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Minutes of the Thirty-eighth Session of the Antioch Association of Free Will Baptists, held with the Rose Creek Church, Perry County, Arkansas, September 5, 6, 7, and 8, 1929.

Opened by Singing.

Introductory Sermon preached by Rev. J. K. Duncan of Johnson county. Text: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth."

Prayer by Rev. W. C. Austin.

Service concluded by Rev. R. M. Johnson, Pope county. Dismissed by Rev. F. M. Hudson.

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 6.

On account of rain, the Association met at 9:30 instead of 9:00. Presided over by Rev. J. K. Duncan, Assistant Moderator.

Reading—95th Psalm.

Prayer by Rev. R. M. Johnson

Song—"Jesus Lover of My Soul."

On motion, C. A. Haskins was appointed acting clerk.

Constitution and Rules of Order read by clerk.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Shiloh: Opal Maxwell, Norma DuVall, Chalmer DuVall.

New Liberty: Tennie Johnson.

Rose Creek: Carrol Rainey, Wesley Hamilton, Sister G. L. McElroy, L. T. Chappell.

Mt. Pleasant: Roy Heflin.

Oak Grove No. 1.: A. R. Lowery, Sister Lowery, Sister Homes.

Strawberry:

Gumlog: Bro. and Sister J. J. West, Bro. Jess Henry.

Cross Plains: C. A. Nichols, C. A. Haskins.

Pine Grove:

Pecan Grove: Oscar Standridge, Jasper Standridge, John Taylor.

Sweet Home: Bessie Blankenship, Lela Sorrels.

Maple Springs: Tommy Bowden, Cleve Bowden, Sister Julia Gideon.

Holman: Bro. H. M. Hopper.

Union Grove:

Oak Grove No. 2.: W. S. Isbell.

Mt. Vernon:

Stone Hill:

Mt. Home:

St. Joe: W. F. McGee.

Right hand of fellowship was now given to all delegates present.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

Rev. J. A. Venable reported having organized a church (Pecan Grove).

C. Johnson was elected moderator, and C. A. Haskins was elected clerk.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee on Divine Service: W. F. McGee, W. S. Isbell, F. E. Fawbus.

Dismissed by Bro. Duncan.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by Bro. R. A. Johnson of Yell county, followed by Bro. R. B. Venable of Pope county.

Song: "Show Pity Lord."

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 11:1-9.

Song: "Amazing Grace."

Prayer: R. B. Venable.

Text: "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1.

Song: "Alas and Did My Savior Bleed."

Dismissed by Bro. W. R. Jobe.

 FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Reconvened at 2:00 p. m.

Moderator C. Johnson, presiding.

Song: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Scripture Reading: Corinthians, 2nd chapter.

Prayer by Bro. Henderson.

Song: "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior."

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

Committee on Resolutions: F. M. Hudson, R. A. Johnson, J. K. Duncan, J. A. Venable, E. Henderson.

Committee on Finance: R. C. Chapple, Hobart Sorrels, H. M. Hopper.

Temperance: W. F. McGee, Sisters Lela Sorrels, Tennie Johnson.

Sabbath Schools: Bro. Lowery, Bro. J. J. West, Oscar Standridge, Sister Geo. Harris.

Obituary: Jno. Taylor, Bessie Blankenship, Jack Tumbleston.

Non-Represented Churches: J. J. West, R. B. Venable, W. J. Jobe.

Union of Churches: W. R. Jobe, Sister Julia Gideon, Chas. Nichols.

It was moved and adopted that the moderator and clerk be authorized to investigate any property belonging to this Association, and if they deem it best to sell same.

Song: "Shall We Gather at the River."

Prayer by Bro. J. K. Duncan.

Adjourned until 8:30 a. m., September 7th.

 FRIDAY NIGHT.

Divine Service, 7 p. m.

Devotional meeting conducted by Bro. W. F. McGee.

Preaching by Bro. W. C. Austin.

Scripture Reading: 2nd Chapter Thessalonians.

Text: 2nd Timothy 2:2. "Preach the Word."

Service concluded by Rev. F. M. Hudson.

Dismissed by Rev. Jeffries.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, A. M.

