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THE
CAHABA RIVER DISTRICT
ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
2018

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**THE 140TH
SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION**

Convening with:
**Davis Chapel FWB
March 4, 2018**

Pastor Chad Shaw welcomed everyone to the host church.

Moderator's Message by Rev. Glenn Hood. "Making Things Right". He spoke from Genesis 4:4. In the passage, Joseph was now Prime Minister of Egypt. Joseph placed the cup in Benjamin's pack as a test to see how the older brothers reacted to their younger brother. Joseph said "All of you go home but Benjamin must stay here." Will they go home? Will they defend their brother? Will they stay with him? In Genesis 38, Judah wanted to sell Joseph to the Ishmaelites. Now Judah defends Benjamin. Through the years, Judah left home, married a Canaanite, had 3 sons by her, 2 of whom God killed, his wife dies, and somewhere along the line he is back home a changed man. Scholars believe Judah's intercession here may have earned his tribe the honor of having Jesus come through their lineage. here he asks for grace and mercy, pleading for the life of his brother to the Prime Minister of Egypt. He tells the truth. He said "Take me instead. I'll give my life. Let Benjamin go free." God wants all of us to come to him for grace and mercy, and to tell the truth. The Lord stood in our place as a substitute for us. James 4:8. Genesis 44:19-23. We should have a noble purpose in life. Give your life for a greater cause than living for yourself. Prayer

Bro. Glenn Hood reminded the congregation of the request for several years of missing Cahaba River Association Minutes for the Online Minutes Project. He also announced the 140th Annual Meeting would be at Forestdale FWB on 9/8 with Guest Speaker Bro. Joel Franks.

The 140th Semi-Annual meeting was Called to Order by Rev. Wayne Neely. Roll was called and Delegates were seated. Visitors were recognized and welcomed. Bro. Neely said the Boy Scout Motto is Be Prepared and stated we will have 2 offerings today so Be Prepared. One will be for YES, the Youth Emphasis Service, and the second for Bro. Danny Williams

Youth Activities Board: Bro. Raymond Rivers said there were 54 in the last Your Rally in 11/2017 and it was a great service. If a church would like to host a Youth Rally, speak to Bro. Raymond. We hope to begin a training ministry for our youth to become teachers, missionaries, and ministers. Pray for our ministry, our youth, and the Youth Activities Board. Bro. Raymond, Bro. Kevin Nelson, and Bro. Heath Webb encouraged churches to bring their youth to the association meeting. The Youth were then dismissed for Youth Roundup activities.

Old Business: None. Bro. Glenn Hood said the Executive Board meets often during the year and resolves any items that come up between Association meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Rev. Wayne neely. Bro. Neely said the State Fees went up 15.00, \$200.00 per church. He said the Cahaba River expenses were about \$5000 and income was about \$3600. There is a surplus of over \$40,000 from sale of the old Youth Camp and suggested we use some of those funds instead of charging each church more (raising fees.) The State Fees will be \$2400 this year

**TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE 140TH SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION**

Balance on Hand as of 9/9/2017	\$2704.20
RECEIVED:	
Total fees and offerings received as of 3/1/18	\$2167.00
Foundation Withdrawal	\$1500.00
BALANCE AFTER FEES AND OFFERINGS	\$6371.20
PAID OUT:	
Moody Post Office	\$64.00
Allen Hood	\$225.00
Glenn Hood, Moderator	\$100.00
Sylacauga Church (food)	\$300.00
Clerk	\$250.00
Asst Clerk	\$100.00
Moderator	\$100.00
Asst Moderator	\$50.00
State Association	\$2220.00
FedEx (140th Semi-Ann Program)	\$136.02
Food (planning 140 Semi-Ann)	\$130.53
139th Minutes Printing (reimburse T. Schultz)	\$660.00
TOTAL PAID OUT	\$4235.55
BALANCE ON HAND as of 3-2-18	\$2135.65
Free Will Baptist Foundation as of 12/31/17	\$43117.26
A Motion passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.	

Missions Board Report-None.

Children's Home and State Executive Office Report - The reports were given by Bro. Danny Williams and accepted as Information.

Children's Home Updates: An estate was left to the Home from a very nice man in the community. We had 54 children come to the Home during the year. We have 23 right now but we had 26 last week. last year 16 children gave their hearts to Jesus. As you know, our Director is Mandy Mitchell. We have the best group of house-parents we've ever seen as a whole. The veterans, as well as the new house-parents, work well together. Judy McKinney has over 25 years of service. The Motorcycle Toy Run, held the 1st Saturday in December, raised \$107,000.00 and included 800 bikes and 2000 people.

