

MINUTES
OF THE
Seventeenth Annual Session
OF THE
Antioch
ASSOCIATION
Of
FREE WILL BAPTIST,
HELD WITH

Davis Chapel Church
September 25 26 27 1908

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ELD. R. A. JOHNSON MODERATOR
G. W. BURRIS CLERK

Our Next Annual Association, to be Held
with ZION HOPE CHURCH and
to convene at 9 a. m. on

Friday before the
4th Sunday in
September .

1909

MINUTES

The 17th annual session of the Antioch Association of Free Will Baptist met with Davis Chapel church September 25, 26 and 27, 1908.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder F. M. Hudson at lamp light Friday night, September 25th, and Elder W. C. Austin delivered the annual sermon. Text Ex., 14th chapter and 15th verse. The Moderator appointed R. C. West, C. D. Bowden and J. M. Voss a committee to supply the stand.

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock Saturday, September 26.

Morning session met at 8 o'clock a. m. Prayer offered by S. A. H. Morgan.

Called for letters and messengers, composing the Antioch Association and the following named churches responded: Cross Plains, Davis Chapel, Houston, Hector, Jobs Chapel, Liberty, Mt. Zion, Mt. Vernon, Mt. View, Smyrna No. 2, Northwood, Pine Grove, Smyrna No. 1, St. Joe, Shiloh, Union Grove, Union, Viney Grove, Walnut Grove, Welcome Home No. 2, Zion Hope.

Called for new churches and received the following: Lacke's Chapel, Opplo.

Called for corresponding delegates from sister associations, and Eld. Jesse Carder was received from Mt. Zion Association. The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship.

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The Moderator and clerk declared their offices vacant and the Association organized by electing Elder R. A. Johnson, Moderator; George W. Burris, Clerk; and Elder F. M. Hudson, Treasurer.

The rules of order were read by the Moderator. Adjourned to meet at 2 p. m. Preaching at 11 o'clock by Elders D. J. Coffman and Jesse Carter.

Evening session, prayer offered by S. A. H. Morgan.

Called for report of committee on resolutions, which was read and received for discussion, and the following adopted:

1st. Hereafter we hold our church conferences every three months instead of every month, and that said conferences be held in November, February, May and August of each quarter. Provided that each church may hold each month if desired.

2d. Resolved, that we adopt the Free Will Baptist Banner as the official organ of the Free Will Baptist of Arkansas, and that we recommend to our membership that they give it the support that its importance demands.

3d. Adopted Article of Faith. (See No. 16 Article of Faith), and the following named committees appointed:

On Resolutions—F. M. Hudson, J. A. Venable, J. C. Vaughn, S. A. H. Morgan, B. Savage and Jesse Carter.

On Obituary—Tennie Blair, T. E. Deane and Bertha Patterson.

On Finance—F. M. Nicholes, W. A. Watts, J. N. Price, J. C. Hamilton and F. J. Deane.

On Non-Represented Churches—R. M. Johnson, R. T. Garrison, W. H. Johnston, J. H. Harshaw and J. E. Flowers

On Temperance—W. F. McGee, J. A. Pointer, R. C. West W. F. Bowen.

On Sabbath Schools—Pirl Nicholes, Joe Roberts T. H. Thompson and W. C. Austin.

On Orphan's Home—J. M. Voss, J. C. Cunningham and Jesse Carter.

On Union of the Churches—*J. T. Burris, W. A. Watts and S. A. H. Morgan.*

On motion, we agree to hold our next annual Association with Zion Hope church, in Cerey county, 20 miles north-east of Wit Springs. To commence at 9 o'clock on Friday, embracing the 4th Sunday in September 1909. Elder E. M. Hudson Jr. to preach the introductory sermon and in case of his failure, Elder J. C. Vaughn.

On motion, R. C. West, *J. A. Venable, W. F. McGee*; Sisters Isabelle Davis, Matilda Burris, and C. Arthur and wife were appointed delegates to the State Association and C. C. Baker, M. A. Thompson and J. M. Voss, alternates.

E. M. Hudson and R. M. Johnson were appointed to superintend the printing of the minutes and the distributing of same.

Called for reports of committees, which were read and adopted as read.