Scripture Reading by the moderator; 1st chapter of Matthew, beginning with the 13th verse.

Prayer by Rev. R. M. Johnson.

Song: "Heaven in My Soul."

A motion was made and carried that we print our minutes separate from the state minutes.

A motion was made and carried that a standing committee of three be appointed to inquire into any differences between any church and individual members.

The Moderator appointed the following on said committee: F. M. Hudson, R. M. Johnson and W. R. Jobe.

Adjourned until 2 p. m.

Divine Service at 11 a. m., said service being a memorial service for those of our brethren and sisters who have passed away during the last year.

Service opened by Bro. J. A. Venable.

Song: "We Are Passing Away."

Scripture Reading: Part 15th chapter Corinthians.

Song: "Nearer My God to Thee."

Prayer: Bro. W. S. Isbell.

Song: "How Firm a Foundation."

Bro. J. K. Duncan spoke in memory of Bro. J. J. Wilkins of Holman church, and Bro. Henry Chronister, Mt. Home church, both of Johnson county.

Song: "I'm Going Home."

R. M. Johnson spoke in memory of Bro. and Sister T. M. Chappell of Rose Creek church, Perry county, and Sister Isabel Roberts of Shiloh church, Pope county.

Song: "In That City of Gold."

Bro. C. Johnson spoke in memory of Sister Tennie Walker, Oak Grove church, and Bro. Wurst, Pine Grove church, both of Logan county.

Song: "Life will be Sweeter Some Day."

Bro. W. F. McGee spoke in memory of Bro. J. B. Vaughn, Cross Plains church, Pope county.

Song: "Ready When He Comes."

Bro. Hudson and Bro. Jobe spoke in memory of Bro. G. W. Burris, St. Joe church.

Song: "How Firm a Foundation."

Bro. Jobe spoke in memory of Sister Nancy L. Hudson, Cross Plains church, Pope county.

Song: "We'll Never Be Lonesome There."

Dismissed by Bro. J. K. Duncan.

SATURDAY, 2 P. M.

Came together by singing "Amazing Grace."

Prayer by W. F. McGee.

Song: "We Are Passing Away."

At this time a motion was made and adopted that we proceed to vote on the revised articles of faith, which was done, each article being taken up, discussed, and voted on separately, the entire twenty articles being adopted almost unanimously.

Motion was made and carried that our moderator, Bro. C. Johnson, be elected as our State Evangelist.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Union of Churches:—We beg leave to report that we find some of the churches not in union. Some are divided on the articles of faith. We recommend that those churches be visited to set them in order, that we may all be of a oneness in regard to doctrine.

W. R. Jobe, Chairman.

Sabbath Schools:—We find that good Sabbath Schools are maintained in nearly every church community, but many times it is expedient to join with Methodists and others in union Sunday schools in order that the interest be held intact. But we urge that where it can be judiciously done that Free Will Baptist schools be maintained and represented in our state organization. — J. J. West, Chairman.

Nonrepresented Churches:—We your committee on Nonrepresented Churches beg to report that Phoenix, Union Grove and Mt. Vernon are not represented in this association by delegates or letter, and ask that ministers look after them.—Committee.

Temperance:—We your committee on temperance beg to submit the following report: We endorse all prohibition laws, state and national, and trust that our membership as a whole will forever refrain from having their lives blotched or stained by the use of strong drink, bringing disgrace on their home, church and state. God's law forbids the use of strong drink, and those who break this law and fail to repent of same, will be denied a home in heaven. Prov. 20:1. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." The fight is not finished, for eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.—W. F. McGee, Chairman.

Obituary:—Nancy L. Hudson, wife of Rev. F. M. Hudson, member of Cross Plains church, died December 7, 1928, age 62 years, eight months and 5 days. Mrs. Isabell Roberts died April 18, 1929, age 60 years; member of Shiloh church. Sister T. M. Chappell died December 12, 1928; Bro. T. M. Chappell died May 21, 1929; both members of Rose Creek church. Bro. J. B. Vaughn died January 8, 1929, age 72 years; member Cross Plains church. Bro. G. W. Burris died March 8, 1929, age 73 years; member of St. Joe church. Bro. Henry Chronister died February 19, 1929, age 79 years, 1 month and 27 days; member Mt. Home church. Bro. J. J. Wilkins died January, 1929, age 72 years; member Holman church. Sister Fannie Walker, date of death not given; member Oak Grove church. Bro. Wurst, date of death not given; member Pine Grove church.

