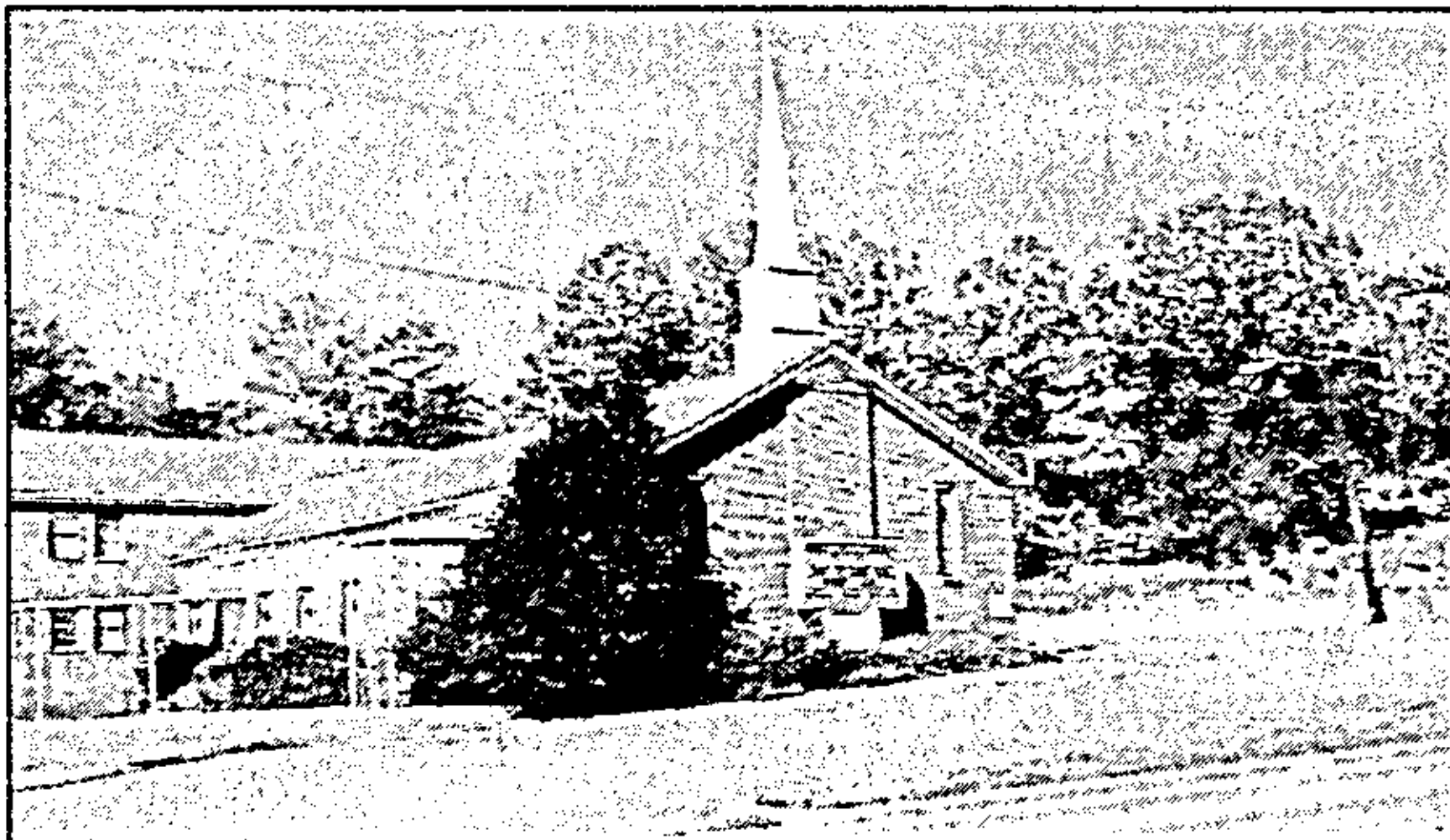


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HIGHWAY 231-SOUTH
PELL CITY, AL 35125
MARCH 3, 2007

And

OAK GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
50 KINGS ROAD
SYLACAUGA, AL 35151
SEPTEMBER 7-8, 2007



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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 1, 2008 Cahaba River District Semi-Annual Association @ Greater Vision Will Baptist Church, 1147 Upper Kingston Road, Prattville, AL 36067

April 5, 2008 Cahaba River District Women Active for Christ Annual Association @ Centerpoint Free Will Baptist Church, 831 Mary Vann Lane, Birmingham, AL 35215

April 26, 2008 Alabama State Women Active for Christ @ Dothan, Alabama.

