MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST SESSIONS





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SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2009



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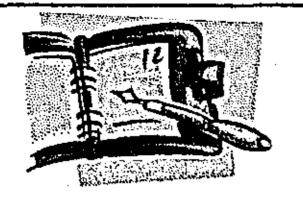
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<u>MARCH 6,2010</u>: Cahaba River District Semi-Annual Association @ Forestdale Free Will Baptist Church, 2615 Veteran's Parkway, (Highway 78) Birmingham, AL.35214

<u>April 3,2010:</u> Cahaba River District Women Active for Christ Annual Association @ Forestdale Free Will Baptist Church, 2615 Veteran's Parkway, (Highway 78), Birmingham, AL 35214

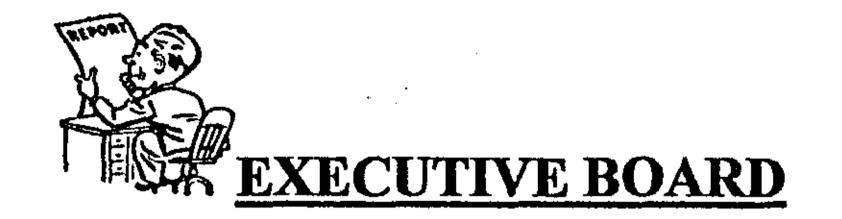
<u>April 24, 2010</u>: Alabama State Women Active for Christ @ Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church in Pell City, AL.

July 18-20 2010: National Association of Free Will Baptist @ Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

<u>September 10, 2010:</u> Cahaba River District Association Praise & Worship Service @ Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Highway 231-S, Pell City, AL 35125.

<u>September 11, 2010:</u> 132nd Cahaba River District Association Annual Session @ Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Highway 231-S, Pell City, AL 35125

<u>November 3-5, 2010</u>: Alabama Free Will Baptist State Association @ Dothan.



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<u>Please note:</u> <u>Article VI-C of Constitution</u> <u>explains term.</u>

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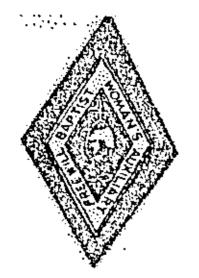
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<u>Please notice...</u>

2010 session will convene with Forestdale, April 3, 2010 Guest speaker, Jessica Long Colorado missionary

