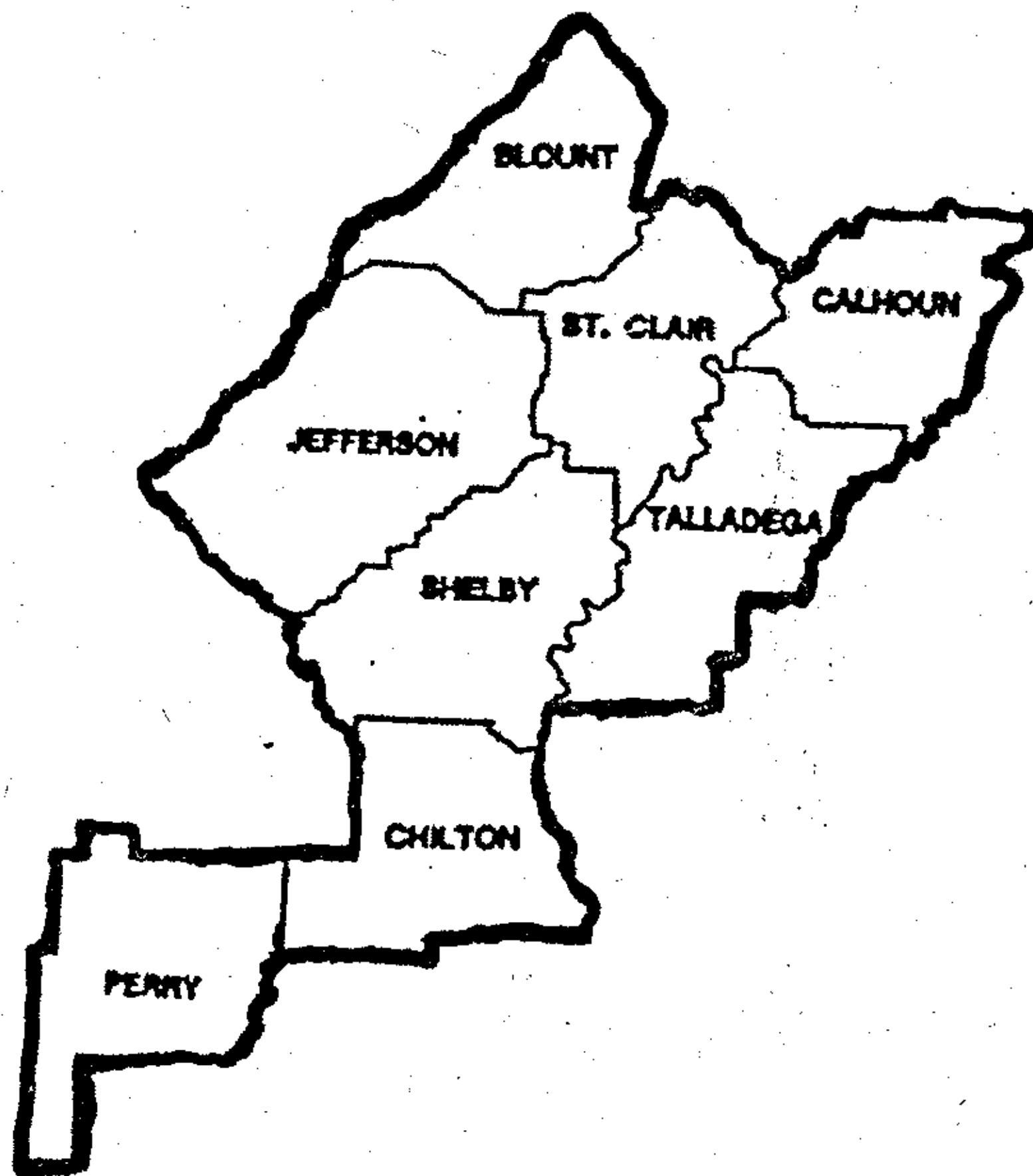


2013



MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIFTH
SESSION OF



THE
CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT
ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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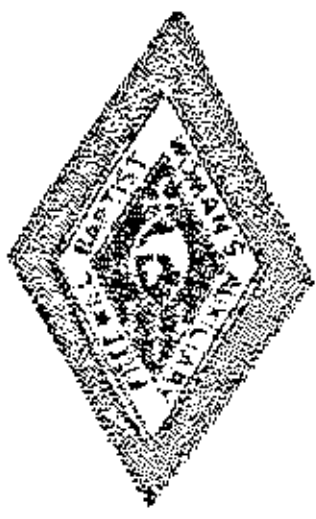
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THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIFTH SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

Convening with:

Mt. Zion FWB Church, Pell City AL

March 2, 2013

The 135th Semi-Annual session of the Cahaba River District Association convened with a welcome from the Moderator, Rev. Burble Alexander.

