

MINUTES  
OF THE  
Twenty-Fifth Annual Session  
OF THE  
Antioch Association  
OF  
Freewill Baptists

HELD WITH  
Mountain Home Church  
JOHNSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

September 8, 9, 10, 1916.

---

ELD. JESSE JEFFRIES, Moderator.

W. F. McGEE, Atkins, Ark., Clerk.

# MINUTES

---

The twenty-fifth annual session of the Antioch Association of Freewill Baptists met with Mountain Home church, Johnson county, Arkansas, Thursday night, September 7, 1916.

The introductory Sermon was preached to a large audience by Eld. R. B. Venable, who was elected for this purpose at the previous meeting. He read for a scripture lesson the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians. Text, Heb. 4:9: "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God."

Concluded by Eld. K. Duncan.

## FRIDAY, Morning Session.

The Association was called to order at 9 a. m. and opened in regular order by the Moderator, R. M. Johnson, who read the 11th Psalm. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. Henderson. Moderator then declared the Association open for business.

Moderator appointed Bros. Hobert Sorrels, F. M. Nickols and W. S. Ferrell as Committee on Divine Service, and R. E. L. Duvall as Reading Clerk.

Letters from the different churches that make up the roll were called for, and the following were presented by their messengers:

St. Joe—W. F. McGee, Deacon; Alice McGee and G. W. Burris.

Cross Plains—J. W. Vaughan and Ailsey Hudson.

Jobe's Chapel—W. R. Cooper and L. V. Overturf.

Smyrna—By Moderator R. M. Johnson.

Union Grove—S. E. Bunker, W. H. Loyd, Sarah Cooksey, Ernest Wright.

Mount Vernon—R. J. Henderson.

Mountain View—B. F. Howard, N. A. Howard.

Shiloh—By R. E. L. Duvall.

Mount Zion—H. O. Dickerson, H. Ketchum, John Burton, Deacons D. J. Stanton and W. L. Ketchum.

Center Point—J. J. West, G. W. Russell.

Liberty—Bonnie Baker, A. Thomas, L. W. Burkhead, Lula Nichols, Deacons G. C. Baker, F. M. Nichols.

Pine Grove—G. A. Poynter, J. W. Johnson, Tennessee Johnson, E. M. Harshfield, Janette Harshfield, Deacon J. H. Harshfield, R. T. Garrison.

Union Hill—By K. Dunklin, moderator.

Mountain Home—A. C. Chronister, O. B. Horn, E. C. Holloway,

Deacon L. W. Pitts, J. A. Tumbleson, Berry Looper, W. S. Ferrell, Holman, Hayden Hooper, Oliver Wilkins.

Zion Hill—Clarence Sorrells.

Oak Grove—Troy Henderson, Locky Weir, B. F. Holmes.

Sweet Home—Fred Burnett, Hobart Sorrells, Deacons, and J. S. Flowers.

Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to all messengers present and invited all Christians to join in a general hand-shake.

Letters from newly organized churches were called for, and Eld. J. W. Curren presented a letter from Happy Hill church, which was organized August 20, 1916, with 19 members, by J. G. Duvall. Said church was received in full fellowship and its messengers, W. S. Morgan, and J. W. Curren, were seated.

Corresponding letters were called for, and none received.

#### Election of Officers.

The Association being duly organized, the Moderator declared it ready to elect officers for the ensuing year. Elder Jesse Jeffries was placed in nomination, and without any opposition, was unanimously elected. W. F. McGee was re-elected Clerk without opposition.

Moderator R. M. Johnson, in retiring from the chair, made his report. He stated that he had visited all the churches but five in the Association the past year, and with the many duties enjoined upon him, had tried to advance the cause of Christ. The Association recognizes Bro. Johnson as one of its many conservative and esteemed moderators and an able minister, and appreciates the good work he is doing.

Our aged and esteemed moderator, Jesse Jeffries, assumed the duties of the office, and his gratifying remarks did edify the Association much.

The Clerk read the minutes of last Association.

The Devotional Committee reported that R. E. L. Duvall would preach at 11 a. m., and Cordus Johnson would conclude the service.

Motion carried to adjourn until 2 p. m. Prayer by G. W. Burris.