Your Committee on Obituaries submit the following report:

We find that the death angel has called the following brothers and sisters: Lidia Meese, Mary Travis, Henry Harton, Geanma Travis, Roscoe Henderson and Mattie Coffman. They are called from labor to reward, and their seats in the church and their homes are vacant, but our loss is their gain. Then let us not weep as those who have no hope, but look for the time when God will say its enough. Come thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of the Lord, where we will meet loved ones to part no more. Respectfully, Tennie Blair.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to make to make the following report:

We believe the Sabbath School to be a great help in training our children up in the way of the Lord, and that our preachers use their influence and urge each church to organize and run a Sabbath school. We also recommend Free Will Baptist literature to be used. Miss Pearl Nichols, Chairman.

We your Committee on Non-Represented Churches report as follows:

We find Houston, Rock Valley, Oak Grove, Antioch, Grand View and New Hope churches in good working order and keeping in the faith. We failed to hear from Pleasant Grove and Rose Creek churches. Bunker Hill and Elizabeth Hall have disbanded. Economy and Hector are dormant for the want of pastoral care.

Respectfully, R. M. Johnson, Chairman.

We your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas the liquor traffic is such an evil among the children of men and has caused so much destruction, be it resolved that we, the Antioch Association of Free Will Baptist, assembled at Davis Chapel in delegated form, do ask all our members to be strictly temperate. And that that we do all in our power to aid others in putting down and doing away with strong drink. We therefore donate \$5.00 to the temperance movement at Little Rock, Arkansas. Respectfully submitted,

W. F. McGee, Chairman.

On Orphans' Home no report from committee.

On Union of Churches no report from committee.

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following report:

We find \$5.40 left over from last year and have collected from delegates' \$9.70, which gives us \$15.10 for minute funds.

Treasurer's Report—I have nothing left over from last year. Received for minutes \$15.40. For delegates to Nashville conference \$10.00. Paid \$10.00 to Elder W. C. Austin, delegate to conference. Donated \$10 to state funds. Have on hand \$5.40. Respectfully Geo. W. Burris, Treasurer.

Ministers Report Report of R. A. Johnson. Sermons preached, 56. Funerals, 3. Married, 3. Received into the church, 12. Received \$10.50 Report of F. M. Hudson. Sermons preached, 31. Funerals conducted, 29. Baptised, 8. Amount received, 0. Amount asked, 00 Report of J. E. Owens. Sermons, 53. Traveled, 250 miles. Received \$2.05 Report of D. J. Coffman. Sermons, 92. Traveled, 400 miles. Received, \$9 Report of W. C.

Austin. Sermons 175. Miles traveled, 1,500. Expenses, \$45.00 Received, \$285 Baptised, 26 Funerals conducted, 3 Debates, 6 days each.

Report of J. H. Harshaw Have had no regular appointments; but have failed not to work with others for the salvation of souls and advocate the F. W. B. cause. Report of J. C. Vaughn. Sermons, 20. 5 sermons in Okla. Baptised, 5 Received nothing.

It is requested that all ministers report at the next session of this association. Report of S. A. H Morgan Received 51 members. Baptised 12 Ordained, 3 deacons Organized, 2 churches. Cash received, \$34.04 Sermons delivered, 141. Funerals attended, 3.

Resolved that the thanks of this association be tendered to the good people of Davis Chappel for the hospitality shown us while with them.

On motion adjourned to meet with Zion Hope Church as aforesaid.

Preaching Saturday night by Eld. R. M. Johnson and J. C. Vaughn. Sunday by Eld. W. C. Austin and S. A. H Morgan. Sunday night by J. G. Carter and James Burris, Geo. W. Burris, clerk. R. A. Johnson, moderator.

Order of Business.

1. Call the church in conference by the Moderator.
2. Call for peace of the church.
3. Invitation for brothers and sisters to sit with us in conference.
4. A call for reading minutes of last meeting.
5. A call for confession.
6. Call for unfinished business.
- Call for miscellaneous business.
8. Invitation for members.
9. Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION.

From long experience, we the members of the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ, being regularly baptised, upon the confession of our faith in Jesus Christ, being convinced of the necessity of a combination or association to perpetuate a union and a communion amongst us, and to preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other, do therefore adopt this constitution for our better government.

1. The Association shall be composed of ordained ministers and members chosen by different associations in our union, not exceeding five from each association and on producing letters shall be entitled to a seat.

2. Letters from different associations are to express their number of fellowship, the number received by experience, letters of recommendation, the number dismissed, excluded, restored, and those who have died since the association.

3. The members thus chosen to be denominated the Arkansas State Association of Freewill Baptists, being composed of sundry associations in the state of Arkansas—the association to have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor to have no ecclesiastical power over the association, reserving the right of withdrawing from any association becoming disorderly, provided, however, the association shall have power, for good cause to revoke the license or credentials of any minister, licensed or ordained by any church within its jurisdiction and to exclude the delegates from its sessions when they or the church are disorderly or fail to keep a good report.

