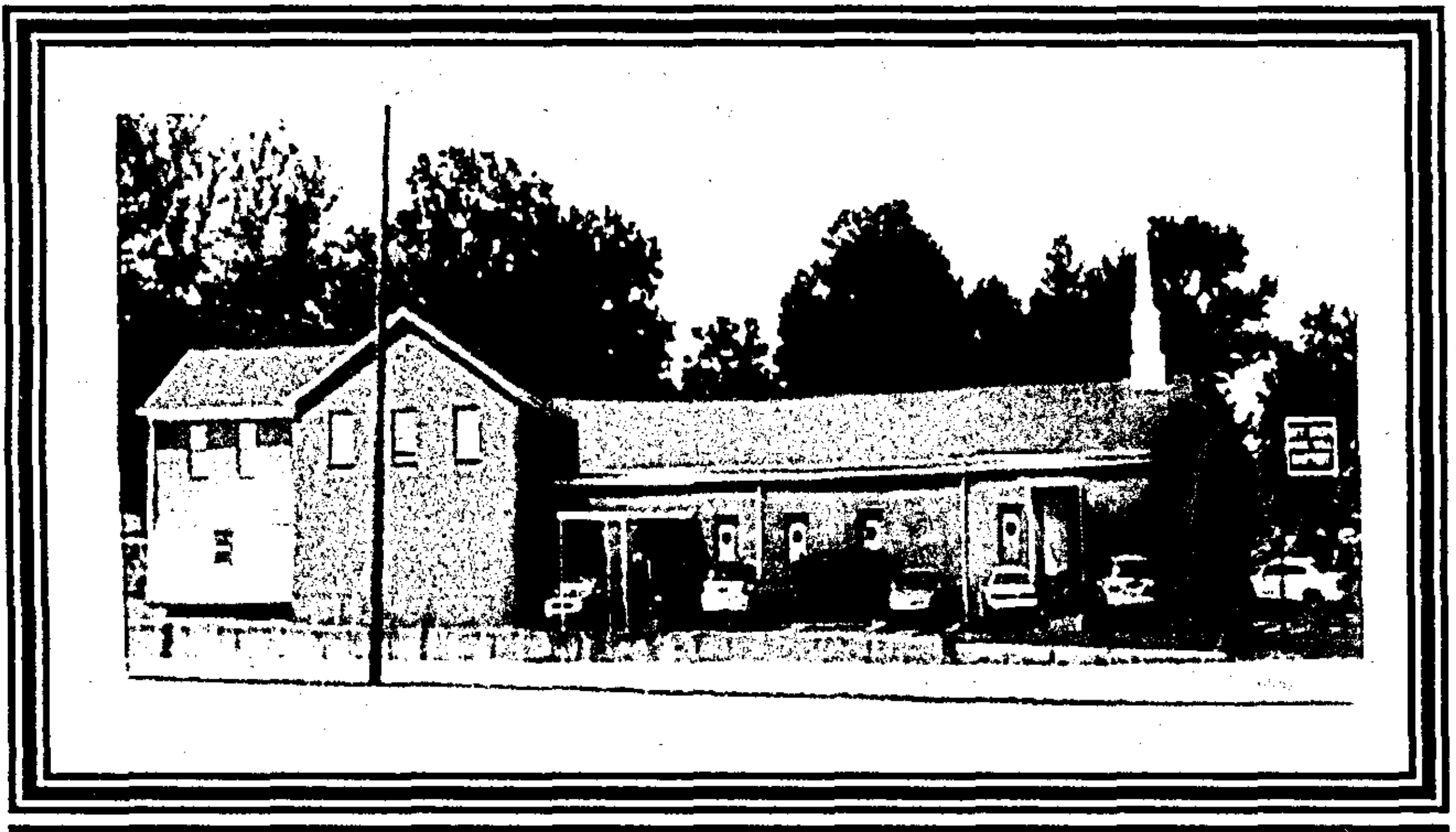


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**CONVENED WITH:**

***FORESTDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH***  
***2615 VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARKWAY***  
***BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35214***

**MARCH 06, 2010**

**&**

***MT. ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH***  
***915 MARTIN STREET***

***PELL CITY, ALABAMA 35125***

**SEPTEMBER 10-11, 2010**

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Term ending 2015**

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Term ending 2013**

**Rev. John Ackerman  
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Term ending 2014**

**Please note:  
Article VI-C of Constitution  
explains term.**



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**Term ending 2013**

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Selma, AL 36701  
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**Term ending 2011**

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### Assistant-Coordinator:

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### Secretary and Treasurer:

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### Please notice...