#### 11 O'clock Service,

Preaching by R. E. L. Duvall. Song, "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Scripture lesson, 16th Chapter of Revelations. Song. Prayer by Bro. Duvall. Song, "Walking in Sun-

light." Text, John 3:14-15: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the son of man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

Committee on Divine Service reported that Elds. J. A. Venable and E. Henderson would preach at night.

### Afternoon Session.

Opening song, "I am bound for the Promised Land." Moderator read the 73rd Psalm. Song, "Do not pass me by." Prayer by J. S. King. Roll call. Motion to seat the delegates from Center Point church.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Resolutions—R. A. Johnson, G. W. Burris, Hobart Sorrells, R. B. Venable, K. Dunklin.

Finance—N. J. Johnson, J. S. Flowers, E. C. Holloway.

Temperance—Cordus Johnson, J. A. Venable, O. H. Dickerson.

Sabbath Schools—Lena Nichols, Fred Burnett, R. E. L. Duvall.

Obituaries—Clarence Sorrells, Bonnie Baker, R. J. Henderson, Hayden Hoopper.

Non-Represented Churches—E. Henderson, L. W. Burkhead, Jess Looper.

Union of Churches—R. M. Johnson, J. S. King, R. L. Brandon.

Roll of Ministers—Cordus Johnson, J. A. Venable, G. H. McDaniel

The Association was adjourned with prayer by Cordus Johnson, until 8:30 Saturday morning.

### Friday Night Session.

Prayer services conducted by G. W. Burris for a short time was very interesting. Preaching by J. A. Venable. Text, Rom. 8:9: "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if so be that the spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his." Concluded by E. Henderson.

**SATURDAY—Morning Session.**

Opened by Moderator, who read 2nd Chapter 1st John, and prayer.

Letters from Pine Grove, Cross Plains and Center Point churches were received. Motion carried for R. M. Johnson to represent Smyrna church, as he was the moderator at Smyrna.

Report of Committee on unfinished business was received and the committee retained, with Cardus Johnson added.

Report of Committee on Ordained Ministers was received and committee retained, with G. A. Poynter added.

Report of Temperance received and committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Non-Represented Churches received and committee discharged.

Motion to adjourn until 2:30 p. m., with prayer by R. M. Johnson carried.

**11 O'clock Session.**

Song, "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Scripture lesson, John 14. Song, "Saviour, more than Life to Me." Prayer by Bro. Tumbleson. Song, "I'm Going Home." Preaching by R. A. Johnson. Text, Acts 2:39: "For the promise is unto you and your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Concluded by R. M. Johnson and a glorious revival.

**Afternoon Session.**

Opening song, "At the Cross." Scripture lesson, 10th Chapter Romans. Song, "When I can read my titles clear." Prayer by G. H. McDaniel.

Letter from Mountain Home church was received.

Report of Committee on Obituaries received and Committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Finance received and committee discharged.

In the report on Resolution No. 1, No. 2, a motion to strike out the word "person" and insert the word "minister" carried, and the resolution was adopted as amended.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools was received and committee discharged.



The Moderator appointed the following delegates:

State Association—F. M. Nichols, W. H. Johnson, J. W. Vaughan, W. S. Ferrell, G. T. Gipson.

Zion Hope Association—B. F. Howard, Joe Venable, R. M. Johnson, E. Henderson .

Western—G. H. McDaniel, Cardus Johnson, G. C. Baker.

Arkansas Association—R. A. Johnson, J. S. King.

A committee on building church house was appointed, viz: G. W. Burris, Cordus Johnson and J. J. West.

Oak Grove, Logan county, Arkansas, was the place selected for the next meeting of the Association, on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1917, Eld G. H. McDaniel to preach the introductory sermon, with R. M. Johnson as alternate.

A motion was carried that we have a Memorial Sermon at each session of the Association, and Eld. F. M. Hudson was selected to preach the Memorial Sermon Saturday at 11 a. m.

The business work of the Association closed with prayer by G. W. Burris.

#### Night Session.

Prayer services conducted by J. A. Tumbleson. Preaching by F. M. Hudson. Text, Mark, 28:19-20: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Communion services conducted by Moderator Jesse Jeffries, and many of the Saints did show forth the death and suffering of our beloved Savior.