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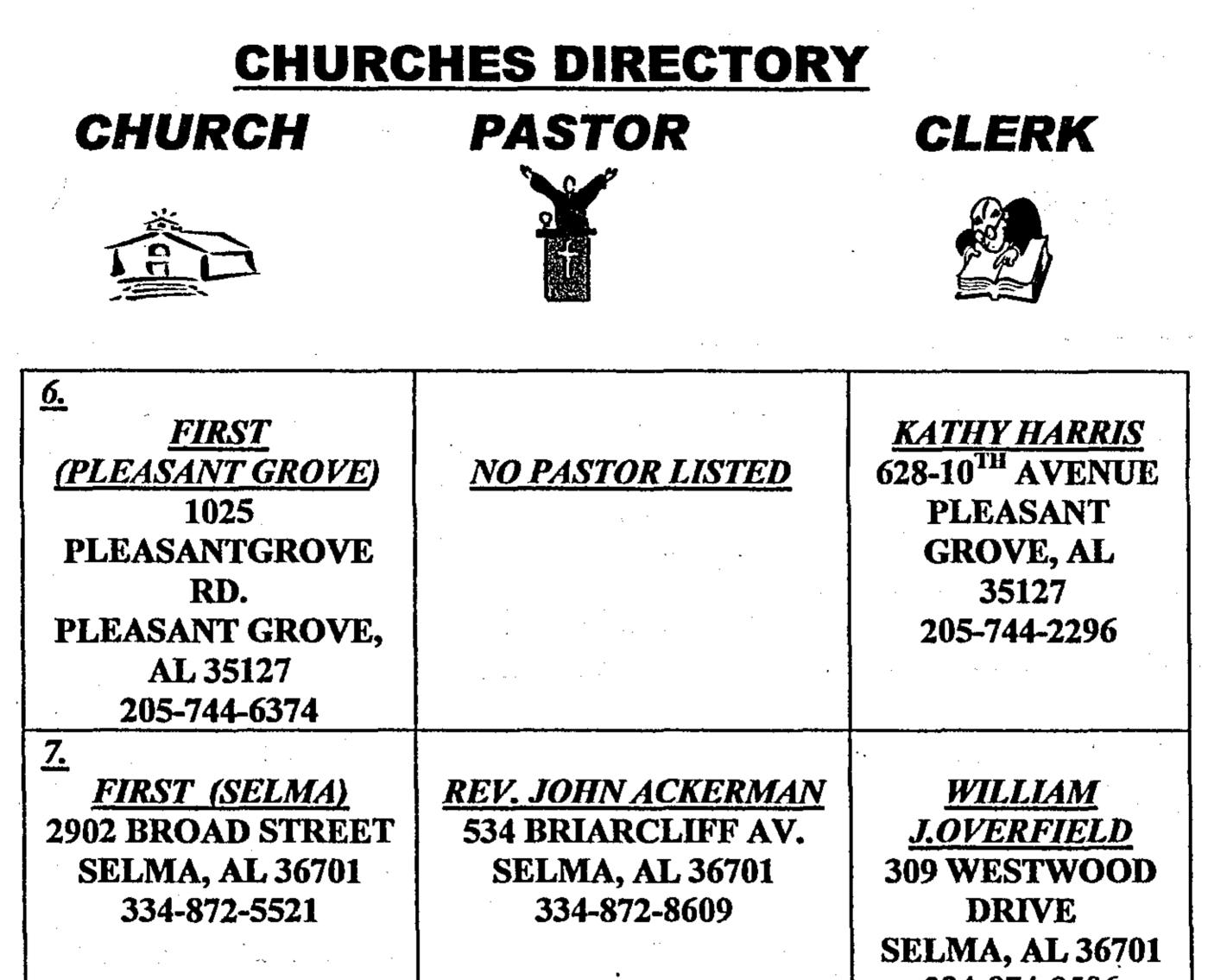
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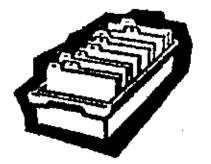
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MINUTES OF THE ONE-HUNDRED THIRTIETH FIRST SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

Convening with... First Free Will Baptist Church **1025 Pleasant Grove Road** Pleasant Grove, AL 35217 **Rev. Grant Webb-Pastor Rev. Jack Rollins-Moderator** <u>March 7, 2009</u>

The 131st semi-annual session of the Cahaba River District Association opened a song entitled "Power In The Blood" led by host pastor, Rev. Grant Webb.

Rev. Grant Webb prayed the opening prayer.

The congregation sang "Standing On The Promises".

Moderator Rev. Jack Rollins entitled his message "Unity With Each Other" with scripture reading from Psalms 133:1 closing with prayer.

Clerk Steve Day called the 131st semi-annual session to order for business.

The Credentials Committee reported nineteen letters (Seventeen received, one verbal, and one mission) to be in order. The committee reminded the churches that ordained men's names are not to be listed on the semi-annual <u>letter</u>, only the men who are to be examined. Chairman: Rev. Wayne Neely



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Clerk Steve Day called the roll of delegates and they were seated.

Visitors welcomed were:

Rev. Rick Cash, Executive Director of State Ministries, Rev. Rodney Yerby of International Missions, and Dan Ireland for ALCAP.

No old business was reported.

Rev. Rodney Yerby reported the International Missions coin bank project netted \$566,000.00.

Children's Home report: Rev. Rodney Yerby. The home has two new house parents, thirty-eight children and a new social director and Brother Lecil Gardner was reconignized for thirty-five years of service as Cahaba River trustee.

Rev. Rick Cash reported a small decrease in the budget from \$570,000 to \$555,000.He encouraged investment in the Acts I: 8 Plan, our missionaries, and the Children's Home. Rev. Cash encouraged all to stand against gambling issues.



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Cahaba River Treasurer report- Steve Day

Balance on hand 09-13-08...

\$10,640.05

Receipts: Fees 03-07-09 Offerings (130th annual) Balance after all receipts...