Bro. Royce Grissom led the congregation in the song service.

Moderator Burble Alexander gave the Moderator's Message, "What does God Require of Us?"

Deuteronomy 10:12-14. "Are We Committed to Walking in Christ?" Acts 1:8.

Clerk Wayne Neely called the 135th session to order for business.

Credentials Committee Report was given by Bro. Howard Schultz. 15 church letters were received, examined, and found to be in order. Voted, carried to accept report.

Clerk called the roll and delegates were seated.

Recognition was given to Past Clerks : Steve Day, Paul Nichols, John Ackerman, and Bro. McSpadden.

State Executive Director's Report: Rev. Rick Cash updated the congregation on the current status of the Executive Office Building Project, Missionaries, and Acts 1:8 receipts.

Special Song.

Free Will Baptists Children's Home Report :

Bro. Danny Williams

Past Prayer Requests/Answered Prayers:

1. The Toy Run was held the first Saturday in December. \$76,000 was received, 1700 people attended, and there were 850 motorcycles.
2. New house-parents. Steve and Regina Shotts.
3. We finished the year in the black with a record year of income. A large estate gift was given, designated to be used for improvements.

New Prayer Requests:

1. We have 17 kids with 1 more coming soon, but we have space for 40. Pray for more children.
2. Pray for more house-parents.
3. Pray for spiritual victories in the lives of the children. Last year 5 came to Christ.

World Missions Organization: Bro. Danny Williams

The Goal for the year of \$650,000 was reached by May. Total of 1.1 million was given. They have 5 new missionaries units this year so far. The WMO requests that we all participate in Days of Prayer and Fasting from 3/20 – 4/28.

Motion passed to accept the Executive Director's, Children's Home, and WMO Reports as Information.

Ordaining Council: Rev. Ron Woodard was the spokesperson, and recommended Dave Franks Jr. be accepted into the Cahaba River Association pending a letter of Good Standing from the North Alabama Association. Motion passed. (This letter was later received.)

Old Business: Update: The Prattville Church property has been returned at the State level.

Intermission, with Special Prayer for Bro Charles Shaw of Davis Chapel; He has been in the hospital 5 weeks.

Business and Deceased Committee Report was given by Rev. Glenn Hood. There were 3 items discussed.

1. Recommended the Cahaba River Home Mission Board be reactivated to pursue outreach in future.

② Recommended the Executive Board get more information about the Pleasant Grove Church building and property so we can pursue possible mission church work there.

3. Recommended the September 6, 2013 Annual Conference Friday night Service should include a Praise and Worship Youth Service with Raymond Rivers emphasizing youth.

Motion passed.

Special Singing:

Bro. Ricky Andrews sang "Amazing Grace".

Rev. Burble Alexander sang "Because He Lives".

Rev. Michael Barber sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus".

Morning Message: Rev. Michael Barber,

"The Publican and the Pharisee",

Luke 18:9-14 "We are the Ambassadors for Christ and We've Got a Message to Tell".

Raymond Rivers led a prayer, asking for helpers, song leaders, musicians, etc.

Adjourned for lunch: Prayer by Rev. John Ackerman.

Song Service led by Bro. Royce Grissom.

Offering : \$121.35.

Afternoon message: Rev. John Ackerman, "What Does He Require of Me?" Matthew 13. The Parable of the Sower, and ended with the question, "How Fertile is my Soul?".

Treasurers Report: Submitted by Clerk Wayne Neely.

On Hand 11/26/2012	\$5974.27
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Fees Received 3/2/2013	<u>\$2375.00</u>
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Total	\$8224.77
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Paid Out:

Post Office	\$36.80
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Post Office	\$18.20
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Mt Zion-Food	<u>\$350.00</u>
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Total	\$405.00
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Resulting Total	\$7819.77
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Reminder: The World Mission Organization Offering is the last Sunday in April.

Dismissed in prayer.

THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

Convening with:

Centerpoint FWB Church

September 13, 2013

Praise and Worship Service

The congregation was welcomed by Pastor Glenn Hood.

Special Singing and Music with Rev. Glenn Hood,
Stacie Roberts, Howard Schultz.

“The Longer I Serve Him”

“Thy Word Have I Hid in my Heart”

“For God so Loved the World”

“I Stand Amazed”.

Children's Home Report – Bro. Danny Williams

There were 37 children over this year, ages 6-18. 2012 was a record year financially. Cavanaugh FWB, Ft. Smith AR comes each year to teach VBS type projects. This year over 50 came and used the Childrens' home kids to do things for the community, teaching a servant's attitude, including having a Fun Day for Guiding Light Church. The Home has been short 1 set of houseparents. They have 2 couples considering it.

