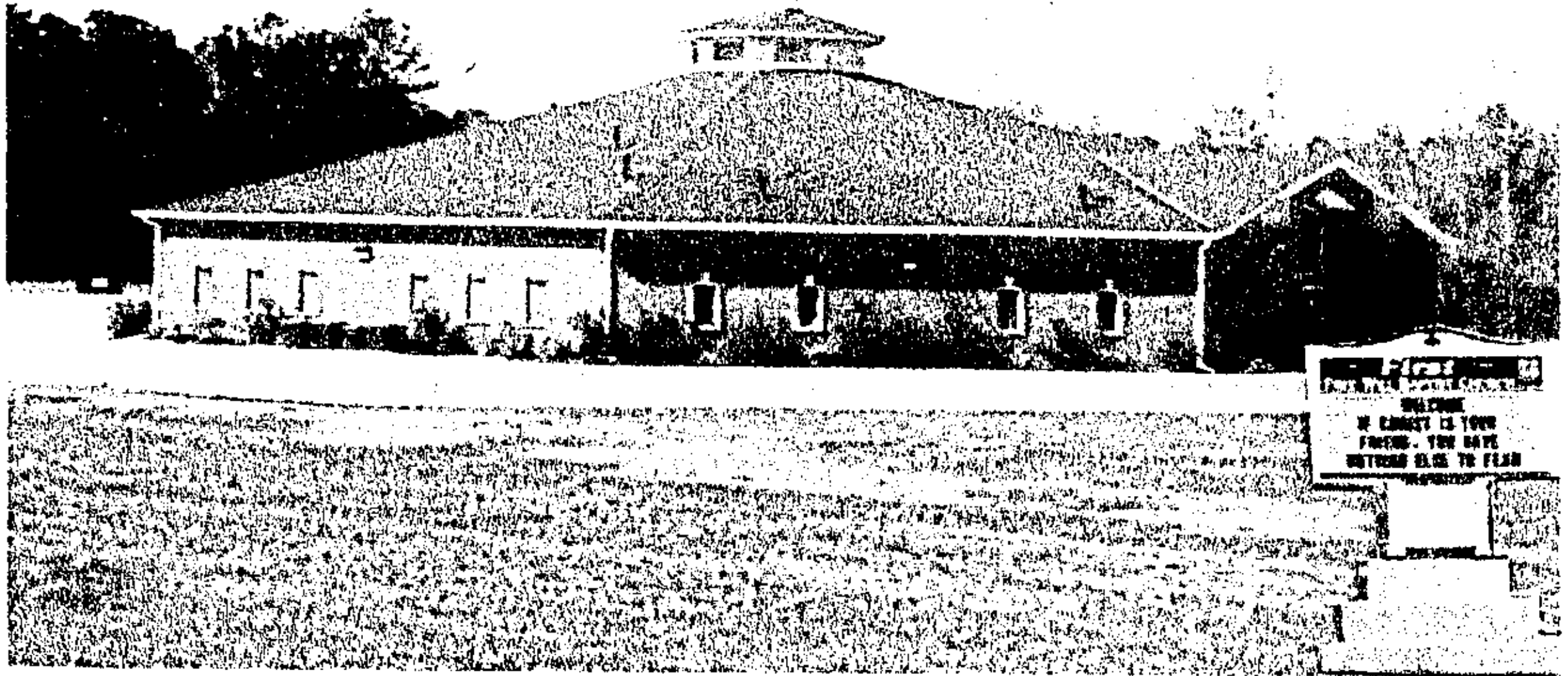


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**CONVENED WITH:**

**OAK GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**50 KINGS ROAD**

**SYLACAUGA, AL 35151**

**MARCH 4, 2006**

**And**

**FORESTDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**2615 VETERAN'S PARKWAY**

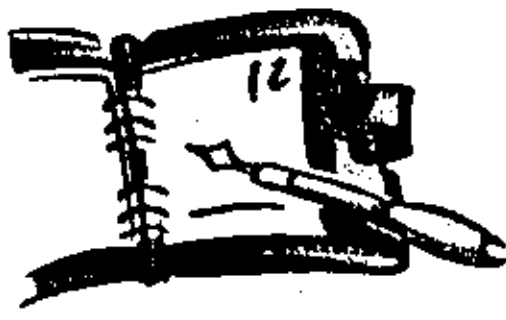
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**OCTOBER 6-7, 2006**



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## ***DATES TO REMEMBER***

**MARCH 3, 2007 Cahaba River District Semi-Annual Association @ Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Highway 231-N, Pell City, AL**

**April 7, 2007 Cahaba River District Women Active for Christ Annual Association @ Forestdale Free Will Baptist Church, 2615 Veterans Parkway, Birmingham, AL**

