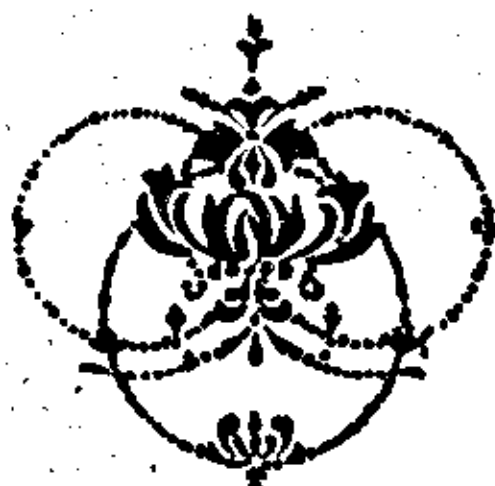


MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION
OF
FREEWILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH THE
LIBERTY CHURCH,
LOGAN COUNTY, ARK.

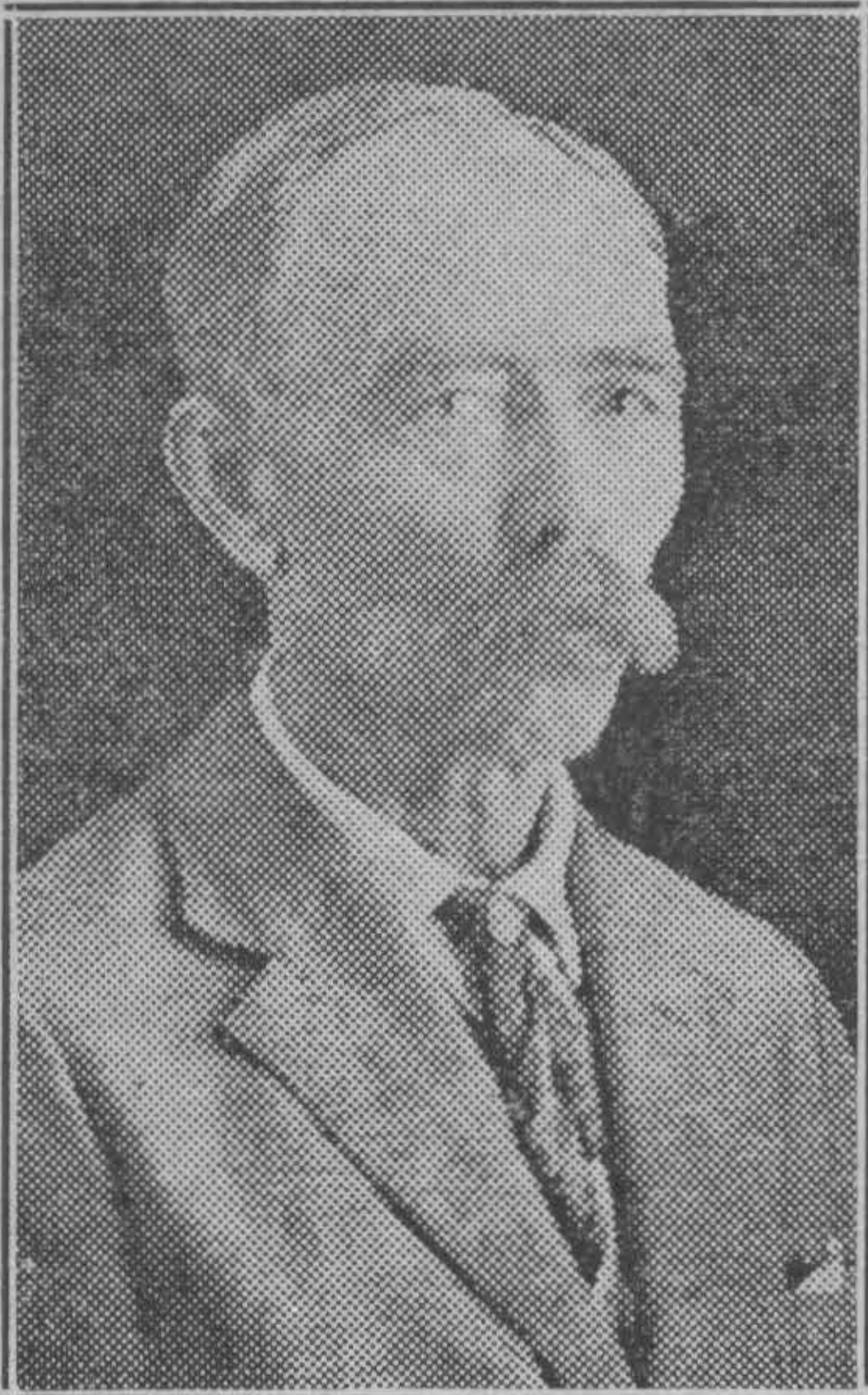
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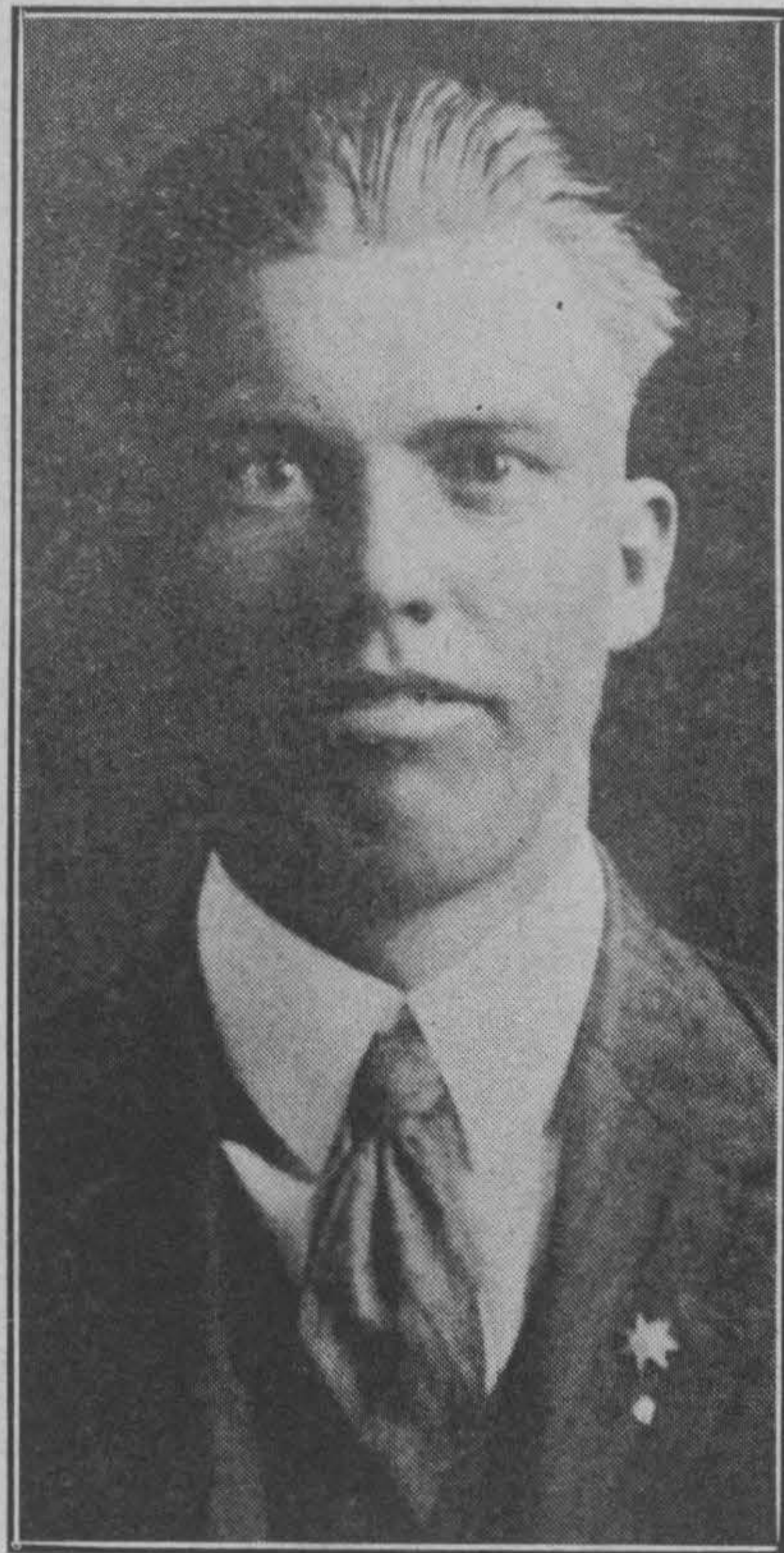
Next Session Will Be Held With
SWEETHOME CHURCH, POPE COUNTY, ARK.

W. R. JOBE, Moderator.
Atkins, Ark.

ERNEST O. WRIGHT, Clerk.
Atkins, Ark.



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Atkins, Arkansas



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Box 442, Atkins, Ark.

MINUTES

The thirty-fifth annual session of the Antioch Association of Freewill Baptists met in regular session, with Liberty Church, on September 9, 10, 11 and 12, 1926.

