

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

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HELD WITH  
Zion Hill Church  
POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
September 6, 7, 8, 1918

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ELD. J. K. DUNKIN, Moderator.  
GEO. W. BURRIS, Clerk,  
Russellville, Arkansas

# MINUTES

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The Twenty-Seventh Annual Session of the Antioch Association of Freewill Baptists convened with Zion Hill Church, Pope county, Arkansas, Thursday night, September 6, 1918.

Rev. C. Johnson preached the introductory sermon to a large and attentive congregation. Rev. J. K. Dunkin concluded the services; Text, Romans 8:1, "There is therefore no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit."

Motion carried that Clarence Sorrells, Jessie Looper and Will Childress shall arrange for the preaching service.

Adjourned to meet at 9:00 a. m. Friday.

Prayer by Geo. W. Burris.

## FRIDAY—Morning Session.

Praise by congregation. Morning lesson by Moderator C. Johnson, 1 Cor., 2nd Chap. Prayer by J. K. Dunkin.

Ernest Wright was appointed reading clerk.

The roll of churches was called, and letters read and delegates seated, as follows:

St. Joe Church—Geo. W. Burris, P. N. Clemons and G. H. Tanner.

Cross Plains—Delegates H. H. Pigg, Melvina Pigg, Addie and Nora Duvall.

Job's Chapel—Delegates T. S. and Alice Arnold.

Smyrna—Delegates C. T. and J. G. Harris and W. H. Heflin.

Union Grove—Ernest Wright, Carrie and Algie Jackson.

Mt. Vernon—Delegates W. J. Wright and W. J. Gullett.

Mt. Zion—Delegates E. Ketchem, H. O. Dickerson and Mrs. Carrie Henderson.

Center Point—Delegates W. S. Morgan, T. L. Staggs and Geo. W. Russell.

Zion Hill—Delegates H. F. Banks, C. L. Sorrells and Mrs. Alice Childres.

Sweet Home—Delegates R. L. and Dora Burris and Fossie Sorrels.

Liberty—J. N. Johnson, Martha Vasso and Lula Nichols.

Oak Grove—A. R. Lowrey and C. C. McDaniels.

Mountain Home—Mrs. Barbara Chronister and J. B. Looper.

Holman—Charley Hopper.

Letters from newly constituted churches called for, and one came forward, Happy Hollow. Referred to a committee on Credentials, to-wit: W. F. McGee, J. N. Johnson and W. S. Ferrel. Committee reported that Happy Hollow church was not regular. (See report of Committee No. 7.)

No corresponding letters.

#### ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS PRESENT.

C. Johnson, R. B. Venable, J. A. Venable, Jessie Jeffries, F. M. Hudson, J. K. Dunkin, J. H. Harshaw, David Thompson, J. B. Vaughn, R. A. Johnson. Visiting Ministers—W. C. Austin, of Oklahoma; J. R. Hartley, of Saline Association.

#### ENROLLMENT OF DEACONS PRESENT.

T. L. Staggs, Geo. W. Russell, J. C. Harris, R. T. Garrison, R. J. Henderson, W. R. Sorrels, Joe Barnett, J. S. Willis, W. S. Ferrel, L. W. Mickel, J. S. Flowers, W. F. McGee, H. H. Pigg.

The Association organized by electing the following officers: Eld. J. K. Dunkin, Moderator; F. M. Hudson, Assistant Moderator; Geo. W. Burris, Clerk; T. S. Arnold, Treasurer. The retiring Moderator, C. Johnson, declared the Association duly organized, and the hand of fellowship was extended to all Christians.

Geo. W. Burris moved that a vote of thanks be given the retiring Moderator and Clerk for the faithful services they had given the Association.

The retiring Clerk, W. F. McGee, made some very feeling remarks, and thanked the Association for the honor they had given him.

Adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m.

J. K. Dunkin and R. B. Venable preached at 11:30 a. m. Text, Romans 5:1.

### Afternoon Session.

Praises by congregation. Scripture lesson, James, 2nd Chapter, by Moderator. Prayer by J. R. Hartley.

On motion of Geo. W. Burris, Eld. W. C. Austin, editor of The Gospel Searchlight, Shawnee, Okla., and Rev. J. R. Hartley, State Evangelist, of Saline Association, were seated as visiting ministers.

The Clerk read the Rules of Order, and the Moderator appointed the following named committees:

Committee on Resolutions—Jess Looper, W. F. McGee, J. N. Johnson, T. L. Staggs and F. M. Hudson.

