

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**Twenty-fourth Annual Session**  
OF THE  
**Antioch Association**  
OF  
**Freewill Baptists**  
HELD WITH  
**Union Grove Church**  
Pope County, Arkansas,  
September 9, 10, and 11, 1915.

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R. M. JOHNSON, Atkins, Ark., Moderator.

W. F. McGEE, Gum Log, Ark., Clerk.

# MINUTES

The twenty-fourth annual session of the Antioch Association met with Union Grove church, Pope county, Arkansas, on Thursday, September 9, 1916. Preaching at 8:30 p. m., by Eld. Dave Thompson.

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 9 a. m. by Moderator R. E. L. Duvall and opened in the usual way. Opening song, "How Firm a Foundation," led by Cal Loyd. Moderator R. E. L. Duvall then opened the Association by reading the 103d division of the Psalms. Song, "Amazing Grace." Prayer by R. E. L. Duvall. Song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Moderator then declared the Association open for business. Bro. B. E. Wharton was elected reading clerk. Moderator then called the roll of churches and the following found represented: St. Joe, Cross Plains, Mountain View, Pine Grove, Mt. Zion, Holman, Shiloh, Center Point, Mountain Home, Jobe's Chapel, Smyrna, Liberty, Union Grove, Mt. Vernon, Zion's Hill, Mt. Pleasant, Union Hill, Oak Grove.

Motion by J. B. Vaughn to receive all letters as read from the different churches and that all members present be seated as delegates. Carried.

Letters from newly organized churches was called for and one was presented from Sweet Home church, organized by E. Henderson, August 29, 1915. Letter received and messengers seated. On motion the rules were suspended and all christians invited to join in the fellowship handshake. Song, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

Being duly organized, the Association by motion adjourned until 3 p. m., with prayer by G. C. Baker.

Preaching at 11 a. m.

Eld. R. A. Johnson of Logan county, preached the introductory sermon. Opening song, "Lord, I'm Comiug Home." Scripture lesson, Heb. 13th chapter. Song, "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Jesse Jeffries. Song, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." Text, Heb. 12:1-2, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. Song, "When I Can Read my Title Clear." Conclnded by Jesse Jeffries. Dismissing song "God be With You Till We Meet Again."

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opening song, "Down at the Cross." The Association was opened in the usual way with prayer by J. W. Curran. Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to messengers from Shiloh and Center Point.

Moderator declared nominations in order for moderator for the ensuing year. Elders R. M. Johnson and Jesse Jeffries was placed in nomination. Eld. Jeffries requested that his name be withdrawn as he was very feeble and not able to comply with the duties as moderator of this body. His request was granted and Eld. R. M. Johnson was then elected by acclamation. Nominations for clerk, and W. F. McGee being the only one placed in nomination, was elected clerk by acclamation for the fifth term.

By motion, the word minutes in line 8 of Order of Business is to be changed to the word constitution.

A committee was appointed to pass on the credentials of Eld. J. W. Curran, presented, formerly of Eldridge, Mo., and date January 26, 1905. The committee reported his credentials in order and recommended their endorsement.

Reading of minutes of last Association by the clerk and appointment of committees, as follows:

Resolutions—R. E. L. Duvall, J. B. Vaughn, B. E. Wharton, J. A. Venable, E. Henderson, R. A. Johnson, G. C. Baker, Jesse Jeffries and Moderator and Clerk.

Temperance—W. W. Lemley, N. A. Howard, Mollie Venable, Minnie Vaughn, S. E. Bunker, J. L. Stanton.

Sabbath Schools—W. J. Wright, W. R. Cooper, H. O. Dickerson, H. S. Wright, W. A. Sorrels, R. J. Henderson.

Non-Represented Churches—J. J. Wilkins, E. L. Sorrels, Louis Hopper, Tennie Johnson, J. W. Scott, Forrest Flowers.

Union of Churches—R. L. Brandon, W. R. Taylor, Hobert Sorrels, J. S. Flowers, G. B. Maxwell, R. C. Teague, Geo. T. Gipson.

Obituary—W. J. Jobe, Roda Bowden, Annie Taylor, Lela Nickols, Bonnie Baker, Johnie Johnson.

Divine Services—G. W. Burris, B. F. Howard, W. J. Wright.

