*

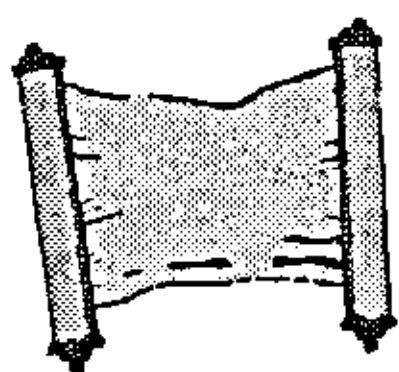
Printing	\$ 10.50
Bank fee x 4=	18.00
Stamps	37.00
Rent gym	100.00
Rev. Rivers	100.00
Supplies	10.36
Pizza	345.00
Barger Skate	90.00
Supplies	37.47
Board meeting @ Barnhill	30.15
Graysville Comm.. Center	100.00
Moonwalk rental	<u>120.79</u>
Total expenditures	\$ 999.27
Ending balance	\$ 931.29

**“Rally Schedule”**

<u>11-15-03</u>	<u>Union Hill</u>	<u>01-24-04</u>	<u>Moody gym</u>
<u>03-20-04</u>	<u>Barger Skate</u>	<u>09-25-04</u>	<u>Graysville gym</u>
<u>11-13-04</u>	<u>Union Hill</u>	<u>01-2005</u>	<u>Moody gym</u>
<u>03-2005</u>	<u>Moody</u>	<u>05-2005</u>	<u>Shady Grove</u>

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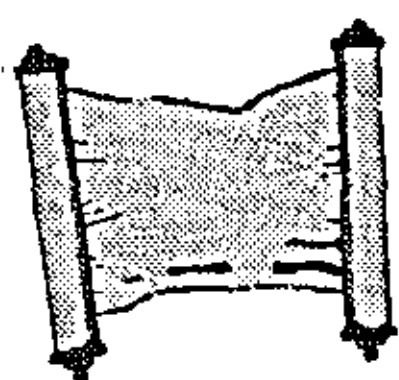
*Cahaba River District Treasurer's report:*

<i>Balance</i>	\$ 9503.01
<i>Receipts</i>	+ <u>5240.00</u>
<i>Balance after receipts</i>	\$ 14743.01

*Paid out:*

<i>Moderator</i>	50.00
<i>Asst. Moderator</i>	25.00
<i>Clerk</i>	150.00
<i>Food for annual session</i>	475.00
<i>Donation to Bd.Ch.Ed.</i>	1000.00
<i>FWB Bible College</i>	100.00
<i>Fees to State Association</i>	2700.00
<i>Moody Post Office box</i>	24.00
<i>Supplies</i>	31.98
<i>Supplies</i>	125.96
<i>Program committee 126 semi-annual</i>	26.72
<i>Minute book printing</i>	384.85
<i>Food for semi-annual</i>	475.00
<i>Supplies</i>	64.24
<i>Stamps</i>	74.00
<i>Supplies</i>	15.41
<i>Bank safe deposit box rent</i>	25.00
<i>Program committee 126 annual</i>	<u>22.62</u>
<i><u>Total paid out...</u></i>	\$ 5769.78
<i>Balance 09-30-04</i>	\$ 8973.23

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# THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

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Audit Committee examined the finance records for the Treasurer, Home Missions Board, and Board of Christian Education and found all reports in order. (B.Damron, Ch.)

Intermission prayer by Rev. Wayne McDaniel.

Children's Home report: Lecil Gardner, trustee

Brother Gardner reported the home has twenty children at this time. The home also has two fishing ponds and a campground on the mountain. A volunteer preacher delivers cookies, bread, and cakes from a bakery in Homewood free of charge every Wednesday. {Finances stable.}

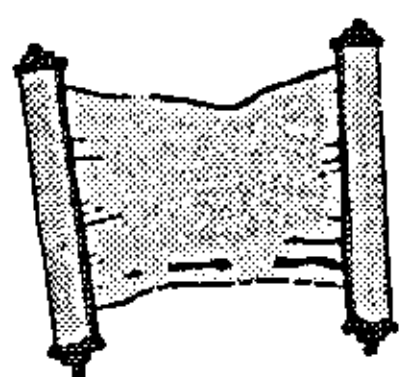
Credentials committee report #2:

Rev. Sam Nickels, pastor of Talladega FWB Church assured the committee a letter of good standing is forthcoming from the Liberty #2 Association for his church and himself. Bro. Schultz made a motion to accept the church. Delegates gave a rising vote of acceptance.

Mike Jackson led the congregation in song.

Rev. Ricky Andrews sang two specials entitled, "Covered It All" and "Anchor Holds."

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# THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

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Guest speaker: Rev. Wayne Neely used a text entitled: "Holy Men Of God" with scripture from II Peter I: 19-21.

Offering: \$ 277.00 (Donated to Trinity air-conditioner fund.)

Delegates to state association:

Paul Nichols

Billie Rollins

Barbara Ellison

Jeanette Wales

Imojean Walker

127<sup>th</sup> sessions- March 5,'05 @ Moody FWB, Moody  
September 30-October 1,'05 @ Oak Grove FWB, Sylacauga.