#### SUNDAY—Morning Session.

The Lord's Day services were opened with old time spiritual songs. Scripture lesson, 33rd Psalm. Prayer was offered by E. Henderson. Preaching by Eld. Jesse Jeffries. Text, Rom. 5:7: "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

At the close of this service the parting hand was taken, and thus ended a glorious good meeting.

At this point a contribution was made to our aged Moderator, in which he received \$8.90. Also Bro. Johnson was tendered \$2.00 by the good people around Mountain Home, who then spread dinner in the churchyard and invited all to come and dine.

---

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

---

### 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 instead 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 union schools.

Upon investigation we find that there are Sabbath Schools in the following churches:

Liberty—R. T. Garrison, superintendent; Miss Iva Garrison, secretary. Enrollment 55.

Union Grove—John Walters, superintendent; J. H. Jackson, secretary. Enrollment 50.

Mountain Home—Berry Looper, superintendent; Barbara Chronister, secretary. Enrollment 43.

Happy Hill—R. A. Davis, superintendent; Alma Burkhead, secretary. Enrollment 64.

Cross Plains—L. E. Barton, superintendent; Miss Eva Eakins, secretary. Enrollment 40.

Center Point—J. M. Burris, superintendent; Miss Zettie Ashmore, secretary. Enrollment 60.

St. Joe—W. F. McGee, superintendent; Miss Temple Worsham, secretary. Enrollment 80.

Sweet Home—J. S. Flowers, superintendent; Miss Phosie Burnett, secretary. Enrollment 52.

Mount Vernon—W. J. Wright, superintendent; Joe Hart, secretary. Enrollment 25.

Smyrna has school in good working order.

Pine Grove has school in good working order.

We further recommend that the clerks of the different churches in the Association give the name of superintendent, secretary and number enrolled in their Sabbath Schools when writing letters to Association.

LELA NICHOLS,  
FRED BURNETT,  
R. E. L. DUVALL, Committee.

#### Committee on Temperance.

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following: We point with pride to the steady growth of temperance in our State, and commend the work of the last two sessions of the Legislature in this line, and especially the passage of the Statewide Prohibition act. And we find that the good effects of said law have surpassed the expectation of its most ardent friends, and we hope that the law will be upheld by all our people at the coming election. We hope the time may soon come when liquor will not be sold as a beverage in one single state in this great Union.

We further ask that our Congressman use his influence for the passage of a law prohibiting whiskey being shipped into dry territory.

We further ask that all our pastors preach at least one sermon a year on Temperance. CARDUS JOHNSON, Chm. of Committee.

#### Union of Churches.

We find that all churches are represented with the exception of Mount Pleasant. We report the addition of one new church, Pleasant Hill. E. HENDERSON, Committee.

#### Outstanding Committee of Last Association.

We, your committee appointed by the last Association to visit churches of this Association in regard to the ordaining and instructing of deacons, beg to report as follows:

We attended the following churches: St. Joe, Cross Plains, Jobe's Chapel, Smyrna, Union Grove, Mountain View, Liberty, Pine Grove, Mount Pleasant, Mountain Home, Zion Hill, Sweet Home and Mount Vernon. We ordained eight deacons, and instructed all churches visited on the duties of deacons.

We further ask that this Committee be retained or a new one appointed for another year, and report at the next Association.

R. M. JOHNSON,  
R. E. L. DUVALL,  
GEO. W. BURRIS, Committee.

By motion, the same committee was retained.



**Committee on Ministers.**

We, the Committee on Ordained Ministers, report as follows: We recommend that J. H. Harshaw's name be dropped from the roll of ministers and his credentials revoked, for the cause of negligence. We find that he has been ordained for a number of years, and has done no preaching.

We recommend that this committee be retained or a new one appointed to look after the ministers who have quit the ministry and are not preaching.

B. F. HOWARD,

JESS LOOPER,

G. W. BURRIS, Committee.

Committee was retained.