Finance—Grady Weir, J. J. West, Earnest Wright, W. H. Heflin, W. A. Atkins, T. S. Arnold, D. J. Stone.

By motion the time of preaching introductory sermon was changed back to the first meeting of the Association.

Motion that J. A. Venable talk for a short time was well carried out. The Association then adjourned Saturday morning with prayer by J. A. Venable.



## FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE.

Prayer service conducted by J. A. Venable. At 8:30 p. m. R. E. L. Duvall read 9th chapter of Hebrews for a scripture lesson. Song, "Did Christ o'er Sinners Weep," prayer by Eld. Jesse Jeffries. Text, Heb. 8:8. For finding fault with them, he saith, "Behold the days come saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah."

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Was opened in regular order. Song, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross." G. W. Burris read the 1st and 15th Psalms. Song, "Nearer My God to Thee." Prayer by E. Henderson.

Delegates from Mountain Home and Oak Grove seated. By motion of G. W. Burris, a committee of five be appointed to look after the work of ministers and report at next Association. Motion carried and Moderator appointed G. W. Burris, B. E. Wharton, B. F. Howard, J. S. Looper, F. M. Nickols on that committee.

Reports of committees on Sabbath Schools, Obituaries, Union of Churches and Non-Represented Churches, made, reports received and committees discharged. Morning session closed with prayer by R. E. L. Duvall.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by Elders J. A. Venable and R. B. Venable. Song, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Scripture lesson, 3d chapter of John, song, "Amazing Grace." Prayer by R. B. Venable. Song, "Pass Me Not." Text, John 3:7, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again." Song, "Saved Through Jesus Blood," concluded by R. B. Venable and a glorious revival.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Was opened in the usual way. Song, "Look for Me for I'll be There." Prayer by W. C. Smith. The Moderator appointed R. A. Johnson Dave Thompson, G. W. Burris, R. B. Venable and J. J. Wilkins as delegates to State Association.

Committees on Resolutions, Roll of Ministers and Finance, made reports. Reports received and committee discharged except committee on Finance which was retained.

Much interest was manifested in the selection of a place for the next Association. Cross Plains, St. Joe, Shiloh, Mountain Home and Smyrna were placed in nomination. After some friendly wrangling, St. Joe and Shiloh were withdrawn and a vote taken, Mountain Home received 33, Cross Plains 21, and

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Smyrna 6. Mountain Home was given the next Association with Eld. R. B. Venable to preach the introductory sermon on Thursday night, before the second Sunday in September, 1916.

Motion that Moderator R. M. Johnson, G. W. Burris and R. E. L. Duvall visit all the churches in the Antioch Association during the ensuing year and ordain deacons where needed and instruct the deacons as to their duties.

**Report of Committee on Union of Churches**

We, your Committee on Union of Churches, beg leave to submit the following report: We are glad to say that so far as we can learn, all churches are in union and fellowship with one another. May God's union and love continue.

R. L. BRANDON, Chairman.

**Report of Committee on Non-Represented Churches.**

We, your Committee on Non-Represented Churches, beg leave to submit the following: We find that all churches are represented, except Pleasant View, which is reported disbanded.

J. J. WILKINS, Chairman.

**Report of Committee on Obituaries.**

We, your Committee on Obituaries, submit the following report: We find the following named brothers and sisters have departed this life since our last association: Brothers W. T. Bowen of Cross Plains; H. H. Hubbard, and Sister L. G. Pope of Union Grove; and R. C. West of Center Point, all of whom were devoted Christians and loyal to their churches and families.

Whereas, God in his infinite wisdom has taken from our midst and from labor to reward, the above-named brothers and sister, be it

Resolved, that we bow in humble submission, though it be our sad but their glorious call and that we follow in the footsteps of our blessed Redeemer, until likewise the call is made for us, then we can be housed in the portals of that eternal glory with all the blood-washed throng. We pray God's blessing on all bereaved relatives and friends.

W. J. JOBE, Chairman.

**Report of Committee on Temperance.**

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report: Whereas, the temperance question is of great importance and from the effects of strong drink many homes are desolate, many widows and dependent children are today realizing its poisonous nature and many of our young men's lives blasted by taking strong drink, therefore be it

Resolved, that we as a band of christian workers in Christ do now and forever, condemn the liquor traffic to the fullest extent, and we will not hold any member who grievously indulges in strong drinks. We further believe that men can be intemperate in various ways, therefore we urge our membership to be temperate in all things.