The children at the home recently had a Cardboard Testimony Service in which they listed their old life on one side of the cardboard and their new life on the other. Examples: Hidden Sins/Now they're Cleansed, Anger, Lost Control/Controlled by God, Headed for Destruction/Traded for a Mansion, Child of No One/Child of God.

Evening Message: Bro. Danny Williams

2 Kings 4:8 "The Testimony I Want-A Holy Man of God" The Lord makes us as holy as a saved sinner can be.

Dismissed in prayer.

The 135th ANNUAL SESSION

Sept 14, 2013

Song Service led by Rev. Glenn Hood and Stacie Roberts-“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus” “Open Our Eyes Lord”.

Opening Prayer-Bro. Paul Nichols

Moderator’s Message: Rev. Burble Alexander.

Hebrews 12:1,2 “We Need the Lord’s Leadership”.

Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our Faith. FACT: It is a fact that Jesus was born of a virgin Mary, was crucified, and arose again. FAITH: We know this by faith; Saving faith. Keep the faith. FEELING: We can feel Him in our soul. This is the reality of our faith.

The 135th Annual meeting was Called to order by Rev. Wayne Neely.

Credentials Committee: Bro Howard Schultz gave the report. The Letters were in order. Motion passed.

Roll was called by Rev. Wayne Neely and Delegates were seated.

Old Business: None

The Children's Home Report was given at the meeting last night by Bro. Danny Williams.

Treasurer's Report: Rev. Wayne Neely:

On Hand 3-12-13	\$5919.57
Deposits	\$2496.35
Balance	\$8415.92
Deposit	\$1500.00
Paid Out	\$9915.92
Bank Checks	\$20.44
Reimbursed-Stamps	\$36.80
Food-Plan Meetings	\$76.02
Safe Deposit	\$25.00
Moderator	\$50.00
Clerk	\$150.00
Asst. Clerk	\$50.00
Centerpoint-Food	\$350.00
Total Paid Out	\$758.26
Balance	\$9157.66

Delegates were selected for the State Association meeting to be held at Nauvoo:

Paulette Boyd, Imojean Walker, Dot Grimes, John Grimes, Marie Ackerman, John Ackerman, Ann Hazelwood, Ann Alexander, Paul Nichols, Leona Nichols.

State Executive Director's Report: Given by Rev. Mike Cox (Bro. Rick Cash is in Russia with Mike Corley and Jeff Jones).

The Pastors' Conference begins Monday sponsored by the Alabama FWB.

Bay City in Mobile celebrated their 6th anniversary with 80 in attendance.

Bro. Len Blanchard submitted his resignation and is going to Westside FWB in Oklahoma.

The Prattville church: The State Board met 9/9/13 and acquired a Lease/Purchase agreement with United Christian Church.

Status of the State Office Building: Plumbing and Furnishings pending. We have \$10,000 in the Construction Fund to finish that.

Acts 1:8 giving is down by \$40,000-\$50,000 this year.
Note that the Bible Institute is also funded by the
Alabama Acts 1:8 Program.

The State Meeting will be 11/6-11/8 at Nauvoo FWB,
Micky Crane is the Pastor.

The Report was accepted as information.

Nominating Committee:

Moderator: Rev. Glenn Hood

Asst Moderator: Rev. Ron Woodard

Ordination Board: Rev. Dave Franks Jr.

Executive Board: Rev. Mike Cox and Rev. Burble
Alexander

Motion passed.

Offering: \$199.60

Intermission

Ordaining Council: No business.

Auditing Committee: Report was given by Rev. Glenn
Hood. All was in order. Motion passed.

Business and Deceased Committee: Reported by Bro. Paul Nichols.

Deceased: Claude Nichols, Rhonda Hughes, Hope Liner, Beverly Bolton, Donna Parker, Billy Willingham, Jerry Kemp.

Letter received from Trinity FWB stating they are no longer a part of the FWB. They are going independent. This was given as information.

The Business and Deceased Committee asked Rev. Mike Cox to read a letter of suggestions he submitted. Bro. Cox read the letter and it was received as information.

Registration Committee:

60 in attendance

34 Delegates

4 Deacons

8 Visitors

14 Ministers

Bro. Burble Alexander stated he was ordained as a minister in Centerpoint FWB Church 45 years ago.

Song and Music Service: Bro. Glenn Hood, Stacie Roberts, Bro. Howard Schultz

“Are You Washed in the Blood?”

