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# MINUTES

of the

**FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION**

of the

**ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION AND ZION HOPE  
ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

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**Held With**

**MT. HOME CHURCH**

**Johnson County, Arkansas**

**September 8, 9, 10, 11, 1938**

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**Next Session Will Be Held With**

**GALLA CREEK CHURCH**

**Pope County, Arkansas**

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**W. S. ISBELL, Russellville, Arkansas.....MODERATOR**

**E. O. WRIGHT, Atkins, Arkansas.....CLERK**

# MINUTES OF ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION

## Forty-Seventh Annual Session

Opened with singing, led by Bro. W. M. Guinn. Prayer by Moderator Bro. John L. Reel. Song, "Way Down in My Heart."

As Bro. W. R. Johe (deceased) was the one to preach the introductory sermon, Bro. J. L. Harris was selected. Text Matthews 24:3.

The Moderator appointed the committee on divine service as follows: Bro. L. W. Mickel, Bro. Bob Teel, Bro. C. A. Loyd. Adjourned with prayer by Bro. W. C. Cody, to meet Friday at 8:30 o'clock.

### FRIDAY A. M.

Called to order by Moderator Bro. John L. Reel.

Opening song, "Draw Me Nearer," led by C. A. Nichols.

Prayer by Bro. W. M. Guinn.

Scripture Lesson, II. Cor. 5:1-17, read by Moderator J. L. Reel.

Song, "Blessed Assurance."

The Moderator declared the Association opened for any such business as may come before it. Then the roll of churches was called, letters read and messengers invited to seats.

St. Joe—Goldie Maxwell, Mollie Venable, Alice Johnson, Ora Hopson, clerk.

Union Grove—Violet Reel, Walsie Tackett, Olgie Wright.

Oak Grove No. 2—Boyd Grey, Dewey Kinder, Lee Johnston, Hazel Johnston, assistant clerk.

Harmony—Cleat Craig, Jewel Craig, J. J. West, J. M. Sparks, clerk.

Mape Springs, Lucy Bowden, Lois Gideon, Tom Bowden, Ava Harris, clerk.

Liberty—Wess Lowrey.

Slaty Crossing—Oma Whitfield, Roe Wells and wife.

Hickory Grove—Alma and Syble Robinson, Mrs. Floyd Fawbus.

Mt. Home—Ada Looper, Mitchell Jennings, Ben Chronister, Ida Mickle, clerk.

Cherry Hill—Mrs. C. W. Taylor, Mrs. Anna Moore, Francis Finkbiner.

Mt. Vernon—H. L. Burris.

Holman—H. M. Hopper, S. A. Pearson, John Chronister and wife.

Moreland—C. A. Nichols and wife.

Sweet Home—Maudie Henderson.

Oak Grove No. 1—

Shiloh—Not represented.

Galla Creek—(newly organized) Duel Standridge, Troy Reed, Coy Douthit, R. C. Savage, clerk.

### CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS

Bro. W. M. Guinn, Arkansas Association; A. J. Latham, Zion Hope Association, and Bro. Clayburn.

Bro. W. C. Cody, Missionary Baptist; Bro. F. G. Jones, United Baptist; Bro. Ben Spark, Sisters Ava and Ersy Sparks, Methodist.

Petitioning letter from Zion Hope Association to be excepted by the Antioch Association.

The Moderator appointed a committee to question the delegation.

Bro. J. L. Harris, W. F. McGee, W. S. Isbell, E. Henderson, and J. R. Whitfield, committee.

We, your committee to investigate the petitionary letter and delegates sent by Zion Hope Association asking to be made a part of the Antioch

Association, find that the Zion Hope Association is willing to come into this Antioch Association, and accept all its rules and regulations as governing this body at present.

We recommend the acceptance of this letter and Association in full fellowship, with all its ministers, deacons, churches, and clerks.

The Committee on Divine Service announced that Bro. E. Henderson and Bro. W. A. Crouch would fill the stand at 11 o'clock.

The Moderator declared nominations in order for Moderator and Clerk. Br. W. S. Isbell was elected Moderator and Bro. John L. Reed assistant moderator; E. O. Wright was re-elected clerk by acclamation.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn until 1:30 o'clock.

Intermission.

The Moderator appointed the committees, as follows:

Resolutions—W. F. McGee, W. A. Crouch and C. A. Loyd.

Finance—L. W. Mickle, J. J. West and C. W. Taylor.

Temperance—A. J. Latham, G. M. Condly, and J. R. Whitfield.

Sabbath School—J. W. Coffman, Tom Bowden, Ava Dover.

Obituary H. L. Burris, Cleat Craig, Troy Reid.