Lunch blessing: Rev. Ricky Andrews

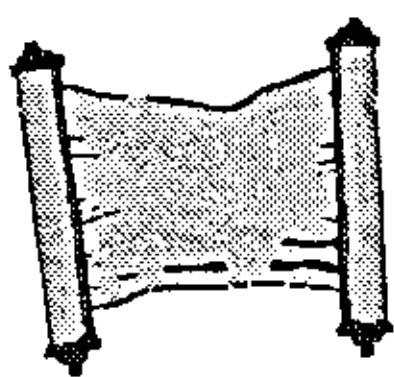
## AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregation sang "Just A Little Talk With Jesus."

Mike Jackson sang "The Old Man Is Dead."

Afternoon speaker: Rev. Wayne Wilson used the scripture from II Peter 1 and Matthew 26:31-35 with a text entitled "Peter's Three Denials."

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# THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

*Continued...*

Rev. Charley Weaver prayed a special prayer for our ministers.

Business Committee: no report.

Deceased committee report: chairman, Paul Nichols.

Fairview- *Sandra Simon*

Forestdale- *Helen Burton*

Friendship- *Cydney Horn and Clyde Vaughn, Sr.*

Fultondale- *Bobbie Miller*

Mt. Zion- *Sue Champion.*

Oak Grove- *Howard Jones, Andrew Stadles, and Jeanette Peltrey.*

Shady Grove- *Ira Hulsey and Helen Standfield.*

Trinity- *Lester Ray Graves, Deltha Jackson, Mary Sloan, Gilbert Cubes, and Marcia Carmick.*

Union Hill- *Lamar Tumlin and Lola Faye Tumlin.*

*{ Moment of silence followed with prayer by Rev. Ken Ray. }*

Nomination Committee recommended the following new officers:

Clerk-Treasurer & Asst. Clerk-Treas. N/A { 2005 session }

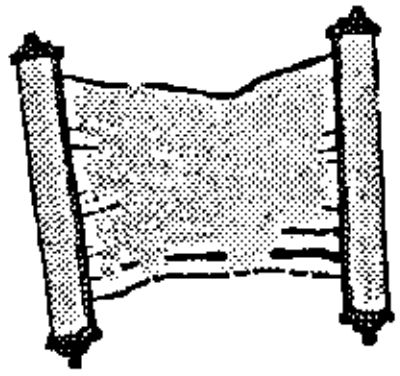
Missions Bd.-*Harold Duckett, E.B. Ledlow, Larry Smith. (self)*

Executive Board-*Ricky Patterson to replace self.*

Ordaining Council-*John Ackerman to replace self.*

Christian Education-*Ricky Patterson to replace Ernest Walker.*

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# THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

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Home Missions board report James Tyus:

Balance brought forward	\$ 5539.14
Al. St. Assoc.(Mt. Zion)	830.74
Fairview	<u>80.00</u>
Balance	\$ 6449.88
Selma love offering	- <u>2500.00</u>
Balance 09-04	\$ 3949.88

Registration report: Delegates 50, Licensed Ministers 3,  
Ordained Ministers 20, Deacons 17, Guests 24...{Total 114}

Ordaining report :

Item 1. Recommend Rev. Ken Ray receive certificate of standing. Rev. Ray is pastor of Selma church.

Item 2. Recommend Rev. Kenneth Cook for ordination . Rev. Ernest Walker charged Rev. Cook and his wife. {Rev. Cook to be assistant pastor at Davis' Chapel.} Prayer by Rev. Harper.

Item 3. Recommend William Bolton and Carey Wallis as deacons from Oak Grove. (Ordaining service at Oak Grove.)

Committee members were "Reverends", Harper, Walker, Howard, Ackerman, and Wales. (Report accepted)

Rev. Ricky Andrews was anointed for his church people.

Benediction: Rev. Ray Rivers. {End of annual minutes}



# **50TH ANNUAL SESSION of CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST**

**Convening with:**

**MT. ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**HIGHWAY 231-S • PELL CITY, AL 35125**

**APRIL 2, 2004**

**Session opened with congregational song.**

**Rev. Fred Jones led in prayer.**

**Sissy Click, Coordinator, declared session open.**

**Jobie Hardwick, Mt. Zion, gave a very warm welcome.**

**Thelma Gardner, Forestdale responded with a heart-felt**

**“Thank You!”**

**Morning devotion was given by Alice Hood of Centerpoint church. Her text was “Great Success Thru God.” with scripture found in I Samuel.**

**Roll Call, with seating of delegates and Committees were appointed as follows:**

**1. Auditing: Polly Roberson, Joy Sims, and Barbara Ellison.**

**2. Appreciation: DeLora Rayfield and Carolyn Boyd.**

**3. Business: Pauline Hood, Libby Willoughby, and Bettie Wade.**

**4. Count; Margaret Kamfold and Peggy Cummings.**

**Special music: Jennie sang: Family of God.”**

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## 50TH ANNUAL SESSION of CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

Continued...