**2011 session will convene with  
Centerpoint Free Will  
Baptist Church  
April 2, 2011**



# **CHURCHES DIRECTORY**

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<p><u>6.</u></p> <p><b><u>FIRST</u></b>  <b><u>(PLEASANT GROVE)</u></b>  1025 PLEASANTGR.  RD.  PLEASANT GROVE,  AL 35127  205-744-6374</p>	<p><b><u>NO PASTOR LISTED</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>KATHLEEN</u></b>  <b><u>SFAKIANOE</u></b>  1613 CREST  DRIVE  HUEYTOWN, AL  35023  205-491-4236</p>
<p><u>7.</u></p> <p><b><u>FIRST (SELMA)</u></b>   CHURCH SOLD  NAME ONLY</p>	<p><b><u>REV. JOHN ACKERMAN</u></b>  534 BRIARCLIFF AV.  SELMA, AL 36701  334-872-8609</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><u>8.</u></p> <p><b><u>FIRST (TALLADEGA)</u></b>  256 WHITSON ROAD  TALLADEGA, AL  35160  256-761-1752</p>	<p><b><u>REV.DANNY RYALS</u></b>  300 WHITSON ROAD  TALLADEGA, AL  35160  256-362-6580  cell phone 706-575-2826  pastorryals@aol.com</p>	<p><b><u>NETTIE GOODWIN</u></b>  P.O.BOX 6546  TALLADEGA,AL  35160  256-362-2699</p>
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<p><u>18.</u>  <b><u>SHADY GROVE</u></b>  <b>1630 UNION GROVE</b>  <b>ROAD</b>  <b>ADAMSVILLE, AL</b>  <b>35005</b>  <b>205-674-7022</b></p>	<p><b><u>REV. STEVE MARTIN</u></b>  <b>5117 BANKHEAD</b>  <b>HIGHWAY</b>  <b>ADAMSVILLE, AL</b>  <b>35005</b>  <b>205-641-0091</b></p>	<p><b><u>WANDA HYATT</u></b>  <b>1630 UNION GROVE</b>  <b>ROAD</b>  <b>ADAMSVILLE, AL</b>  <b>35005</b>  <b>205-533-2520</b></p>
<p><u>19.</u>  <b><u>TRINITY CHRISTIAN</u></b>  <b><u>FELLOWSHIP</u></b>  <b>2165 FLOYD</b>  <b>BRADFORD RD.</b>  <b>TRUSSVILLE, AL</b>  <b>35173</b></p>	<p><b><u>REV.RICKY</u></b>  <b><u>ANDREWS</u></b>  <b>165 HALEY ACRES</b>  <b>VANDIVER, AL</b>  <b>35176</b>  <b>205-672-2552</b>  <b>205-365-5548</b></p>	<p><b><u>CHARLOTTE</u></b>  <b><u>GRAVES</u></b>  <b>2750 CARL JONES</b>  <b>ROAD</b>  <b>MOODY, AL 35004</b>  <b>205-640-7811</b></p>
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**MINUTES OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND  
SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION**

**Convening with:  
Forestdale Free Will Baptist Church  
2615 Veteran's Parkway  
Birmingham, Alabama 35214  
Rev. Mike Cox-Pastor  
Rev. Jack Rollins-Moderator  
March 6, 2010**

**The one hundred thirty-second semi-annual session of the Cahaba River District Association opened with the congregation singing "Oh! How Marvelous" led by Steve Johnson.**

**Steve Johnson and his wife sang a special song entitled "Favorite Song Of All".**

**Moderator's message was entitled "All Needs Were Met And Much More" with scripture reading from Matthew 14: 15-25.**

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

**Credentials Committee reported seventeen letters. Rev. Ackerman reported the Selma Church had been sold. Rev. Ernest Walker- chairman.**

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**Clerk called the roll and delegates were seated**