Non-represented Churches—R. B. Venable, M. E. Maxwell, and Bill Savage.

Union of Churches—R. L. Taylor, Dewey Kinder, E. Henderson.

Songs, "Amazing Grace," "I'll Live in Glory," "He'll Keep Against That Day."

Services opened by Bro. E. Henderson. Text Psalm 137:1-2.

Concluded by Bro. W. A. Crouch.

Dismissed by Bro. H. M. Hopper, to meet at 1:30 o'clock.

#### FRIDAY P. M.

Called to order by Assistant Moderator John L. Reel, by reading 1st Peter 5:1-12.

Prayer by Bro. R. B. Venable.

Song, "Shake Hands With Mother."

Song, "Come Go With Me," and "Dear Lord, I'll Not Be Able."

The committee on Divine Service announce that Bro. G. M. Condly and R. B. Venable would fill the stand at night.

Bro. W. F. McGee conducted the devotional service.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. R. L. Taylor.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT

Called to order by singing, led by Bro. W. F. McGee.

Song, "Way Down in My Heart," and "Dear Lord, I'll Not Be Able," and "Sweet Afterwhile," led by Joe Ella Maxwell.

Prayer by Joe H. Ward.

Song

Prayer by Bro. W. G. Condly.

Song, "When They Ring The Bells of Heaven."

Devotional Service, led by Bro. W. F. McGee.

Preaching by Bro. G. M. Condly.

Scripture Lesson, Eph. 6:12-19. Text Hebrew 12:1.

Concluded by Bro. R. B. Venable.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. E. Henderson, to meet at 8:30 o'clock.

#### SATURDAY A. M.

Called to order by Moderator, Bro. W. S. Isbell.

Song, "What If You Fail."

Scripture Lesson 1st Timothy 2:1-6.

Prayer by Bro. Coy Douthit.

Song, "I Am So Glad," by Cleat Craig.

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

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Committee on Temperance—Recommend that the report be re-adopted.

We view with alarm the work of sin in the form of intemperance since the return of the saloon in our state and nation but eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, and we sincerely urge our members to join all other Christian workers to curb the horrible evils of whiskey habit until we may again become able to banish the same from our land and we earnestly urge parents to keep as far as possible their sons and daughters from all immoral places of amusement which tend to weaken their power of resentment.

A. J. Lathum, G. M. Condley and J. R. Whitfield, Committee.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported as follows:

We find Sabbath Schools in most all church in this Association. We believe all Free Will Baptist churches ought to have a Free Will Baptist Sabbath School and use Free Will Baptist literature and unless the membership is so small that it is necessary to unite with other churches for a Union Sabbath School.

J. W. Coffman, Tom Bowden, Ava Dover, Committee.

The Committee on Union of Churches reported as follows:

We, your committee, find the churches of this Association all in union and fellowship.

R. L. Taylor, Dewey Kinder, E. Henderson, Committee.

The Committee on Non-Represented Churches reported as follows:

We, your committee, find all church represented except Oak Grove No. 1 and Shiloh. Cause unknown.

R. B. Venable, M. E. Maxwell, Bill Savage, Committee.

## INTERMISSION

Called together by singing.

Song, "Sweet After While."

Prayer by Bro. W. A. Crouch.

Song, "I Want To Be a Justified Christian."

As this was Memorial Service, the following service followed, with Bro. W. F. McGee leader.

Report of Obituary Committee:

We, your committee, find that the following Brethren and Sisters have departed this life since our last Association: Sister Dilphe Cowell, Sister Maud Holman of Holman. Bro. L. Harris spoke in memory of them.

Song, "When I Can Read My Title Clear."

Sister H. P. Hudson of Moreland church

Song, "Mother Is There."

Bro. A. E. Duvall of Moreland church.

Bro. W. S. Isbell spoke in his memory.

Song, "My Dream Home in Glory."

Bro. and Sister C. W. Bowden, Maple Springs church.

Bro. A. J. Lathum spoke in their memory.

Song, "Sweet Bye and Bye."

Bro. R. B. Venable spoke in memory of Bro. W. R. Jobe of Shiloh and Sister M M. Burris of St. Joe. Quartet by Venable sisters, "Will the Circle Be Unbroken There."

Concluded by Bro. W. F. McGee, and a glorious meeting and hand shake followed.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. G. F. Jones.

## SATURDAY P. M.

Called together by singing.

Song, "Oh, I Want to See Him."

Scripture Lesson, St. John 15:1-4.

Read by Moderator W. S. Isbell.



Song, "He Is Leading Me."

Prayer by Bro. W. C. Cody.

The Moderator declared the Association opened for business.