July 20-23 2008 National Association of Free Will Baptist @ Charleston, West Virginia.

September 12, 2008 Praise/Worship service 7:00 P.M.

September 13, 2008 130th Cahaba River District Association Annual Session @ Trinity Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, 2165 Floyd Bradford Road Trussville, AL 35173.

November 6-7, 2008 Alabama Free Will Baptist State Association @ Dothan, Alabama.



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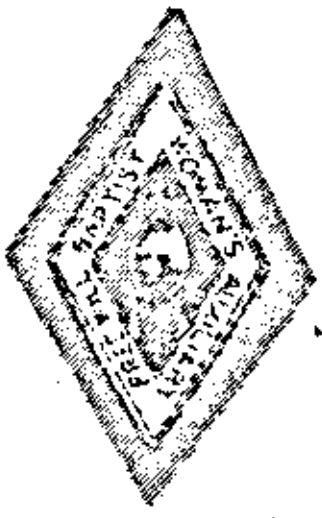
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Rev. Howard Jones Oak Grove 256-249-9373	Rev. Larry Smith Friendship Cell # 237-4573
Rev. Raymond Rivers Forestdale <u>www.beaconchildrensministers.com</u> <u>www.captaintwister@bellsouth.net</u>	<u>For an updated list...</u> <u>Contact:</u> <u>Clerk Steve Day @</u> <u>205-640-7470</u>



One hundred twenty-ninth semi-annual session

March 3, 2007

Convening with...

**Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church
Rev. J .D. Wales-Pastor**

**Pell City, Alabama
Rev. Mike Cox-Moderator**

The 129th semi-annual session of the Cahaba River District Association began with congregational singing led by Bro. Royce Grissom.

Rev. Wayne Mc Daniel prayed the opening prayer.

Brother Grissom led another congregational song.

Sis. Tammy Bryant sang a special song entitled "I Am Not Ashamed."

Moderator Mike Cox used a text from Luke 6:20-38 entitled "Reflection Of Jesus In Us."

Clerk Steve Day declared the 129th semi-annual session in order for business.

The Credentials Committee reported seventeen church letters in order. Rev. Dale McCoy requested to meet with the Ordaining Council. The deceased list was given to the Business Committee. Paul Dodd of Pleasant Grove was recommended to the Ordaining Council.

Rev. Ernest Walker. Brother Steve Day, and Brother Noel Blackwood were committee members.

Clerk called the roll and delegates were seated.

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One hundred twenty-ninth semi-annual session

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The following visitors were recognized: Rev. Vint Arnold from Friendship Church (Pell City), Rev. Rodney Yerby (International missions), and Rev. Allan Auston and Dick Williams (Children's Home, Eldridge).

Old business: none reported.

Cahaba River Home Missions report: Brother Royce Grissom as follows:

Balance	\$ 7833.37
Receipts	1037.79
Balance	\$ 8871.16
Paid out	6.16
Balance	\$ 8865.00

Cahaba River Treasurer report: Steve Day as follows:

Balance	\$ 8734.38
Received fees/off'rs	<u>2820.00</u>
Balance	\$ 11554.38
Paid out	<u>5381.73</u>
Balance	\$ 6172.65

Cahaba River Christian Education Board report: Rev. Raymond Rivers as follows...

Balance	\$ 1280.82
Receipts	<u>1032.00</u>
Balance	\$ 2312.82
Paid out	<u>768.29</u>
Balance	\$ 1544.53

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One hundred twenty-ninth semi-annual session

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Children's home report given by Rev. Allan Auston, new director as follows:

The number of children at this date is eighteen. Two more children are expected any day. One little six-year-old boy was quoted as getting excited because he had a bed. In September a motorcycle club raised money for the home. Brother Auston encouraged more "monthly support". The slogan used was "Investing Today In The Hearts Of Tomorrow."