**April 28, 2007 Alabama State Women Active for Christ .**

**July 15-18 2007 National Association of Free Will Baptists @ Little Rock, Arkansas.**

**October 5-6, 2007 Cahaba River District Association Annual Session.**

**November 8-9, 2007 Alabama Free Will Baptists State Association.**



## **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

<p><b><u>Moderator</u></b>  <b>Rev. Mike Cox</b>  <b>402 Brian Drive</b>  <b>Adamsville, AL 35005</b>  <b>205-674-6021</b>  <b>cell phone 205-746-1636</b>  <b><u>Term 2006-2007</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Member @ Large</u></b>  <b>Rev. Ricky Patterson</b>  <b>555 Creek Ridge Drive</b>  <b>Riverside, AL 35135</b>  <b>205-884-9035</b>  <b><u>rrpatter416@aol.com</u></b>  <b><u>Term Ends 2007</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>Assistant-Moderator</u></b>  <b>Rev. Raymond Rivers</b>  <b>1904 Fulton Road</b>  <b>Fultondale, AL 35068</b>  <b>205-841-6891</b>  <b><u>www.beaconchildrensministeries.com</u></b>  <b><u>Term 2006-2007</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Member @ Large</u></b>  <b>Rev. Wayne McDaniel</b>  <b>54 Twin Street</b>  <b>Sylacauga, AL 35150</b>  <b>256-249-9373</b>  <b><u>Term ends 2008</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>Clerk-Treasurer</u></b>  <b>Steve Day</b>  <b>P.O. Box 342</b>  <b>Moody, AL 35004</b>  <b>205-640-7470</b>  <b><u>stevelday07@earthlink.net</u></b>  <b><u>Term 2007-2008</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Member @ Large</u></b>  <b>Rev. Glenn Hood</b>  <b>113-13<sup>th</sup> Avenue N.W.</b>  <b>Birmingham, AL 35215</b>  <b>205-854-0394</b>  <b><u>gahood@juno.com</u></b>  <b><u>Term ends 2009</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>Assistant Clerk-Treasurer</u></b>  <b>Rev. Wayne Neely</b>  <b>115 Narrows Road</b>  <b>Remlap, AL 35133</b>  <b>205-680-3085</b>  <b>Cell phone 229-6326</b>  <b><u>WTNeely@BellSouth.net</u></b>  <b><u>Term 2007-2008</u></b></p>	<p><b>Please note:</b>  <b>Article VI and VI-B of</b>  <b>the Constitution</b>  <b>explains terms.</b></p>



## **ORDINATION COUNCIL**

<p><b>Rev. Ernest Walker</b> <b>1915 M. A. Lee Drive</b> <b>Moody, AL 35004</b> <b>205-640-7222</b> <b>Term ending 2007</b></p>	<p><b>Rev. Rick Andrews</b> <b>165 Haley Acres</b> <b>Vandiver, AL 35176</b> <b>205-672-2006</b> <b>Term ending 2010</b></p>
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<p><b>Rev. John Ackerman</b> <b>2816 County Road 84</b> <b>Selma, AL 36701</b> <b>334-872-8609</b> <b>Term ending 2009</b></p>	<p><b><u>Please note:</u></b> <b><u>Article VI-C of Constitution</u></b> <b><u>explains term.</u></b></p>





## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD**

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<p><b>Rev. Mike Cox</b> <b>402 Brian Drive</b> <b>Adamsville, AL 35005</b> <b>205-674-6021</b></p> <p><b><u>Term ending 2008</u></b></p>	<p><b>Rev. Kenneth Cook</b> <b>50 Cook Lane</b> <b>Pell City, AL 35128</b> <b>205-640-5594</b></p> <p><b><u>Term ending 2011</u></b></p>
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## CAHABA RIVER MISSIONS BOARD

<p><b><u>Chairman</u></b> <b>Travis Webster</b> <b>1800 Church Road</b> <b>Pell City, AL 35128</b> <b>205-338-1574</b> <b>Cell # 256-591-6009</b></p> <p><b><u>Term ending 2007</u></b></p>	<p><b>Paul Nichols</b> <b>Route 3 Box 135</b> <b>Centreville, AL 35042</b> <b>205-926-6347</b></p> <p><b><u>Term ending 2008</u></b></p>
<p><b>Harold Duckett</b> <b>9111 County Highway 41</b> <b>Leeds, AL 35094</b> <b>205-699-5418</b></p> <p><b><u>Term ending 2007</u></b></p>	<p><b>Rev. Larry Smith</b> <b>44 Rebecca Drive</b> <b>Remlap, AL 35133</b> <b>205-910-3940</b></p> <p><b><u>Term ending 2008</u></b></p>
<p><b>Rev. Charlie Weaver</b> <b>305 Reeves Lane SW</b> <b>Bessemer, AL 35023</b> <b>205-428-8243</b></p> <p><b><u>Term ending 2007</u></b></p>	<p><b>This person to be elected at a later date. See clerk for name.</b></p> <p><b><u>Term ending 2009</u></b></p>
<p><b>Rev. John Ackerman</b> <b>2816 County Road 84</b> <b>Selma, AL 36701</b> <b>334-872-8609</b></p> <p><b><u>Term ending 2008</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Please note:</u></b> <b><u>Article VI-A of the</u></b> <b><u>Constitution explains term.</u></b></p>