Paid out: Moderator Asst. moderator Clerk Asst. clerk Food (130th annual session) Love offering for Acts I:8 Plan Church fees to state Image Craft (supplies) Moody post office box Moody Post Office (stamps) *Supplies* Moody Post office (stamps) Planning 131st semi-annual Minute book printing fee 131st programs printing fee Total paid out... Balance on hand 01-01-08...

3,240.00 <u>187.82</u> \$1,4067.87

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The Deceased Committee reported the following loved ones ... Davis' Chapel-Beatrice Howard and Judy Howard Fultondale- Sybil Ellis Mt. Zion- Mae Hesterly Oak Grove- Gladys Smith Talladega- Della B. Jones Union Hill- Lillian Lynn After a moment of silence, Rev. Jack Rollins prayed.

Dan Ireland encouraged everyone to get involved to stop gambling from coming to

Alabama. He gave the following telephone numbers of legislature to call... Senate House of Representatives @ 334-242-7800 State Senate Chamber @ 334-242-7600

Break

The session began with the congregation singing "<u>More About Jesus.</u>"

Rev. Rodney Yerby presented a short film of Alabama Governor Bob Riley's views on the issue of gambling in Alabama.



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Steve Johnson sang "<u>I Belong To The King.</u>"

Rev. Rick Cash's morning message was entitled "<u>Lord, Revive Us Again</u>" with scripture reading from Psalms 85.

After lunch the session continued with congregational singing and prayer by Rev. Jack Rollins.

Rev. Raymond Rivers, missionary to Calera, AL preached the afternoon message entitled "B<u>lessings Of Shut Doors"</u> with scripture from

The Ordaining council requested Rev. Ron Woodard replace Rev. Eugene Howard due to health problems.

The Business Committee recommended the following items...

- 1. that, the Gospel Light Mission, Calera, AL be accepted into the Cahaba River Association
- 2. that, we all pray for Sister Billie Rollins.
- 3. that, we thank Pleasant Grove for welcoming us and the wonderful meal.

The right hand of fellowship given to Raymond and Susan Rivers served as benediction.

<u>End of 131st semi-annual minutes</u>

CAHABA RIVER ANNUAL ASSOCIATION PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE

Centerpoint Free Will Baptist Church 831 Mary Vann Lane Birmingham, AL Pastor: Rev. Glenn Hood - Moderator: Rev Burble Alexander September 11, 2009

The Praise and Worship Service began with congregational singing led by Pastor Rev. Glenn Hood entitled, <u>"Jesus Saves</u> and "<u>Revive Us Again.</u>"

Moderator, Rev. Burble Alexander welcomed everyone to the service with prayer.

Rev. Glenn Hood sang a special song entitled, "<u>I'll Bless</u> <u>Your Name".</u>

The guest speaker, Rev. Lee Bevan entitled his message, " <u>What Things Are You Seeking Today?</u>" Scripture was read from Colossians 3: 1-9.

Host Pastor announced an "*Ice Cream Supper*" after service.

Rev. Burble Alexander urged everyone to attend the Saturday annual session.

Moderator dismissed the session in prayer.

Refreshments were served.



September 12, 2009

Convening with: Centerpoint Free Will Baptist Church 831 Mary Vann Lane Birmingham, AL 35215 Pastor: Rev. Glenn Hood Moderator: Rev. Jack Rollins

<u>The 131st Annual</u> Cahaba River District Annual session began with a welcome.

<u>Rev. Glenn Hood</u> led the congregation in singing "<u>When</u> <u>We All Get To Heaven</u>".

<u>Rev. Eugene Howard</u> led in prayer.

<u>Moderator, Rev. Jack Rollins</u> used the title "<u>Working</u> <u>Together</u>" with scripture reading from II Chronicles 6:1-3 for the opening message.

<u>Clerk Steve Day</u> called the 131st session to order for business.

<u>Rev. Kevin Nelson</u> presented the Credentials Committee report as follows: All twenty churches reported. Gold certificates were requested for: Harold Duckett and Johnny Harris of Mt. Olive, W.E. Thompson of Trinity, and Charles Shaw of Davis' Chapel. Those to be questioned for ordination were: Drew Sams from Trinity and Jeff Harris and Kenneth Mc Donald from Oak Grove. The list of deceased was presented to the business committee.