Prattville Mission Church report given by Rev. Dale McCoy as follows:

The church has adopted a new name: Greater Vision Free Will Baptist Church. Brother McCoy thanked the Acts I: 8 program for support. The mission hopes to be self-supporting next year and asked for prayer.

Intermission:

Rev. J.D. Wales, host pastor invited each one to enjoy doughnuts and coffee and gave instructions to the necessary facilities. After announcements Rev. Vint Arnold dismissed in prayer.

Evening session began with congregational singing led by Brother Royce Grissom.

The Ordaining Committee report given by Rev. Ernest Walker as follows:

The committee met with Rev. Dale McCoy and recommended he receive a certificate of standing from the Cahaba River Association. Other committee members included Rev. Eugene Howard, Rev. Ricky Andrews, Rev. Kenneth Cook, and Rev. John Ackerman.

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One hundred twenty-ninth semi-annual session

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Brother Royce Grissom led the congregational singing for the evening session.

An offering of \$ 286.00 was given for the Children's Home.

Rev. Wayne McDaniel of the Business and Deceased Committee reported the following deceased loved ones and their church:

- 1. Fairview-Lois Gann**
- 2. First FWB, Talladega-L.D. Jones & Irene Barber**
- 3. Fultondale-Polly Harper & Wayne Wolford**
- 4. Mt. Olive- Margie Harris**
- 5. Mt. Pleasant-Rev. Maxwell Harper, Vera Jones, & Willie Bell Mitchell.**
- 6. Oak Grove-Willie Earl Smith**
- 7. Pleasant Grove- Carolyn Freeman**

After a moment of silence Rev. Rodney Yerby prayed for the families.

The Business Committee report:

Item 1. that letters of good standing be issued to Rev. Fred Jones & Rev. Wayne Wilson.

Item 2. that the Annual Association business session be changed to the second Saturday morning in September due to the conflict caused by the race at the Talladega raceway the first weekend in October. The item was tabled to the afternoon session.

Rev. Rodney Yerby reported on the International Missions program as follows:

Brother Yerby reported that \$ 333,000.00 was given in 2006. An average of \$ 672.00 per church of 33 Alabama churches was recorded.

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One hundred twenty-ninth semi-annual session

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Sister Paulette Boyd sang "In Spite Of The Storm."

Rev. Allan Auston, new Director of the Children's Home at Eldridge, Alabama, delivered the morning message. The text entitled "What Do I Want To Be Remembered For?" was used with the scripture found in II Timothy 3:10-16.

Lunch blessing :Brother Lecil Gardner.

Afternoon session began with congregational singing led by Brother Royce Grissom.

Sister Tammy Bryant sang a special song entitled "It Is Well With My Soul."

Afternoon Devotion with Rev. Dale McCoy of the Greater Vision (Prattville Mission) used Genesis 3: 5-24 with a text of "The Gospel In The Garden."

The Business Committee reported on the tabled item from the morning session as follows:

That the Annual session be changed to the second Saturday morning in September due to conflict with the race at Talladega on the first weekend in October. The body accepted this item. Article IX of the Constitution will be changed to read "This Association shall meet the first Saturday morning in March and the second Saturday morning in September of each year."

"The Praise and Worship service will be held Friday evening before the second Saturday morning in September of each year."

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One hundred twenty-ninth semi-annual session

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Clerk Steve Day announced the 129th Annual session* would convene with Trinity (Trussville) September 7-8, 2007 and the 130th Semi-Annual session will convene with Greater Vision (Prattville) March 1, 2008.

(*Please note: The 129th annual met with Oak Grove)

Brother Dick Williams, houseparent at the Children's Home prayed the benediction.

End of Semi-Annual report



NOTES



PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE

September 7, 2007

Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church Sylacauga, AL
Pastor: Rev. Wayne McDaniel Moderator: Rev. Mike Cox

The Praise and Worship Service began with congregational singing led by Brother Steve Johnson.

Moderator, Rev. Mike Cox welcomed everyone to the service.

An offering of \$ 70.00 was received and designated for the Union Free Will Baptist Church Hill roof fund.

Rev. Rick Cash, Alabama Promotional Director reported that the Acts I: 8 Plan was supporting the work in Mobile and Russia and \$ 72,000.00 was given in 2006.

Brother Steve Johnson sang a special song entitled, "He Came To Me."