## **Women Active For Christ Officers**

### **Coordinator:**

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

### **Member @ Large:**

**Kristy Lee  
61 Willow Creek Park  
Odenville, AL 35120  
205-629-7324**

### **Assistant-Coordinator:**

**Marie Goodwin  
2603 Golf Course Road  
Pell City, AL 35125  
205-338-7346**

### **Member @ Large:**

**Barbara Ellison  
32 Seminole Street  
Sylacauga, AL 35150  
256-245-5369**

### **Secretary and Treasurer:**

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

### **Please notice...**

**2007 session will meet with  
Forestdale  
2008 session will meet with  
Centerpoint**

# CHURCHES DIRECTORY

## CHURCH



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<b><u>1.</u></b> <b><u>CALVARY</u></b> 305 REEVES LN.SW BESSEMER, AL 35022 205-428-8243	<b><u>REV.CHARLIE</u></b> <b><u>WEAVER</u></b> 305 REEVES LN.SW BESSEMER, AL 35022 205-428-8243	<b><u>NELL WEAVER</u></b> 305 REEVES LN.SW BESSEMER, AL 35022 205-428-8243
<b><u>2.</u></b> <b><u>CENTERPOINT</u></b> 831 MARY VANN LN. P.O.BOX 9741 B'HAM, AL 35215 205-853-9683	<b><u>REV.GLENN HOOD</u></b> 113- 13 <sup>TH</sup> AV. NW B/HAM.,AL 35215 205-854-0394 E-mail gahood@juno.com	<b><u>PAULINE HOOD</u></b> 3012 BRAKEFIELD DR. FULTONDALE, AL 35068 205-849-6468
<b><u>3</u></b> <b><u>DAVIS' CHAPEL</u></b> CO.RD.55 STERRETT, AL 35147 205-672-7579	<b><u>REV.EUGENE</u></b> <b><u>HOWARD</u></b> 15481 HWY. 43 VANDIVER, AL 35176 205-672-9520	<b><u>CAROLYN</u></b> <b><u>ALEXANDER</u></b> P.O.BOX 5 STERRETT, AL 35147 205-672-7579
<b><u>4.</u></b> <b><u>FAIRVIEW</u></b> 1804 PARK AVE. HIGHWAY 10 MOODY, AL 35004 205-640-5003	<b><u>REV.ERNEST WALKER</u></b> 1915 M.A.LEE DRIVE MOODY, AL 35004 205-640-7222	<b><u>POLLY ROBERSON</u></b> 1400 POOLE STREET LEEDS, AL 35094 205-699-6907
<b><u>5.</u></b> <b><u>FIRST (OAK</u></b> <b><u>GROVE)</u></b> 50 KINGS ROAD SYLACAUGA, AL 35151 256-245-4945	<b><u>REV.WAYNE</u></b> <b><u>Mc DANIEL</u></b> 54 TWIN STREET SYLACAUGA, AL 35150 256-249-9373	<b><u>BEVERLY GREEN</u></b> 105 LANE POND CIRCLE SYLACAUGA, AL 35151 256-249-3502

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<p><u>6.</u></p> <p><b><u>FIRST</u></b>  <b><u>(PLEASANT GROVE)</u></b>  1025  PLEASANTGROVE  RD.  PLEASANT GROVE,  AL 35127  205-744-6374</p>	<p><b><u>REV. GRANT WEBB</u></b>  P.O. BOX 104  PLEASANT GROVE, AL  35127  205-744-7590</p>	<p><b><u>MARY KEARNEY</u></b>  P.O. BOX 111  PLEASANT  GROVE, AL  35127  205-744-6692</p>
<p><u>7.</u></p> <p><b><u>FIRST (PRATTVILLE)</u></b>  1147 UPPER  KINGSTON ROAD  P.O. BOX 680307  PRATTVILLE, AL  36067  334-358-1911</p>	<p><b><u>REV. DALE Mc COY</u></b>  187 RIDGEVIEW DRIVE  MILLBROOK AL 36054  334-290-1295  Cell 334-322-5016  <a href="mailto:www.fwbshepherd@bellsouth.net">www.fwbshepherd@ bellsouth.net</a></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><u>8.</u></p> <p><b><u>FIRST (SELMA)</u></b>  2902 BROAD STREET  SELMA, AL 36701  334-872-5521</p>	<p><b><u>REV. SCOTT WRIGHT</u></b>  2902 BROAD STREET  SELMA, AL 36701  334-872-5521</p>	<p><b><u>WILLIAM</u></b>  <b><u>J. OVERFIELD</u></b>  309 WESTWOOD  DRIVE  SELMA, AL 36701  334-874-9506</p>
<p><u>9.</u></p> <p><b><u>FIRST (TALLADEGA)</u></b>  256 WHITSON ROAD  TALLADEGA, AL  35160  256-761-1752</p>	<p><b><u>REV. SAMUEL NICKLES</u></b>  300 WHITSON ROAD  TALLADEGA, AL 35160  256-761-1752</p>	<p><b><u>PATSY JONES</u></b>  36 LOWER  MITCHELL ROAD  LINCOLN, AL 35096  205-763-3242</p>
<p><u>10.</u></p> <p><b><u>FORESTDALE</u></b>  2615 VETERAN'S  PRKY. HWY. 78  B'HAM, AL 35214  205-798-1724</p>	<p><b><u>REV. MIKE COX</u></b>  402 BRIAN LANE  ADAMSVILLE, AL 35005  205-674-6021</p>	<p><b><u>GENEVA MARTIN</u></b>  5416 STOREY DR.  ADAMSVILLE, AL  35005  205-674-3028</p>