While we grieve for our departed brothers and sisters, yet our hearts are made glad by the belief that they have only gone to join the great association that shall never break up, where all the faithful shall live with them and with Christ and the angels throughout an endless eternity.

Bessie Blankenship, Chairman.

Finance:—The following churches have paid to the minute fund the amounts set opposite their names: Moreland, \$2.00; Sweet Home \$2.00; Liberty, \$2.50; Shiloh, \$3.00; Rose Creek, \$2.50; Gumlog, \$2.00; Maple Springs, \$2.00; Strawberry, \$2.00; Pine Grove, \$1.50; Pecan Grove, \$1.00; Union Grove, \$2.00; Holman, \$2.25; Stone Hill, \$1.00. The following have pledged to the minute fund: Oak Grove No. 2, \$2.00; Mt. Pleasant, \$2.00; Stone Hill, - \$1.00. Amount Paid, \$25.75; Total, paid and pledges, \$30.75.

R. C. Chappell, Chairman.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Resolved: That we are not unmindful of the able services rendered in the past by Elder W. C. Austin, that we sympathize with him in his bodily and mental affliction, but we cannot, with due regard to duty, fail to declare that we unalterably oppose the position taken by him in his paper, the "True Blue," and voiced by him in his sermon at Rose Creek, on Friday night, September 6, 1929.

Therefore, be it further resolved, by Antioch Association of Free Will Baptists that we do not endorse such stand as above referred to, but join all Christian churches in our defense of the Bible as man's only true rule of faith and practice, and as given by divine inspiration of God. (Unanimously adopted).

F. M. Hudson,
J. A. Venable,
E. Henderson,
R. A. Johnson,
J. K. Duncan, Committee.

Sweet Home church, five miles north of Atkins, Pope county, was selected as the place of the next meeting, and Bro. E. Henderson was selected to preach the introductory sermon.

Dismissed by Bro. W. R. Jobe.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Prayer and Praise Service conducted by Bro. W. S. Isbell.
Preaching by Bro. F. M. Hudson.
Scripture Reading: Rev. 16th chapter.
Song: "Amazing Grace."
Prayer: Bro. Cortez Johnson.
Song: "The Day is Past and Gone."
Text: "For the great day of His wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?" Rev. 6. "Blessed are they that do the commandments, that they may have a right to the tree of Life, and may enter through the gates into the city." Rev. 22:14.
Song: "I'm Glad Salvation's Free."
Services concluded by Bro. W. R. Jobe.

SUNDAY MORNING

Met at 10:00 a. m., and had a great meeting in which Bro. W. F. McGee gave a fine talk on Sabbath Schools, and was followed by a number of others in good talks.

Preaching by Rev. R. M. Johnson.
Prayer by Bro. C. Johnson.
Song: "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed."
Text: "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."
Service concluded by our moderator, Bro. C. Johnson.
Song: "The Life Boat."
Dismissed by Bro. F. M. Hudson, to meet on Thursday night, before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1930.

FINAL RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That we extend to the good people of Rose Creek our sincere and heartfelt thanks for their generous hospitality in caring for us during our stay among them. Such kindness may be equalled by other communities, but can never be exceeded. We pray God's richest blessings upon you all. — Committee.

ROLL CALL OF DEACONS.

Pine Grove—R. T. Garrison, Deleware.

Moreland—G. I. Eakin, Atkins; H. H. Pigg, Russellville; R. J. DuVall, Moreland; J. F. Burris, North Little Rock.

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

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

Mt. Pleasant—Bob DuVall, Moreland.

New Liberty—T. A. Allen, Blaine; F. M. Nichols, Deleware; J. H. Harshfield, Deleware.

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

Oak Grove No. 1—S. H. Walker, Scranton, W. W. White, Scranton.

Oak Grove No. 2—L. W. Kimbrell, Moreland; W. S. Isbell, Gumlog.