<u>Clerk, Steve Day</u> read the roll and delegates were seated.



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Old Business: None

<u>Treasurer's report</u> was delive	vered by Steve Day:
Balance on hand 09-13-08	\$10,640.05
Received: Fees	5780.00
Interest on CD	623.25
Offerings	545.82
Balance after receipts	17,589.12
Paid out	
Moderator	\$50.00
Asst. Moderator	25.00
Clerk	150.00
Asst. Clerk	50.00
Food expense	450.00
Acts I: 8	187.83
State fees	2565.00
Supplies	54.98
Post Office box	38.00
Stamps	42.00
Supplies	51.47
Stamps	42.00
Program Committee expense	35.00
Minutes printed	450.00
131 st program printed	83.02
International Missions	356.00
Food expense	450.00
Supplies (Image Craft, OSCS, and	d stamps) 202.20
Safe deposit box	25.00
Program committee expense	25.00
Total Paid Out	\$5418.26
Balance 09-12-09	\$12,170.86
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<u>Clerk, Steve Day</u> read the Acts I: 8 Plan report due to Rev. Cash being in Russia... As of August 31, a total of \$ 363,283.70 was received. Of this, Cahaba River Association gave \$49,036.96.

Pray for major decisions concerning Alabama.

Brother Lecil Gardner reported for the Children's Home...

Rev. Mike Corley, missionary to Russia was appointed the new director, August 1st.

The home has at this time a total of twenty children. Three were saved at camp. Six were baptized. Two retired teachers are providing tutoring for students. Construction on the new 70 x 120' building on schedule.

State Delegates list:

Edna Ackerman, Nell Grissom, Leona Nichols, Paul Nichols, Kathleen Sfakeous, and Imojean Walker.

<u>Auditing Committee</u> report: Rev. Charles Shaw We, the auditing committee examined the treasurer's report and found it to be in order.

Nomination Committee report: Rev. Ernest Walker The committee recommended Rev. Jack Rollins, Moderator Rev. Burble Alexander, Assistant Moderator Rev. Glenn Hood, member at large Rev. Ernest Walker to replace Rev. John Ackerman on the Ordination Council Rev. John Ackerman, Paul Nichols on the Home Mission Board, with Rev. Lee Bevan replacing Larry Smith.



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<u>Business and Deceased Committee</u> report: Rev. Wayne McDaniel.

The following loved ones were reported:

<u>Centerpoint</u>-Rev. David Reese

<u>Davis' Chapel-</u> Beatrice Howard, Judy Howard, and Olean Worthy

Fairview- Clifton Ragsdale, Joyce Reed, and Betty Stiles

Forestdale- Dorothy Lynch

Moody- Rev. Lonnie Goodwin

<u>Mt. Olive</u>- Jerry Harris and Leacy Isbell

<u>Oak Grove</u> – W.G. Caroll, Cecil Harris, and Sue Pearcey <u>Talledega</u> – Della Jones

<u>Sis. Beverly Bolton</u> was elected to serve as a district communications secretary to aid churches with a district newsletter which would contain any church announcements sent to her to be published. Beverly's address is: 1425 Bullock's Ferry Road, Talladega, AL 35160. Her E-Mail is <u>bab4jc@yahoo.com</u>. Her telephone numbers are 256-362-3692 and 256-493-0745.

Intermission and refreshments

<u>After opening prayer</u> the congregation sang: "<u>Power In</u> <u>the Blood."</u>and "<u>At Calvary."</u>

<u>A Special prayer</u> request was made for Laura Williams.



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Special singing: Mr. And Mrs. Steve Johnson sang, "<u>I'll Do The Impossible.</u>" Rev. Burble Alexander sang, "He Lives." Centerpoint group sang, "It Is Well." Rev. Steven Martin sang, "What A Day."

<u>Rev. Steven Martin, guest speaker entitled the morning</u> message, "Treasure In The Field." with scripture from Matthew 13:44.

The offering of \$ 231.64 was earmarked for the general fund.

<u>Lunch</u> prayer was by Rev. Burble Alexander.

The Evening Session began with the congregation singing, "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder."

Moderator thanked the church for their hospitality and a great lunch.