W. W. LEMLEY, Chairman.

**Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools.**

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, submit the following report: We believe Sabbath Schools to be a great help to the churches

and communities in which they are carried on. Therefore we endorse it as a part of our religious work, and urge the membership, pastors and deacons to organize and maintain Sabbath Schools for the good of our children that their minds may be impressed with Bible literature in place of novels, and as they grow into years of accountability, their mental talents may develop into ways of christianity. We recommend that Union literature be used in schools. We find that the following churches have Sabbath Schools: Union Grove, Sweet Home, St. Joe, Zion's Hill, Mt. Vernon, Smyrna, Center Point, Mt. Zion, Union Hill, Mountain Home and Cross Plains. We further recommend that the clerk of each of the churches of the association in writing the letter to the association give their number of enrolment of the Sabbath School.

W. J. WRIGHT, Chairman.

**Report of Committee on Finance.**

We, your Committee on Finance submit the following report: The following named churches have paid and agreed to pay the following amount:

	Minutes Fund	Clerk's Fee
St. Joe .....	\$1.50	50 cents
Jobe's Chapel .....	1.00	50 cents
Cross Plains .....	1.00	50 cents
Smyrna .....	1.00	50 cents
Oak Grove .....	1.00	
Mountain View .....	1.00	
Liberty .....	1.00	50 cents
Pine Grove .....	1.00	50 cents
Union Grove .....	1.00	50 cents
Mt. Zion .....	1.00	50 cents
Mt. Pleasant .....	1.00	50 cents
Mt. Vernon .....	1.00	
Mountain Home .....	1.00	50 cents
Shiloh .....	1.00	
Holman .....	1.00	
Center Point .....	1.00	50 cents
Zion's Hill .....	1.00	50 cents
Sweet Home .....	1.05	

Total ..... \$18.55 \$6.00

H. J. WEIR, Chairman.

**Report of Committee on Resolutions.**

We, your Committee on Resolutions submit the following report: Resolved, that the words, "and deacons" be added after the word ministers in article one of the constitution.

Second. Resolved, that we commend Elder R. E. L. Duvall for his services as Moderator of this association the past year, and for his efforts to visit a lltthe churches of this association at different times. It has been partially through his work that the churches have been grealy encouraged.

Third. Whereas, Bro. F. M. Hudson, Sr., who has been a member of this association for a number of years, is at his son's home on the bed of affliction, therefore be it resolved that the most tender regards of this association be extended Bro. Hudson and children in hours of



affliction. We pray that he may be restored to health and to his wonted place in home and church.

Fourth. Resolved, that the thanks of this association be extended to the Christian people of Union Grove for their hospitality to us during our stay with them; also to the irreligious part for their kindness and good behavior. Best regards to all. May the choicest of Heaven's blessings be theirs.

R. E. L. DUVALL, Chairman.

The Association closed its work of business Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and was dismissed by singing "God be With You," prayer by Arthur Reid.

Prayer service was opened at 5 o'clock by W. W. Lemley and was very interesting until the time came to give way for preaching. Preaching at 8 o'clock by E. Henderson and Cordus Johnson. Text, Isaiah 52:3, "For thus saith the Lord, ye have sold yourselves for nought and ye shall be redeemed without money." In the close of this service the necessary preparations having been made by Union Grove church, the Association entered into the communion service and foot-washing conducted by Eld. Jesse Jeffries. At the close of this service the delegates taken the parting hand. A general handshake followed with a glorious revival.

#### SUNDAY MORNING.

Many of the delegates left for home Sunday morning while those that were left were met by the good people in and around Union Grove who brought their dinner and came to spend the day. Elds. Jesse Jeffries and R. M. Johnson preached at 11 o'clock. Morning lesson, 12th chapter of Corinthians. Prayer by G. W. Burris. Text, 1 Cor. 15:21, "For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead." At the close of this service the committee on Finance called for a contribution to help pay the expenses of the delegates to the State Association and also for the little girl of Elsworth Singleton, who has been on the bed of affliction for the past four years. The contribution amounted to \$16.65. Of this \$8.65 was sent to little Ethel Singleton and \$8 held for delegate's expenses.

#### SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 p. m. Elds. Fred Duvall and Dave Thompson were ordained as min-sters, Elds. Jesse Jeffries, R. M. Johnson and Cardus Johnson forming the Presbytery.

At 4 p. m. Elds. J. B. Vaughn and H. S. Walker preached the closing sermon of the Association. Text, 1 John 3:1, "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us,

that we should be called the sons of God." The Association then adjourned to meet with Mountain Home church, Johnson county, Arkansas, Cabin Creek being the nearest railroad station, Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1916, R. B. Venable to preach the introductory sermon.

#### Roll of Ordained Ministers.

R. M. Johnson, Gumlog.  
R. E. L. Duvall, Atkins.  
J. A. Venable, Carden's Bottom.  
J. B. Vaughn, Moreland.  
Jesse Jeffries, Gumlog.  
E. Henderson, Atkins.  
R. B. Venable, Gumlog.  
H. J. Walker, Geren.  
J. H. Harshaw, Altus.  
J. W. Curran, Russellville.  
W. C. Smith, Pottsville.  
Garl Duvall, Gumlog.  
N. S. Coffman, Gumlog.  
H. E. Singleton, Gumlog.  
G. H. McDonald, Dublin.  
K. Dunkin, Clarksville.  
Arthur Reid, Cleveland.  
Dave Thompson, Atkins.  
Fred Duvall, Atkins.  
R. A. Johnson, Utley.  
J. T. Burris, Moreland.  
F. M. Hudson, Moreland.  
J. A. Starks, Silex.  
Esom Baker, Scottsville.  
J. A. Lemons, Gumlog.  
Fate Bowen, Appleton.  
Cardus Johnson, Delaware.  
W. H. Whisnant, Silex.

#### Roll of Ministers in Attendance.

R. M. Johnson, R. E. L. Duvall, Jesse Jeffries, R. A. Johnson, Cardus Johnson, H. J. Walker, J. B. Vaughn, Dave Thompson, Fred Duvall, R. B. Venable, Arthur Reid, W. C. Smith, J. W. Curran, J. H. Harshaw.

#### Messengers from the Churches.

St. Joe—G. W. Burris, G. T. Gipson, E. M. Arnold, Henry Arnold, W. A. Atkins, Mollie Venable, Christiana Arnold.

Jobe's Chapel—W. R. Cooper, R. C. Teague, W. J. Jobe, T. S. Arnold.

Cross Plains—J. W. Vaughn, L. M. Vaughn, Minnie Vaughn, Eva Eakins, Minnie Turner.

Smyrna—J. W. Scott, W. H. Heflin, Forrest Flowers, Rada Bowden.

Mt. View—W. W. Lemley, B. F. Hubbard, M. A. Hubbard.

Liberty —Bonnie Baker, Lela Nickols, G. C. Baker, R. L. Brandon, Jennie Brandon, F. M. Nickols, Johnnie Johnson.



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Pine Grove—R. A. Johnson, Tennie Johnson.

Union Grove—C. A. Loyd, Ernest Wright, S. E. Bunker, W. J. Wright.

Mt. Zion—E. B. Stone, B. E. Wharton, Charley Russell, H. O. Dickerson, D. J. Stone.

Mt. Vernon—R. J. Henderson, W. O. Coffman.

Holman—J. J. Wilkins, Louis Hopper.

Zion's Hill—W. R. Sorrells, E. L. Sorrells, J. A. Lafarlett, Joe Barnett, Clarence Sorrells.

Shiloh—A. J. Duvall, H. S. Wright, S. B. Maxwell.

Mt. Pleasant—H. G. Weir, J. W. Curran, Mary Curran.

Sweet Home—J. S. Flowers, Robert Sorrells, Fred Burnett, W. R. Taylor, Annie Taylor, Phosie Burnett, C. A. Compton.

Center Point—J. J. West, J. S. Stanton.

Union Hill—R. A. Johnson.

Mt. Home—J. S. Looper, J. S. Willis, W. S. Ferrill, L. W. Pitts.

Oak Grove—Nannie Lowrey.

All churches of the Association was well represented and all business transacted was perfectly harmonious throughout. With due respect to one and all the Association adjourns to meet with Mountain Home church, Johnson county, Arkansas, Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1816.