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<b><u>11.</u></b> <b><u>FRIENDSHIP</u></b> HIGHWAY 79 (SELFVILLE) REMLAP, AL 35133 NO PHONE	<b><u>REV. RON WOODARD</u></b> 112 PARKWOOD CIRCLE GARDENDALE, AL 35071 205-631-2030	<b><u>JEFF HORN</u></b> 9716 SILLEY DEAN ROAD PINSON, AL 35126 205-681-1809
<b><u>12.</u></b> <b><u>FULTONDALE</u></b> 3112 NEWCASTLE ROAD BIRMINGHAM, AL 35217 205-631-8494	<b><u>REV. JACK ROLLINS</u></b> 920 MEEHAN AVE. BIRMINGHAM, AL 35214 205-798-1508	<b><u>DONNA BRITT</u></b> P.O. BOX 374 KIMBERLY, AL 35091 205-647-0841
<b><u>13.</u></b> <b><u>MOODY</u></b> 1212 PARK AVENUE MOODY, AL 35004 205-640-8997	<b><u>REV. WAYNE NEELY</u></b> 115 NARROWS ROAD REMLAP, AL. 35133 205-680-3085 CELL 229-6326 <a href="mailto:WTNeely@BellSouth.net">WTNeely@BellSouth.net</a>	<b><u>TRINA NEELY</u></b> 115 NARROWS ROAD REMLAP, AL 35133 205-680-3085
<b><u>14.</u></b> <b><u>MT. OLIVE</u></b> COUNTY ROAD 41-N LEEDS, AL 35094 NO PHONE	<b><u>REV. MIKE FERGUSON</u></b> P.O. BOX 17, COOK SPRINGS, AL 35052 205-884-1434	<b><u>CARLENE HARRIS</u></b> 121 WILLOW CREEK CIRCLE LEEDS, AL 35094 205-699-8073
<b><u>15.</u></b> <b><u>MT. PLEASANT</u></b> ROUTE 1 SPROTT, AL 36799 334-665-7254	<b><u>REV. JOHN ACKERMAN</u></b> 2816 COUNTY RD. 84 SELMA, AL 36703 334-872-8609	<b><u>PAUL NICHOLS</u></b> ROUTE 3 BOX 135 CENTREVILLE, AL 35042 205-926-6347

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<p><u>16.</u></p> <p><b><u>MT ZION</u></b>  HIGHWAY 231-S  PELL CITY, AL  35125  205-338-3708</p>	<p><b><u>REV.J.D. WALES</u></b>  238 HAZELWOOD  DRIVE  PELL CITY, AL  35125  205-884-3245</p>	<p><b><u>JANICE ADAMS</u></b>  1779 RAY WYATT  ROAD  ASHVILLE, AL 35953  205-594-5565</p>
<p><u>17.</u></p> <p><b><u>SHADY GROVE</u></b>  1630 UNION GROVE  ROAD  ADAMSVILLE, AL  35005  205-674-7022</p>	<p><b><u>REV. RICKEY PATTERSON</u></b>  555 CREEK RIDGE  DRIVE  RIVERSIDE, AL  35135  205-884-9035  CELL: 205-956-0309  <u>Rpatter416@aol.com</u></p>	<p><b><u>MELINDA FORTNER</u></b>  1630 UNION GROVE  ROAD  ADAMSVILLE, AL  35005  205-674-7022</p>
<p><u>18.</u></p> <p><b><u>TRINITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP</u></b>  2165 FLOYD  BRADFORD RD.  TRUSSVILLE, AL  35173  205-956-1123</p>	<p><b><u>REV.RICK ANDREWS</u></b>  165 HALEY ACRES  VANDIVER, AL  35176  205-672-2006</p>	<p><b><u>MARCIA GRAVES</u></b>  2714 CARL JONES  ROAD  MOODY, AL 35004  205-640-7154</p>
<p><u>19.</u></p> <p><b><u>UNION HILL</u></b>  P.O. BOX 54  VANDIVER, AL  35176</p>	<p><b><u>REV. KENNETH COOK</u></b>  50 COOK LANE  PELL CITY, AL  35128  205-640-5594</p>	<p><b><u>ROETERRY ANDREWS</u></b>  53363 HIGHWAY 25  VANDIVER, AL  35176  205-672-2515</p>
	<p><b><i>END OF DIRECTORY</i></b></p>	



**DIRECTORY**  
**OF OTHER IMPORTANT ADDRESSES**

<p><b><i>Free Will Baptist Children's Home Rev. Allan Auston-Director P.O. Box 8 Eldridge, AL 35554 205-924-9751</i></b></p>	<p><b><i>National Association of Free Will Baptists P.O. Box 5002 Antioch, TN 37011 615-731-6812</i></b></p>
<p><b><i>Alabama State Promotional Office (Acts I:8) Rev. Rick Cash-Director P.O. Box 9 Guin, AL 35563 205-468-3897 or 205-468-3057 <u>rcashfwb@aol.com</u></i></b></p>	<p><b><i>Alabama State Association Rodney Yerby Clerk 115 Maximillion Drive Madison, AL 35758 256-721-0402 Cell 256-337-1003</i></b></p>
<p><b><i>Free Will Baptist Bible College 3606 West End Ave. Nashville, TN 37205-2498 615-383-1340 Fax 615-269-6028 <u>www.fwbbs.edu</u></i></b></p>	<p><b><i>Alabama State WAC Carolyn Hendrix 138 Lewis Lane Madison, AL 35758 256-461-7453 <u>carolh1952@yahoo.com</u></i></b></p>





## **AVAILABLE MINISTERS**

These ministers may be available to preach in cases of sickness, vacation, revival, lack of a pastor, youth night etc.

<b>Rev. Burble Alexander</b> <b>Pleasant Grove</b> <b>205-668-0893</b>	<b>Rev. Raymond Rivers</b> <b>Forestdale</b> <b>205-841-6891</b> <a href="http://www.beaconchildrensministeries.com">www.beaconchildrensministeries.com</a> <a href="mailto:www.captaintwister@bellsouth.net">www.captaintwister@bellsouth.net</a>
<b>Rev. Bruce Damron</b> <b>Fairview</b> <b>205-640-7981</b> <a href="mailto:lbdamron@charter.net">lbdamron@charter.net</a>	<b>Rev. Robert Sanders</b> <b>Talladega</b> <b>256-761-1752</b>
<b>Rev. Howard Jones</b> <b>Oak Grove</b> <b>256-249-9373</b>	<b>Rev. Larry Smith</b> <b>Friendship</b> <b>Cell # 237-4573</b>
<b>Rev. Wesley Lee</b> <b>Moody</b> <b>205-629-7324</b>	<b>Rev. Chad Shaw</b> <b>Moody</b> <b>205-680-2079</b>
<b>Rev. Kevin Nelson</b> <b>Oak Grove</b> <b>256-249-9373</b>	<b>Rev. Edward Smith</b> <b>Talladega</b> <b>256-761-1752</b>
<b>Rev. David Reese</b> <b>Centerpoint</b> <b>205-849-8536</b>	<b><u>For an updated list...</u></b> <b><u>Contact:</u></b> <b><u>Clerk Steve Day</u></b> <b><u>@</u></b> <b><u>205-640-7470</u></b>