Committee on Finance—Ernest Wright, West Mickel, R. L. Burris, Temperance—R. A. Johnson, W. S. Ferrel, R. B. Venable.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—Misses Lela Nichols, Martha Vasso, Alice Childres and Iva Garrison.

Obituaries—R. L. Garrison, Charley Hopper, Joe Barnett and J. S. Flowers.

Non-Represented Churches—C. Johnson, Joe Looper, P. N. Clemmons and J. B. Vaughn.

Union of the Churches—J. A. Venable, H. F. Banks, T. S. Arnold, and H. H. Pigg.

Motion carried to seat all alternate delegates present.

Called for reports of outstanding committees:

#### Report of Committee on Buildings.

We have one house at Mt. Vernon Church under construction. It is a box house, 20 x 32 feet; flooring and boxing dressed; red wood shingles. All the material is first class. This is a small church and settlement, and they have not called on any of the churches of this Association to help. We therefore ask each church in this Association to donate at once \$2.50 to help seat and paint this house.

GEO. W. BURRIS,

J. N. JOHNSON,

C. JOHNSON, Committee.

Committee retained.



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## Report of Committee on Deacons.

We, your Committee on Deacons, find the most of our Deacons rendering good service, but there are churches asking for more Deacons. We find this a very important committee, and we ask to be discharged, and J. B. Vaughn, R. B. Venable and W. J. Wright be selected as a committee and empowered to visit and assist churches in the selection and ordination of deacons.

GEO. W. BURRIS, Chairman.

The Committee to Look after the Ministry offered a report which brought out quite a little discussion, and on motion of F. M. Hudson a part of their report was referred to the Committee on Resolutions for their consideration. (See Resolution No. 2.) The Committee to look after the Ministry was retained.

Adjourned to meet at 9:00 a. m. Saturday.

Preaching at night by W. C. Austin.

Prayer by R. B. Venable.

## SATURDAY—Morning Session.

Praises by the congregation. Scripture lesson by the Moderator. Prayer by C. Johnson.

## Report of Committee on Credentials.

We find Happy Hollow Church orthodox and regular, with the exception of their Moderator, Carl Duvall, whom we have previously dropped from the roll of ministers. We ask that this letter be returned back to the church, with the request that the church elect a pastor who is regular; and that they represent by letter and delegate to the next annual session of this Association.

Our prayer is for Zion in her troubles.

J. N. JOHNSON, Chairman.

## Report of Committee on Resolutions.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was received for discussion.

No. 1. A Pastoral Year extends from one Annual Association to another, and all pastors shall serve such time.

No. 2. Be it Resolved, That this Committee be authorized and directed to make full and complete investigation of the conduct and

condition of each minister under sixty years old, who fails to preach, and if it is found that his conduct is not Christlike, and his condition such in all respects that he is able to go and preach, and still fails or refuses to do so, that his name be dropped from the roll of ministers of this Association, and that the church in which such minister has membership be directed to revoke such minister's credentials, and to notify the county clerk of such action.

No. 3. Resolved, That all churches having no pastors be directed to ask by letter the Moderator of this Association to send them a pastor; that the Moderator try to get some idle preacher to attend such church, and make his report at next Association.

No. 4. Resolved, That the Committee on the Ministry, Geo. W. Burris, J. N. Johnson and Jessie Looper, be directed and empowered to make a complete investigation of the condition and troubles of Shiloh, Mount Pleasant and Happy Hill churches, and the conduct of Rev. Carrel Duvall, and report their findings at the next annual Association.

## Treasurer's Report.

## RECEIVED.

For Minutes .....	\$20.50
For Clerk .....	7.00
For Record Book .....	1.50
From Public Donation....	1312
For J. T. Ross .....	10.00

Total Receipts.....	\$52.12
	43.50

Balance .....	\$ 8.62
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## PAID OUT.

For Minutes .....	\$25.00
For W. F. McGee, Clerk.	7.00
For Record Book .....	1.50
To State Association....	10.00

Total Paid out .....	\$43.50
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GEO. W. BURRIS,  
Treasurer.

It was voted to hold the next session of this Association with Mt. Vernon Church, in Pope county, ten miles north of Atkins, to convene on Thursday night before the Second Sunday in September, 1919; Jessie Jeffries to preach the introductory sermon, and J. K. Dunkin his alternate.