**Visitors were: Rev. Rick Cash , Executive  
Director of State Ministries.**

**Rev. Rodney Yerby, International Missions.**

**Rev. Danny Williams , Children's Home.**

**"Old Business": none.**

**Cahaba River Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report**

<b>Balance On hand 09-12-09</b>	<b>\$12170.86</b>
<b>Fees and offerings</b>	<b><u>2663.64</u></b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>\$14834.50</b>
<b>Paid out</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Asst. Moderator</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>Clerk</b>	<b>150.00</b>
<b>Asst. Clerk</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Food expense</b>	<b>475.00</b>
<b>Computer repair</b>	<b>102.51</b>
<b>State fees</b>	<b>2700.00</b>
<b>Supplies</b>	<b>161.25</b>
<b>USPO</b>	<b>84.00</b>
<b>Minute books</b>	<b>746.15</b>
<b>Program committee</b>	<b><u>48.61</u></b>
<b>Total Paid Out</b>	<b>\$4543.91</b>
<b>Balance 03-06-10</b>	<b>\$10241.98</b>

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**Rev. Danny Williams (Children's Home) praised Lecil Gardner for 30 years as trustee to the home.**

**Dustin, age 16 will be a summer missionary to St. Croix.**

**Rev. Williams invited all to the Homecoming.**

**Rev. Rick Cash, State Executive Director reported the following:**

**Alabama donations totaled \$552,508.26.**

**Cahaba River donations totaled \$69,851.34.**

**International Missions all covered financially.**

**Camp is fully operative (60 reported saved).**

**The 2010 budget includes the Global, Russian, Mexican, Mobile, Alabama and Executive office.**

**Rev. Rodney Yerby:**

**International Missions reported a goal of \$600,000.00 has been set and in fifteen years two Bible institutes established. A DVD was presented of international missions. The work in Mexico is thriving and we have 1100 churches and 38,000 members outside the United States.**

**Steve Johnson led the congregation in singing, "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder."**

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**Business and Deceased Committee report: Rev.**

**Wayne Neely-Chairman**

**Item 1. The 132<sup>nd</sup> semi-annual session convene at Greater Vision on March 5, 2011.**

**Item 2. The fees amount be listed on letter.**

**Item 3. The list of deceased were as follows:**

***Davis' Chapel-Inez Partridge,***

***Fairview- Rev. Robert Roberson and Deldon Wise.***

***Greater Vision-Roy Wallace***

***Moody-Bill Bailey***

***Mt. Zion- Bob Rowe, Joy Sims, and Alice Tyus.***

***Oak Grove- Faye Ricks***

***Shady Grove- Robbie Williams***

***Union Hill- Sara Parker.***

***Others: Bessie Johnson, George Royster, Lorene Goodwin, Carroll Goodwin, Betty Merkel, and Janeva Barnes.***

**Ordaining Council report: Rev. Rick Andrews**

**Item 1. Recommend a letter of good standing be requested for Rev. Frank B. Imes.**

**Item 2. Recommend a letter of good standing be sent to the South Georgia Association for Rev. Dale McCoy.**

**Item 3. Recommend prayer for pastors and churches.**

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**After intermission, the congregation sang  
" Standing On The Promises".**

**An offering of \$255.00 was received.**

**Rev. Rick Andrews sang a song entitled "In The Presence".**

**Rev. Danny Williams, guest speaker used the title "Commitment" with scripture from Luke 14:25.**

**After a great lunch the session reconvened with congregational singing led by Steve Johnson.**

**After prayer by Rev. Ron Woodard, Steve Johnson and his wife sang a special song entitled "I'll Do The Miracles".**

**The congregation gave the church a standing ovation for the wonderful lunch.**

**The afternoon speaker, Rev. Rick Andrews used "Burning Bushes" as the title for his message with reading from Matthew 5:16.**

**Dismissed with special prayer for Billie Rollins.**

**End of Semi- Annual Minutes**

► **PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE** ◀

**September 10, 2010**

**Convening with:**

**Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church**

**915 Martin Street North**

**Pell City, Alabama 35125**

**The Praise and Worship Service opened with congregational singing led by Royce Grissom.**

**Rev. Glenn Hood prayed the opening prayer.**

**Congregation sang “Some Glad Day.”**

**Jameson Willis sang “I’ve Got The Love”.**

**Tammy Bryant sang “I’m Not Ashamed.”**

**Rev. Burble Alexander and Odessa Ledlow sang” Two Winning Hands”.**

**Moderator Rev. Burble Alexander used the text entitled “Getting Back The Anointing with scripture reading from II Kings 2:1-4.**

**Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jack Rollins.**

**End of Praise and Worship Service**

**THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND  
ANNUAL SESSION**

**► September 11, 2010 ◀**

**Convening with:  
Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church  
915 Martin Street North  
Pell City, Alabama 35125  
Pastor: Rev. Michael Barber  
Moderator: Rev. Jack Rollins**