## ***One hundred twenty-eighth semi-annual session***

**March 4, 2006**

**Convening with:**

**Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church**

**Rev. Wayne McDaniel, pastor**

**Sylacauga, AL**

**Rev. Mike Cox, Moderator**

**The 128<sup>th</sup> semi-annual session of The Cahaba River District Association began with a congregational song led by Bro. Johnny Williamson.**

**Host pastor, Rev. Wayne McDaniel gave a hearty welcome to all.**

**Rev. Raymond Rivers used the scripture from Acts 11:17-23 with his text entitled "Can They Call Us Christians?"**

**Clerk Steve Day declared the 128<sup>th</sup> semi-annual session in order and called the roll of delegates.**

**Visitors were Rev. Randy Key, (Children's Home Director) and Rev. Rick Cash (AL State Promotional Director).**

**Unfinished business: none reported.**

**Financial report of Christian Ed. Bd. (Mike Cox):**

**Beginning Balance: (10/02/05)..... \$868.29**

**Income..... 1043.65**

**Balance..... \$1911.94**

**Expenses ..... 631.12**

**Ending Balance. .... \$1280.82**

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## ***One hundred twenty-eighth semi-annual session***

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### **Treasurer's report (Steve Day):**

**Balance** (October 1,2005)..... **\$8436.73**

**Received** (fees and offerings)..... **3008.90**

**New Balance** ..... **\$11445.63**

#### **Paid out:**

**Moderator** ..... **\$50.00**

**Asst. Moderator**..... **25.00**

**Clerk**..... **150.00**

**Food expense**..... **425.00**

**Donation to Christian Ed. Bd**..... **1000.00**

**Children's Home** ..... **207.00**

**State fees (19 churches)**..... **2665.00**

**Post office box rent**..... **24.00**

**Supplies**..... **130.80**

**Supplies**..... **70.82**

**Planning committee expense**..... **30.00**

**Minute booklets printed**..... **350.00**

**Total paid out** ..... **\$5128.52**

**Ending balance (March 4,2006)**.....**\$6317.11**

***End of treasurer report***

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## ***One hundred twenty-eighth semi-annual session***

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**Rev. Randy Key, (Children's Home) reported twenty-five children at the home. Three girls are high school graduates with honors. A college fund has been established for Carolyn Edwards. The Williams', (new house parents for big boys) assumed their position. House parents for the little boys are needed. Rev. Key announced his retirement due to back problems.**

**End of report.**

**Credentials Committee reported nineteen church letters with the following deceased listed:**

**Fairview-Rev. Lester Gann**

**Forestdale- Sis. Odessa Coleman**

**Prattville- Ruby Wyatt**

**Shady Grove- 1 (no name)**

**Selma- Lavelle Worrwell**

**Moment of silence led by Rev. Michael Barber**

**Committee members: Rev. Ernest Walker, Bro. Steve Day, and Bro. Noel Blackwood.**

**Rev. Mike Cox announced the National Association to be in Birmingham July 16-19. (Volunteers needed)**

**Morning Business Report: Rev. Wayne McDaniel:**

**Item I. Churches were encouraged to list deceased names and complete all blanks on report letters.**

**Committee members were Rev. Wayne McDaniel, Rev. Wayne Neely, Rev. Sam Nickles, and Rev. Rick Andrews.**

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## ***One hundred twenty-eighth semi-annual session***

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**Rev. Rick Cash, State Promotional director reported the Acts I: 8 goal of \$ 550,000.00 had been exceeded by \$ 4,000.00. Cahaba River gave \$ 82,366.00 in 2004 and \$ 81,723.00 in 2005. The Plan gave \$ 80,000.00 to Russia, and \$ 90,000.00 to Uruguay.**

**Rev. Glenn Hood, Chairman of the National Association Hospitality Committee reported helpers were needed to work at the session in Birmingham July 16-19<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Missions Board report:**

**The board suggested Travis Webster replace the late James Tyus. The board recommended a plaque be given at the annual session to James Tyus' family. (See annual minutes)**

**Rev. E.B. Ledlow asked to be replaced.**

**Mission Board will contact Paul Hardwick (assistant chairman) to question him about remaining on the board since he has been sick.**

### **Mission Board financial report:**

<b>Balance (09-01-05)</b>	<b>\$ 3774.34</b>
<b>Deposits</b>	<b>\$ <u>2404.75</u></b>
<b>New balance 09-27-05</b>	<b>\$ 6179.09</b>

**Board members: Rev. Ken Ray, Rev. Wayne Neely, and Bro. Royce Grissom.**

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## ***One hundred twenty-eighth semi-annual session***

