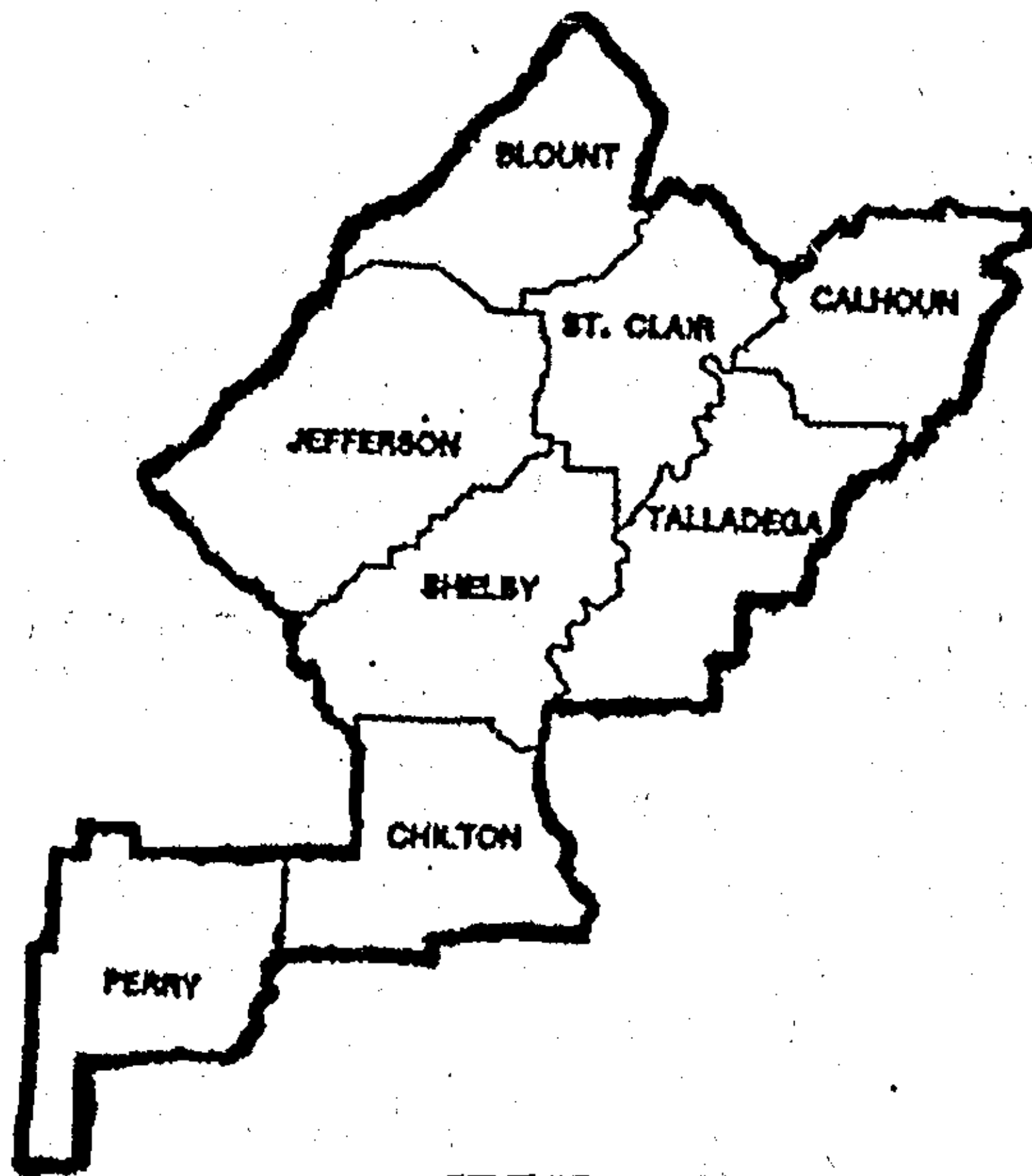


MINUTES
OF THE
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SESSION OF



THE
CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT
ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
2014