Song, "Only Trust Him."

Opened in regular order by Moderator J. A. Venable, by reading as Scripture Lesson, the II John, third chapter.

Song, "Amazing Grace."

Prayer, by Bro. W. R. Jobe.

Song, "He Loves Me."

Preaching, by Bro. R. B. Venable.

Text, Numbers 10-29, "Come thou with us." Concluded by Bro. Fred Duvall.

The Moderator appointed a Committee on Divine Services, as follows: F. M. Nichols, R. C. Chapple, Joe Barnett.

Adjourned with prayer by the Moderator J. A. Venable to meet at 8:30 Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Called together by singing.

Opened by Moderator, by reading Ephesians, second chapter.

Song, "Over There."

Prayer, by Bro. E. Henderson.

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

St. Joe—Manda Duvall, J. C. Norden, Mollie Venable.

Union Grove—Olgie Wright.

Oak Grove No. 2—By R. M. Johnson.

Holman—By Letter.

Cross Plains—By letter.

Sweet Home—Lela and Pholsia Sorrells, Edith Burris.

Liberty—J. W. Lowery, Mae Lowery, A. Thomas.

Shiloh—G. B. Maxwell, John Duvall, W. E. Kelley.

Oak Grove No. 1—A. R. Lowery, Sister C. Johnson, Cora Jorden.

Mt. Zion—Not represented.

Rose Creek—R. C. Chappel and wife, F. E. Forbus.

Mt. Pleasant—A. R. Lunningham, W. T. Duvall.

Smyrna—By W. R. Jobe.

Gumlog—J. J. West, Lee Sloggs, L. M. Eakin.

Strawberry—Dee Galentine.

Mt. Grove—Not represented.

Mt. Vernon—R. J. Henderson, R. A. Jeffries.

Flat Rock—Not represented.

Mountain Home—O. B. Horn, J. S. Looper

The right hand of Christian fellowship was extended to all delegates and Christians.

Corresponding delegates from Northern Association: E. L. Hill.

The Moderator declared nominations were in order for officers for next year.

The association further organized by electing the following officers: Bro. W. R. Jobe, Moderator, and re-elected E. O. Wright, Clerk.

Reading of Rules of Order, by chairman.

The Committee on Divine Service announced that Bro. E. Henderson would fill the stand at 11 o'clock, and Bro. E. L. Hill conclude.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. E. L. Hill, to meet at 2 o'clock.

Intermission.

Called together by singing.

Preaching by Bro. E. Henderson. Scripture lesson, Jobe, seventh chapter.

Prayer, by Bro. E. L. Hill.

Text, Jobe 14-7, "Man that is borned of woman is but few days and full of trouble."

Song, "We Are Passing Away."

Concluded by Bro. E. L. Hill.

The Moderator apointed the following committees:

Resolutions—Bro. C. Johnson, Bro. J. A. Venable, Bro. R. M. Johnson, G. B. Maxwell and Bro. R. J. Henderson

Obituary—Bro. R. B. Venable, F. E. Fawbus and J. C. Nordin.

Non-Represented Churches—Bro. R. A. Johnson, Bro. R. A. Jeffries and Joe Barnett.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Called together by singing.

Lesson, Romans, the twelfth chapter.

Song, "Bound for the Shore."

Prayer by Bro. R. F. Duvall.

Bro. W. C. Austin was received as a corresponding delegate.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:
Finance—John Duvall, Wesley Lowery, R. C. Chapple.
Temperance—Olgie Wright, Lois Maxwell, Cora Jordan.
Sabbath Schools—Bro. E. Henderson, Manda Duvall, Sister C. Johnson.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

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.

BRO. E. HENDERSON, Chairman.

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 the 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 liquors is not a good citizen and is not entitled to hold membership in a Free Will Baptist Church. The fight is not finished, because eternal vigilance is the price of Liberty.

SISTER OLGIE WRIGHT, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

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

Whereas, many of the text-books in our public schools, colleges and universities contain articles on Greek mythology, stories on German Gods, fables like "Laden's Lamp," and different kind of fiction, we believe that such literature is detrimental to our boys, instead of being elevating is more degrading.

Be it Resolved, That such literature be eliminated from

our school system and in their room instead use more wholesome literature.

Whereas, our children in school, while young and tender, deserve to be taught to study the greatest principles in our country and inasmuch as those principles are set forth in the Bible and the Bible being the greatest book and setting forth the greatest principles, containing the best literature and setting forth the lives of the greatest men that ever lived upon this earth.

Be it resolved, That we stand for that great book to be placed as a text-book in our schools.