Guest speaker, Barbara Jones, (Hispanics ministry in North AL) used the text "Wait On The Lord" and scripture from Psalms 62 and Matthew 5:16. Barbara shared the challenge of keeping the people dedicated to the work.

Congregation sang "Victory In Jesus."

Offering

Paulette Boyd of Mt. Zion sang a special.

Congregation sang, "Draw Me Nearer" before being dismissed for lunch.

Congregation sang "Gloryland Way."

Carolyn Wilson of Centerpoint sang, "Paid In Full."

Business committee report: {accepted}

Local Project Money go to the Jones' account.

2005 session meet with Moody Church at Moody.

2006 session meet with Oak Grove, Sylacauga.

Encourage support of 2006 Convention Fund.

Each auxiliary remember provision closet items.

Remember our troops in prayer and with gifts.

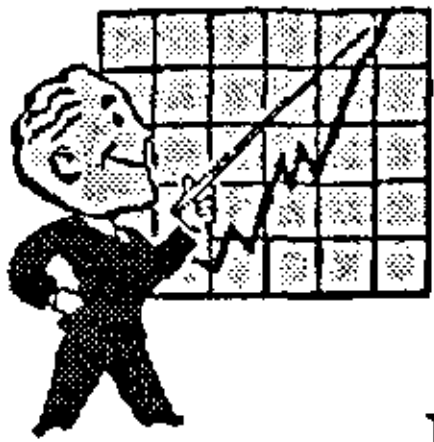
Count Committee awarded the banner to Centerpoint.

Registration report: 38 in attendance.

Presentation of love gift to Barbara Jones by Bettie Wade.

Announcements: Al.State WAC @ Unity, 05-01-04.

Door prizes and dismissal prayer. Bettie Wade, District Secretary



# ANNUAL LETTER TO STATE

From: Cahaba River District Association

To: Alabama State Association

Report date: 10-04-03 to 10-02-04

Meeting at:

Trinity Christian Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church  
2165 Floyd Bradford Road, Trussville, AL 35173

Moderator: Rev. Mike Cox  
2615 Veterans Memorial Prky.78 Hwy.  
Birmingham, AL 35214  
Telephone: 205-910-3477

## DELEGATES:

*Paul Nichols, Jeanette Wales, Billie Rollins,  
Barbara Ellison, Imojean Walker.*

## CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS:

Churches 20 (city-15) (rural-5)  
Full-time pastors 4 Part-time pastors 16

## GENERAL INFOMATION:

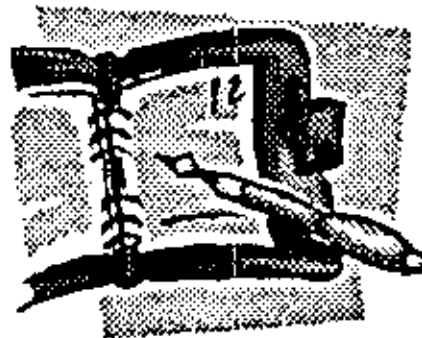
Ordained ministers 32 Licensed ministers 2  
Ordained deacons 52 Sunday school 958 CTS 256  
WAC 63 Masters men 5

## MEMBERSHIP:

Baptisms 23 Members added 241 Members lost 18  
Total Membership: 1878

Amount enclosed: (fees) \$ 2700.00  
Number of minute books requested: 40

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



## ***BY-LAWS FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS***

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. Each meeting shall be opened with scripture reading and prayer.
3. By a two-thirds vote any decision of the moderator may be over ruled.
4. This meeting shall sit with open doors unless it goes into a committee as a whole.
5. Any person not a member of the body shall be allowed to take part in discussion, (with the moderator's permission) but shall not vote.
6. All members of the body are expected to be present throughout the session unless excused by the moderator.
7. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one officer if his nomination is elected.
8. The moderator must not allow any discussion to be carried on in an unchristian-like spirit.
9. The person who desires to speak must first rise and address the moderator and proceed only when recognized.
10. The votes on any question must be counted upon request of one-fifth of members present.
11. No member shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes, or twice on the same subject unless given permission by the moderator.
12. Ministers of this body shall support all boards and committees elected by this association.

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# CONSTITUTION

**ARTICLE I-** This association shall be known as "The Cahaba River Association of Free Will Baptists" and is an active member of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists and the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

**ARTICLE II-** This association has adopted the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists, which includes:

The Free Will Baptist Church Covenant

The Faith of Free Will Baptists

The Articles of Faith

The Practices of Free Will Baptists

**ARTICLE II-A-** 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 III-A-** Any church without a letter of recommendation will be examined by an appointed committee, which will report to this association at the next conference.

**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.

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# CONSTITUTION

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**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-** The officers of the association shall be composed of the following:

Moderator

Assistant Moderator

Clerk-Treasurer

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer

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:

The Cahaba River Missions Board fund

The Christian Education Board fund.

**ARTICLE VI-A-** 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 it.

**ARTICLE VI-B-** There shall be an "Executive Board". It shall consist of seven members. These shall be as follows:

Moderator

Assistant-Moderator

Clerk-Treasurer

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer

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# CONSTITUTION

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Three (3) "Members-At Large" elected by the association to serve a three-year (3) term with one coming off the board each year.