Upcoming Events: God's man Conference at Northport FWB March 9-10, Forum 18 Bible Conference at Welch College march 11-13, Mid-South Bible Conference at Hamilton FWB April 25-27, AWAC State Meeting at Sulphur Springs FWB April 27-28 and World Missions Offering April 29.

State Report: ACTS 1:8, Alabama Coming Together for the Savior. We should come together with Strength, Unity, and Cooperation. Acts 1:8 began at Forestdale FWB 20 years ago with a budget of \$555,000. It was created with convenience in mind. With 1 gift, you support Alabama state ministries such as Bro. Jerry Smith at Eastside Dothan and Bro. Joel Franks at Athens. On Easter Sunday, they had an introduction service with 45 in attendance. You also support international ministries such as the Turnboughs, Lancasters, Russian and Cuban ministries. Acts 1:8 is about Souls Coming to know Jesus. We should be committed to this cause.

Prayer Requests: We are licensed by DHR. So far, we have never been asked to go against our convictinos. The future is a question mark. Our board recently met and made a commitment that we will always go by the Word of God. Several bills are in the state legislature regarding gambling, Fantasy Sports and Marriage.

Cahaba River WAC Report: No Report.

Credentials Committee: Bro Steve Day gave the report. The Committee examined letters from 11 churches and found them in order with 4 churches not reporting. Motion passed to accept the report.

Ordaining Council: No Report, no busines to handle.

Business and Deceased Committee: Reported by Bro. Tommy Wright. It has been requested that some of the larger churches help the smaller churches to grow. Bro. Mike Cox has volunteered to contact Bro. Jim McComas to set up a Revitalization Conference for the Association. Deceased: Mt. Zion: Elaine Hazelwood, Joyce Jackson, Johnny Jackson. Gospel Light Joy Rivers. Shady Grove: Marvin Clayter. Centerpoint: Frank Howard. Pleasant Grove: Kathleen Sfakianos. A moment of silence, then Prayer. A motion was passed to accept the report.

Nominating Committee: None needed.

Praise and Worship provided by the Host church: Bro. Chad Shaw, Sis. Glenda Isbell.

Offering for YES Youth Emphasis Service: \$505.58

Business portion of Conference adjourned.
Intermission.

Song Service: Host Church Singers, Bro Raymond and Sis. Susan Rivers.

Bro Glenn Hood welcomed our guest speaker, rev. Danny Williams. "The Shepherd God Wants us to Have" 1st peter 5. This was written during a time of persecution, trials, and difficulties. The American Church will suffer persecution. Our Resources? The infallible Word of God, The Holy Spirit, Prayer, Leaders/Elders. Everything rises and falls based on the Leadership. God called leaders. Feed the Flock of God which are among you. Be examples. Jesus is the Chief Shepherd. The Pastor is a shepherd. God provides the flock. The Shepherd's role: Be wise, mature spiritually, a decision maker, Christlike, oversee and feed the flock, protecting them from false teachings. The Shepherd should direct and supervise the work of the church. Psalm 23. Feed the flock The Word of God, not just the easy stuff, the milk. Get them on the meat of God. Raise them to maturity. Focus on your sheep, give them what they need, no matter how big the flock is. Fulfill your role and you'll never regret doing what God calls you to do. Pray for young men, churches without pastors. We need young willing men who are spiritually grounded and mature, humble and meek servants but also strong leaders. To the Sheep: follow the Pastor's leadership, participate, be there, honor him, respect him, listen and respond, pay him as he needs, encourage him, love him, and hold him up in prayer. Prayer.

Bro. Glenn hood thanked Bro. Danny for a very powerful message and said we need to respond to it in a very positive way.

Offering for Bro. Danny Williams \$656.00

70+ were present.

Meeting dismissed in prayer.

**THE 140th
ANNUAL SESSION**
Convening with:
Forestdale FWB Church
September 8, 2018

Song Service led by Bro. Kevin Nelson. "Victory in Jesus, I'll Fly Away"

Opening prayer and Moderator's Message by Rev. Glenn Hood. Genesis 50: 15-31. Life can ruin your life if you don't get a handle on it. life beats people up. 4 Reasons God's Guidance is needed. 1. The Guilt and Dread of Judgment. sin will catch up to you. @. Confession of Sin. In verse 17 the word forgive is used twice. Jealousy and hatred destroy your life. 3. God's Grace Triumphs. Psalm 37. god knows how to turn trials into triumphs. 4. God's Goodness Saves. God always has a plan. We only have to know it when he is ready, in His time. God is the God of Provision. he shall supply all of our needs. What is your relationship with God?