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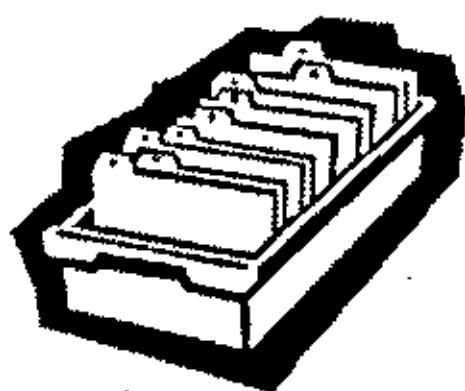
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THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIXTH SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

Convening with:
Forestdale FWB Church, Forestdale AL
March 1, 2014

The 136th Semi-Annual session of the Cahaba River District Association convened with a song led by Bro. Dave Franks Jr.

Moderator Glenn Hood gave the Moderator's Message, "Reasons We Should Worship Jesus Christ" Revelation 11:15-19. He concluded with the charge to be faithful to attend all services, support all outreach missions, tithe, pray, and study the Word.

Clerk Wayne Neely called the 136th session to order for business.

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

Clerk called the roll and delegates were seated.

A welcome was extended to our visitors: Bro Rick Cash, Bro Danny Williams, and Bro Sam McVay.

Executive Committee Report:

Old Business was introduced by Bro. Wayne Neely regarding the Oxford work. A response was received by Bro. Shane Suggs to continue the work after Bro. Blanchard resigned. It appears they will join the Cahaba River Association. The Report was accepted

as read, and the Mission Board can keep track of the status of this.

Recommendations:

1. The last part of Article IX and IX-A pertaining to the Praise and Worship service should be removed from the Constitution. This item was tabled until the afternoon session since it required a Constitutional change.
2. When the Youth Camp was sold, a CD of \$50,000 was established. It accrues about \$100 a year in interest. We recommend \$10,000 be given to the State Executive Office for the building completion. Motion passed. Another motion made and passed to leave the details in the hands of the Executive Board.
3. We recommend the remaining \$40,000 of the CD be placed in a FWB fund. Motion was amended and passed to investigate the best way to invest the funds with the FWB ministry and leave the details in the hands of the Executive Board.

State Executive Board Report:

Bro. Rick Cash excitedly thanked the Cahaba River Association for the \$10,000 contribution to complete the office building. We broke ground in Feb 2011 and some of the first young men to raise funds for the building, Michael and Josh Skelton, are still providing work to complete the building.

Mexico-We are funding the Bible Institute that has graduated 50 since our partnership began, and funded construction trips that made 5 new Church buildings possible.

Acts 1:8- 2014 budget goal \$552,625. He thanked the Cahaba River Assoc. for joining in the effort to reach the world with the Gospel.

Mobile: Bro. Tim Riggs and the Bay City Church celebrated their 6th Anniversary. March 31 Easter Sunday they had a record 155 and averaged 76 in Sunday morning worship attendance for 2013. 155 first time visitors for 2013. 2014 Acts 1:8 budget to pay off all indebtedness of the mission property.

Russia: Bible Institute has had 115 preacher and missionary graduates. Camp/Conference center where over 400 have come to Christ in the last 4 years.

Accepted as information.

Treasurers Report: Submitted by Clerk Wayne Neely.