**The one hundred thirty-second session began  
with congregational singing led by Royce Grissom.**

**Rev. John Ackerman led the opening prayer.**

**Congregation sang "I Have Somebody With me".**

**Donny Martin sang "Amazing Grace".**

**Tammy Bryant sang Joyful Morning".**

**Moderator, Rev. Jack Rollins entitled his  
message "Unity" with scripture reading from Psalms  
133.**

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

**Credentials Committee report: The churches are  
not completing the letter and two pastors will be  
joining the Association. Howard Schultz-chairman.**

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**Old Business: none**

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

**Visitors were:**

**1. Rev. Danny Williams (Children's Home Representative) reported the Children's Home will have the annual Harvest Drive in October and the Motorcycle Club raised \$45,000.00 in December with 450 riders present. The last Sunday in September will be Missionary Day at the home.**

**2. Rev. Rick Cash (Executive Director of State Missions) reported a total of 119 were attending a missionary meeting in Russia today when the police stormed in stopping the service with a report of a bomb,**

**That we are \$4200.00 ahead of our Acts I: 8 goal,  
That we pray for our mission the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month,  
The golf tour raised \$4000.00,  
and the Mobile church is doing fine.**

**Delegates to State Association will be:**

**Paul Nichols,  
Marie Goodwin,  
and Nell Grissom.**

**See state letter for complete list.**

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**Treasurer's Annual Report: Steve Day**

<b><u>Balance on hand (09-12-10)...</u></b>	<b>\$12,170.86</b>
<b><u>Deposits:</u></b>	
<b>Fees</b>	<b>4,615.00</b>
<b>Interest on C.D.</b>	<b>622.95</b>
<b>Offerings</b>	<b><u>233.64</u></b>
<b><u>Balance after deposits...</u></b>	<b>\$17,642.45</b>
<b><u>Paid out:</u></b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>Asst. Moderator</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>Clerk</b>	<b>150.00</b>
<b>Asst. Clerk</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Food</b>	<b>475.00</b>
<b>Computer repair</b>	<b>102.51</b>
<b>Fees</b>	<b>2,700.00</b>
<b>USPO</b>	<b>84.00</b>
<b>Miscellaneous supplies total:</b>	<b>576.26</b>
<b>Printing minutes and programs</b>	<b>746.15</b>
<b>Program committee</b>	<b>48.61</b>
<b>Food</b>	<b>450.00</b>
<b>USPO</b>	<b>44.00</b>
<b>Program committee</b>	<b>51.00</b>
<b>Bancorp box</b>	<b><u>25.00</u></b>
<b>Total paid out</b>	<b>\$5,577.53</b>
<b><u>Ending Balance 09-11-10...</u></b>	<b>\$12,064.92</b>

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Auditing Committee reported all financial records in order. Rev. Glenn Hood-chairman.

The congregation sang "America" in honor of the lives lost on September 11<sup>th</sup> and the families who lost them. Rev. Rollins reminded all to remember the men and women who sacrificed to help. Rev. Rollins also reminded us to pray for our military, our firemen, our police, and all emergency personnel.

After intermission the "Mt. Zion String Band" sang "Church In The Wildwood" and "Keep On The Sunny Side".

An offering of \$179.05 was received.

Jameson Willis sang "Not Guilty".

Rev. Rick Andrews sang "I'm Running To The Mercy Seat".

Rev. Bruce Damron used the title "God's Got A Plan" with scripture reading from Hebrews 9: 12-16.

Royce Grissom led a . . congregational altar call song entitled "Near The Cross".

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**Rev. Michael Barber reminded the pastors to complete and return the survey forms he gave them.**

**Registration Committee reported a total of 97.**

**Rev. Wayne Neely prayed the lunch blessing.**

**The congregation sang "Live In Glory".**

**Rev. Ron Woodard prayed the opening prayer for the afternoon session.**

**The afternoon speaker , Brother Howard Schultz read II Timothy 2:2 and entitled his message "Delivering Gentiles From Sin".**

**Ordaining Council report:**

**Letters of good standing received for Rev. Frank Imes and Rev. Danny Ryals.**

**Business Committee recommended the following items:**

**Item 1. Greater Vision has verbally requested membership in Cahaba River. According to the constitution this will be presented at the next scheduled session.**