<u>Rev. Jeff Harris entitled the evening message, "Lead Me</u> **By Your Spirit**" with scripture from Exodus 33:13.

<u>Registration Committee</u> reported the following stats... Praise & Worship service 33 Annual service: Ministers 21, Deacons 16, Delegates 36, Visitors <u>17</u> for a total of <u>80</u>.



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Ordination Committee reported the following recommendations:

1.*That*, Kevin Hill, Steven Martin, and Lee Bevan be received as ordained ministers in good standing.

2.*That*, Kenneth McDaniel be ordained as a deacon and his ordination service take place at 1st Free Will Baptist, Oak Grove, Sylacauga.

3.*That*, Jeff Harris be licensed to preach the gospel for one year and his licensing service take place at 1st Free Will Baptist, Oak Grove, Sylacauga.

4.*That*, Drew Sams be licensed to preach the gospel for one year and his licensing service take place at Trinity.

5.*That,* Charles Shaw, Harold Duckett, Johnny Harris, and W. E. Thompson are presented Gold Certificates.

Committee members were Reverends: Ron Woodard, Mike Cox, Rick Andrews, and John Ackerman. Rev. Mike Cox requested all ordained men shake hands with the above named.

Rev. Jack Rollins prayed the benediction.

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Women Active For Christ Annual Minutes

<u>April 4, 2009</u>

The fifty-fifth session of the Cahaba River District Women's Auxiliary convened with Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church in Pell City, Alabama.

The session opened with congregational singing led by Tammy Bryant entitled " *What A Friend We have In Jesus.*"

Coordinator, Marie Goodwin opened the session with prayer.

Paulette Boyd gave the welcome address.

Bettie Wade responded with a hearty "*Thank You*" to Mt. Zion ladies.

The delegates were seated.

Paulette Boyd, Alice Hood, and Barbara Stevens were appointed as State delegates. Paulette Boyd was also elected to serve on the state nominating committee.

District committees were appointed as follows: Business: Bettie Wade, Thelma Gardner, and Nell Grissom.

Nominating: Pauline Hood and Sissie Click. Credentials: Barbara Stevens and Paulette Boyd. Auditing: Dot Grimes and Alice Hood.

Miss Anna Bryant sang, "We Speak Your Name." beautifully.

A special time of prayer was taken for Billie Rolllins.

Women Active For Christ Annual Minutes

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Committee reports were as follows: Business...

Item 1. that the \$ 300.00 project money be given to Christina and Matt Price.

Item 2. that we set aside \$ 15.00 each year from the treasury to be given to host church for food expense.

Item 3. that the 2010 session convene with the Forestdale Church.

Credentials...

All letters from auxiliaries were in order. Auditing...

All financial records were found to be in order. Nominating...

Coordinator: <u>Paulette Boyd</u>, Assistant Coordinator: <u>Sissie Click</u>, Secretary-Treasurer: <u>Bettie Wade</u>, Members @ Large: <u>Barbara Stevens and Dot Grimes</u>. All nominated officers were accepted.

Banner award winner was Forestdale with sixteen members present.

After a song, the devotional was presented by Alice Hood reading Hebrews 5:14 to compliment her speech.

Miss Anna Bryant sang "<u>Red Letter Day.</u>"

Guest speaker, Tammy Bryant used the topic "<u>The Perfect</u> <u>Man</u>". Tammy was presented a love offering.

After announcements, Libby Willoughby installed the new 2010-2011 officers.

Session ended with prayer and lunch being served.

ANNUAL REPORT LETTER

From: Cahaba River District Association of Free Will Baptists To: Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists Report Date: From 09-13-08 to 09-12-09 Meeting @: Centerpoint Free Will Baptist Church 831 Mary Vann Lane, Birmingham, Al

<u>September 12, 2009</u>

Present moderator: Rev. Jack Rollins 920 Meehan Avenue B'ham , Al 35214 205-798-1508

<u>Delegates to State</u> Association:

<u>Membership:</u>

Members added	62
Members baptized	18
Members lost	10
Total members	2,016

<u>General Information:</u> Ordained ministers 29

Imojean Walker Nell Grissom Leona Nichols Paul Nichols Kathleen Sfakcona

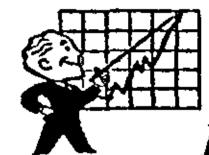
Statistics:

Total churches20(Town)16(Rural)4Total reporting20

Licensed ministers7Ordained deacons52Sunday School990WAC35CTS25

State fees enclosed: \$<u>2,700.00</u>

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



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.