On Hand 9/14/2013	\$9809.80
Fees Received as of 2/14/2014	\$1650.00
Balance after receipts, offerings	\$11459.80
PAID OUT:	
Rev Alexander (Moderator)	\$50.00
Rev Neely (Clerk)	\$150.00
Centerpoint FWB food fees	\$350.00
Bro Schultz (Asst Clerk)	\$50.00
Ala State Assoc (fees-15 Churches	\$2775.00
Moody Post Office (PO Box, Stamps)	\$72.40
Planning Semi meeting meal	\$200.00
Computer Graphics (Minutes Bks)	\$667.85
Southern Quick Print (Programs)	\$63.00
TOTAL PAID OUT:	\$4378.25
Balance as of 3/1/2014	\$7081.55

Free Will Baptists Children's Home Report

by Bro Danny Williams:

1. We have had a record Income this year and are in the black with a cushion. The Toy Run was held the first Saturday in December. We had cold rainy weather but we still had 325 bikes, 800 people in attendance, and \$74,000 was received. Last year \$76,000 was raised in perfect weather.
2. New house-parents Howard and Kelly McNeal are moving in so we are now at full capacity for staff.
3. A large estate gift was given, designated to be used for improvements. Shortly after, we were approached by the owner of 60+ acres adjacent to our 10 acre campus. The directors and board believed the Lord had a hand in this and approved the purchase of the property using funds from the estate gift.
4. We have taken care of 31 children this year and we currently have 18 with a legal capacity for 40. There were 4 Salvation decisions. 4 others need to make decisions.

Motion passed as information.

Women Active for Christ Report by Paulette Boyd:

We currently have 16 members from 2 churches: Centerpoint and Mt. Zion. We are here to fulfil the Great Commission and spread the Gospel to the community, state, nation and the world. We assist the local churches, pastors, deacons, laymen, and mission works. Our group raised \$600 for Acts 1:8 and the church matched it for a total \$1200. We have a Provision closet for missions and there is a

\$1000 Jimmy and Janie Aldridge Scholarship Fund to Welch Bible College. She concluded the report by encouraging all of the ladies in the Cahaba River Assoc. to begin a group in their local church and offered to assist.

Prayer by Dave Franks Sr.

Song Service- Dave Franks Jr.

Business and Deceased Committee Report by Bro. Steve Day:

1. Recommended the Love Offering go to International Missions in Honor of Bro. Sam McVay. Motion passed.
2. A moment of silence in honor of the deceased and prayer for the survivors.

Mt. Olive- Alma Danner, Ruby Marks.

Forestdale- John Lynch, Ray Meadows.

Oak Grove- Alex Thrash

Mt. Zion- Jobie Hardwick, Minnie Mills.

There was a **Special Love Offering** for churches to contribute to International Missions and \$1310.50 was presented to Bro. Sam McVay.

Ordaining Council: Recommended Alan Hood be ordained as a Preacher. He is currently a Youth Minister in Oklahoma. The Council will send him a questionnaire and the ordination will be at Centerpoint Church at a later date. Motion passed.

The next meeting was announced for 9/13/2014 at Shady Grove FWB with Special Speaker Tony Cooper, the General Director of the Jimmie Hale Mission.

Intermission.

Special Singers- Single Purpose

World Missions Organization: Bro. Danny Williams

Volena Wilson- A Legacy for India. A Harvest. 2 Bible Institutes. Conferences with thousands in attendance.

Dave Franks Sr.- A Legacy in Brazil. A Harvest. A Future.

Josh & Lydia Provow & family. Sowing the Seed and Committed to Go (Soon in S Bulgaria).

We should commit financially to Acts 1:8 and WMO. The WMO offering is the last Sunday in April each year. We've had a huge decrease in budget this year.

Motion passed to accept the WMO Report as Information.

Special Singing- Special Purpose

Doxology, Under His Wings, Robe and Crown.

Morning Message: Rev. Sam McVay,
Director of International Missions

“What is God Doing Around the World?”

Harvest Places: Almost 80 years of FWB sharing the Gospel in Hard Places through International Missions. Ivory Coast-Cote Ivoire: No missionaries now; they're full time churches. We still assist spiritually and with literature. We still partner with the churches and in seminaries.

Cuba: This country was cutoff many years ago but the seeds that were planted created many continuing churches and are sending out missionaries. Juan Carlos from Cuba came to Spain and other Cuban workers are in the U.S. in Spanish Speaking Churches.