Rev. Mike Cox, moderator read I Samuel 17 with a text of "A Champion for God."

After the benediction refreshments were served.

[End of 129th Praise and Worship minutes]



The One Hundred Twenty-Ninth Annual Association

September 8, 2007

Convening with:

**Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church Sylacauga, Alabama
Rev. Wayne McDaniel-host pastor Rev. Mike Cox-moderator**

The one hundred twenty-ninth session began with congregational singing led by Brother Kevin Nelson.

Rev. Wayne McDaniel, host pastor welcomed the congregation to Oak Grove.

Brother Kevin Nelson led the congregational singing.

Assistant moderator Rev. Raymond Rivers used "God Remembers" as the text with scripture from Genesis 8:1.

Clerk Steve Day called the session to order for business.

Credentials Committee reported seventeen churches reported and were in order. Chairman, Rev. Wayne Neely

Clerk Steve Day called roll of delegates.

Old business called for and none reported.

Visitors were Brother Eddie Coffee from Nashville, TN.

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The One Hundred Twenty-Ninth Annual Association

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**Executive Board reported the following item for vote:
That the Board of Christian Education be dissolved due to lack
of interest from the churches. This item was tabled to the
evening session for discussion and vote.**

**Home Missions Board reported a monetary balance of
\$8,000.00. The board motioned that \$5,000.00 be given to the
Acts I: 8 program designated for the Mobile mission and in
honor of Brother James Tyus and Rev. J.D. Wales for their
service to missions during their lifetime. This motion was
accepted.**

**Rev. Mike Cox reported on the Acts I: 8 Program:
The Mobile mission has seven acres of land with two buildings.
Rev. Tim Riggs reported a congregation of 30 in attendance.**

Cahaba River Treasurer report: Steve Day

Balance on hand October 7, 2006	\$8,734.38
Receipts and offerings	<u>7,392.85</u>
Balance after receipts	\$16,127.23
Paid out:	
Guest speaker	\$400.00
Moderator fee	50.00
Asst. Moderator fee	25.00
Clerk fee	150.00

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The One Hundred Twenty-Ninth Annual Association

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Treasurer report continued...

Paid outs continued:

Food expense (128th annual)	450.00
Board of Christian Education donation	1,000.00
Alabama State fees	2,565.00
Assistant clerk fee	50.00
Supplies	32.00
Post Office Box fee	26.00
Supplies	60.81
Supplies	35.46
Stamps	39.00
Supplies	93.46
Minute books printing fee	405.00
Food expense for 129th semi-annual session	475.00
Supplies	37.40
Stamps	41.00
Planning committee expense 129th annual	35.00
Program printing for annual session	<u>133.10</u>
<i>Total paid out...</i>	<i>\$10,024.23</i>

Children's Home report...Lecil Gardner

Item 1. That nineteen children are living at the home.

Item 2. That this is "Harvest Time" at the home.

Item 3. That a motorcycle club gave \$ 20,000.00.

Item 4. That a gym is being built.

Item 5. That from the four girls that graduated, three are going to college. One sang in Washington D.C. and was awarded a \$160,000.00 scholarship.

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The One Hundred Twenty-Ninth Annual Association

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Christian Education Board report: Rev. Mike Cox

<u>Balance on hand 10-07-06</u>	<u>\$1,280.82</u>
Income	<u>1,032.00</u>
<u>Balance after income</u>	<u>\$2,312.82</u>
<u>Paid out;</u>	
Postage	\$39.00
November rally (food, farm fee, & supplies)	359.29
January rally (rent gym, pizza, & speaker)	370.00
March rally (speaker & food)	<u>329.12</u>
<u>Total paid out</u>	<u>\$1,097.41</u>
Ending balance 09-08-07	\$1,215.41

Auditing Committee report: Rev. Charles Shaw, Ch.

The Auditing committee examined the bank records from October 2006 to September 2007 of the Cahaba River District Association treasurer and Board of Christian Education treasurer and found the records to be correct and in order. The Cahaba River Missions Board had no action to report.

Delegates to the Alabama State Association

November 7-9, 2007 at Northport, Alabama were:
Barbara Ellison, Thelma Gardner, Marie Goodwin,
Nell Grissom, Odessa Ledlow, Landa Nichols, Leona Nichols,
Paul Nichols, Billie Rollins, and Imojean Walker.