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

ARTICLE VI-C- There shall be an "Ordination Council." It shall consist 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:

Licensing as ministers of the Gospel.

Ordination as ministers of the Gospel.

Ordination as deacons.

It shall further be their duty to assure compliance with the "Ordination Guidelines".

ARTICLE VI-D- There shall be a "Board of Christian Education". It shall consist of five members with one coming off each year. As 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 it.

ARTICLE VII- the executive board of this association shall appoint all committees in advance. The committees' responsibility will cease at the end of the session.

ARTICLE VIII- Committees shall be as follows:

Business and Deceased

Nomination

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# CONSTITUTION

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**Credentials \***

**Auditing**

**Registration.**

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

**ARTICLE VIII-A- The Auditing and Registration committees will serve at the Annual association session only.**

**ARTICLE VIII-B- The Credentials committee shall be composed of ordained men.**

**ARTICLE VIII-C 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 Praise and Worship service will be held Friday evening before the first Saturday in October of each year.**

**Article IX-A- The assistant moderator of this association shall conduct the Praise and Worship service each year.**

**ARTICLE X- Each church shall pay a representation fee of one hundred ten dollars (\$ 110.00) "per" session of the annual and semi-annual conferences in order to be seated. [ Revised 03-04-04 ]**

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## ARTICLE XI-

The clerk-treasurer shall be paid one-hundred-fifty dollars (\$150.00) annually.

The assistant clerk-treasurer shall be paid fifty dollars (\$50) annually.

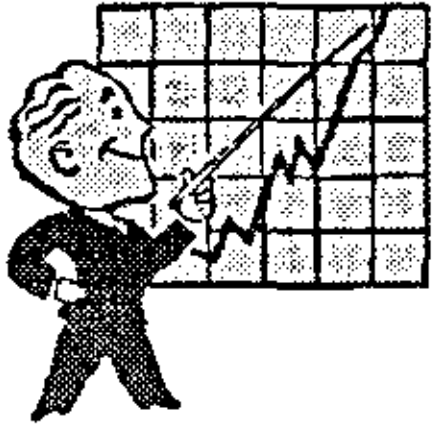
The moderator shall be paid fifty dollars (\$50) annually.

The assistant-moderator shall be paid twenty-five dollars (\$25) annually.

All other expenditures shall be the decision of the body.

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 amendment 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]



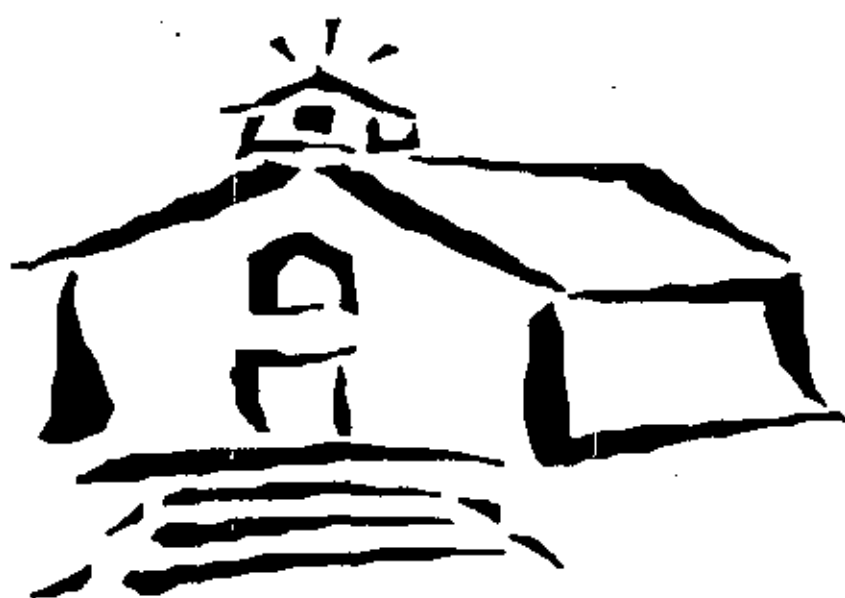
## ORDINATION GUIDELINES

1. This association neither ordains nor grants a certificate of standing to any man who 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 is to be re-issued each year if the church of which they are a member makes a request for the license to be renewed for another year.
3. This association ordains no one who does not fully believe 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.

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11. This association will not ordain anyone who does not abide by the Free Will Baptist church covenant's issue concerning the use and sale of intoxicating beverages.
12. This association has the authority to recall ordination credentials from anyone if there is biblical reason to do so. This association for a minimum of one year as a probationary period could hold these credentials, or the credentials could be held indefinitely. (see, "The Free Will Baptist Treatise.) Practices of the Free Will Baptists," Chapter II: The Minister, Section II: His Discipline.