Maple Springs—J. D. Harris, Russellville; G. F. Gideon, Oklahoma.

Sweet Home—Hobart Sorrells, Russellville; J. R. Bone, Atkins; Vester Harris, Atkins.

St. Joe—W. F. McGee, Russellville; R. L. Burris, Atkins; Lester Duvall, Atkins.

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

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

Strawberry—John Tumbleston, Hagarville.

Rose Creek—R. C. Chappell, Casa; G. W. Whitfield, Casa; F. E. Fawbus, Casa.

ROLL OF MINISTERS

R. M. Johnson, Moreland; J. A. Venable, Casa; Elbert Henderson, Moreland; Jessie Jeffries, Moreland; R. B. Venable, Atkins; Fred DuVall, Atkins; John Burton, Comanche, Oklahoma; E. F. Alderson, Clarksville; R. A. Johnson, Dardanelle; C. Johnson, Scranton; H. J. Walker, Scranton; G. C. McDonald, Hanna, Oklahoma; J. K. Duncan, Lamar; J. Harris, Scottsville; Frank Harris, Pottsville; G. Z. Clayborn, Clarksville; Garland DuVall, Moreland; Cyrus Hudson, London; H. F. Banks, Atkins; F. M. Thornsberry, Hagarville.

REPORT OF MINISTERS OF YEAR'S WORK.

J. G. DuVall—Preached 40 sermons; attended one funeral; received and baptized four members; married two couples; traveled 90 miles and received \$3.00.

R. M. Johnson—Pastored two churches; did some local preaching; preached 48 sermons; attended nine funerals; traveled about 850 miles and received \$65.35.

J. K. Duncan—Pastored three churches; preached 140 sermons; attended 4 funerals; traveled 900 miles; received above expenses, \$56.00.

J. A. Venable—Assisted in two revival meetings, and held one myself; organized one church; baptized twelve; preached one funeral; married four couples; preached about 36 sermons; received \$15.

W. R. Jobe, Evangelist—Preached 88 sermons, five funerals, conducted and helped in six revival meetings; witnessed 26 conversions; baptized four; received \$102.00.

 CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experiences 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 bounds of 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 postoffice, Sabbath of meeting and the amount paid pastor.

3. The members thus chosen and convened, to be denominated the Antioch Association of Free Will 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 over the churches, reserving the right of withdrawing from any church acting disorderly.

4. The Association shall have a moderator and a clerk, 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 Free Will Baptists, the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

6. Every motion made and seconded shall come under consideration of the Association, unless 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 60 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 adjourns.

10. The Association shall have a fund for her support, which shall be supplied by voluntary contributions of the different 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 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 presbyter 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. 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 the hands of 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. God—We believe in one true and living Triune God; composed of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, equal in divine essence, purpose, power, and glory. St. John 1:1; Cor. 8:6; 1 John 5:7; St. John 10:30.

2. Christ—We believe that Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God; was with the Father and the Holy Spirit at the time of the creation; left the Courts of Heaven and came to this earth. Took upon Himself the form of humanity, sin excepted, by being born of the virgin Mary, manifested his power, was crucified, placed in Joseph's new tomb, arose from the dead the third day, completing the great plan of salvation; walked and talked with his disciples, publicly ascended up to Heaven, and that he will descend to gather his jewels home. Isaiah 9:6; St. John 1:14; Luke 7:26-28, 24:50-53; Math. 14:13-21; Mark 16:9-19, 15:22-41; Acts 1:9-12.

3. Holy Spirit—We believe the Holy Spirit has visited true believers in all ages, and especially since the ascension of the Son back to the Father, and its coming on the day of Pentecost. Has taken up its office work among all nations of people as a Divine Reprover, Comforter, and Guide. Judges 6:34, 11:29; St. John 16:8-14; Isaiah 63:10-12; Ephesians 4:30; Acts 8:17-20.

4. The Bible—We believe the Bible, which is composed of the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, was given by inspiration of God, is our waybill from earth to Heaven, and only infallible rule of faith and practice. II Peter 1:19-21; II Timothy 3:14-17; Daniel 10:21; Acts 1:16-17; Math. 21:42.