4. The Association to have a Moderator Clerk and Treasurer who are to be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

5. Newly constituted association may be admitted to the union which are to petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination they are found to be orthodox and orderly they may be received into the Association, the Association giving the right hand of fellowship.

6. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless it has first been discussed in its own church.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8. The association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association in proportion to the numbers in each church, the distribution being at the discretion of the association.

9. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular file of minutes of the Association on a book to be kept by the Association for this purpose.

10. The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected, if needed and signed by the moderator and clerk before the close of the association.

11. Amendments to the constitution may be made when necessary by a majority vote of the members present.

Section 12. It is the duty of this Association to see after the union of churches.

Section 13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association shall adjourn.

Section 14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time when a majority of the members may deem necessary.

Articles of Faith

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are equal in divine essence, power and glory. Rom. 1:21; 1 John 5:7.

2. We believe that the scriptures in the Old and New Testaments are the words of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 4:2; John 10:30.

3. We believe that God created man good and gave him holy commandments, whereby he should live holy, but man voluntarily disobeyed the commandments of God, transgressed the law and fell under the just condemnation of the same, whereby all mankind are sinners, not by constraint, but by choice, being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the power. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; then He by the grace of God should taste death for every man. Gen. 1:31; Heb. 2:9.

4. We believe that Christ by his death, burial and resurrection purchased our pardon and offers it freely to all mankind upon the principle of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent; therefore look unto Me and be ye saved of all the ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else. Matt. 4:17; Isa. 45:22; Acts 20:21.

5. We believe that all adult persons must be regenerated and born of the spirit of God if they inherit eternal life. John 3:3; Rom. 5:1-13.

6. We believe that regeneration is an instantaneous renewal of the heart by the Holy Spirit whereby the penitent sinner receives a new life, becomes a child of God and is disposed to serve Him. Hence as babes require constant food for bodily development the new born babes in Christ require spiritual food that they may develop by a gradual growth into full stature of Christian manhood. John 3:3-5; Ezek. 36:26-7; Heb. 12:14; Rev. 21:27; Gal. 5:1-21; Titus 3:5; Eph. 2:10; Rom. 8:16; John 1:12; John 5:25-26; James 1:18; 2 Cor. 5:17. Mustard seed, Matt. 13:31. Growing seed. Mark 4:26.

7. We believe that the doctrine of Sanctification or Holiness as taught in the Bible is applicable to the soul or inner man and to it alone, and that the sanctification of the body will not take place until the resurrection of the dead when the mortal shall put on immortality and this corruptible body shall put on incorruption. Jeffreys; John 3:6; 1 Cor. 6:11; Phil. 3:21.

Adopted as a substitute.

8. We believe that all Christians should persevere in grace, and be faithful to the end if they inherit eternal life, for blessed are they that do his commandments that they have a right to the tree of life and enter in through the gates of the city. Cor. 10:12-13; Rev. 22:14; John 15:2-6; Heb. 10:26.

9. We believe a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women who have obtained fellowship with each other and have given themselves to the Lord and one another, having agreed to keep up good discipline according to the rule of the gospel. 1 Cor. 1:2-10.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church, and the government thereof is with the body. Col. 1:18; Matt. 18:17-18.

11. We believe that baptism by immersion is the apostolic mode, even the burial of a believer in water, and that Christ, who is our life, showed this humble example to His children and bade them walk therein. Matt. 3:4-16; Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 1:9-11.

12. We believe that God in His goodness displays power of grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Ghost and by the instruction of His blessed word to go forth and proclaim life and salvation without price. He bids us freely to come and nothing prevents the salvation of any but their own stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come. 1 Cor. 1:23; Eph. 3:7; Rev. 22:17.

13. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of the gospel of Jesus Christ and that the keeping of the Lord's Day holy and abstaining from worldly lusts and carnal cares and assembling of ourselves together are ornaments which prepare and beautify the soldier of the cross to march onward in the army of the Lord. Matt. 26:28; John 13:14-15; Ex. 20:8-10; Heb. 10:25.

14. We believe that none have a right to baptism only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and none the right to administer the same only those who are called of God and have come under presbytery of elders. Tit. 1:15; Mark 16:16.