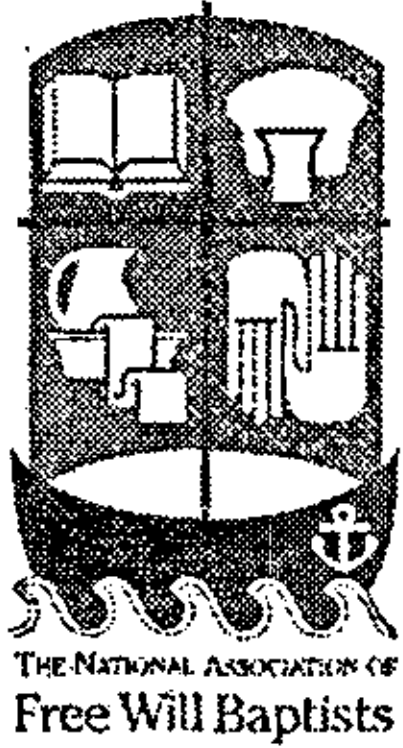
End of "Ordination Guidelines."



### **"CHURCH CONFERENCE GUIDELINES"**

1. CALL FOR PEACE AND FELLOWSHIP OF THE CHURCH.
2. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS.
3. READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS 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.

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# THE FAITH OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## CHAPTER I *The Holy Scriptures*

These are the Old and the 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.

Since the Bible is the Word of God, it is without error in all matters upon which it speaks, whether history, geography, matters relating to science or any other subject.

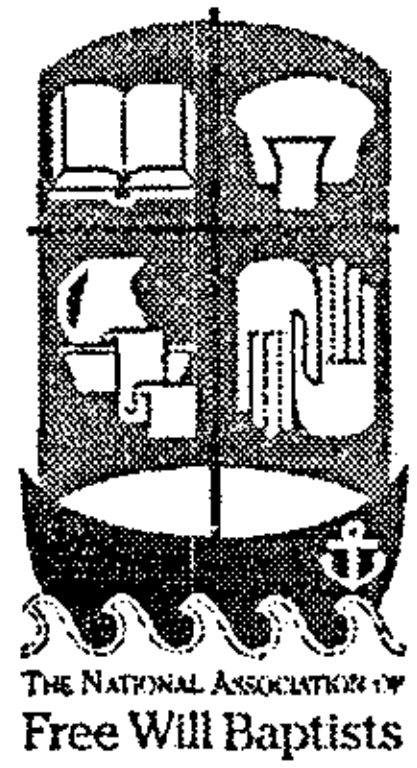
### *Appendix to Chapter I (Adopted July 1979)*

Free Will Baptists believe in the plenary, verbal inspiration of the Bible. By *plenary* we mean "full and complete." We hold that all parts of the Bible are inspired and that inspiration extends to all its subjects. By *verbal* we mean that inspiration extends to the very words of the Scriptures, not just to the thoughts and ideas expressed by human authors.

We believe the Scriptures are infallible and inerrant. The Bible is without error and trustworthy in all its teachings, including cosmogony, geology, astronomy, anthropology, history, chronology, etc., as well as in matters of faith and practice. Being the very Word of God, it is God's final revelation and our absolute authority.

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## 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*

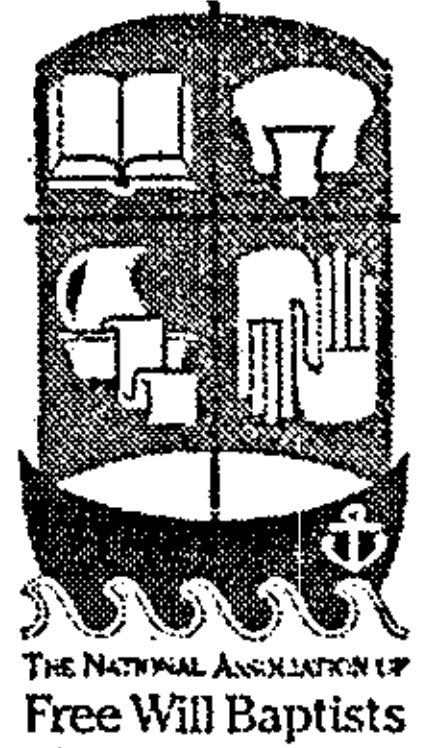
1. God exercises a providential care and superintendence over all His creatures, and governs the world in wisdom and mercy, according to the testimony of His Word.

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.

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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 that 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 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.

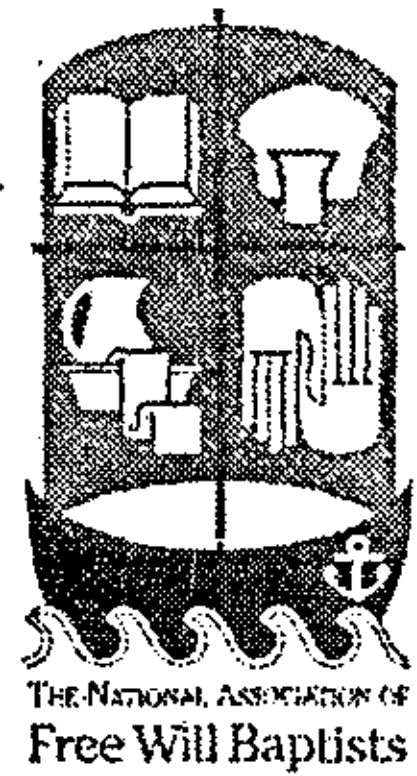
3. *Of Man.* God created man, consisting of a material body and a thinking, rational soul. He was made in the image of God, to glorify his Maker.