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Ordaining Council report:

The council recommends Brother Paul Dodd be issued a certificate of standing as deacon at Pleasant Grove.

Council members were: Rev. Rick Andrews, chairman, Rev. Eugene Howard, Rev. Ernest Walker, Rev. John Ackerman, and Rev. Kenneth Cook.

Registration Committee report:

Ministers 19, Deacons 11, Delegates 40, Others & Visitors 16 resulted in a total of 86.

After intermission, Brother Steve Johnson led the opening congregational singing.

Business and Deceased Committee report: Brother Paul Nichols, chairman.

Item 1. Committee recommended that the Association give a love offering of \$1,000.00 toward a roof for Sister Icy Mae Fredrick.

Item 2. Committee recommended that the offering received at this session be designated to Union Hill for their roof fund.

Item 3. Committee recommended the 130th Semi-annual session meet with Greater Vision in Prattville, AL and the 130th Annual session meet with Trinity. Trussville, AL.

Other committee members were Reverends, Dale McCoy, Scott Wright, Jack Rollins, and Burble Alexander.

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Deceased Committee report:

Church:

Davis Chapel

First (Selma)

First (Oak Grove)

Mt. Pleasant

Mt. Zion

Oklahoma

Loved one:

Eula S. Colvin

Beth Gault

Michael Osborn

W.E. Stone

Mary Johnson

Rev. Maxwell Harper

Harold Hardwick

Rev. J.D. Wales

Karoline Stokes

A moment of silence was observed in respect of deceased.

Brother Steve Johnson led the congregation in song as an offering was received and designated to Union Hill roof fund. Brother Steve sang a special entitled, "He'll Carry Me Thru." Rev. Dale McCoy prayed a special blessing on the offering.

Rev. Rick Andrews sang a special song entitled, "Going To Be Worth It All."

Rev. Samuel Nickles entitled the morning message "God's Good Hand On Ezra" with scripture in Ezra 7:9-10.

Lunch prayer was by Rev. Wayne McDaniel.

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Brother Royce Grissom led the congregation in song.

Rev. John Ackerman sang a special song entitled, "How Great Thou Art."

Rev. Scott Wright entitled the evening devotion, "I See Your Mouth Moving" with scripture from I Corinthians 13:1-3.

Executive committee presented the following business tabled from the morning session:

Item 1. That the Board of Christian Education be dissolved due to lack of participation in the program.

Item 2. that the final line of Article VI which reads, "The Christian Education Board fund" be deleted and Article VI-D be completely deleted from the Constitution due to the dissolving of the Board of Christian Education.

Item 3. that the churches continue to host the youth rallies and plan fellowship services with sister churches.

Item 4. that the ending bank balance (approximately \$1200.00) from the Christian Education Board be given to Acts I:8 Plan designated for the Russian Youth Camp fund.

Executive Board members are Clerk, Steve Day and the Reverends: Mike Cox, Raymond Rivers, Wayne Neely, Glenn Hood, Rickey Patterson, and Wayne McDaniel.

These items of business were voted on and passed.

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The Nominating Committee reported the following candidates for the perspective offices:

- 1. Moderator-Rev. Jack Rollins Term 2008-2009**
- 2. Asst. Moderator- Rev. Burble Alexander Term 2008-2009**
- 3. Member @ Large- Rev. Scott Wright Term 2008-2010**
- 4. Ordination Council- Rev. Mike Cox Term 2008-2012**
- 5. Missions Board- Travis Webster- Term 2010**
Harold Duckett- Term 2010
Rev. Charley Weaver- Term 2010
Royce Grissom- Term 2009

These candidates were voted on and accepted.

Moderator, Rev. Mike Cox introduced the new Moderator for next session, Rev. Jack Rollins.

Rev. Jack Rollins announced the 130th semi-annual session would be with Greater Vision in Prattville on March 1, 2008.

Rev. Michael Barber prayed the benediction.

(End of the 129th annual session minutes)



Women Active For Christ Annual Minutes

April 7, 2007

The fifty-third session of the Cahaba River District Women's Auxiliary convened with Forestdale Free Will Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama on a brisk cold day.

The theme chosen was entitled, "Farther Still Unto The World"

President, Sissie Click opened the session with prayer.