F. M. Hudson was selected to preach the Memorial Sermon, Saturday at 11:00 a. m.

Adjourned to meet at 3:00 p. m.

Prayer by W. F. McGee.

R. A. Johnson preached the Memorial Sermon at 11:00 a. m., followed in conclusion by F. M. Hudson; Text, John 11:25.

#### Afternoon Session.

Praises by the congregation. Prayer by Jessie Looper.

Motion carried to represent in the State Association, and selected Berry Looper, R. L. Burris, B. F. Homes, Ernest Wright and C. F. Harris as delegates; and Ottis Burris, E. G. Halloway, Oliver Wilkins, Charley Hopper and Clarence Sorrels, alternate delegates to represent the Antioch Association.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

#### Committee on Finance.

We, your Committee on Finance, report as follows:

We have received the following named amounts:

For printing Minutes and to pay Clerk .....	\$36.32
For State Association .....	7.39
For Mrs. Sheperson, a sick lady .....	11.50
Balance from Last Association .....	8.62
Total .....	\$53.83

ERNEST WRIGHT, Chairman.

**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 State-wide Prohibition Act. And we find that the good effects of said law have surpassed the expectations of its most ardent friends; and we hope that the law will be upheld by all our people at the coming election. We pray the time will 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.

W. S. FERREL, Chairman.

**Committee on Sabbath Schools.**

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, submit the following:

To our sorrow, we find that not half of the churches in our Association support Sabbath School. We believe Sabbath School should be a part of God's work in training the young. Therefore, we endorse it as a part of our religious work. We urge the membership, pastors and deacons to organize and maintain Sabbath Schools. Also, we urge that Sabbath School teachers give more time in preparing lessons and selecting literature that will appeal to the children. Train them as we would have them go, so in maturity they will become useful men and women.

	Enrollment
Center Point—A. N. Simpson, Supt.; Sybal Gideon, Sec.	40
St. Joe—G. T. Gibson, Supt.; Mrs. Mittie Virden, Secretary.	65
Sweet Home Church—Hamp Sorrels, Supt.; Dorothy Minor, Sec.	48
Smyrna Church—Joe Heflin, Supt.; Mrs. G. A. Gideon, Sec.	35
Zion Hill—Will Holland, Supt.; Ora Holyfield, Secretary	48
Union Grove—W. H. Harritson, Supt.; Carrie Jackson, Sec.	50
Oak Grove—Press Denton, Supt.; L. E. Henderson, Sec.	50

The following churches have no Sabbath Schools: Cross Plains, Holman, Job's Chapel, Union Hill, Mt. Vernon, Mt. Zion, Pine Grove, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Home.

We recommend the use of Freewill Baptist literature, published at Ayden, N. C. We further recommend that the Clerks of the different churches, when writing letters to the Association, give name of Superintendent, Secretary, and the number of enrollment in Sabbath Schools.

LELA NICHOLS, Chairman.



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## 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:

SISTER ETHEL FISHER, Pine Grove Church.

BROTHER JAMES OWENS, Saint Joe Church.

BROTHER S. T. MONTGOMERY, Deacon of Cross Plains Church.

BROTHER ROY LOOPER, Mountain Home Church.

SISTER ELIZABETH FERREL, Mountain Home Church.

SISTER SARAH A. FLOWERS, Sweet Home Church, died February 28, 1918.

But their lives were such as to entitle them to hear the welcome applause, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joys of the Lord."

May God help us to be faithful to the end, that we may all walk in the City of God.

R. T. GARRISON, Chairman.

## Committee on Non-Represented Churches.

We, your Committee on Non-Represented Churches, find the churches of this Association represented, except Union Hill and Mount Pleasant. We find Union Hill in good order, but they have no pastor to attend them. The members of Mount Pleasant Church have all gone to other churches except four. We recommend that Mount Pleasant Church be disbanded in good order.

C. JOHNSON, Chairman.

## REPORT OF MINISTERS.

R. B. Venable pastored two churches, preached 82 sermons, conducted five funerals; received \$55.00.

J. K. Dunkin, pastored two churches, preached 80 sermons, baptized 4, conducted one funeral, traveled about 200 miles, married two couples; received \$67.80.

J. B. Vaughn, preached about 30 sermons, baptized 10, conducted nine funerals; received \$15.00.

C. Johnson, pastored three churches, preached 52 sermons, conducted one funeral, married one couple, baptized 4; received \$36.00.