#### 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.

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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 they 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 descendent of Adam.

## CHAPTER V *Of Christ*

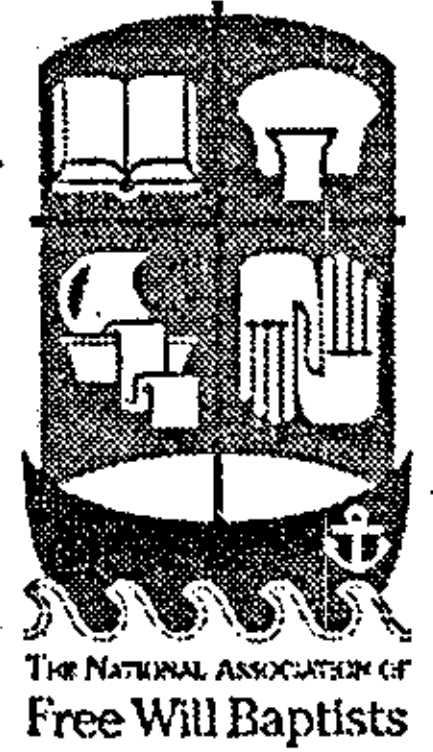
### SECTION I: *His Divinity*

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 excepted.

His *divinity* is proved from His *titles*, His *attributes*, and His *works*.

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

2. *His Attributes.* He is eternal, unchangeable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, holy, and to be worshiped.

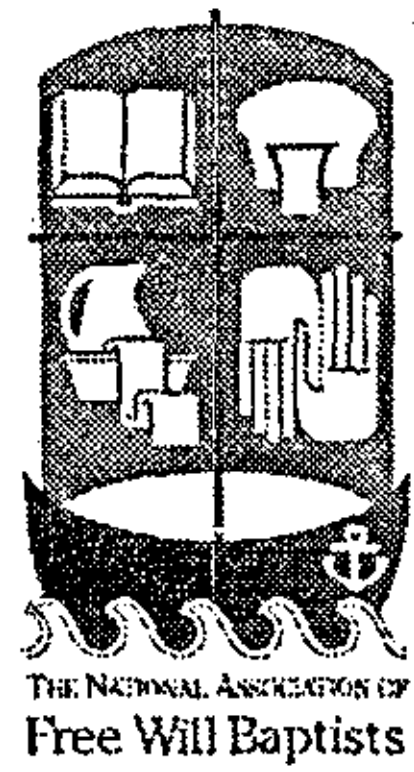
3. *His Works.* By Christ the world was created. He preserves and governs it; He has provided redemption for all men and He will be their final Judge.

## SECTION II: *The Incarnation of Christ*

The Word, which in the beginning was with God and which was God, by whom all things were made, condescended to a state of humiliation in being united with human nature and becoming like us. Pollution and sin accepted. 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.

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## CHAPTER VI

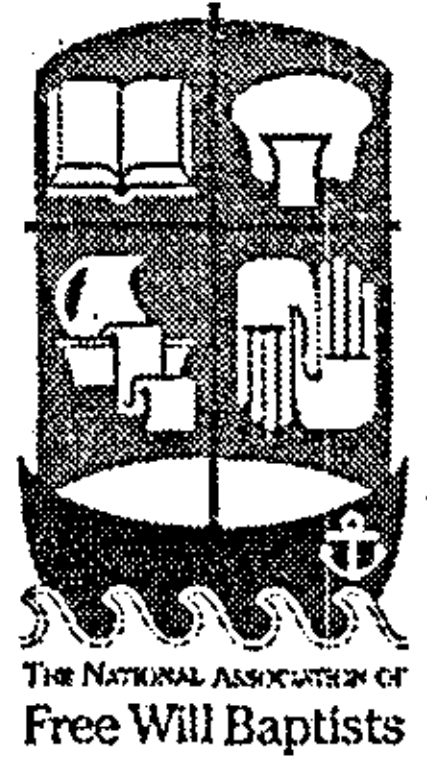
### *The Atonement and Mediation of Christ*

**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 affected 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.

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**3. *Infant death.*** We believe that all children dying in infancy having not actually transgressed against the law of God in their persons, are only subject to 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, reprove, 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 Spirit is Lord and God.

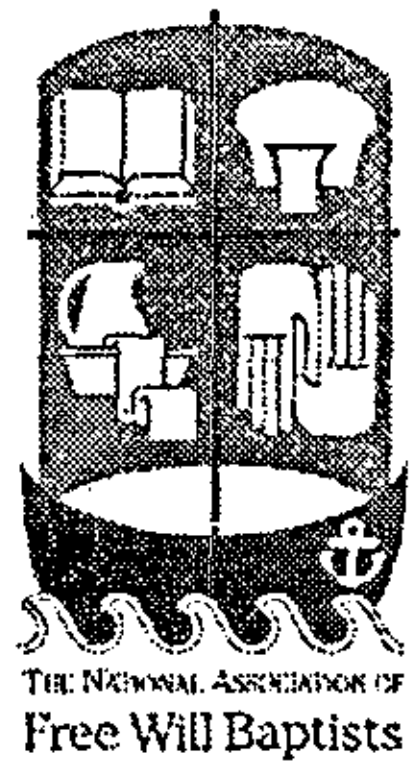
From the foregoing, the conclusion is that the Holy Spirit is, in reality, "God and one" with the Father in all divine perfections. It has also been shown that Jesus Christ is God, "one with the Father." Then these three, "the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are one God.