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### **Intermission**

**Session reopened with congregational singing led by Bro. Buster Bolton.**

**Skyler Harris sang a special song entitled: “Jerusalem.”**

**Bro. Buster Bolton led the congregation in singing “Just Over In Glory Land.”**

**An offering of \$ 162.12 was given to the State Promotional Department.**

**The congregation sang “When We All Get To Heaven.”**

**Melissa Williamson sang a special song entitled “We Bless Your Name.”**

**Guest speaker, Rev. Rick Cash used the title “Give Until It's Pleasing To God.” (Scripture: II Corinthians 8:1-9.)**

### **Lunch**

**Congregation sang “I Am Resolved” led by Bro. Buster Bolton.**

**Skyler Harris sang a special song entitled “I Am A Promise.”**

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## ***One hundred twenty-eighth semi-annual session***

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**Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Ledlow sang two special songs entitled “I Need Not To Understand” and “Jesus Came In The Midst Of The Storm.”**

**Rev. Samuel Nickels, (pastor of Talladega Church) gave the evening devotional entitled “Where Lies Thy Great Strength?” with scripture reading from Judges 16:6.**

**Afternoon Business Committee report: Rev. Wayne Neely.  
Item I. The business committee recommended the clerk revise the semi-annual and annual church report letters. (Accepted)**

**Moderator, Mike Cox prayed the benediction.**

***[End of semi-annual session minutes]***

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## ***PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE***

**October 6, 2006**

***Forestdale Free Will Baptist Church***

***Birmingham, AL***

***Pastor: Rev. Mike Cox***

***Moderator: Rev. Raymond Rivers***

**The Praise and Worship Service began with a congregational song led by Mike Pritchett entitled, “Victory in Jesus.”**

**Jim Martin prayed the opening prayer.**

**Moderator, Rev. Raymond Rivers welcomed everyone to the service.**

**Rev. Wayne Mc Daniel prayed offering prayer. \$ 113.00 was received.**

**Rev. Rick Cash, Alabama Promotional Director reported on the Russian work, the Asian work, and the two Alabama churches, Prattville and South Huntsville. The Huntsville church is hoping to go self-supporting this year. Rev. Wayne Wilson of the Prattville church resigned.**

**Mike Pritchett led the congregation in singing “Jesus Saves.”**

**Special music : “Southern Praise Quartet.”**

**Rev. David Crowe, the guest speaker, read II Timothy 2:1-4 and shared some of the Free Will Baptists heritage and history.**

**Rev. Jack Rollins prayed the benediction.**

**Registration reported 52. Refreshments were served.**





## ***The one hundred twenty-eighth annual session***

**October 7, 2006**

**Convening with:**

**Forestdale Free Will Baptist Church      Birmingham, AL**  
**Rev. Mike Cox, host pastor.      Rev. Mike Cox, moderator**

**The session opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Raymond Rivers.**

**Rev. Ernest Walker prayed the opening prayer.**

**Moderator and host pastor, Rev. Mike Cox presented a warm welcome.**

**Heritage spokesman and guest speaker Rev. David Crowe continued his historical report of the Free Will denomination.**

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

**Credentials committee report as follows:**

**Eighteen of the nineteen churches reported to the association. The following statistics were compiled from these letters...**

**Members: 1458, (New members 44), (Active 269),  
Profession of Faith:20, Baptisms :14, Acts I:8 : \$ 14,885.50,  
Missions : \$ 14,662.69, and Children's home \$7,047.83.**

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## ***The one hundred twenty-eighth annual session***

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### **List of ordination candidates:**

1. Charles Shaw from Davis' Chapel.
2. Bonnie Adams, Christopher Graves, Roger Thornton, and Jeff Bryant from Mt. Zion.
3. Kevin Nelson from Oak Grove.
4. Scott Wright from Selma church.
5. Chad Shaw from Moody Free Will Baptist.

***Credentials committee: Raymond Rivers, Lecil Gardner, and Mike Cox.***

**Roll was called and delegates were seated.**

**No old business.**

**Rev. Mike Cox gave executive committee report.**

### **Intermission**

**After intermission, congregation sang "I'll Fly Away" led by Doyle Hawkins.**

**Children's Home report. Bro. Gardner reported three girls were graduating from high school and were planning for college. The new director's name is Allan Auston.**

**Skylier Harris sang a special entitled, "The Anchor Holds."**

**Tammy Bryant sang a special entitled, "I Rather Have Jesus."**

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## ***The one hundred twenty-eighth annual session***

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**An offering** of \$ 142.00 was received.

**Rev. David Crowe**, the Heritage spokesman continued his report on the history of Free Will Baptists.

**Home Missions** report given by Travis Webster, chairman...

<b><u>Balance as of 02-28-06</u></b>	<b>\$6936.97</b>
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<b><u>Income... (Fairview)</u></b>	<b>50.00</b>
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<b>(Mt. Zion via Al. State)</b>	<b><u>876.38</u></b>
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<b><u>Balance</u></b>	<b>\$7863.35</b>
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<b><u>Paid out</u></b>	<b><u>29.98</u></b>
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<b><u>New balance 09-30-06...</u></b>	<b>\$7833.37</b>
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A plaque was presented to the family of the late treasurer James Tyus in honor of his contributions to promote missions for the Cahaba River Missions' board.



***Pictured is Mrs. Tyus and grandson Travis Webster***

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## *The one hundred twenty-eighth annual session*

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**Tammy Bryant** shared her testimony of going to the Free Will Baptist Youth Rally competition and how it impacted her life as a teenager.