Altar prayer.

Bro. Mike Cox welcomed everyone to Forestdale.

The 140th Annual Session was Called to Order by Clerk Wayne Neely.

Credentials Committee: Bro. Steve Day gave the report. He said all 12 of the letters they received were examined and found in order. 3 churches did not report; Friendship, Talladega and Union Hill. Motion passed to accept the report.

Roll was called by Clerk Wayne Neely and Delegates were seated. Motion passed to seat the delegates.

Youth Roundup/YES were dismissed for participation in youth activities

Children's Home Report and State Report given by Bro. Danny Williams. The Reports were accepted as information.

Children's Home: We are averaging 30 children at the Children's Home. some are DHR referrals. We have a full time Counselor on staff on the property. Pray for House parent Howard McNeil. He had surgery to put a stent in his heart. Camp was recently completed with 5 professions of faith. We had 200 in attendance for the July celebration of the Thorogood House renovation. We have 2 major events coming up. 1. Harvest Drive. Our newsletter lists the needs. 2. Toy Ride the 1st Sat. in December. Pray for good weather. Also pray that God will make us a witness to them.

Missions Update: Bro Joel Franks will give an update on his work when he speaks today. Bro Jerry Smith and Dalton Malloy at the Eastside church are averaging 72 on Sunday morning and 45 on Sunday night. Sunday School started in September with 32. Acts 1:8-\$555,000 budget this year with \$361,000 received so far. Acts 1:8 impacts the World and is so convenient. your gift provides outreach to Russia, Cuba, Mexico, Bible Institutes, the Turnboughs in Spain, the Lancasters in Uruguay. We have a Cuban preacher in process, to go to Uruguay. He and his wife are willing to go but can't afford it. All the papers have been approved through the government. They will go to the Montevideo church that was started years ago by the Free will Baptists. Now the Lancasters can go and start another work.

Upcoming Events: 10-7 Roll Call Sunday. 10-15-17 Pastors Retreat. The Sunday before Thanksgiving is our WMO offering. The State Association is Nov 7,8,9 in Northport. Special Speaker is Bro. Harry Reeder, Pastor of Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. Bro. Chad Donoho is the music Coordinator. There is one major proposal: To move the State Association from Fall to may to coordinate with the youth Competition. In 2022 the National Association will be in Birmingham. We have a \$40,000 budget with \$11,000 raised so far. The next Digest has some Feel Good Stories. Be sure to read them to see how God is still working. God rewards those that are concerned about outreach and outward focused.

Bro. Glenn recognized Bro. Jim Martin, missionary to Rochester New York, who was in the congregation and welcomed him to the Association meeting.

Executive Board and Old Business: None. Bro Glenn said the Executive Board meets several times during the year to handle any business that may arise.

Treasurer's Report: Rev. Wayne Neely:

TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE 140TH ANNUAL SESSION

Balance on hand as of 3/2/18	\$2135.65
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RECEIVED:

Total fees and Offerings received as of 8/20/18	\$2226.58
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BALANCE AFTER TOTAL RECEIPTS
AND OFFERINGS

\$4362.23

PAID OUT:

Danny Williams (Speaker)	\$ 325.00
Offering (YES Ministry)	\$ 505.58
Davis Chapel Church (food)	\$ 300.00
Food (planning 140th Annual Meeting)	\$ 112.80

TOTAL PAID OUT	\$1274.38
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BALANCE ON HAND AS OF 8/20/18	\$3087.85
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BALANCE ON HAND;
FREE WILL BAPTIST FOUNDATION
AS OF 6/30/18

\$44,013.50

Motion passed to accept the Report.

Cahaba River Women Active for Christ Report - No report was given. Sis Paulette Boyd was not present due to a death at Mt. Zion church.

Delegates were selected for the State Association Meeting to be held Nov 7.8 and 9. Alice Hood (Centerpoint), Paul Nichols and Leona Nichols (Mt. Pleasant), John Nicholson (Sylacauga), pearl Schultz and Tina Schultz (Moody) were selected.

Auditing Committee: The Report was given by Bro. Chad Shaw.

The Treasurer's books were examined and found to be in good order. Motion passed to accept.

Nominating Committee: Report was given by Rev. Mike Cox.