Panama: 50 years of FWB work. More churches every day. Growth continues. They are self-sufficient. We still partner in their Bible Institute.

Brazil: 1 missionary remains in Dave Franks' area. Ken Eagleton and his wife are still there. Leadership Development and Bible Institute. Bro. Poole-Self-Sufficient for the most part. Missionaries are being sent to Uruguay, etc.

Hard Places: 86% of Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, have never met a Christian. How will they preach without a Preacher?

Japan: 2nd largest unreached people in the world. New missionaries there. FWBs went there to help meet the needs during the Tsunami and Nuclear disaster.

France: 52 million people with no attachment to church. New missionaries want to reach 1 million young people.

Spain: 10 million Spaniards live in a place with no evangelical witness at all.

Pakistan: 39 FWB churches. Bro. David Outlaw is trying to get a visa to teach there and in S. Korea.

Dubai: 40 people have been saved.

Mongolia, Cambodia. Some countries are asking us to triple the number of missionaries there.

China: They must worship underground.

Humanitarian Projects: Hanna Project Teams going out. Help, Hope, Healing. Giving, Going, Praying.

Pray for Open Doors, Clear Communication, Responsiveness to the Gospel. Bro. McVay concluded with the question, "How is God leading you to be involved today?"

Song Service led by Dave Franks Jr.

Adjourned for lunch.

Afternoon Session:

There was an item Tabled from the Morning Session:
Recommendation by the Executive Committee to remove the last part of Article IX and IX-A pertaining to the Praise and Worship service from the Constitution.

A Motion and 2nd was made to take the item off the table.
The Item passed.

Dismissed in prayer.

THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

Convening with:
Shady Grove FWB Church
September 13, 2014

Song Service led by Dave Franks Jr.

Moderator's Message by Rev. Glenn Hood. "The Treasure that is Hidden, The Greatest Treasure You Could Ever Find (The King and His Kingdom)", Matthew 13:44. He concluded with prayer and the charge "God must have 1st Place. Put Him 1st and keep Him 1st."

A Welcome was extended by Rev. Steve Martin.

The 136th Annual meeting was Called to order by
Rev. Wayne Neely.

Credentials Committee: Bro Steve Day gave the report.

1. 14 of the 15 Churches have reported. Mt. Olive FWB's report has not been received.
2. A request was received from Oak Grove FWB for Golden Certificates for Bro. Emmanuel Kelly, Bro. Carey Wallis, Bro. Jack Worth, Bro. Terry Chappsel.
3. A request was received from Shady Grove FWB for Golden Certificates for Bro. Earl Garrison and Bro. Paul Dodd and that they be reinstated as deacons.

Motion passed.

Special Singing by Bro. Chris Smith, The One Man Quartet, accompanied by his son Samuel.

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

Executive Board and Old Business: Bro. Glenn Hood gave the Report for Information.

1. The Executive Board voted to keep the current Mission Board Members as they are not active at this time. Therefore, the expiration dates are null and void.
2. The remaining \$45,000 from the CD in Treasury was invested with the FWB Foundation at 2.75% interest.
3. The Oxford Work wants to unite with the Cahaba River Association as Discover FWB Church with Rev. Shane Suggs. More information will be given by the Ordaining Council.