F. M. Hudson, preached 11 sermons, conducted 27 funerals.

J. A. Venable, pastored two churches, preached 52 sermons, baptized one, traveled 270 miles; received \$31.50.

James T. Burris, preached 26 sermons, baptized 3, traveled 110 miles, married three couples.

R. M. Johnson, pastored two churches, preached 104 sermons, conducted 29 funerals, traveled 350 miles, baptized 8, received \$54.30.

Dave Thompson, preached 30 sermons, traveled 200 miles.

The following ministers failed to hand in their reports: Jessie Jeffries, H. E. Singleton, Esom Baker, N. S. Coffman, Alec Henderson, Fred Duvall, R. A. Johnson, G. C. McDaniels, H. J. Walker.

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RESOLVED, That the heartfelt thanks of this Association be tendered to the good people of Zion Hill Church for their hospitality shown us during our stay with them, praying God's blessings upon them and their vicinity.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with Mount Vernon Church on Thursday night before the Second Sunday in September, 1919.

Preaching at night by Eld. J. R. Hartley. Text, John 2:10. Prayer by J. K. Dunkin. Song, "Rock of Ages."

Preaching Sunday at 11 a. m. by Eld. F. M. Hudson. Text, Isaiah 1:18; Gal. 6:8; followed in conclusion by J. K. Dunkin.

J. K. DUNKIN, Moderator,  
GEO. W. BURRIS, Clerk, Lamar, Ark.  
500 Long St., Russellville, Ark.

### ROLL OF DEACONS.

Liberty Church—T. A. Allen, Blaine; F. M. Nickols, Delaware; W. C. Baker, Delaware; T. M. Deeds, Delaware.

Pine Grove Church—R. T. Garrison, Delaware; J. H. Haishfield, Delaware.

Job's Chapel Church—Levy Kimbal, Moreland; G. W. Newman, Gumlog.

Oak Grove Church—S. H. Walker, Scranton; J. C. Houser, Scranton.

Mt. Zion Church—D. J. Stone, Gumlog; W. L. Ketchem, Moreland.

Union Grove Church—W. J. Wright, Atkins; C. A. Loyd, Atkins.

Zion Hill Church—Joe Barnett, Hattievile; W. R. Sorrels, Atkins.

Sweet Home Church—Hobert Sorrels, in the Army; J. S. Flowers, Atkins; W. R. Taylor, Atkins.

Mountain Home Church—John Tombleson, Hagarville; J. S. Willis, Lamar; Berry Looper, Lamar; W. S. Ferril, Lamar; L. W. Pitts, Lamar.

Union Hill Church—Monroe Fisher, Delaware; Will Hickerson, Delaware.

Center Point Church—G. W. Russell, Gumlog; J. L. Stanton, Russellville; Lee Staggs, Russellville.

Holman Church—Elza Whisnant, Lamar; R. E. Dunn, Lamar.

St. Joe Church—W. F. McGee, Atkins; G. T. Gipson, Atkins; A. L. Young, Atkins; G. W. Duvall, Van Buren.

Cross Plains Church—G. I. Eakin, Gumlog; H. H. Pigg, Gumlog; F. M. Hudson, Sr., Moreland; R. J. Duvall, Moreland.

Mt. Vernon Church—R. J. Henderson, Moreland; D. A. Coffman, Moreland.

Smyrna Church—J. D. Harris, Russellville; James Scott, Bearden, Oklahoma.

### ROLL OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

R. M. Johnson, Gumlog; J. A. Venable, Hattievile; Elex Henderson, Moreland; Jesse Jeffries, Casa; R. B. Venable, Atkins; Fred Duvall, Atkins; J. B. Vaughan, Moreland; F. M. Hudson, Moreland; J. T. Burris, Moreland; H. E. Singleton, Moreland; N. S. Coffman, Moreland; R. A. Johnson, Delaware; Cordus Johnson, Scranton; H. J. Walker, Scranton; G. C. McDonald, Dublin; J. K. Dunkin, Lamar; Dave Thompson, Appleton; Esom Baker, Scottsville.

## CONSTITUTION.

From a long series of experience, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized 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 shall be prepared, read to and approved by each church conference assembled, signed by the moderator and clerk before presentation to the Association. Also to express their number in fellowship, the number received by experience, letter, recommendation or restoration, dismissed, excluded, and that have died since the last Association. Also the name of moderator and clerk, county and 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 by 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 member 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 discretion of the Association.

