

# MINUTES

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THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

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## Antioch Association of Freewill Baptists

*held with the*

SHILOH CHURCH, POPE COUNTY, ARK.

September, 10-11-12-13, 1925



Next Session Will Be Held With

NEW LIBERTY CHURCH, LOGAN COUNTY, ARK.

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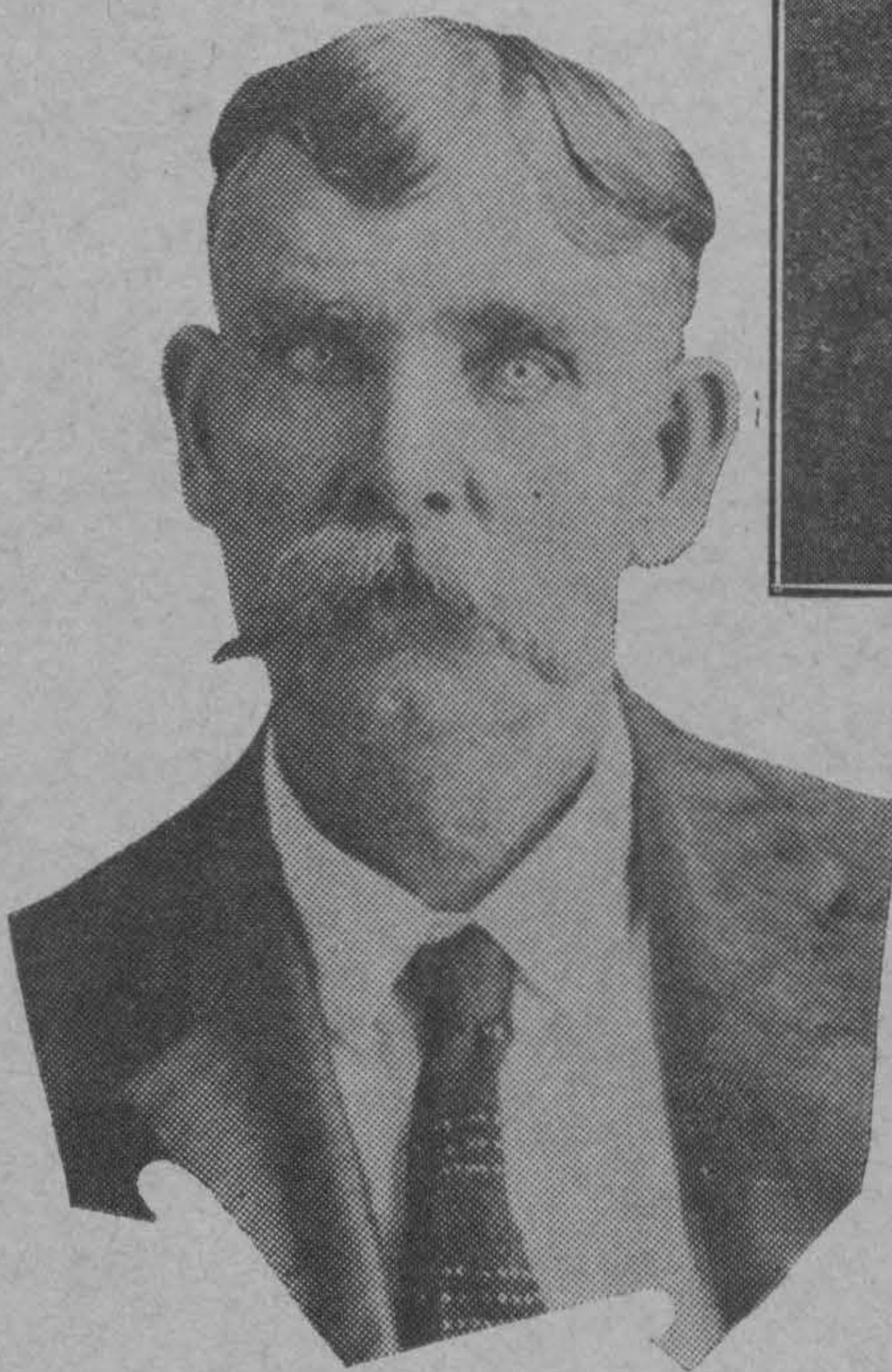
ELDER J. A. VENABEL, Moderator  
Casa, Arkansas

ERNEST O. WRIGHT, Clerk  
Atkins, Arkansas





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The thirty-fourth annual session of the Antioch Association of Freewill Baptists met in regular session with Shiloh Church, September 10-11-12-13, 1925.