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.

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## *Appendix to Chapter VII (Adopted July 1979)*

Free Will Baptists understand the Bible teaches the following facts: On the day of Pentecost believers spoke in distinct foreign languages, which were readily understood by the nationalities present.

Tongues were given as a special gift to the early church as only one sign, which confirms the witness of the Gospel to unbelievers.

While tongues were bestowed by the sovereign will of God on some believers, all did not speak with tongues. When this gift was abused, it became a source of disturbance in the congregational meetings. To eliminate confusion and correct the error, Paul set particular guidelines for the Christian church to follow. The gift of tongues was neither an evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, nor does it bring about sanctification.

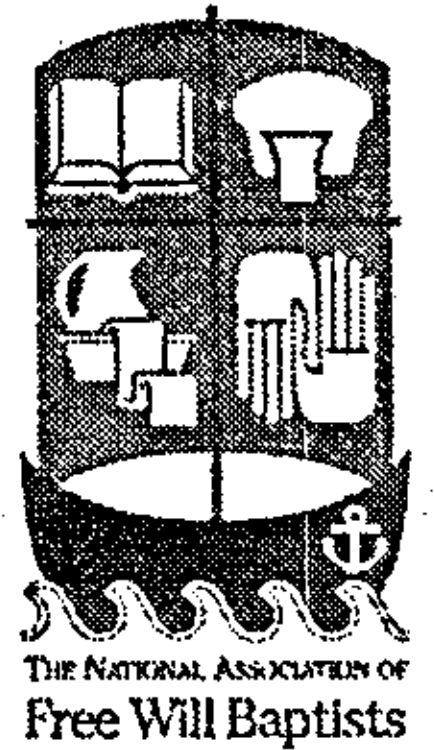
We believe that speaking in tongues, as a visible sign of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is an erroneous doctrine to be rejected. Any implication of "a second work of grace" has never been tolerated in our fellowship of churches, and will not be permitted.

We teach and preach the fullness of the Holy Spirit and heed the scriptural admonition, "Be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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## 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 his own.

## CHAPTER IX *Repentance*

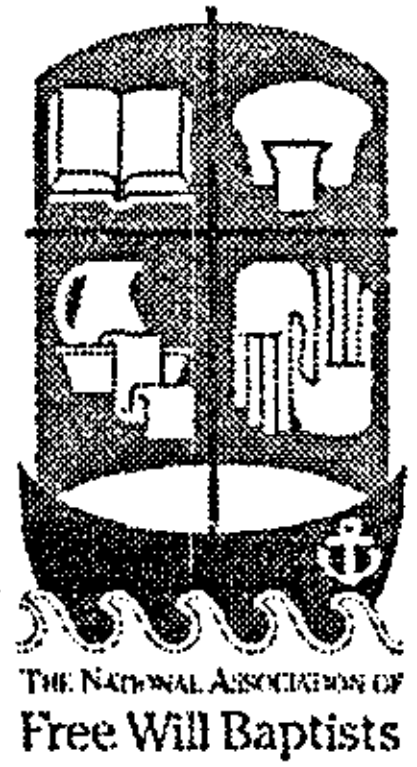
The repentance, which the Gospel requires, includes a deep conviction, a penitential sorrow, an open confession a decided hatred, and an entire forsaking of all sin. This repentance God has enjoined on all men; and without it in this life the sinner must perish eternally.

## 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.

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## 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 quicken", passing from death unto life" and a partaking of the divine nature.

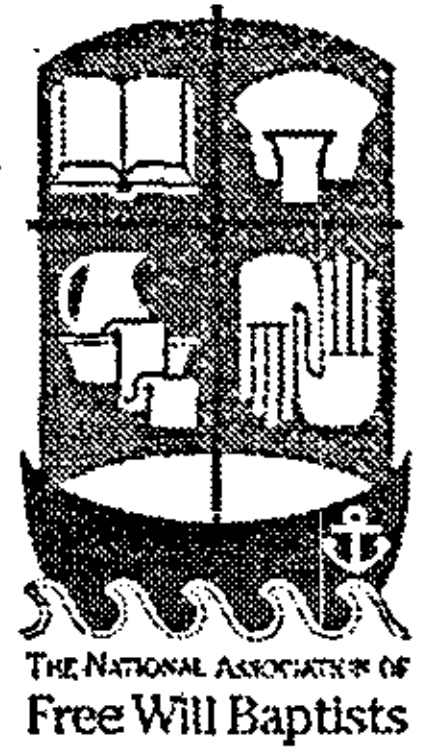
## CHAPTER XII *Justification and Sanctification*

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.