Treasurer's Report: Rev. Wayne Neely:

On Hand 3-1-14	\$7081.55
Deposits	\$2739.50
CD deposited	\$51234.18
Balance	\$61055.23

Paid Out:

Food Fees-136th Semi-Ann	\$375.00
Reimbursed-Stamps	\$39.20
Food-Plan Meetings	\$34.85
G. Hood-Sam McVay's Hotel Bill	\$25.00
Love Offering-S. McVay	\$200.00
Donation-Executive Ofc	\$10,000.00
Programs and Envelopes	\$87.10
Investment to FWB Foundation	\$45,000.00
Total Paid Out	\$55860.12
Balance	\$5195.11

Cahaba River Women Active for Christ Report by Sis. Paulette Boyd was accepted as information. We currently have 17 members, Laborers together for Christ. 2 Corinthians 3:9. The aim is to fulfil The Great Commission. It takes cooperation, communication, commitment, and working as a team. Some results of the efforts and hard work: 4000 pencils were collected and distributed to St Clair Co, old eyeglasses were collected and given to the Lions Club, Tornado Relief was provided in the form of materials and gift cards, and support was given to the FWB Children's Home. Sis. Boyd concluded her report by thanking God for the great things He has done.

Children's Home Report – Bro. Danny Williams, accepted as information. We had 2 Seniors that graduated in May. We housed 35 children last year and currently have 21. Income is off about \$50,000 this year but the Harvest Drive and Toy Run will help tremendously. The Toy Run raised \$74,000 last year. We recently purchased a 2 bedroom house adjacent to the Home with leftover funds from the estate gift that also allowed the purchase of the 60 acre property last year. The house can be used for house parents needing rejuvenation time. 6 teenagers were saved this summer at the Children's Home so continue to pray for them.

State Executive Director's Report: Given by Bro. Rick Cash. Bro. Rick thanked the Cahaba River for the contributions made to the Executive Office, including the \$10,000 given to complete the project. He compiled a slide show "A Quick Tour of the Executive Office" if anyone would like it to be shown in their church. Ribbon Cutting was 5/2/2014, at the 1851 square foot building. It was built for less than \$90,000.

He encouraged churches to have an "Acts 1:8 Sunday". The 2014 Acts 1:8 Budget \$552,625.00.

Mexico: There are 5 new buildings in Mexico. \$15,000 is in the budget for Mexico, committed to Bro. Bud Bivin to provide some salaries for the Bible Institute.

Mobile: Averaging in the 70's on Sundays and they baptized 8 in May.

He concluded the Report with thanks to the Cahaba River Association, stating "You are making a difference!"

The Report was accepted as information.

Nominating Committee: Report was given by Rev. Mike Cox. The Committee recommended the following names to remain in their positions:

Executive Board:

Bro. Wayne Neely-Clerk

Bro. Howard Schultz-Asst. Clerk

Bro. Burble Alexander-Member-At-Large

Ordination Council:

Bro. Ernest Walker

Mission Board: Members will remain the same.

Motion passed.

Youth Service by Rev. Raymond Rivers. A Balloon Visual demonstration was given with the theme, "God Wants to Use Every Child" and he concluded with a charge to churches to "Encourage all of your Youth to come to the Conference meetings".

Registration Committee:

66 Registered but it was noted that there were more than that counted in the Auditorium and Fellowship Hall.

The Clerk provided an additional sheet at the Registration Table for Email Addresses for anyone willing to give their contact information.

Ordination Council: Report given by Dave Franks Jr.

1. Recommended that we accept Discover FWB at Oxford into the Cahaba River Assoc.
2. Recommended we request a Letter of Good Standing for Rev. Heath Webb, the Pastor of 1st Oak Grove FWB, from the NE MS Association.
3. Recommended that Steve Powell and John Anderson be ordained as Deacons, and Earl Garrison and Paul Dodd be reinstated as Deacons at the request of Shady Grove FWB Church. The Church will schedule a date to ordain them.
4. Recommended Allen Hood be ordained as a Minister of the Gospel. Centerpoint FWB will schedule a date to ordain him.

Taken item by item and all Motions Passed.

Song and Music Service: Bro. Chris Smith, The One Man Quartet, and his son Samuel. Bro. Chris gave his testimony and a history of his ministry.

Business and Deceased Committee: Reported by Bro. Raymond Rivers.