Opened by Bro. J. K. Duncan by reading the 12th chapter of Roman.

Song, "Let Me Go."

Prayer by Bro. Jessie Jeffries.

Song, "I am Bound for the Promise Land."

Preaching by Bro. J. K. Duncan. Text, 2nd Timothy 4-16.

Concluded by Bro. C. Johnson.

The Moderator appointed G. B. Maxwell, John Duvall and G. A. Pointer as Committee on Divine Service.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Bro. J. A. Venable to meet at 9:00 o'clock Friday morning.

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Called together by Moderator Bro. C. Johnson by reading the 12th chapter of Roman.

Song.

Prayer by Bro. T. H. Dixon.

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

Cross Plains—C. H. Haskins and wife and Jessie Vaughn.

Oak Grove No. 2—G. W. Johnson, Viola Davis, Homer Eakin and wife.

Smyrna—G. A. Gideon, W. H. Heflin and Jim Mayhew.

St. Joe—G. H. Tanner, Goldie Maxwell and J. T. Burris.

Liberty—J. T. Blair and wife, C. A. Farnum, J. W. Lawery and Male Lowery.

Shiloh—J. T. Duvall, Chalmers Duvall and W. W. Davis.

Union Grove—Olgie Wright, Maudie Loyd, Daisy Cooper.

Gumlog—Lee Staggs and wife and L. M. Eakin.

Holman—L. O. Wilkins.

Strawberry—G. A. Galentine and R. J. Tumbleson.

Sweet Home—W. J. Alewine, Hattie Alewine, Charley Compton, L. Compton and Della Blankinship.

Mt. Pleasant—A. R. Lunningham and G. F. Davis.

Red Oak—Vester Alderson, Mary and Omer Stumbought.

The right hand of christian fellowship was extended.

Newly organized church: Rose Creek—M. V. Chapple.

Corresponding delegates from Northern Association—T. H. Dixon, E. Hill, E. L. Hill and J. R. Bone.

The Moderator declared nomination in order for officers for next year.

The Association further organized by electing the following officers:

Bro. J. A. Venable, Moderator; W. R. Jobe, Assistant Moderator and re-elected E. O. Wright Clerk.

Reading of rules of order by Clerk.

The Committee on Devine Service announced that Bro. W. R. Jobe would fill the stand at 11:00 o'clock and Bro. R. A. Johnson concluded.

Adjournment with prayer by Bro. W. R. Jobe, to meet at 2:00 o'clock.

### INTERMISSION

Called together by singing.

Opened by Bro. W. R. Jobe by reading the 1st Psalm. Song, "Nearer My God to Thee."

Preaching by Bro. W. R. Jobe, text St. John 4:20-24.

Concluded by Bro. R. A. Johnson.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called together by singing.

Prayer by Bro. R. C. Chapple. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Resolutions—G. W. Burris, C. Johnson, R. C. Chapple, G. A. Gideon and W. F. McGee.

Finance—R. M. Johnson, Dee Galentine and A. R. Lowery.

Temperance—Viola Staggs, Tennie Blair and Olgie Wright.

Sabbath Schools—Goldie Maxwell, Mae Lowery and Viola Davis.

Obituary—Julie Gideon, M. V. Chapple and C. A. Farnum.

Non-Represented Churches—R. B. Venable, E. Henderson, R. A. Johnson.

Union of Churches—J. H. Harshfield, W. J. Burris and R. L. Burris.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. J. A. Venable to meet at 9:00 o'clock Saturday.

### FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Rained out.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Called together by singing.

Open in regular order by Moderator, J. A. Venable, by reading the 8th chapter of Roman.

Prayer by Bro. T. H. Dixon.

Song, "Take My Life and Let it Be."