8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the 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 one 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 re-instated 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.

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#### 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. John 1:11 1 John 5:7; John 10:30.

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; 3:16.

3. We believe that God created man good and gave him holy commandments, whereby he could 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; Rev. 22:17.

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; Titus 3:5-6; John 3:1-13; Rom. 8:9.

6. We believe that regeneration is an instantaneous renewal of the heart of 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. 36:26-27; 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. 7:17-25; Phis. 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. 10:12-13; Rev. 22:14; Rom. 11:20-24; Heb. 10:26; John 15:1-7.

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. Matt. 18:15-20; 2 John 9:11.

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.

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 8:38-39.

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 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 such of those only who have been called of God and have come under the Presbytery

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of Elders have a right to administer the same. Mark 16:16; Matt 3:8-9; Acts 10:47; 1 Tim. 3:2-7; Titus 1:6-9.

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. 6:9-11.

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. Matt. 12:36-37; Rom. 14:10-12; Heb. 9:27; Matt. 12:41; Matt. 24:36; Mark 9:34-46; 2 Thes. 1:8-9; Rev. 14:11; Rev. 21:8; Luke 16:23; 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; 1 Cor. 11th Chap.; 1 Cor. 1:2-10; Heb. 10:25.

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 recommend 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. 2:13-16; 1 Cor. 16:1-2.



**RULES OF ORDER.**

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

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association called to order by the Moderator, or 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 the following committees: (a) Resolutions; (b) Finance; (c) Arrangement of Preaching; (d) Temperance; (e) Sabbath Schools; (f) Obituaries; (g) Condition of Non-Represented Churches; (h) Union of Churches.
10. Reports of committees appointed at last Association, and other unfinished business.
11. Report of new committees.
12. New business.
13. Adjournment.



CHURCHES	MODERATORS	CLERKS	Received.....	Dismissed .....	Excluded .....	Died .....	No. of Ministers	Membership .....	Paid Pastor .....	Day of Meeting
Cross Plains...	H. E. Singleton, Moreland.....	A. E. Duvall, Moreland.....	..	..	..	1	2	70	\$16.00	2
Center Point...	R. M. Johnson, Atkins R. F. D.....	J. J. West, Gumlog.....	1	..	..	..	..	24	15.50	3
Job's Chapel...	J. A. Venable, Hattievville.....	T. S. Arnold, Atkins.....	2	2	..	..	3	65	.....	1
Holman .....	J. K. Dunkin, Lamar.....	Charley Hopper, Lamar.....	4	..	1	..	1	74	52.00	1
Liberty .....	C. Johnson, Scranton.....	Tinnie Blair, Delaware.....	6	2	..	..	..	46	5.00	1
Mt. Home .....	R. B. Venable, Atkins R. F. D.....	J. S. Willis, Lamar.....	2	..	..	..	..	72	15.35	2
Mt. Vernon ..	Noble Coffman, Moreland.....	W. J. Wright, Moreland.....	1	..	..	..	1	29	.....	2
Mt. Zion .....	R. B. Venable, Atkins R. F. D.....	G. A. Kerns, Gumlog.....	6	..	..	2	1	53	15.50	1
Oak Grove ...	C. Johnson, Scranton.....	B. F. Hames, Scranton.....	1	..	..	..	2	47	8.00	..
Pine Grove ...	C. Johnson, Scranton.....	Mary Worst, Scranton.....	1	..	..	1	2	59	13.20	3
St. Joe .....	E. L. Hill, Appleton, R. F. D. 2.....	G. H. Tanner, Atkins R. F. D.....	5	1	..	1	3	63	40.00	3
Sweet Home ..	R. M. Johnson, Atkins, R. F. D. 2.	Luce Bryan, Atkins R. F. D.....	3	..	..	..	1	23	26.25	2
Smyrna .....	R. M. Johnson, Atkins, R. F. D. 2.	G. A. Gideon, Russellville R. F. D. 2..	..	..	..	..	1	34	17.00	3
Union Grove ..	A. Reed, Atkins R. F. D. 2.....	E. O. Wright, Atkins.....	3	3	..	..	..	54	10.00	1
Union Hill ...	No Pastor.....	Not Represented.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..
Zion Hill ,....	J. A. Venable, Hattievville.....	H. F. Banks, Hattievville.....	1	..	..	..	1	18	18.50	4