1. Regarding the Missions Board-We nominate Ausitn Smith to replace Paul Nichols whose term ended, Tommy Wright to replace Howard Schultz whose term ended, and Johnny Harris Jr. to replace Burble Alexander whose term ended.
2. Regarding the Ordination Council-We recommend Dave Franks Jr. replace himself.
3. Regarding the Executive Board-We recommend Wade Peoples replace Rick Andrews whose term ended as member at large. The Clerk and Asst. Clerk positions are open. Mike Cos volunteered for the Clerk position with Tina Schultz for Assistant Clerk.
4. Regarding the Youth Activities Board-We recommend Raymond Rivers replace himself.

Motion passed on all items

Morning Message-Bro. Joel Franks of the Athens AL Project. We have 6 committed families, 29 people in a Bible Study at home and other Bible Studies held. We have had several changes in the last few months. The Sale of our home in KY- The Lord worked it out. Within an hour of each other, we signed on a new house and signed on the old house sale, even

in 2 different states! in our attempt to rent space, I learned that things happen in God's time and not my own. In Hebrews 12, these people knew about waiting. We can learn from the patriarchs. Noah went through 120 years of building the ark. Abraham was 100 when Isaac was born. David waited over 20 years to be King of Israel. We need to do what God tells us to do, until he tells us to do something else. We should lighten our load, lay aside the weight that so easily besets us. It keeps us from running the race. Sin weighs us down and entangles us. We should lay aside our sin and keep our eyes on Jesus. Prayer.

Offering fro Bro. Joel Franks \$1124.00

Registration Committee: Conducted by the Host Church. Bro Mike Cox reported 75 registered.

Ordaining Council Report: The Report was given by Bro. Heath Webb. The Ordaining Council recommended Bro. Michael Cox, Forestdale, be ordained. Bro Heath brought Bro. Michael and his wife Katie forward and prayed for them. There will be a formal ordination service at Forestdale at a later date. The Council also recommended Bro Josh Mathis be ordained as deacon at Sylacauga. Motion passed to accept.

Business and Deceased Committee: Reported by Bro. Wayne McDaniel. We recommend that Gold Certificates of Standing be given to the following Deacons: William Bolton Jr., Emanuel Kelley, Terry Chappell, Doyl Harris, and to Pastor Wayne McDaniel. Also, the Forestdale Church recommends that Michael Cox be ordained at Forestdale on December 4.

Deceased: Foresdale: Janice Johnson.

Sylacauga: Jackie Benefield, pearl Jurnigan, Linda Johnson, Lois Jones and Lynn Stewart.

Moody: Billy Tatum.

Mt. Olive: Margie Isbell.

Mt. Zion: Sonny Hazelwood.

Motion passed to accept the report.

Bro. Glenn announced the next Conference at Moody FWB in march 2019. The September Conference will be at Fairview.

Adjourned in prayer.



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.

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 Clerk-Treasurer of the Association shall be the Custodian of the Home Missions Fund, keep a record of the funds, and expend the funds as directed by the Home Missions Board.

ARTICLE VI-B- There shall be an “Executive Board”. It shall consist of seven members. These shall be as follows:

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



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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE VII- the Executive Board of this association shall appoint all committees in advance. The committees' responsibility will cease at the end of the session.

ARTICLE VIII- Committees shall be as follows:

1. Business and Deceased
2. Nomination
3. Credentials *
4. Auditing
5. Registration.

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



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

ARTICLE VIII-B- The Credentials committee shall be composed of ordained men.

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

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

ARTICLE IX-A- There shall be a Youth Activities Board comprised of at least 3 board members that are ordained. Each board member will come off every 2 years. This board is responsible for planning and overseeing services and activities for the Youth of our Association.

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.



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4. The assistant-moderator shall be paid fifty dollars (\$50) annually.

All other expenditures shall be the decision of the body.

ARTICLE XII- Sexual Immorality and Sanctity of Marriage:

- A. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance. (Gen. 2:24; Gen. 19:5, 13; Gen. 26:8-9, Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1:26-29; 1 Co. 5:1; 6:9; 1 Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4).
- B. We believe that the only Scriptural marriage is the joining of one man and one woman. (Gen. 2:24; Rom. 7:2; 1 Cor. 7:10; Eph. 5:22-23).

ARTICLE XIII- This constitution can be amended (or altered) at any regular session of the association by two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present providing proposed amendment be presented in writing to the body and be tabled from the morning session until the afternoon (or evening) session, or from the afternoon (or evening) session until the next session.

[End of constitution]



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, reproveth, 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 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!