R. M. JOHNSON, Moderator.

WILL MCGEE, Clerk.

## *Antioch Association.*

### CONSTITUTION.

From a long series of experience, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptised upon the profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and to preserve, and maintain a correspondence with each other, we therefore propose to keep orders and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union; and each church is entitled to three Messengers. All ordained ministers and deacons of our faith and order shall be members when present.

2. Letters from the different churches are to express their number in fellowship, the number received by experience, letter of recommendation, dismissed, excluded, restored, and that have died since last association; and the name of the clerk, moderator, county, post-office, Sabbath of meeting, and the amount paid pastor.

3. The members thus chosen and convened, to be denominated the Antioch Association of Freewill Baptists, being composed of the churches of parts of Pope, Johnson, Conway, Yell, Logan and Perry counties, and the Association to have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor to have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, reserving the rights of withdrawing from any church acting disorderly.

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

5. New churches may be admitted into the Association by letter or delegates, if found to be orthodox in the faith of the Freewill Baptists, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

6. No question presented by the delegates of any church shall be discussed in the Association unless it has been thoroughly discussed in their own church.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it be withdrawn by the members making it.

8. The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this Association in proportion to the number of members 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.

10. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association closes.

11. The Association shall have a fund for her support, which shall be supplied by voluntary contribution of the churches whose duty it shall be to send it by the hands of the messengers, which money so sent shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer for that purpose, and he shall be accountable to the Association for all money received by him until paid out as they may direct.

12. The Association, in case of failure of any church to attend, may inquire into the cause.

13. It is the duty of the Association to see after the union of the churches.

14. It is the sense of this Association that if a Minister take a letter from a church of this Association and neglect or refuse to place it in some church for the period of 1 year, his name shall be dropped from the roll of Ministers, his credentials revoked, and this Association will not recognize any work that may come under his hands as a presbytery after such time and it shall be the duty of the clerk after such steps have been taken by the Association, to notify the clerk of the county in which such minister may live or have his credentials recorded of the action of this Association toward such Minister. And any such Minister who wishes to be reinstated by this Association can do so by uniting himself with some church of this Association, and from the beginning of his membership his credentials shall be in full force and his work recognized without again coming under a Presbytery of Elders.

15. Amendments to this plan of government may be made at any time when a majority of the members may deem it necessary.

#### **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 just before adjournment who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.

10. Alternations may be made in these rules at any regular meeting of the Association.



**ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association called to order by Moderator, in his absence, the Clerk.
3. Letters from the churches of this Association called for, read and messengers invited to seats.
4. Call for letters from newly organized churches.
5. Correspondence Associations.
6. Right hand of fellowship.
7. Election of permanent officers.
8. Reading Rules of Order and Minutes of last Association by Chair or Clerk.
9. Appointment of following committees: (a) Resolutions, (b) Finance, (c) Arrangement of Preaching, (d) Temperance, (e) Sabbath Schools, (f) Obituary, (g) Conditions of Non-represented Churches, (h) Union of Churches.
10. Report of committees appointed at last Association, and other unfinished business.
11. Report of new committees.
12. New business.
13. Adjournment.

**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 men are sinners, not by constraint, but by choice, being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the fall. 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. 1:27, Gen. 2:16-17, Gen. 3:6, John 3:16, Heb. 2:9.

4. We believe that Christ by his death, burial and resurrection purchased our pardon and offers it freely to all men 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; Isaiah 45:22, John 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 1:6-14, Gal. 6:15, Titus 3:5, John 3:1-13, Rom. 8:9.

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 babies require constant food for bodily development, the new born babe in Christ requires spiritual food that they may develop by a gradual growth into full stature of Christ and manhood. John 3:5, Ez. 36:26-7, Jer. 32:29, Titus, 3:5, Heb. 12:14, Gal. 5:1-21, Eph. 2:10; Rom. 8:16, John 1:12, Matt. 12:31, 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 this mortal shall put on immortality and this corruptible body shall put on incorruption. 1 Cor. 6:11, Rom. 7, 8; Phil. 3, 21; 1 Cor. 15, 44.

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. 1 Cor. 10, 12:3; Rev. 22, 14; Rom. 11, 20-21; John 3, 24. Heb. 10, 26; John, 15:2-6.