5. The Fall of Man—We believe that God created man good, gave him a just law by which he should be governed, with promises of reward for faithfulness and with penalties of punishment for disobedience. Gave man power of free moral agency to choose the right and reject the wrong. But our first parents heeded the voice of the great Enemy of souls, voluntarily transgressed the Law of God, fell under the just penalty of the same, and were unable of their own power to extricate or save themselves from the great dilemma into which they had fallen. God gave to them the hope of salvation through the coming of Christ. Gen. 1:27, 2:16-17; Romans 11:11-35, 5:18; Psalms 37:23-24.

6. Redemption, Salvation, Adoption—We believe that Jesus Christ, by his birth, death, burial, resurrection and ascension, paid the purchase price of the redemption of the whole human race, arranged a pardon for all who come to Him upon Gospel terms; and a law of adoption into the Kingdom of Heaven, and an eternal inheritance in the glorified Kingdom above. Hebrews 9:12, 1:4; Gal. 3:13, 4:4-5; Titus 2:14; St. John 3:16; Isa. 45:22.

7. Conditions of Salvation—We believe that all persons dying in infancy, and all idiots, are saved by the atoning merits of the Son of God without any act upon their part; that persons coming to the years of accountability, transgressing the Law of God, must upon their part exercise faith in Jesus Christ through repentance toward God, at the completion of which pardon takes place in the mind of the Father, and by the Holy Spirit they pass through the ordeal of regeneration, are washed in the blood of the Lamb and are planted in the Kingdom of Christ or God. John 3d chapter; Math. 19:13-22; II Cor. 7:10; Luke 18:16-17; St. John 4:11-16; Psalms 98:3.

8. Salvation Free—We believe that God desires the salvation of all; Christ died for all; the gospel invites all; the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and be saved upon the terms of the Gospel. I Peter 1:9; 13:25; 2:9; 24:25; Rev. 22:17.

9. Baptism—We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in which is represented the burial and resurrection of Christ; also represents our death to sin, and only those who have come under the presbytery of elders are qualified to administer the same. Math. 3:14-16; 28:29, 3:5-6; I Peter 3:21; St. John 3:23; Acts 10:47.

10. Communion and Foot Washing—We believe that the Lord's Supper and the washing of feet are ordinances of the gospel of Christ; the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Savior to commemorate his broken body and shed blood for the sins of the world, and to show our remembrance of Him till He comes. All Christians have a right to the Lord's Supper, and should be invited; "let a man examine himself and so let him eat."

The washing of feet was instituted at the same time that the supper was instituted as an act of humility to show our love for each other and both ordinances should be perpetuated by all Christians until his second coming. Luke 22:19-20; I Cor. 11:20-29; St. John 13:1-18; Math. 26:26-29.

11. The Sabbath—We believe that the Christian Sabbath should be observed as a day of rest and for the worship of God; that we should abstain from all sinful amusements, and secular employ-

ments, works of mercy and piety excepted. Exodus 20:11, 31:12-18; Deut. 5:12-15; Ezek. 20:12; Math. 28:1; Luke 23:56; Acts 13:42-48; Mark 2:27.

12. Call to the Ministry—We believe in a divine call of the ministry; that God in His goodness and power of grace, impresses His ministers with the burden of lost souls, to the extent that the call becomes irresistible with personal contentment; that when they yield to the call and exercise their native gifts according to the scripture with a full reliance upon Him He accompanies them in the person of the Holy Spirit to guide them in the way of truth and to bless their labors according to His purpose. Jonah 1:1; Jer. 1:5; Mark 3:14; Acts 1:22-26; Math. 28:19.

13. The Invisible Church—We believe that the invisible or Spiritual Church is the redeemed in the aggregate, is the family of God, is composed of all true Christians of every congregation from righteous Abel to the restitution of all things, from every kindred, nation, tongue and people. Eph. 3:16-21, 2:20-22; Heb. 12:22-23; I Peter 2:5; Acts 2:47; Math. 16:18.

14. The Visible Church—We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women, having obtained fellowship with the Lord and with each other, agreeing to keep up a good discipline and doctrine according to the rules of the gospel. II Thes. 1:1; Acts 16:5, 20:28; III John 1:10; Math. 18:17; Rev. 1:4, 11, 20.