**Item 2. the clerk add a section in the report letter for remarks.**

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**Item 3. \$179.05 offering ( Exec. Building fund).**

**Deceased Committee reported the following loved ones:**

**Mt. Pleasant -Bessie Johnson .**

**Mt. Zion- Joy Sims, Bob Rowe, Alice Tyus, Gene Herren, and Luther Gilbert.**

**Sylacauga- Betty Merkle, Sharon Thrash, Clyde Ogle, George Royster, Lorin Goodwin and Carol Goodwin.**

**Nominating Committee reported the following:  
Executive Board Clerk-Treasurer, Steve Day to replace self.**

**Asst. Clerk-Treasurer, Wayne Neely to replace self.  
Member @ Large-Rev. Ernest Walker to replace Rev. Scott Wright.**

**Ordaining Council-Rev. Rick Andrews replace self.  
Rev. John Ackerman replace Rev. Kenneth Cook.  
Mission Board- Chairman, Rev. Travis Webster, Harold Duckett, and Charlie Weaver replace themselves.**

**The congregation thanked Mt. Zion for the wonderful lunch.**

**The "Right Hand Of Fellowship" was given to Rev. Danny Ryals of Talladega church.**

**End of annual session**



## **Women Active For Christ Annual Minutes**

**April 3, 2010**

**The fifty-seventh session of the Cahaba River District Women Active for Christ convened with Forestdale Free Will Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama.**

**Coordinator Paulette Boyd opened the session.**

**The theme chosen was entitled, "What Is Our Purpose?"**

**The congregation sang "The Healer".**

**Cherri Cox welcomed everyone and prayed.**

**Delegates were: Ann Hazelwood, Nell Grissom, Sissie Click, Thelma Gardner, Alice Hood, and Carolyn Wilson.**

**Committees were appointed as follows:**

**Business- Alice Hood, Ann Hazelwood and Bettie Wade.**

**Credentials- Nell Grissom and Sissie Click.**

**Audit- Thelma Gardner and Carolyn Wilson.**

**Paulette Boyd asked for the attendance count. The account was a total of fifteen members and two visitors.**

**After prayer Paulette sang a special song entitled "Is My Lord Satisfied With Me?"**

**Business Committee report accepted as recommended:**

- 1. Project money: Jessica and Barry Long account.**
- 2. Change name from auxiliary to "Women Active For Christ".**

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## Women Active For Christ Annual Minutes

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3. Coordinator/President will have power to choose speaker even if they are not a missionary. Mission project money will still be designated for home and foreign missions alternately.
4. Persons performing at the session do not have to be members of a WAC group.
5. Reinstate giving of door prizes. Each group furnish one prize per five members.
6. Pray for WAC five minutes each day.
7. One hundred dollars be given to Children's Home E-Team participant going to Virgin Islands.
8. The 2011 session convene with Center Point WAC.

Credentials Committee reported all letters in order. Suggested groups use report form from secretary. Report accepted.

Audit Committee reported record books in order. Accepted.

Speaker Jessica Long used scripture from Acts 13:7 and shared her calling to work in Denver, Colorado. Paulette Boyd presented her with a gift.

Door prizes donated by Mt. Zion were given out.

Ann Hazelwood thanked Forestdale for all the hard work and warm welcome.

After singing "Whispering Hope" and "Somebody Loves Me" the congregation was dismissed in prayer and blessing on the lunch.

*Bettie Wade-Secretary WAC*



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 09-12-09 to 09-11-10***

***Meeting at: Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church***

***915 Martin Street, Pell City, Alabama 35125***

***September 11, 2010***

***Present moderator***

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

***Delegates to State  
Association***

**Imojean Walker  
Nell Grissom  
Marie Goodwin  
Leona Nichols  
Paul Nichols  
Kathleen Sfakenvan  
Paulette Boyd  
Ann Alexander**

***Statistics***

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

***Membership***

<b>Members added</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Members baptized</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Members lost</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Total members</b>	<b>1,996</b>

***General Information***

<b>Ordained ministers</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Licensed ministers</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Ordained deacons</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>962</b>
<b>WAC</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>CTS</b>	<b>25</b>

**State fees enclosed:**

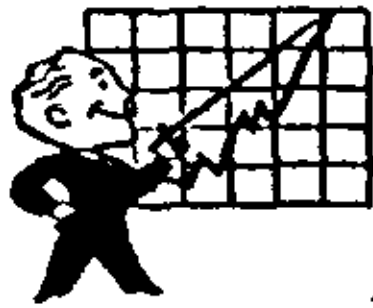
**\$2,565.00**

***Clerk, Steve Day***

***P.O. Box 342***

***Moody, AL 35004***

***205-640-7470***



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

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

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## **CONSTITUTION**

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

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

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 both 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