The Moderator declared the Association open for any such business as may come before it.

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEES

#### COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We view with pleasure the record of our church on the temperance question in the past. We rejoice in the fact that the legal sale of liquor has been banished from our land and the demon is now an outlaw. We favor the Eighteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution and Volstead Act. We pledge to the officers of our country our hearty support in their efforts to enforce said laws. He who engages in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquor is not a good citizen and is not entitled to hold membership in a Freewill Baptist Church.

The fight is not finished because eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

SISTER VIOLA STAGGS, Chairman.

#### COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

We your Committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following: To our sorrow we find that Sabbath Schools are sadly neglected by our churches. A survey of the states show that 98 per cent of the church members have come up through Sunday Schools. We also find that 60 per cent of the rising generation are attending Sunday Schools.

We believe that Sunday Schools help to keep life in the Church. A great help to new converts and the next thing to extend the Gospel to the people.

SISTER GOLDIE MAXWELL, Chairman.

**COMMITTEE ON NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES**

We your Committee on Non-Represented Churches find all churches are represented except Mt. Home and Mt. Grove. They are in working order but why not represented the cause is not known.

E. HENDERSON, Chairman.

**COMMITTEE ON UNION OF CHURCHES**

We your Committee on Union of Churches ask to submit the following: We have made public inquiry and so far as we are able to ascertain all the churches are in union in doctrine and practice.

J. H. HARSHFIELD, Chairman.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

We your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that we have received from different churches the sum of \$39.90.

R. M. JOHNSON, Chairman.

**COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY**

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

Brother Harason Kitchem, Mt. Zion Church.

Sister Rena Hamilton and Sister Ann Raney, Rose Creek Church.

Brother Jessie Jones, Oak Grove Church.

Judging their lives to the standard of God's word, we believe them worthy to hear the welcome applause, "Come ye blessed of my Father, enter the joys that thou hast won." May we all live so that we can meet them in Heaven above.

SISTER JULIE GIDEON, Chairman.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCING THE CHURCHES**

It is plain that the Free Will Baptist Church lacks the proper financial backing.

Its members are dilatory because they have been taught wrong.

Our membership is as loyal as any church and when we are educated properly we will very certainly do the right thing.

We recommend that each church shall have a financial board made up of the deacons and clerk of each church to be known as a primary financial board and also a secondary board made up of three lady members of each church. The duty of



each board will be to solicit aid or help of members and others for the purpose of supporting the working ministers and the other institutions which are fostered by the church. Furthermore, it shall be the duty of the pastors of the churches to see that the said boards are properly organized.

We further recommend that each church have a treasurer whose duty it will be to keep all moneys paid to him and to pay out said money as authorized by the financial boards of the several churches. Said funds to be divided and to go to the different funds arranged by this Association.

We further recommend that the pastors of the several churches of the Antioch Association preach at least two sermons each year on the subject of financing the church, or in other words, the support of the church and her institutions. Also that we, the Antioch Association of Freewill Baptists, convened at Shiloh Church in Pope County, Arkansas, petition the State Association of Freewill Baptists to take steps toward the better financing of the church and its insitutions.

Submitted, C. A. HASKINS, W. F. McGEE, A. E. DUVALL,  
Committee.

The Committee on Devine Service announce that Bro. Fed Duvall would fill the stand at 11:00 o'clock and R. M. Johnson concluded, and at night T. H. Dixon concluded by Bro. R. B. Venable.

### INTERMISSION

Called together by singing.

Prayer by Bro. J. A. Venable.

Song, "How Firm a Foundation."

Preaching by Bro. Fed Duvall. Text Matthew 2 6-6.

Song, "We'll See Jesus."

Concluded by Bro. R. M. Johnson. Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Jessie Jeffries to meet at 2:00 o'clock.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

House called order by Moderator by reading the 4th chapter of Second John.

Prayer by Bro. W. S. Isbell. Then short discussions were made on the question of Evolution.

Motion made and carried that Bros. C. A. Haskins, W. F. McGee and Homer Maxwell be appointed to draft a Resolution on the Evolution question.