**Report of Clerk for Past Year.**

Minutes Fund .....	\$18.55
Clerk Fund .....	6.00
Contributions .....	16.65
Total .....	<u>\$41.20</u>

**Disbursements—**

For Printing 750 copies of Minutes .....	\$18.00
Postage .....	2.00
State Association Minutes .....	2.00
Delegates to State Association .....	8.00
To Essie Singleton .....	8.65
Total .....	<u>\$38.65</u>

38.65

Balance on hand as Clerk Funds .....	\$ 2.55
--------------------------------------	---------

I have endeavored to discharge the duties of the Clerk's office to the best of my ability, by answering all requests of my brethren, keeping a record of all business of the Association, using my best efforts in getting the Minutes out in good condition and as cheaply as possible, and seeing that all churches are supplied with Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. McGEE, Clerk

**Committee on Finance.**

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following report: The following churches have paid or agreed to pay the following amounts:

	Minute's Fund	Clerk's Fee
St. Joe .....	\$1.50	50 cents
Sweet Home .....	1.00	25 cents
Mountain Home .....	1.00	50 cents

Liberty .....	1.00	50 cents
Mount Vernon .....	.25	
Pine Grove .....	1.00	50 cents
Center Point .....	1.00	50 cents
Union Grove .....	1.00	50 cents
Mount Zion .....	1.00	50 cents
Holeman .....	1.00	50 cents
Jobe's Chapel .....	1.10	
Happy Hill .....	1.00	50 cents
Cross Plains .....	1.00	50 cents
Mountain View .....	1.00	50 cents
Union Hill .....	.15	
Oak Grove .....	2.00	50 cents
Zion Hill .....	1.00	50 cents
Smyrna .....	1.00	50 cents
Shiloh .....	1.00	
By Donation .....	2.15	
<hr/>		
Total .....	\$21.15	\$7.25

We recommend that at future sessions of the Association each church send by its delegates \$1.50 for the Minutes Fund, and 50 cents for the Clerk's salary.

J. W. JOHNSON, Chairman.

#### Committee on Obituaries.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, submit the following report: We find that the following named Brothers and Sisters have departed this life since our last Association:

Holman Church—Bro. B. N. Cowell and Sister Sarah Starks.

Liberty—Sister May Deeds.

Oak Grove—Sister Belle Wade.

Mountain View—Eld. LaFayette Bowen, who was ripe in age and a minister of the gospel for many years. In his death the church and his loved ones have sustained a great loss, as did relatives and friends of all of our deceased. But their lives were such as to entitle them to hear that welcome applause, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joys of the Lord."

We pray God's blessings on the Christian people that they may be faithful unto death, in order that we may meet them in that City of God.

BONNIE BAKER, Chairman.

#### Committee on Resolutions.

1. Resolved, That this Association set apart the hour of 11 o'clock on Saturday morning of each annual convention for Memorial Services in memory of our beloved dead, to be continued from year

to year, and the Association elect the preacher to deliver the Memorial Sermon in the same way as the Introductory Sermon.

2. We recommend that the Articles of Faith be read to each minister who wishes to become a member of any church of this Association

3. Committee on Resolutions of the Northwest Division of the Antioch Association: That we ask the Antioch Association to adopt a resolution to finance the building of church houses in the Antioch Association, that we may have homes controlled by the Freewill Baptists to worship in.

4. We wish to tender our heartfelt thanks to the good people in and around Mountain Home church for their hospitality shown the entire Association while with them. The Association was furnished every means of conveyance from and to the railroad, and all the blessings and pleasures of the thriving homes of that community, and it is given up to be the best and most harmonious session of the Association in its history.

May God help us in the future, that the meeting of the Association in any community may be a blessing to said community, and in like manner, the community be a blessing to the Association.

F. M. NICHOLS, Chairman.

#### ROLL OF ORDAINED MINISTERS:

R. M. Johnson, Gumlog.	K. Dunkin, Clarksville.
R. E. L. Duvall, Atkins.	Arthur Reid, Cleveland.
J. A. Venable, Hattievile.	Dave Thompson, Atkins.
J. B. Vaughn, Moreland.	Fred Duvall, Atkins.
Jesse Jeffries, Atkins.	R. A. Johnson, Utley.
E. Henderson, Atkins.	J. T. Burris, Moreland.
R. B. Venable, Atkins.	F. M. Hudson, Moreland.
H. J. Walker, Geren.	J. A. Starks, Silex.
J. W. Curran, Russellville.	Esom Baker, Scottsville.
W. C. Smith, Pottsville.	J. A. Lemons, Gumlog.
Garl Duvall, Gumlog.	Cardus Johnson, Delaware.
N. S. Coffman, Gumlog.	W. H. Whisnant, Silex.
G. H. McDonald, Dublin.	H. E. Singleton, Moreland.