1. Recommended compensation for the Executive Officers be increased as follows: Clerk-\$250.00, Asst. Clerk-\$100.00, Moderator-\$100.00, Asst. Moderator-50.00. Motion, 2nd and Passed to Table until afternoon session

2. A moment of silence issued for the Deceased, prayer by Rev. Mike Cox for the Survivors Deceased:

Mt. Zion: Joe Brakefield, Corbina Howard, Jackie Hazelwood, Lois Green.

1st Oak Grove: Ruth McGalliard, Charlie Barnett

Forestdale: Ed Blackmon.

A Rising Vote of Thanks was issued to the Host Church, Shady Grove FWB.

Delegates were selected for the State Association meeting to be held at the First FWB Church of Florence AL on November 5, 6, 7, 2014.

The Delegates are Paul Nichols, Leona Nichols, Ann Alexander, Paulette Boyd, Marie Ackerman, John Ackerman, Ann Hazelwood, Steve Johnson and his wife.

Intermission.

Congregational Singing led by Dave Franks Jr.

Prayer by Rev. Ron Woodard.

Special Singing by Bro. Chris Smith. He and Sam go to about 120 churches a year and they just returned from Bermuda.

Morning Message by Rev. Tony Cooper, the General Director of the Jimmie Hale Mission.

Bro. Tony stated he has been at the Jimmie Hale Mission for 24 years and the Jimmie Hale Mission has been open 70 years as a Gospel Rescue Mission. On a daily basis, the Jimmie Hale Mission provides hot meals, shelter, and spiritual support for local homeless, hungry and hurting men, women and children.

Jimmie Hale Mission Projects: Shepura Men's Center, Jessie's Place, GED Programs, Discovery Clubs (currently in 32 schools teaching the Gospel of Jesus to 1000-1400 children a week), Mission Possible Thrift Stores, Stewart Learning Centers, and Royal Pines Center in Blount Co., a Bible-based Substance Abuse Center.

Bro. Tony said he was excited to be in God's House with His people conducting His business.

His message "Striving and Thriving in a Fallen World" was taken from 1 Thessalonians 5:3, 2 Chronicles 7:14. We are in the end of times. We have optimism only because of Jesus Christ. We need to have stability and be grounded with a good foundation. Be successful in God's sight. Be an ambassador for Christ. Keep yourself in the center of God's will. Grow Spiritually. Read the Bible and pray for these things. Take ownership of your problems and connect and focus on God. Have communion with God. Let God speak to you. Don't block the blessings. Be encouraged. Bro. Tony concluded, asking everyone to claim Romans 8:28, 29. Give thanks in everything. Count your blessings and name them one by one. Rejoice and be joyful!

Prayer by Rev. Glenn Hood.

Offering for the Jimmie Hale Mission: \$2001.00

Dismissed for Lunch.

Auditing Committee: Report was given by Rev. Burble Alexander and Rev. Mike Cox. All was in order. Motion passed.

Home Mission Board:

Recommend \$3000.00 of the Association's funds be designated for use of the Home Missions Board.

They also advised anyone wishing to donate funds to the Cahaba River Home Missions Board to send to the Clerk and designate it appropriately.

Special Prayer Requests: Remember the Huffman FWB Church. They are considering closing their doors. Bro. Royce Grissom. Bro. Trymon Messer. Joy Rivers (Bro. Raymond's mother).

Special Singing by Bro. Chris Smith and Samuel.

The Tabled item from the morning session passed in the afternoon session. (Compensation for the Executive Officers was increased as follows: Clerk-\$250.00, Asst. Clerk-\$100.00, Moderator-\$100.00, Asst. Moderator-50.00.