**RESOLUTION ON EVOLUTION**

We your Committee on Evolution, appointed by this body, submit the following: Whereas the Theory of Evolution that is advocated today in our Government, and is taught from the text books of our public schools and colleges, is absolute contradiction with the teaching of the Bible, and for us as a protestant people, who claim to have, at least, some intelligence, to take our children into the thousands of churches of our nation on the Lord's day and teach them that there is a God, a Christ, and a Holy Spirit, and that the Bible is true. That it was written by inspiration.

That we are created in the image and likeness of God.

That there is a Heaven and a Hell. And that we have a soul to be lost or saved, and then on Monday morning send them into the public schools of our land for the learned and trained teachers to drill them five days a week on the Evolution theory of no God or Christ, no Heaven or Hell, and that man came from the lower animal race, is an unintelligent act upon our part.

Therefore, be it resolved: That we, the Antioch Association of Freewill Baptists Faith, now in session with Shiloh Church, near Atkins, Pope County, Arkansas, denounce the theory of Evolution and claim our prominence over the lower animal race.

That we demand the adoption of text books free from this theory. Furthermore, we will not employ any teacher in our public schools who would be likely to sustain this theory.

That we will use our vote and influence to have a law passed in Arkansas prohibiting the teaching of Evolution in our public schools, high schools, colleges and all other schools of any kind supported in whole or part by the state.

That we ask the cooperation of every protestant church denomination in this christian land of ours and every fair minded individual to join us in an effort to put down this great evil.

W. F. McGEE

HOMER MAXWELL

C. A. HASKINS.

**COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No. 2. We your Committee on Resolutions recommend that Article of Faith No. 9 of the State Minutes be inserted in our Antioch Minutes. Adopted.



Resolution No. 3. Resolved that we pay our Clerk \$5.00 for his services and urge that the minutes be printed and mailed within 60 days from each setting of the Association. Adopted.

Resolution No. 4. Be it resolved that we invite discussion on the Theory of Evolution in this Association also to the State Association for discussion. Adopted.

The delegates to the State Association were appointed as follows:

Wesley Lowery, Gordie Miller, Lois Maxwell, W. E. Teague, C. A. Haskins, Lee Staggs, M. M. Burris, J. H. Venable, Chas. Hopper, T. M. Nichols and W. S. Isabell.

The report of committee appointed at last Association adopted with amendment.

A motion made and carried to have a fund contributed by the churches known as an aged minister fund to be paid out as the Association deems it necessary. Bro. R. A. Johnson was appointed treasurer.

Motion made and carried that the fund be paid out \$5.00 a month to Bro. Jeffries.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

##### RECEIPTS

Received of Finance Committee	\$39.90
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##### DISBURSEMENTS

For Printing Minutes	\$30.00
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For Postage	4.60
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Total	\$34.50
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Clerk Fee	5.00
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Balance	.30
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E. O. WRIGHT, Treasurer.

The Moderator declared nominations were in order for next Association.

Liberty, Mt. Pleasant and Smyrna were nominated. Liberty, Delaware P. O., Jacoway R. R. Station, Logan County, was selected to meet on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1926.

Bro. R. B. Venable to preach the introductory sermon and Bro. Fed Duvall as assistant.

**SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION**

Called together by singing.

Opened by Bro. T. H. Dixon by reading the 1st chapter of St. John.

Prayer by Bro. C. A. Farnum.

Song, "Child of the King."

Prayer by Bro. R. B. Venable.

Preaching by Bro. T. H. Dixon.

Concluded by Bro. R. B. Venable.

**SUNDAY MORNING SESSION**

Called together by singing. A good song service was enjoyed at this time.

Opened by Bro. J. A. Venable by reading the 17th chapter of St. John.

Prayer by Bro. J. A. Venable.

Song, "Nearer My God to Thee."

Preaching by Bro. J. A. Venable, text Jobe 14-10.

Concluded by Bro. Jessie Jeffries.

Delegates to Zion Hope Association were selected as follows: E. H. Henderson, R. B. Venable, Fed and John Duvall.