Be it Resolved, further, That we discourage the distributing and sending of trashy literature, and request our people to make a special study of the Bible.

SISTER LOIS MAXWELL, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report that we have received from different churches the sum of \$39.45.

JOHN DUVALL, 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:

Bro. H. C. Burton and Bro. P. N. Clemons, of St. Joe Church.

Sister Lina Sorrells, of Sweet Home Church.

Sister Annie Job, of Shiloh Church.

Sister Nellie Ennis, of Oak Grove No. 1.

Sister Minerva Tumbleson, Strawberry Church.

Bro. G. C. Baker, of Liberty Church.

We feel assured it is our loss, but Heaven's gain.

BRO. R. B. VENABLE, Chairman.

Then Bro. W. C. Austin made an interesting talk.

The Committee on Divine Service announced that Bro. W. C. Austin would preach at night.

Bro. C. Johnson and R. M. Johnson at 11 o'clock.

Dismissed by Moderator W. R. Jobe to meet at 8:30 Saturday.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION.

Called together by singing, at which a good song service was enjoyed.

Prayer by Bro. J. A. Venable.

Song.

Preaching by Bro. W. C. Austin. Text, Gen. 1:1. "In the beginning, God created the Heaven and the Earth."

Song, "We Are Passing Away."

Prayer, by Bro. R. B. Venable.

Song, "Lord, I Want More Religion."

SATURDAY MORNING.

Called together by singing.

Motion made and carried to have a Committee on Publication to draft resolutions on literature. Committee appointed: Bro. John Duvall, Bro. R. C. Chapple, Bro. J. T. Blair, Sister Cora Jorden, Sister Lois Maxwell.

Report of R. A. Johnson, treasurer, of Aged Minister Funds received from different churches. The sum of \$65.00 was paid—to Bro. Jesse Jeffries, \$55.00; to Bro. J. B. Vaughn, \$10.00.

R. A. JOHNSON, Treasurer.

The Committee on Divine Service announced that Bro. J. A. Venable would fill the stand at night and Bro. Jesse Jeffries to conclude.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. C. Johnson, to meet at 2 o'clock.

Intermission.

Called together by singing.

Preaching by Bro. C. Johnson. Scripture lesson, 133rd Psalm.

Song, "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

Prayer, by Bro. R. M. Johnson.

Song, "Pass Me Not."

Text: Romans, 8:22.

Concluded by Bro. R. M. Johnson.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called together by singing.

Scripture lesson, 15th chapter of Psalms, read by the Moderator, Bro. W. R. Jobe.

Prayer, by Bro. Jobe.

Resolution No. 3 was complied with and Bro. W. R. Jobe was elected as a District Evangelist.

Motion made and carried for the Moderator to appoint

delegates to the State Association: Delegates appointed, as follows: J. J. West, G. B. Maxwell, Sister C. Johnson, Sister Manda Duvall, Bro. J. W. Lowery, as delegates, and Bro. J. N. Johnson, Bro. C. A. Haskins, Charley Hopper, Bro. E. O. Wright, and Bro. W. S. Isbell, as alternates.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution No. 1—We recommend that each church in the Antioch Association pay \$10.00 to the aged minister fund, to be distributed as follows: \$5.00 per month to Bro. Jeffries and Bro. J. B. Vaughn. And we further recommend that this committee be composed of three, Bro. R. A. Johnson, secretary and treasurer, A. E. Duvall of Moreland and Berry Looper of Clarksville, to add others if necessary, between the sittings of the Association. Adopted.

Resolution No. 2—Be It Resolved, That We receive no letters from the churches in the Antioch District, unless received by the church and approved by the Moderator and Clerk.

Resolution No. 3—Resolved, That we elect a District Evangelist to visit and preach for the churches in the Antioch Association and that the different churches pay the expenses of said preacher.

The Moderator declared nominations were in order for the next place of meeting. Union Grove, Sweet Home, Mt. Home were nominated, and Sweet Home was selected.

Bro. C. Johnson to preach the introductory sermon and Bro. R. M. Johnson, as alternate.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts—

Balance brought forward.....	\$.30
Received from Finance Committee.....	39.15
Total	39.45

Disbursements—

For Printing Minutes.....	30.00
For postage	4.60
Clerk Fee	5.00
Total	\$39.60

Recapitulation:

Total receipts	\$39.45
Total disbursements	39.60

Disbursements in excess of receipts15

E. O. WRIGHT, Treasurer.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION.

Called together by singing, at which a good song service was enjoyed.

Preaching by Bro. J. A. Venable.

Scripture lesson, 15th chapter of St. John.