Bro. Steve Martin said the Southern Baptist Association placed something in their Bylaws regarding their stand on the Spiritual definition of marriage. He said we should look into adopting something similar to protect our preachers. Bro. Burble Alexander

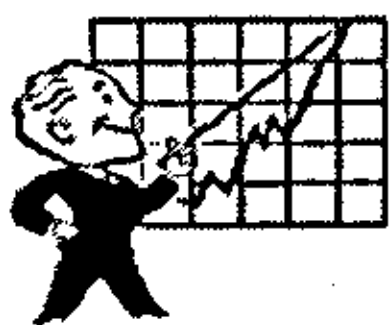
said this was addressed at the Ft. Worth FWB National meeting, and several pages were distributed regarding our Spiritual stand on marriage and the legal wording needed in the Bylaws.

A Motion was passed for the Executive Board to investigate this and present their findings at the next meeting.

Church Announcements were made.

The next Cahaba River Association Semi-Annual meeting will be 3/7/2015 at Mt. Zion FWB in Pell City. The Annual meeting will be 9/12/2015 at Fairview FWB at Moody.

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.



CONSTITUTION

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



CONSTITUTION

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.



CONSTITUTION

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.

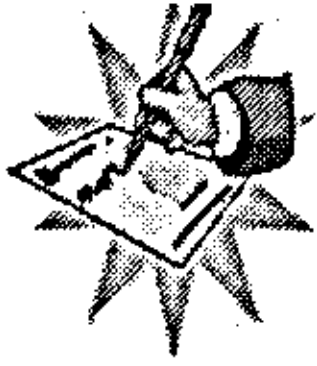
ARTICLE IX- This association shall meet the first Saturday morning in March and the second Saturday morning in September of each year.

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 two hundred-fifty dollars (\$250.00) annually.
2. The assistant clerk-treasurer shall be paid one hundred dollars (\$100) annually.
3. The moderator shall be paid one hundred dollars (\$100) annually.
4. The assistant-moderator shall be paid fifty dollars (\$50) annually.

All other expenditures shall be the decision of the body.



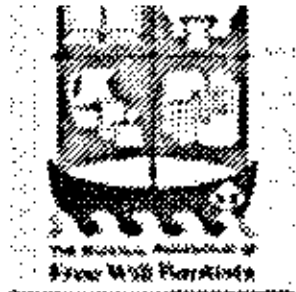
ORDINATION GUIDELINES

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.
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.)



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.



THE FAITH OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

CHAPTER I

The Holy Scriptures

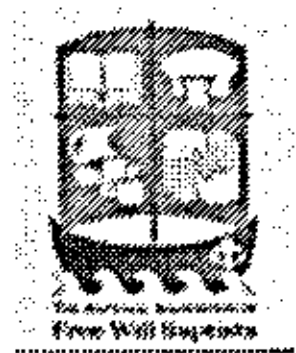
These are the Old and the New Testaments; they were written by holy men, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and are God's revealed word to man. They are a sufficient and infallible rule and guide to salvation and all Christian worship and service.

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

Appendix to Chapter I (Adopted July 1979)

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

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



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CHAPTER II

Being and Attributes of God

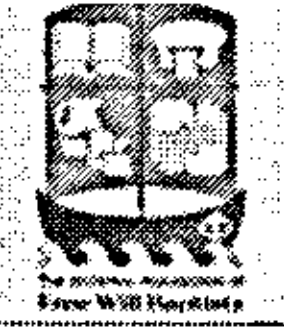
The Scriptures teach that there is only one true and living God, who is Spirit, self-existent, eternal, immutable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, independent, good, wise, holy, just, and merciful, the ...Creator, Preserver, and Governor of the Universe; the Redeemer, Saviour, Sanctifier, and Judge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

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

CHAPTER III

Divine Government and Providence

1. God exercises a providential care and superintendence over all His creatures, and governs the world in wisdom and mercy, according to the testimony of His Word.
2. God has endowed man with power of free choice, and governs him by moral laws and motives; and this power of free choice is the exact measure of man's responsibility.
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.