**RESOLUTION OF THANKS**

We your Committee on Resolutions wish to extend to the good people of Shiloh our many thanks for their kind hospitality during our stay with them, may God and his great goodness smile upon the homes of this community and continue to prosper them in the future and give them a home in heaven when this life is ended. We also wish to thank the young people for their good behavior and their friendly disposition toward us.

Committee.

It was reported last year in our minutes that Claude Bell was dead. This is a mistake and we are glad to make the correction.

**ROLL OF DEACONS**

Cross Plains—G. I. Eakins, Atkins; H. H. Pigg, Russellville; R. J. Duvall, Moreland; J. F. Burris, Gumlog.

Gumlog—G. W. Russell, Gumlog; J. L. Stanton, Russellville; Lee Staggs, Moreland;

Holman—E. R. Dunn, Lamar; H. M. Hopper, Lamar; Chas. Hopper, Lamar; L. O. Wilkins, Lamar.

Mt. Pleasant—G. M. Davis, Moreland; Bob Duvall, Moreland.

Liberty—T. A. Allen, Blane; F. M. Nichols, Deleware; G. C. Baker, Deleware; J. H. Harshfield, Deleware.

Mt. Home—J. S. Willis, Lamar; Berry Looper, Clarksville; Edgar Blackburn, Hagarville.

Oak Grove No. 1—S. H. Walker, Scranton; J. C. Houser, Scranton; W. W. White, Scranton; R. F. Garrison, Scranton.

Oak Grove—L. W. Kimball, Moreland; G. W. Newman, Russellville; W. S. Isabell, Gumlog.

Smyrna—J. D. Harris, Russellville; Jas. Scott, Bearden, Okla.; M. C. Jackson, Russellville; G. F. Gideon, Russellville.

Sweet Home—Hobert Sorrels, Atkins; J. S. Flowers, Atkins; Richard Golden, Atkins; D. A. Coffman, Atkins.

St. Joe—W. F. McGee, Atkins; G. W. Duvall, Van Buren; R. L. Burris, Atkins.

Shiloh—G. B. Maxwell, Atkins.

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

Flat Rock—B. M. Bewley, London.

Mt. Grove—J. T. Horton, London.

Mt. Vernon—R. J. Henderson, Moreland.

Mt. Zion—W. L. Kitchem, Gumlog; W. C. Burton, Gumlog, R. 1; J. W. Smith, Gumlog; W. J. Burris, Russellville; Strawberry; John Tumbleson, Lamar.

Rose Creek—R. C. Chapple.

#### DEACONS PRESENT

J. H. Harshfield, W. F. McGee, Homer Stumbought, W. S. Isbell, Lee Staggs, L. W. Kimble, R. T. Burris, T. A. Allen, C. A. Loyd, W. J. Wright, W. A. Bradley, G. B. Maxwell and W. H. Haralson.

#### ROLL CALL OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

R. M. Johnson, Moreland; J. A. Venable, Casa; Elbert Henderson, Atkins; Jessie Jeffries, Moreland; R. B. Venable, Atkins; Fred Duvall, Atkins; J. B. Vaughn, Moreland; F. M. Hudson, Jr., Moreland; J. T. Burris, Moreland; John Burton, Comanche, Oklahoma; E. F. Alderson, Lamar, R. 2; R. A. Johnson, Dardanelle; Cardus Johnson, Scranton; H. J. Walker, Scranton; G. C. McDonald, Hanna, Oklahoma; J. K. Duncan, Clarksville, R. 3; Garland Duvall, Moreland; L. H. Hopper, Denoya, Oklahoma; Cyrus Hudson, London; H. F. Banks, Atkins; F. M. Thornsberry, Hagarville.



**MINISTERS PRESENT**

R. M. Johnson, R. B. Venable, R. A. Johnson, C. Johnson, J. K. Duncan, E. F. Alderson, J. A. Venable, Jessie Jeffries, W. R. Jobe, E. Henderson, Fed Duvall and Garland Duvall.

**REPORT OF MINISTERS OF YEAR'S WORK.**

Eld. R. M. Johnson pastored four churches, preached 149 sermons, conducted 6 funerals, received 17 members, baptized 12, traveled about 1650 miles, received \$146.70. Expense \$25.50; balance, \$121.20.