After prayer, the congregation sang "The Gloryland Way" led by Odessa Ledlow.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Business-Odessa Ledlow, Marie Goodwin, Bettie Wade.

Nomination- Paulette Boyd, Barbara Ellison.

Credentials- Pauline Hood, Cherri Cox.

Audit- Ann Hazelwood, Alice Hood.

Appreciation- Gail Scogin, Delora Rayfield.

Odessa Ledlow led the congregation in singing "Showers Of Blessings."

The morning devotion by Cherri Cox was very inspiring!

Odessa Ledlow led the congregation in singing "The Solid Rock" as a love offering of \$162.00 was received for guest speaker, Pat Franks. Sister Pat delivered an inspiring devotion entitled, "Our 3-D Enemy-the devil, the demons and death." She ended with prayer.

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During a break the committees deliberated and returned the following reports which were accepted:

1. Credentials reported all letters were in order.

2. Audit reported all bank statements in order.

3. Appreciation thanked Forestdale for the goody bags and all the hard work preparing for the session.

4. Nomination recommended the following names for consideration as officers for the years 2008-2009:

President-Marie Goodwin, Vice-President- Barbara Ellison, Secretary/Treasurer- Bettie Wade, and Members @ Large- Cherri Cox and Paulette Boyd.

5. Business recommended the following items:

A. - the \$400.00 project money be divided into three works in Brazil. First, that \$200.00 go to pastor's fund @ Belo Herzonts. Second, that \$100.00 go to a children's fund @ Belo Herzonts. Thirdly, that \$100.00 go to a Children's Home @ Araras.

B. - that we purchase four ten dollar door prizes for state.

C. - that the 2009 session meet with Mt. Zion.

6. Count committee reported 23 total attendance.

Congregation sang "At The Cross" and "Victory In Jesus".

Alice Hood installed the newly elected officers for 2008-09.

Bettie Wade presented Pat Franks with a love offering and gift.

The session was dismissed after announcements and lunch.

[End of WAC District Minutes]



**ANNUAL REPORT LETTER
TO ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION**

From: Cahaba River District Association of Free Will Baptists

To: Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists

Report Date: From 10-07-06 to 09-08-07

Meeting at: Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church

50 Kings Road, Sylacauga, Alabama

September 8, 2007

Past Moderator

Rev. Mike Cox

402 Brian Lane

Adamsville, AL 35005

205-674-6021

Present moderator

Rev. Jack Rollins

920 Meehan Avenue

B'ham , Al 35214

205-798-1508

**Delegates to State
Association**

Barbara Ellison

Thelma Gardner

Marie Goodwin

Nell Grissom

Odessa Ledlow

Landa Nichols

Leona Nichols

Paul Nichols

Billie Rollins

Imojean Walker

Statistics

Total churches	19
(Town)	15
(Rural)	4
Total reporting	19

Membership

Members added	68
Members baptized	20
Members lost	18
Total members	2,014

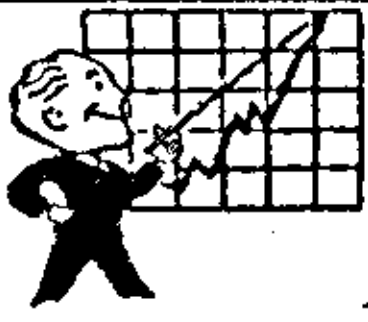
General Information

Ordained ministers	36
Licensed ministers	2
Ordained deacons	54
Sunday School	978
WAC	40
CTS	27

State fees enclosed:

\$2,565.00

Clerk, Steve Day



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.**



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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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 the Cahaba River Missions 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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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 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
3. Credentials *
4. Auditing
5. Registration.

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

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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 second Saturday morning in September of each year.

The Praise and Worship service will be held Friday evening before the second Saturday in September 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.

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.

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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]

NOTES



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.

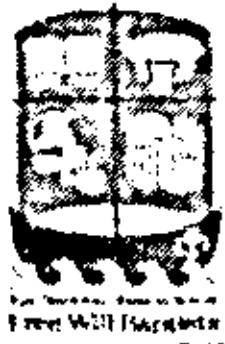
Since the Bible is the Word of God, it is without error in all matters upon which it speaks, whether history, geography, matters relating to science or any other subject.

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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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, 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 it's 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!