#### Roll of Ministers in Attendance.

The following ministers were in attendance at this Association: Jesse Jeffries, R. M. Johnson, F. M. Hudson, R. B. Venable, J. A. Venable, R. E. L. Duvall, E. Henderson, J. W. Curran, G. H. McDaniel, K. Dunkin, R. A. Johnson, Cardus Johnson and J. S. King.

ELD. JESSE JEFFRIES, Moderator.

W. F. McGEE, Clerk,  
Atkins, Ark.

Atkins, Ark.

**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 or 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, Yell, and Logan 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. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it be withdrawn by the members making it.

7. 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.

8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of Minutes.

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

10. 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.

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

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

13. 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.

14. Amendments to this plan of government may be made at any time when a majority of the members may deem it 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 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 growth into full stature of Christian 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. 13:31, 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 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 religion and sinful refusal to come.....3:78, 1 Tim. 5:16; 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; Mark 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 23:43; 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; 2 Cor. 5:10.

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; 1 Cor. 11th chapter; 1 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. 2 Tim. 2:12; 1 Cor. 16:1-2.

#### 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. Alterations 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.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches	County	Clerks	Post Offices	Moderator	Received.	Dismissed	Excluded.	Dead.	Members.	Meeting Days.	Amt. Paid Pastor.
St. Joe .....	Pope .....	W. F. McGee .....	Atkins .....	R. B. Venable .....	0	2	1	0	61	3	
Cross Plains .....	Pope .....	Nora Duvall .....	Moreland .....	R. M. Johnson .....	9	0	0	0	72	2	
Jobe's Chapel .....	Pope .....	R. C. Teague .....	Moreland .....	Jesse Jeffries .....	3	0	5	0	78	1	
Smyrna .....	Pope .....	J. W. Scott .....	Russellville .....	R. M. Johnson .....	0	3	0	0	39	2	
Union Grove .....	Pope .....	Ernest Wright .....	Atkins .....	J. A. Venable .....	15	0	0	0	53	1	
Mount Vernon .....	Pope .....	W. J. Wright .....	Moreland .....	N. A. Coffman .....	0	0	7	0	22	2	
Mountain View .....	Pope .....	Ella Lemley .....	Appleton .....	J. A. Venable .....	4	3	0	1	26	0	25.00
Mount Zion .....	Pope .....	H. O. Dickerson .....	Moreland .....	R. B. Venable .....	1	5	3	0	56	1	
Center Point .....	Pope .....	J. J. West .....	Gumlog .....	R. B. Venable .....	2	0	2	0	35	3	20.00
Liberty .....	Logan .....	Tennie Blair .....	Delaware .....	Cordus Johnson .....	1	1	0	1	51	1	
Pine Grove .....	Logan .....	Mary Wurst .....	Delaware .....	R. A. Johnson .....	0	0	0	0	80	3	12.20
Mountain Home .....	Johnson .....	J. S. Willis .....	Clarksville .....	K. Dunkin .....	2	3	0	0	73	2	40.60
Holman .....	Johnson .....	Floy Pearson .....	Lamar .....	K. Dunkin .....	19	1	0	2	69	0	39.00
Zion Hill .....	Pope .....	Clarence Sorrels .....	Atkins .....	R. B. Venable .....	0	0	0	0	16	4	25.00
Oak Grove .....	Logan .....	Travy Henderson .....	Blaine .....	Cordus Johnson .....	6	0	0	0	31	0	
Sweet Home .....	Pope .....	Lucy Bryan .....	Atkins .....	R. M. Johnson .....	0	0	0	0	15	2	
Happy Hill .....	Pope .....	Alma Burkhead .....	Russellville .....	J. G. Duvall .....	0	0	0	0	27	3	
Shiloh .....	Pope .....	Represented by R. E. L. Duvall .....			0	0	0	0	37	2	
Mount Pleasant .....	Pope .....	Not Represented .....			0	0	0	0	46	1	
Union Hill .....	Yell .....	Represented by K. Dunkin as Moderator .....			0	0	0	0	20	0	
Totals .....					62	18	18	14	907		161.00