Eld. R. B. Venable, pastored one church, preached 62 sermons, conducted 5 funerals, had 20 conversions, baptized 14, received \$42.00.

Eld. C. Johnson pastored four churches, preached 110 sermons, conducted 6 funerals, traveled about 932 miles, received \$132.70.

Eld. W. R. Jobe pastored two churches, preached 56 sermons, conducted 3 funerals, received \$34.80.

Eld. J. K. Duncan pastored one church, preached 55 sermons, conducted 2 funerals, traveled about 175 miles, received about \$25.00. Expense \$4.00; balance \$21.00.

Eld. E. F. Alderson pastored one church, preached about 54 sermons, conducted 4 funerals, married 3 couples, traveled about 95 miles, received \$5.00.

Eld. J. A. Venable, pastored no church, preached about 25 sermons, traveled about 400 miles, received \$20.00.

Eld. E. Henderson pastored one church, preached about 25 sermons, received 25 members, traveled about 300 miles, received \$4.00.

## 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 a 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. This 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 in the hands of the Antioch Association 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 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 the discretion of the Association.

8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the Minutes, and that each minister make a written report of his work in said year and on failure to do so he will be debarred a voice in the Association, and that we pay our Clerk \$5.00 for his services and urge that the Minutes be printed and mailed within sixty days after the Association.

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 be directed.

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 a 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 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. John 1:1; 1 John 5:7; 1 Cor. 8:6; 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; 2 Tim. 3:16.

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 constrain, 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 everyman. Gen. 1:27; Gen. 2:16-17; Gen. 3:6; John 3:16-17; Heb. 2:0.

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 all the ends of the earth for I am God, and there is none else. Rom. 5:6-21; Matt. 4:17; Isaiah 45:22; Matt. 9:13.

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; Matt. 19:28; 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. As babies require constant food for bodily development, the new born babe in Christ requires spiritual food that he may develop by a gradual growth into full stature of Christian manhood. John 3:5; Ez. 36:26-7; 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; 1 Peter 2:3.

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 body shall put on immortality and this corruptible body shall put on incorruption. 1 Cor. 6:11; Rom. 7:17:25; Phil 3:21; 1 Cor. 15:44.



8. We believe that all Christians should persevere in grace, and be faithful unto the end if they inherit eternal life, for blessed are they that do His commandments that they have a right to the tree of life and enter in through the gates of the city. Cor. 10:12-13; Rev. 22:14; Rom. 11:20-21; 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. 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 Abel to the restitution of all things from every nation, kindred and tongue. Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:47; Heb. 12:23; Acts 10:34:35; 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. 1:18-21; 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 1:8-11; Acts 8:38; Rom. 6:16.

13. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the Saints feet are ordinances of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to be continued until his second coming. Matt. 28:19; Luke 22:19-20; John 13:5.

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 1:1-16; Mark 16:16; Matt. 3:8-10; Acts 10:47; 1 Tim. 4:14-16.

15. The soul is immortal, hence does not die with the body, but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery, according to the spiritual character here possessed. Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; Rev. 6:9.

16. We believe that there will be a general universal judgment when all men shall be judged according to works whether good or bad and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into eternal happiness. Eccl. 11:4; Matt. 12:36-37; II Thes. 1:8-9; Rev. 14:11; Rev. 21:8; Luke 16:23; II Cor. 5:10.

17. 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 words 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. Acts 9:15; I Tim. 4:16.

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 church donate of their substance 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 financial committee of three to consist of two deacons and a Clerk to collect and store such funds. II Tim. 2:15; I Cor. 16:1-2.

19. We believe in the justification of infants by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ in a passive state, thereby adopting them heirs of His kingdom. Matt. 19:13-14; 8:10.

## RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded with a 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 adjournments 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, or in his absence the Clerk.

3. Letters from the churches of this Association called for, read and messengers invited to seats.

4. Right hand of fellowship.

5. Call for letters from newly organized churches.

6. Corresponding Associations.

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) Arrangements of Preaching; (d) Temperance; (e) Sabbath Schools; (f) Obituaries; (g) Condition 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.