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## ASSOCIATION ORDINATION GUIDELINES

1. This association neither ordains nor grants a certificate of standing to any man who has more than one living wife nor a man whose wife has more than one living husband.
2. Every minister carries a license until he is either called to a church or enters full-time evangelistic work. The license of these ministers is to be re-issued each year if the church of which they are a member makes a request for the license to be renewed for another year.
3. This association ordains no one who does not fully believe the faith and practice of the Free Will Baptist Treatise.
4. This association ordains no one who does not believe and practice tithing.
5. This association ordains no one who does not believe in the verbal inspiration of the Word of God.
6. This association does not ordain women to preach the gospel.
7. This association will not ordain anyone affiliated with the World Council of Churches.
8. This association will not ordain anyone with a bad character report with "them that are without."
9. This association will not ordain anyone who does not believe and practice the ordinances of the church. These are: A. Baptism by immersion; B. Communion; and C. Feet washing.
10. This association will not ordain anyone who does not believe a person can apostatize and be lost.

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## ORDINATION AND CHURCH GUIDELINES

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11. This association will not ordain anyone who does not abide by the Free Will Baptist church covenant's issue concerning the use and sale of intoxicating beverages.

12. This association has the authority to recall ordination credentials from anyone if there is biblical reason to do so. This association, for a minimum of one year as a probationary period, could hold these credentials or the credentials could be held indefinitely. (See: "The Free Will Baptist Treatise, Practices of the Free Will Baptists- Chapter II, The Minister, Section II- His Discipline.")

*[END OF ORDINATION GUIDELINES]*



## "CHURCH CONFERENCE GUIDELINES"

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

*[End of church guidelines]*





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

## **CHAPTER I** ***The Holy Scriptures***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### **CHAPTER II**

#### ***Being and Attributes of God***

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

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

### **CHAPTER III**

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

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

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

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

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

### **CHAPTER IV**

#### ***Creation, Primitive State of Man and His Fall***

##### **SECTION I: *Creation***

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

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

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

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

**Our first parents in their original state were upright. They naturally preferred and desired to obey their creator and had no preference or desire to transgress His will until they were influenced and inclined by the tempter to disobey God's commands.**

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Previous to this, the only tendency of their nature was to do righteousness. In consequence of the first transgression, the state under which the posterity of Adam came into the world is so different from that of Adam that they have not that righteousness and purity which Adam had before the fall. They are not willing to obey God, but are inclined to evil. Hence, none by virtue of any natural goodness and mere work of their own, can become the children of God, but they are all dependent for salvation upon the redemption effected through the blood of Christ, and upon being created anew unto obedience through the operation of the Spirit; both of which are freely provided for every descendent of Adam.

### **CHAPTER V** ***Of Christ***

#### **SECTION I: *His Divinity***

Jesus Christ, the Son of God possesses all divine perfections. As He and the Father are one. He in His divine nature filled all the offices and performed the works of God to His creatures that have been the subjects of revelation to us. As man, He performed all the duties toward God that we are required to perform, repentance of sin excepted.

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

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

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

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

### ***SECTION II: The Incarnation of Christ***

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

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

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### **CHAPTER VI**

#### ***The Atonement and Mediation of Christ***

**1. *The Atonement.*** As sin cannot be pardoned without a sacrifice, and the blood of beasts could never wash away sin, Christ gave Himself a sacrifice for the sins of the world, and thus made salvation possible for all men. He died for us, suffering in our stead, to make known the righteousness of God, that He might be just in justifying sinners who believe in His Son. Through the redemption affected by Christ, salvation is actually enjoyed in this world, and will be enjoyed in the next by all who do not in this life refuse obedience to the known requirements of God. The atonement for sin was necessary. For present and future obedience can no more blot out our past sins than past obedience can remove the guilt of present and future sins. If God pardoned the sins of men without satisfaction for the violation of His law, it would follow that transgression might go on with impunity; government would be abrogated, and the obligation of obedience to God would be, in effect, removed.

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

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

### **CHAPTER VII** ***The Holy Spirit***

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

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

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

**4. The apostles assert that the Holy Spirit is Lord and God.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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!***