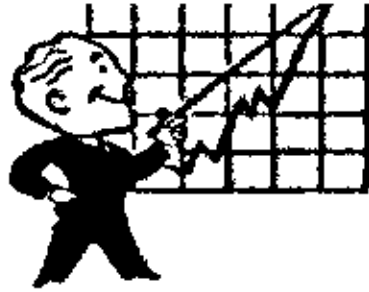
“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Special Song “Jesus, Messiah” by Bro. Glenn Hood and Stacie Roberts.

Morning Message by Rev. Wayne McDaniel:

Matthew 28:18-20 “Great Last Commission” We can do all things that God expects and requires of us. God’s will is always accomplished. Serve God First! No one will be able to stand against you. Joshua 1:5. Exodus 3:12. “Certainly I will be with thee”. Bro. Wayne McDaniel mentioned that he has pastored at Sylacauga Church 40 years.

Dismissed for lunch and adjourned.



BY-LAWS FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS

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



CONSTITUTION

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

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

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

ARTICLE II-A- This association shall be composed of ordained ministers, deacons, and elected delegates of different churches forming the same. All ordained ministers, active deacons, and officers of the association shall be standing delegates.

ARTICLE III-All ministers and churches wishing to become members of this body must willingly submit to the articles of this constitution and all rules of the same.

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

ARTICLE IV-Each church composing this association shall be entitled to three (3) delegates of the first one-hundred (100) members and one (1) for each additional fifty (50) or fraction thereof. Any ordained man that is a member of a mission church sponsored by this association shall have delegate privileges at all conferences.

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CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE V- All church clerks shall mail church letters to the association clerk no later than four weeks in advance of the first day of the beginning of the association.

ARTICLE VI- The officers of the association shall be composed of the following:

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

These four shall serve two-year (2) terms and be elected by the body. The moderator and assistant-moderator shall be elected at "odd" years and the clerk-treasurer and assistant clerk-treasurer shall be elected at "even" numbered years. The clerk-treasurer shall handle all monies of the association except 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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CONSTITUTION

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

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

ARTICLE VI-C- There shall be an " **Ordination Council.**" It shall consist of five (5) members with one coming off each year. As vacancies occur the body shall elect replacements. All members of this council shall be ordained ministers or deacons. It shall be the duty of the council to meet with candidates for:

1. Licensing as ministers of the Gospel.
2. Ordination as ministers of the Gospel.
3. Ordination as deacons.

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

ARTICLE 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 twenty five dollars (\$ 125.00) 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.

Art. XIII. Sexual Immorality + Sanctity of Marriage.
[End of constitution]

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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. Continued...



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



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CHAPTER I ***The Holy Scriptures***

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

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

Appendix to Chapter I (Adopted July 1979)

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

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

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CHAPTER II

Being and Attributes of God

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

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

CHAPTER III

Divine Government and Providence

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

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

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

CHAPTER IV

Creation, Primitive State of Man and His Fall

SECTION I: *Creation*

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

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

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

SECTION II: *Primitive Man and His Fall*

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

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

CHAPTER V ***Of Christ***

SECTION I: *His Divinity*

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION II: The Incarnation of Christ

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

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CHAPTER VI

The Atonement and Mediation of Christ

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

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

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

CHAPTER VII ***The Holy Spirit***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Appendix to Chapter VII (Adopted July 1979)

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

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

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

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

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

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CHAPTER VIII

The Gospel Call

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

CHAPTER IX

Repentance

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

CHAPTER X

Faith

Saving faith is an assent of the mind to the fundamental truths of revelation, an acceptance of the Gospel, through the influence of the Holy Spirit, and a firm confidence and trust in Christ. The fruit of faith is obedience to the Gospel. The power to believe is the gift of God, but believing is an act of the creature, which is required as a condition of pardon, and without which the sinner cannot obtain salvation. All men are required to believe in Christ, and those who yield obedience to this requirement become the children of God by faith.

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CHAPTER XI ***Regeneration***

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

CHAPTER XII ***Justification and Sanctification***

1. *Justification*: Personal justification implies that the person justified has been guilty before God; and in consideration of the atonement of Christ, accepted by faith, the sinner is pardoned and absolved from the guilt of sin, and restored to the divine favor. Christ's atonement is the foundation of the sinner's redemption, yet, without repentance and faith, it can never give him justification and peace with God.

2. *Sanctification* is the continuing of God's grace by which the Christian may constantly grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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CHAPTER XIII

Perseverance of the Saints

There are strong grounds to hope that truly regenerate will persevere unto the end, and be saved through the power of divine grace which is pledged for their support, but their future obedience *and final salvation are neither determined nor certain*, since through infirmity and manifold temptations they are in *danger of falling*, and they ought, therefore, to watch and pray lest they make *shipwreck* of their faith and be lost.

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.

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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!