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 rules of the Gospel. John 1, 7. Matt. 18, 15-20.

10. We believe that the church is the family of God, in the Aggregate composed of all the redeemed from righteous Able to the restitution of all things from every nation kindred and tongue. Matt. 16, 18; Acts 2, 47; Heb. 12, 23; Eph. 1, 22.

11. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church, and the government thereof is with the body. Eph. 5, 23; Col. 1, 18; Matt. 18, 17-18.

12. 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, 5-16; Matt. 28, 19-20; Mark 1, 9-11; Acts 8, 38.

13. 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. 3, 7-8. 1 Tim. 4:16; 1 Cor. 1, 23; 1 Tim, 1, 15-16, John 3, 4-18.

14. We believe that only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, have a right to baptism and those only who have been called of God and have come under the Presbytery of Elders have a right to administer the same. Titus 1:15; Mar. 16:16; Matt. 3:8-9, Acts 10:47.

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 spiritual character here possessed. Eccl. 12:7; Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:42; Rev. 6-9.

16. We believe that there will be a general or universal judgment when all men shall be judged according to the deeds done in the body whether good or bad and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into eternal happiness. Rom. 1-5; Eccl. 1-14; Matt. 12-36-37; Rom. 14-10. Heb. 9-27; Matt. 12-41; Matt. 24-46. Mark 9, 34-46; 2 Thess. 1, 8-9, Rev. 14-11. Rev. 21-8. Luke 16-23.

17. We believe it is the duty of each church to assemble themselves together at least 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, according to the rule of the gospel. Mark 14, 24-25, John 15, 4-5, 1st Cor. 11th chapter, 1st Cor. 1, 2-10, Heb. 10-25, 2nd Cor. 11, 27-28.

18. We believe in a divine call to the ministry, that the minister shall heed the admonition of Paul to Timothy to study the Scripture, that the churches donate of their substances as the Lord prospers them to the support of their pastors, that said ministers may have better opportunities to store their minds with that spiritual food so necessary to Christian development. To this end we recommended that each church have a finance committee of three to consist of two deacons and a clerk to collect and store such funds. 2nd Tim. 2-12, 1st Cor. 16, 1-2.



## STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Countys.	Clerks.	Post Office.	Moderator.	Received.	Dismissed.	Died.	Excluded.	Total Members	Days of Meetings
St. Joe	Pope	W. F. McGee	Atkins	R. M. Johnson		4			64	3
Cross Plains	Pope	Nora Duvall	Moreland	R. M. Johnson	11		1		63	1
Job's Chaple	Pope	R. C. Teague	Gum Log	H. E. Singleton	14	1		2	80	1
Smyrna	Pope	J. W. Scott	Russellville	Carl Duvall					38	2
Union Grove	Pope	Earnest Wright	Atkins	B. F. Duvall			2		45	1
Mt. Vernon	Pope	W. J. Wright	Gum Log	R. B. Venable				1	21	2
Mt. View	Pope	Ella Lemley	Appleton	R. B. Venable		3			24	2
Shiloh	Pope	H. S. Wright	Gum Log	B. F. Duvall					37	2
Mt. Zion	Pope	J. T. Godfry	Moreland	J. B. Vaughn	22				70	1
Center Point	Pope	J. J. West	Gum Log	R. B. Venable	5	2	1		36	3
Liberty	Logan	Bonnie Baker	Utley	H. J. Walker	3				57	1
Pine Grove	Logan	Mary Wurst	Deleware	H. J. Walker	2				71	3
Mt. Pleasant	Pope	J. M. Sparks	Gum Log	R. E. L. Duvall	34				46	1
Union Hill	Yell	G. W. Jagers	Dardanelle	Cardus Johnson						
Mt. Home	Johnson	J. S. Looper	Ludvig	K. Dunkin	14	2			24	2
Holman	Johnson	L. W. Wilkins	Lamar	K. Dunkin					56	
Zion Hill	Conway	Ben Tanner	Hattievill	R. B. Venable	8	4			15	4
Oak Grove	Johnson	Martha Denton	Prairie View	H. J. Walker					33	
Sweet Home	Pope	Hobert Sorrels	Atkins	E. Henderson	16				16	2
					129	16	4	3	806	