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## CHAPTER XIII *Perseverance of the Saints*

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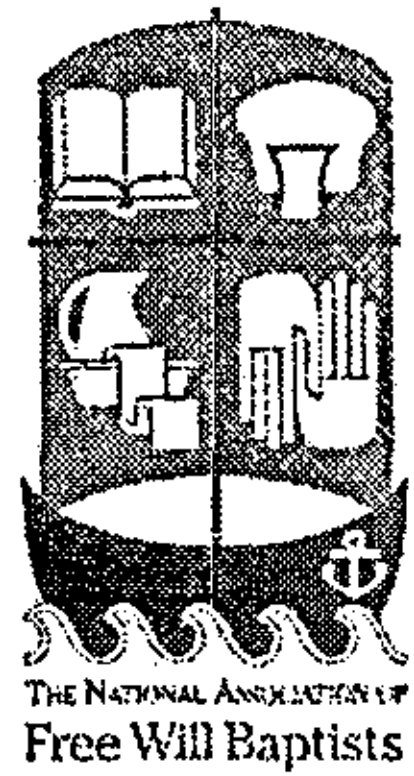
1. We believe that salvation is a possession by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and that a person's eternal destiny depends on whether he has this possession. This we hold in distinction from those who teach that salvation depends on human works or merit.

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.

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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*

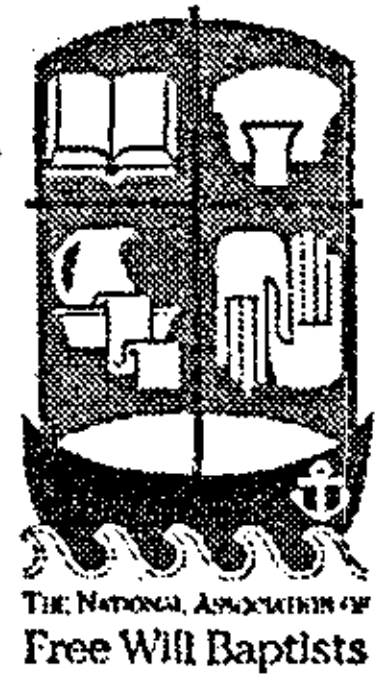
This is one in seven, which from the creation of the world God has set apart for sacred rest and holy service. Under the former dispensation, the seventh day of the week, as commemorative of the work of creation, was set-aside for the Lord's Day. Under the Gospel, the first day of the week, in commemoration 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 stately 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.

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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 is its members.

## CHAPTER XVI *Tithing*

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

## CHAPTER XVII *The Gospel Ministry*

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

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

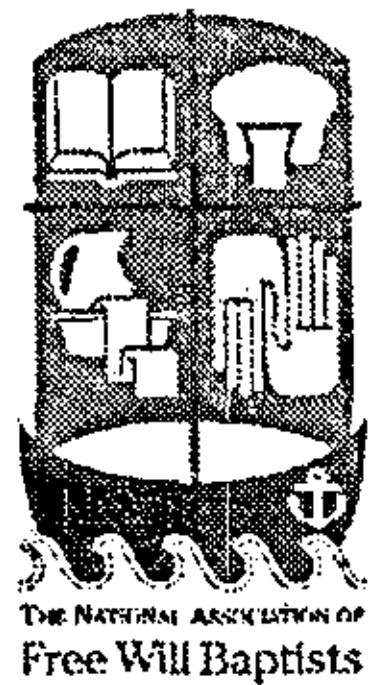
## CHAPTER XVIII *Ordinances of the Gospel*

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.

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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.

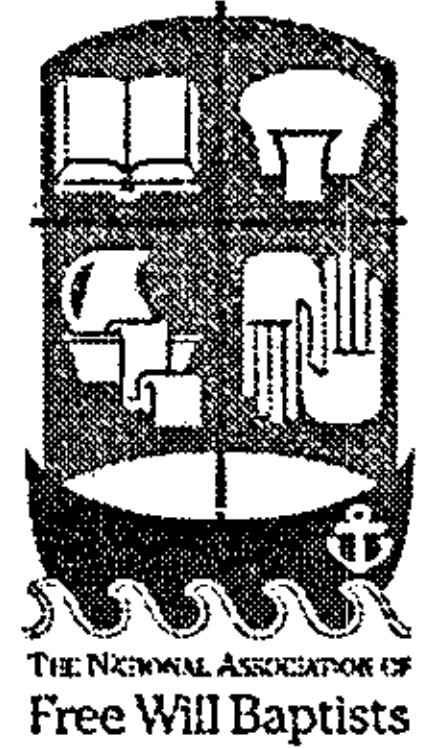
## CHAPTER XIX *Death*

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.

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## 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.

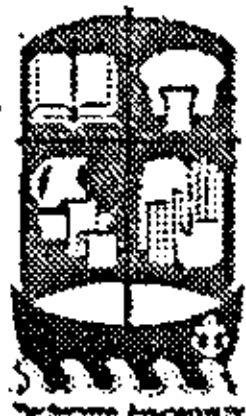
## CHAPTER XXI *The Resurrection*

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.

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## *Free Will Baptist 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 appearance 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 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 in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour 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 efforts 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.

***AMEN!***