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CHAPTER IV

Creation, Primitive State of Man and His Fall

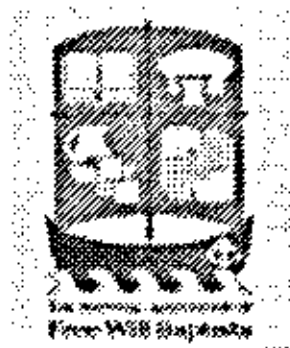
SECTION I: *Creation*

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.

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.



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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.

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.

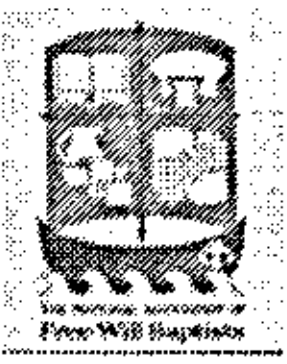


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CHAPTER VI

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.
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.



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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.

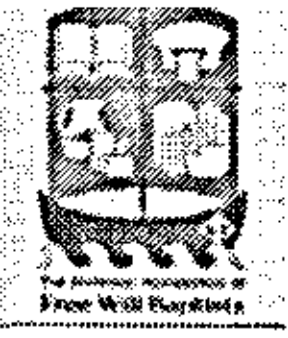
The truth of this doctrine is also proved from the fact that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are united in the authority by which believers are baptized; and in the benedictions pronounced by the apostles, which are acts of the highest religious worship.

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



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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.

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

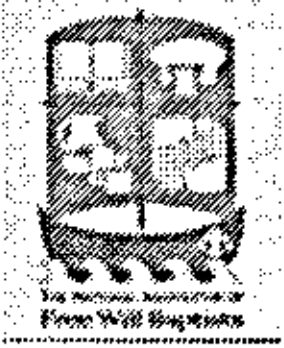
Repentance

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



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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.

CHAPTER XI

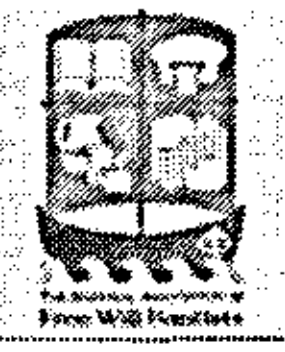
Regeneration

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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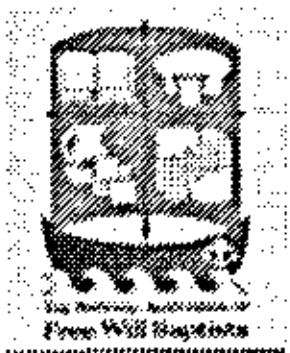
CHAPTER XIII

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.
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.



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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.

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

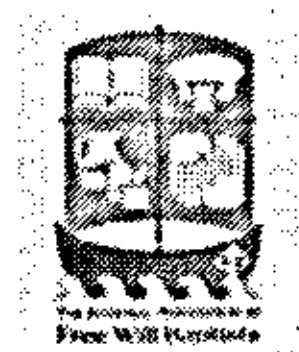
Tithing

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



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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.
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.

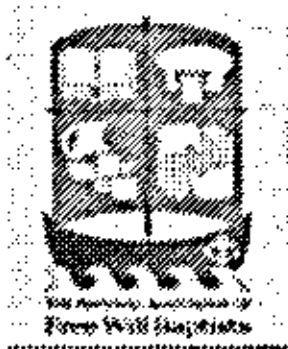
It is the privilege and duty of all who have spiritual union with Christ to commemorate His death, and no man has a right to forbid these tokens to the least of His disciples.

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.



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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

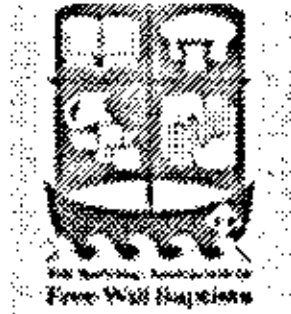
The Resurrection

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.



CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work,

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world.

And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

AMEN!