15. Perseverance—We believe that all true believers in Christ should persevere in divine grace, and in the knowledge of the truth and that God's grace is sufficient to help them to overcome all the obstacles of life and that all the combined forces of the great enemy of souls on earth and in Hell (or in his eternal abode) are not able to pluck them from his hand so long as they walk in the path of duty; but those who sidestep and willfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty they would backslide and if persistently continued would be eternally lost. II Cor. 9:10; II Peter 1:4-8; I Peter 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39; Apostasy: II Peter 1:8-9; I Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17, 6:1-6, 3:12; I St. John 5:16; I Tim. 4:1-2; St. John 15:1-7; Math. 12:31-32.

16. Christ the Head of the Church—We believe that Christ is the great head of the Church, and that the government of the local church is with the body. Col 1:18-19; Math. 16:18, 21:42; Heb. 12:23; Eph. 1:22; Acts 16:4-5.

17. Sanctification—Sanctification is a work of God's grace, by which the soul is cleansed from all sin and wholly consecrated to Christ. It takes place in regeneration and the Christian can and should abide in this state to the end of life, constantly growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. And the sanctification of the body (which is held under subjection) will take place in the resurrection. 1 Cor. 6:11; II Thes. 2:13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; II Thes. 5:19-23; St. John 17:17-19; II Timothy 2:20-21.

18. The Soul—The soul is endless, 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 23:24, 16:19-25; Rev. 6:9; Math. 10:28.

19. The Resurrection—We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the righteous and wicked. When the resurrection shall take place the soul and body shall be reunited, the righteous shall be received into everlasting happiness to reign with God forever; but the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment. Math. 28:6; St. John 5:28-29; I Cor. 15:51-58.

20. Judgment—We believe that there will be a great universal judgment, when all men shall be judged according to their works, whether they be good or bad, and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into everlasting happiness. II Thes. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13, 20:12-13, 21:8; II Cor. 5:10; Math. 12:36-37; Acts 17:31.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and closed 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 in 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 shall be called to order by the moderator, or in his absence by 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 the chair or the clerk.
9. Appointment of the following committees: (a) Resolutions; (b) Finance; (c) Divine Service; (d) Temperance; (e) Sabbath Schools; (f) Obituaries; (g) Non-represented Churches; (h) Union of Churches.
10. Reports of committees holding over from last Association, and other unfinished business.
11. Report of new committees.
12. New business.
13. Adjournment.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	MODERATORS	CLERKS	Received	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	No. Ministers	Paid Pastor	Day of Meeting	Membership
New Liberty	R. A. Johnson	Tennie Blair					3	\$ 14.50	1	30
Mt. Pleasant	J. G. DuVall	Roy Heflin	4			1	1	20.00	1	41
Rose Creek	R. M. Johnson	R. C. Chappell				2	1	54.91	3	39
Shiloh	E. L. Hill	Mattie DuVall				1	1	16.00	4	60
Oak Grove No. 1	H. J. Walker	B. F. Holmes				1	1		2	40
Strawberry	J. K. Duncan	May Lund		3			1	12.50	1	25
Gumlog	T. H. Dixon	J. M. Sparks	7				1	83.50	3	35
Cross Plains	J. A. Barton	Lucille Vaughn	11			2	1		2	68
Pine Grove	Not Reported	Not Reported							3	14
Pecan Grove	J. A. Venable	H. F. Banks		New Church					4	18
Sweet Home	E. Henderson	Edna Virden		2			1	12.65	2	45
Maple Springs	T. H. Dixon	Pearl Bowden					1	100.00	4	47
Holman	T. H. Dixon	Irvin Chronister		1		1	1	20.00	3	57
Union Grove	W. R. Jobe	E. O. Wright	7				1		1-3	101
Oak Grove No. 2	B. F. DuVall	Goldie Eakin							1	79
Mt. Vernon	Not Represented	Not Represented								20
Mt. Home	J. K. Duncan	O. B. Horn							2	26
Stone Hill	J. K. Duncan								3	9
St. Joe	W. A. Crouch	Monroe Davis							3	130