**Rev. Samuel Nickles** prayed the lunch blessing.

**Evening session** began with congregation singing "**I'm Redeemed.**"

**Rev. Rick Andrews** prayed opening prayer.

**Treasurer's report: Steve Day**

<u><b>Balance</b></u> on hand as of 10-01-05...	<b>\$8,436.73</b>
<b>Received...</b> (Fees 10-07-06)	<b>4,960.00</b>
<b>Interest on CD...</b>	<b>1,185.08</b>
<b>Offerings...</b> (127 and 128 sessions)	<b>371.02</b>
<u><b>Balance</b></u> after receipts & offerings.....	<u><b>\$14,952.02</b></u>
<u><b>Paid out...</b></u>	
<b>Moderator</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Asst. Moderator</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>Clerk</b>	<b>150.00</b>
<b>Food for 127<sup>th</sup> session</b>	<b>425.00</b>
<b>BCE offering</b>	<b>1000.00</b>
<b>Children's Home</b>	<b>207.90</b>
<b>State fees for 19 churches</b>	<b>2665.00</b>
<b>Post Office box</b>	<b>24.00</b>

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## *The one hundred twenty-eighth annual session*

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Supplies	\$130.80
Supplies	70.82
Planning committee for semi-annual	30.00
Computer Graphics minutes books	350.00
Guest speaker	\$162.12
Food for 128 <sup>th</sup> semi-annual	450.00
Checks	12.35
Supplies	34.60
Stamps	39.00
Gas expense for National Assoc driver	42.70
Supplies	34.98
Supplies	90.00
Bank safe deposit box	25.00
Planning committee (annual)	73.00
Stamps	39.00
Supplies	24.17
Supplies	63.01
Total paid out.....	<u>\$6,218.45</u>
Balance on hand 10-07-06.....	\$8,734.38

*End of treasurer's report*

### Board of Christian Education report, Rev. Mike Cox...

Balance on hand 10-02-05.....	\$868.29
Income.....	<u>1043.65</u>
Balance after income.....	\$1911.94
Paid out.....	<u>631.12</u>
Balance as of 10-07-06.....	\$1280.82
Harvest Rally, 11-11-05 @ Click Farm.	
Winter Blast, 01-27-06 @ Moody gym.	<u>End of report</u>

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## ***The one hundred twenty-eighth annual session***

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**Delegates appointed to State Association @ Oak Grove, Nauvoo, AL. November 11-12, 2006 were...**

**Edna Ackerman, Barbara Ellison, Thelma Gardner, Marie Goodwin, Pauline Hood, Paul Nichols and Imojean Walker.**

**The Auditing Committee reported the records of: the Cahaba River Missions Board, the Board of Christian Education, and the Cahaba River Treasurer were examined and found to be correct and in order. Rev. Samuel Nickles, chairman.**

**The Nominating Committee reported the following nominees:**

- 1. Clerk-Treasurer-Steve Day**
- 2. Assistant-Clerk/Treasurer-Rev. Wayne Neely**
- 3. Executive Board Member @ Large-Rev. Glenn Hood**
- 4. Ordination Council- Rev. Ken Cook to replace Rev. Maxwell Harper and Rev. Rick Andrews to replace Rev. E.B. Ledlow.**
- 5. Christian Education Board-Rev. Ken Cook to replace Rev. Rick Andrews**
- 6. Cahaba River Missions Board- Larry Smith to replace himself, Paul Nichols to replace himself, and Rev. John Ackerman to replace Rev. E.B. Ledlow.**

**Chairman, Rev. Glenn Hood.**

**Registration Committee report: Ministers 19, Deacons 13, Delegates 35, and Visitors 50 for a total of 117 in attendance.**

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## ***The one hundred twenty-eighth annual session***

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### **Business / Deceased Committee report:**

**Committee reminded association to give gold certificates at the semi-annual session at Mt. Zion in March.**

**Deceased were:**

- 1. Davis Chapel-Melvin Windsor**
- 2. Forestdale-Layron Coleman**
- 3. Moody – Ruby Moss and Ruby Pearson**
- 4. Mt. Zion- James Tyus and James Victory**
- 5. Oak Grove- Mattie Hayes and Dorothy Williamson**
- 6. Shady Grove- Willis Black, Richard Clark, Jack Evans, and Bracie Romanski.**
- 7. Talledega-Daniel Nichols**
- 8. L.D. Jones-church name n/a.**

**Rev. Jack Rollins ask for a moment of silence for deceased.**

### **Ordaining Council recommended ...**

- 1. That Scott Wright of Selma FWB Church is given a certificate of standing (as a minister) pending a letter from the Northeast Association.**
- 2. That Kevin Nelson of Oak Grove is ordained as a minister at Oak Grove.**
- 3. That Jeff Bryant, Bonnie Adams, Christopher Graves, and Roger Thornton of Mt. Zion be ordained as deacons.**
- 4. That Chad Shaw of Moody Church is licensed to preach the gospel.**
- 5. That Charles Shaw of Davis' Chapel Church is ordained as a minister. Rev. John Ackerman-chairman.**

**Benediction by Rev. Ernest Walker.**





## Women Active For Christ

April 1, 2006

The fifty-third convention of the Cahaba River District Women's Auxiliary convened with Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Sylacauga, Alabama on a rainy day.

The theme chosen was entitled, "Set Your Hearts."

After prayer, the congregation sang "This Is The Day The Lord Hath Made" and "When We All Get To Heaven."

Alice Hood opened in prayer.

Odessa Ledlow welcomed the congregation to Oak Grove.

Roll was called and delegates were seated.

Carolyn Wilson performed special music.

Alice Hood used Romans 8:27 and Hebrews 9:24 in her devotion.

After prayer, the congregation sang, "Victory In Jesus" and "'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus."

Committees appointed were as follows:

Audit-Marie Goodwin and Carolyn Wilson.

Business-Bettie Wade, Jobie Hardwick, Libby Willoughby.