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

<u>ARTICLE II- This association has adopted the Treatise of the Faith</u> 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

<u>ARTICLE II-</u>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.

<u>ARTICLE III-</u>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.

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

<u>ARTICLE IV-Each church composing this association shall be</u> 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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<u>ARTICLE V-</u> 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.

<u>ARTICLE VI-</u> 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

<u>ARTICLE VI-A</u>- There shall be a "<u>Home Missions Board".</u> 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.

<u>ARTICLE VI-B- There</u> shall be an" <u>Executive Board</u>". 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.

<u>ARTICLE VI-C</u>- There shall be an <u>"Ordination Council</u>." 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".

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

<u>ARTICLE VIII-</u>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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<u>ARTICLE VIII-A-</u> The Auditing and Registration committees will serve at the Annual association session only.

<u>ARTICLE VIII-B-</u> The Credentials committee shall be composed of ordained men.

<u>ARTICLE VIII-C</u> All other committees except Registration shall have at least one ordained man on it.

<u>ARTICLE IX-</u> This association shall meet the first Saturday morning in March and the second Saturday morning in September of each year.

<u>The Praise and Worship service will be held Friday evening</u> before the second Saturday in September of each year.

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

<u>ARTICLE X-</u> 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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<u>ARTICLE XII-</u> 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.

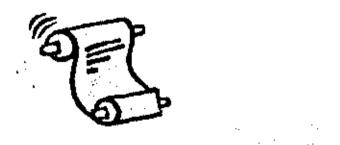
ORDINATION AND CHURCH GUIDELINES

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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: "<u>The Free Will Baptist Treatise,</u> <u>Practices of the Free Will Baptists- Chapter II, The Minister,</u> <u>Section II- His Discipline.)</u>

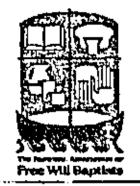
[END OF ORDINATION GUIDELINES]



"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]



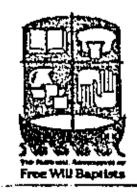
CHAPTER I The Holy Scriptures

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.

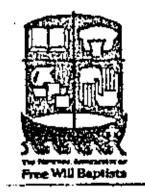
3.Of Man. God created man, consisting of a material body and a thinking, rational soul. He was made in the image of God, to glorify his Maker.

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.

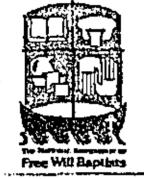
3. *His Works*. By Christ the world was created. He preserves and governs it; He has provided redemption for all men and He will be their final Judge.

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. Continued...



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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 congregation al 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*

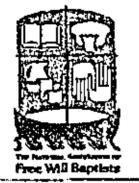
The call of the gospel is co-extensive with the atonement to all men, both by the word and strivings of the Spirit, so that salvation is rendered equally possible to all; and if any fail of eternal life, the fault is his own.

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

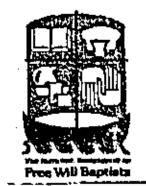
As man is a fallen and sinful being, he must be regenerated in order to obtain salvation. This change is an instantaneous renewal of the heart by the Holy Spirit, whereby the penitent sinner receives new life, becomes a child of God, and is disposed to serve Him. This is called in Scripture,"being born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

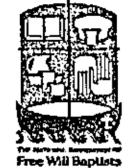
Appendix to Chapter XIII (Adopted July 1969)

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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THE FAITH OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS Continued...

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.

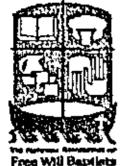
CHAPTER XIV The Lord's Day

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.



Free Will Baseline THE FAITH OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS Continued...

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.

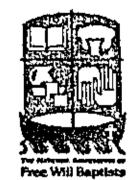
CHAPTER XVII The Gospel Ministry

1. Qualifications of Ministers. They must posses 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. Continued...



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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.



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".]

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Free Will Baptist Church Covenant

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all

men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church

conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of 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!