Song, "At the Cross."

Text: Matthew, 2:2.

"Where is He that is borned king of the Jews," etc.

Song, "I Am Bound for the Promised Land."

Concluded by Bro. Jesse Jeffries.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

Called together by singing.

Scripture lesson, Second Chapter of Acts, read by Moderator, Bro. W. R. Jobe.

Song, "Amazing Grace."

Prayer, by Bro. Fred Duvall.

Preaching by Bro. W. R. Jobe.

Text: I. King, 18:21, "How long halt ye between two opinions.

Parting hand was extended and a glorious revival followed.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, wish to extend to the good people of Liberty our many thanks for their kind hospitality during our stay with them. May God and His 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 younger people for their good behavior and friendly disposition toward us.

Committee.

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, Blaine; F. M. Nichols, Delaware; J. H. Horshfield, Delaware.

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

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

Oak Grove No. 2—L. W. Kimball, Moreland; G. W. Newman, Russellville; W. S. Isabell, Gumlog.

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

Sweet Home—Hobert Sorrells, Atkins; D. A. Coffman, Atkins.

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

Shiloh—G. B. Maxwell, Atkins; W. J. Jobe, Atkins; W. A. Bradley, Atkins.

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

Mt. Grove—J. T. Horton, London.

Mt. Vernon—R. J. Henderson, Moreland.

Mt. Zion—W. L. Kitchen, Gumlog; W. C. Burton, Gumlog, route 1; J. W. Smith, Gumlog; W. J. Burris, Russellville.

Strawberry—John Timbleson, Lamar.

Rose Creek—R. C. Chapple, Atkins; G. W. Whitfield.

DEACONS PRESENT.

R. C. Chapple, Joe Barnett, W. J. Jobe, J. H. Harshfield, Lee Staggs, T. A. Allen, G. B. Maxwell.

ROLL CALL OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

R. M. Johnson, Moreland; J. A. Venable, Casa; Elbert Henderson, Atkins; Jesse Jeffries, Moreland; R. B. Venable, Atkins; Fred Duvall, Atkins; J. B. Vaughn, Moreland; F. M. Hudson, Jr., Moreland; J. T. Burrus, Moreland; John Burton, Comanche, Okla.; E. F. Alderson, Lamar, Route 2; R. A. Johnson, Dardanelle; Cardis Johnson, Scranton; H. I. Walker,

Scranton; G. C. McDonald, Hanna, Okla.; J. K. Duncan, Clarksville, Route 3; Garland Duvall, Moreland; L. H. Hopper, Denoya, Okla.; Cyrus Hudson, London; H. F. Banks, Atkins; F. M. Thornberry, Russellville.

MINISTERS PRESENT.

R. M. Johnson, R. B. Venable, R. A. Johnson, C. Johnson, J. A. Venable, Jesse Jeffries, W. R. Jobe, E. Henderson, Fred Duvall.

REPORT OF MINISTERS OF YEAR'S WORK.

Eld. R. M. Johnson—Preached 105 sermons; attended eight funerals; received nine members; baptised nine; traveled 1,125 miles; received, \$98.25; expense, \$27.75; balance, \$70.50.

Eld. R. B. Venable—Pastored two churches; preached 92 sermons; conducted six funerals; traveled about 580 miles; received about \$58.60; held three revival meetings; witnessed 40 conversions; married two couples.

Eld. W. R. Jobe—Pastored one church; preached 70 sermons; traveled about 800 miles; received, \$73.45.

Eld. C. Johnson—Pastored two churches; preached 60 sermons; preached 18 funerals; received, \$63.75.

Eld. J. A. Venable—Preached 56 sermons; received two members; baptized 6; traveled 421 miles; married three couples; received, \$40.00.

Eld. B. F. Duvall—Pastored one church; conducted three revival meetings; ten conversions; baptized eight; traveled 350 miles; preached 42 sermons; received, \$50.00.

Eld. E. L. Hill—Please except my report. I am a member of Zion Hope Association, but my work has been in the Antioch Association. Preached 52 sermons; pastored three churches; received 43 members; baptized 27; helped to reinstate Mt. Vernon church with seven new members; total received, \$20.64.

Eld. J. G. Duvall—Pastored one church; preached 32 sermons; seven conversions; baptized seven; married six couples; received, \$2.90; traveled 75 miles.

Eld. J. K. Duncan—Pastored one church; preached about 52 sermons; witnessed 10 conversions; baptized three; received, \$38.00.

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 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 Testament 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 every man. 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 preserve 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. 3:8-0; 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 lots 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) Arrangments 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.

STATISTICAL TABLE

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