Credentials- Odessa Ledlow, Paulette Boyd.

Appreciation-Dot Grimes, Margaret Kamfolt.

Count- Host church.

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## Women Active For Christ

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Children's Home Director, Rev. Randy Key used the text entitled "Achieving Greatness" with scripture from Matthew 20:25-28 as his reference. Brother Key emphasized we should be willing to surrender, serve, suffer, and sacrifice for God. Brother Key reported the home had twenty-three children at this time. Brother Key was presented a love offering.

Committees reported as follows:

Count: Centerpoint won banner with 100% present.

Business: Report accepted...

1. Five hundred dollars (project money) was designated to the Children's Home.

2. The 2007 session convene with Forestdale and the 2008 session convene with Centerpoint.

3. The LAMP, food fee and dues are sent to state by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Audit: All financial records were in order.

Credentials: Letters received were in order and secretary read letter reporting Fairview's decision to be independent.

After lunch, Oak Grove sang special music.

The Appreciation committee reported all the hard work Oak Grove did for the meeting was appreciated.

Announcements: Ladies Retreat at Oak Grove (Fultondale) Oct. 13-14.

Door prizes were given and President (Coordinator) Sissie Click dismissed in prayer.

End of WAC report.



## **STATE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT LETTER**

**From: Cahaba River District Association**

**To: Alabama State Association**

**Report date: 10-01-05 to 10-07-06**

**Meeting at Forestdale FWB Church  
Birmingham, AL [October 7, 2006]**

**Present moderator's name:**

**Rev. Mike Cox  
2615 Veterans Parkway 78 Hwy.  
Birmingham, AL 35214  
Telephone 205-910-3477**

**Delegates:**

**Edna Ackerman  
Barbara Ellison  
Thelma Gardner  
Marie Goodwin  
Pauline Hood  
Paul Nichols  
Imojean Walker**

### **Statistics**

<b>Total churches:</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>(Rural)</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>(Town)</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total reporting</b>	<b>19</b>

### **Membership**

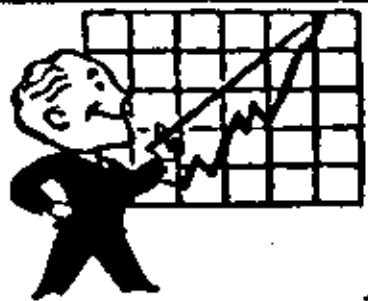
<b>Members added</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Members baptized</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Members lost</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Members total</b>	<b>2,002</b>

### **General Information**

<b>Ordained Ministers</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Licensed Ministers</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Ordained Deacons</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>964</b>
<b>Women's Auxiliary</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Master's Men</b>	<b>0</b>

**State fees      \$ 2565.00**

**Steve Day, Clerk**



## ***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:

1. The Free Will Baptist Church Covenant
2. The Faith of Free Will Baptists
3. The Articles of Faith
4. 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:

1. Moderator
2. Assistant Moderator
3. Clerk-Treasurer
4. 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:

1. The Cahaba River Missions Board fund
2. 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:

1. Moderator
2. Assistant-Moderator
3. Clerk-Treasurer
4. Assistant Clerk-Treasurer

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## **CONSTITUTION**

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5. 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:

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 "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:

1. Business and Deceased
2. Nomination

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## CONSTITUTION

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3. Credentials \*
4. Auditing
5. 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-

1. The clerk-treasurer shall be paid one hundred-fifty dollars (\$150.00) annually.
2. The assistant clerk-treasurer shall be paid fifty dollars (\$50) annually.
3. The moderator shall be paid fifty dollars (\$50) annually.
4. 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]

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## ASSOCIATION 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. Feet washing.
10. This association will not ordain anyone who does not believe a person can apostatize and be lost.

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## ORDINATION AND CHURCH GUIDELINES

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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. Report of any (and all) committees.
8. Motion to adjourn.

*[End of church guidelines]*



## ***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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## ***THE FAITH OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS***

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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**

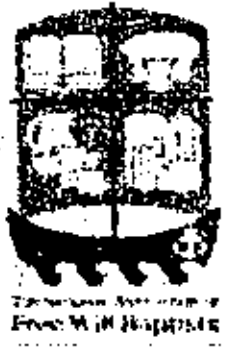
#### ***Divine Government and Providence***

**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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## ***THE FAITH OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS***

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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 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.

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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, 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 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.**

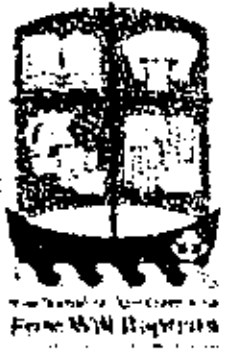
**While tongues were bestowed by the sovereign will of God on some believers, all did not speak with tongues. When this gift was abused, it became a source of disturbance in the congregational meetings. To eliminate confusion and correct the error, Paul set particular guidelines for the Christian church 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***

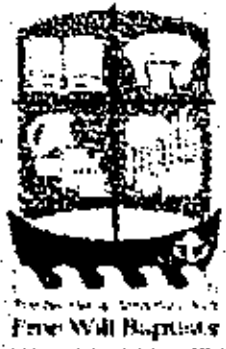
As man is a fallen and sinful being, he must be regenerated in order to obtain salvation. This change is an instantaneous renewal of the heart by the Holy Spirit, whereby the penitent sinner receives new life, becomes a child of God, and is disposed to serve Him. This is called in Scripture, "being born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

#### *Appendix to Chapter XIII (Adopted July 1969)*

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.**

***End of "The Faith Of The Free Will Baptists".***



## **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!***