15. The soul is immortal, hence does not die with the body, but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery according to the moral character here possessed. Ecl. 12:17; Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; Matt. 17:3; 22, 31 and 32; Acts 7:59; Matt. 10:28; 2 Cor. 5:8; Luke 16:22-26; Rev. 6:9.

16. We believe that there will be general or universal judgment when all men shall be judged according to the deeds done in the body whether good or bad and that im-

mediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment. Act. 17:21; 1 Cor. 15:24; Rev. 2:10; 6 Peter 3, 22,12; Ecl. 9-10; 2 Cor. 5-19; Ecl. 12-14; Matt. 25,26; 2 Thos. 1,8,10; Rom. 6-29; 2 Peter 1-14; Mark 3, 43,44; Jude 7; Rev. 14:11, and 21,7,3,26; Mark 13,41,41; Rom. 2,6,10.

17. We believe it is the duty of each church to assemble themselves together once a month, and that it is the duty of the pastor of the church, when setting forth the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feet, to invite all Christians. Heb. 10:25; 2 Cor. 11:27-28.

18. We believe in a Divine call to the ministry; that the minister should heed the admonition of Paul to Timothy to study the scripture and that he may have the time to devote to study; that the churches shall donate of their substance as the Lord prospers them to the support of their pastors that they may have a better opportunity to store their minds with that spiritual food so necessary to their development. To this end we recommend that the church have a finance committee of three, to consist of two deacons and a clerk, to collect and store such funds.

Rules of Order

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer.

2. Those who speak shall rise, address the Moderator, and personal reflections shall be avoided.

3. All motions made and seconded shall be open for discussion, but debate may be shut off at any time by a majority of the members of the Association.

4. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.

5. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

6. No one shall speak more than once on the same subject without special leave from the body.

7. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.

8. No member shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

9. At the future sessions of this Association arrangements shall be made so as to insure two sermons, or other devotional exercises which shall be equivalent thereto, during each day of the session, and that the chair announce before adjournment who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.

ROLL OF MINISTERS.

List of ministers of the Antioch Association and their addresses.

James F. Burris, Moreland, Arkansas, D. J. Coffman, Moreland, Arkansas, James Cole, (licensed,) Huston, Arkansas, Francis M. Hudson, Moreland, Arkansas, Jessie Jeffreys, Moreland, Arkansas, R. M. Johnson, Moreland, Arkansas, R. A. Johnson, Delaware, Arkansas, S. A. H. Morgan, Opplo, Arkansas, J. H. Harshaw, Aitkins, Arkansas, J. F. Owens, Gumlog, Arkansas, J. M. Prince, Tag, Arkansas, Nathan Reid, Cleveland, Arkansas, A. F. Taylor, Appleton, Arkansas, J. H. Treadwell, Appleton, Arkansas, Charley Summers, Huston, Arkansas, Wm. Steakley, Fourche, Arkansas, H. B. Savage, Watts, Arkansas, Joe Winkler, Huston, Arkansas, J. B. Vaughn, Morland, Arkansas, W. C. Austin, Panama, Okl., J. C. Vaughan, Howe, Oklahoma

Form of Church Letter to Association

State of Arkansas, County of

..... Church to the Arkansas

Association of Freewill Baptists, when assembled with
 Paradise Church, Logan county, Ark.

GREETING:

We send from our church Bros

..... whom we pray you to receive to
 sit with you and to aid you in your deliberations. [Add
 Statistical Report, state of religion, post office address, num-
 ber of fellowship, etc.]

Done in Church Conference 190

..... Moderators

..... Clerk.

LETTERS OF DISMISSAL.

This certifies that is a mem-
 ber in good standing of the Freewill Baptist Church at
 and as such we recommend him
 to the fellowship of God's people.

Done by order of Church Conference

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..... Moderator.

..... Clerk.

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Johnson, W. H.				
Nicholas Pearl	5	2	41	1
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Patterson, Bertha Patterson				
Walterc. Miles and Tinnie	10		10	2
and F. J. Deane, W. S. Curtice	14	2	38	2
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R. T. Garrison, Geo. Poynter, I. W. Roberts			54	
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John Bowman	1			
W F McGee, J A Venable, G W B Harris	2			
A. J. Duvall				
J. T. and T. H. Thompson, Ed and John Flowers, Wm Ramsey	4			
J C. Hamilton	2	1	2	28
J O Cunningham, C Meese				
J M Voss	19		4	1
R M Conolly	7	3		
Not Represented				
W A Watts, Elizabeth Watts				
J N Price				
S H Morgan				

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