Motion made and carried to revoke the minister's credentials of Bro. C. A. Franks and that our clerk order said credentials be cancelled in County Clerk's office in which they are recorded.

Bro. W. A. Crouch was placed on the ordaining counsel in vacancy accrued by Bro. W. R. Jobe (deceased).

The Moderator declared nominations in order for next place of meeting. Galla Creek was selected.

Bro. A. J. Lathum to preach the introductory sermon, and Bro. A. F. Taylor assistant.

Delegates to State Association were selected—John Teel, Charley Crouch, J. J. West, Dewey Kinder, T. L. Tackett.

Alternates—Ida Mickle, Coy Douthit, S. E. Taylor, Vickie Harris, Edd Chronister.

The committee on Divine Service announce Bro. W. M. Guinn and Bro. A. J. Lathum fill the stand at night. Bro. R. B. Venable to hold devotional service.

W. S. Isbell, Moderator; E. O. Wright, Clerk.

### SATURDAY NIGHT

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

Devotional service by Bro. R. B. Venable.

Prayer by Bro. J. L. Harris,  
Song.

Prayer by Bro. T. V. Johnson.

Song by Ora Hopson.

Preaching by Bro. A. J. Lathum, subject, "Articles of Faith."

Concluded by Bro. W. F. McGee.

### SUNDAY MORNING

Called together by singing.

Sunday School talk by Bro. W. F. McGee.

At this time Bro. Jess Looper and Mitchel Jennings were ordained as Deacons of Mt. Home Church.

Bro. W. M. Guinn, J. L. Harris, and W. F. McGee as Ordaining Counsel.

Prayer by Bro. Harris.

Song, "Sweet Bye and Bye."

Prayer by Bro. W. M. Guinn.

Preaching by Assistant Moderator John L. Reel.

Concluded by Moderator W. S. Isbell.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. G. F. Jones to meet with Galla Creek church, September, 1939.

Ministers Present—R. B. Venable, J. L. Reel, T. V. Johnson, J. L. Harris, W. A. Crouch, G. M. Condly, R. L. Taylor, A. J. Lathum, E. Henderson.

Deacons Present—W. S. Ferrell, L. W. Mickel, J. D. Harris, C. A. Loyd, M. E. Maxwell, C. W. Taylor, J. L. Stanton, J. R. Whitfield, Homer Eakin, W. F. McGee, Henry Merritt, H. L. Burris, W. S. Isbell, Wess Lowery, J. W. Coffman, R. C. Savage, Jess Looper, and Mitchel Jennings.

### REPORT OF MINISTERS

T. V. Johnson—I have pastored one church, traveled about two hundred miles, received seven members, baptized two, done some local preaching, helped in revivals.

A. J. Lathum—Pastored 3 churches, helped and held 4 revivals, witnessed several conversions, baptized 5, helped organize one church, conducted four funerals, received \$100.52 from church and \$6.99 local offering.

## RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We, the Delegates, Ministers, Deacons, Clerks and visitors, wish to extend to the generous people of Mt. Home community our heartfelt thanks of appreciation for their kind hospitality shown us during our stay with them and may God bless them in their efforts for the advancement of the cause of Christ and our thanks to the good singers and to our worthy officers who have presided, may God still continue to bless all.

## RESOLUTIONS

Resolved That: We, the Antioch Association, demonated Free Will Baptist, in annual session with Mountain Home church, Lamar, Arkansas, Sept. 10, 1938. The election and enaction of a ceremonial form of Infant christian dedication by the parents and church. Those who believe in dedicating their children to the Lord, may have the privilege to do so at their home church. This act will be entirely left up to the parent or guardian's own will, as there is nothing compulsory.

The dedication is to be made without any form of water baptism. Water baptism is for the one who has died out to sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. It is ymbolical of the Spiritual burial and resurrection of the individual, who is raised to walk in the newness of life. It is not the putting away the filth of the flesh, but an answer of a good conscience toward God. To this end it would not serve its purpose, as the child has never died in trespasses and in sin neither has it a Godly conscience of any law to govern it.

Resolve That: We, the Antioch Association dominated Free Will Baptist, now in annual session with Mountain Home Church, near Lamar, Johnson County, Arkansas, recommend to the State Association, that in line six of article two, of the articles of faith, the word, "completing," be omitted and the clause, "fulfilling his earthly mission in," be inserted in its stead.

W. F. McGee.

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION**  
of the  
**ZION HOPE ASSOCIATION**  
**OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
Held With  
**Welcome Home Church No. 2, September, 1937**

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House called to order September 16, 1937, by singing.  
Prayer by Bro. A. H. Hurley.  
Preaching by Rev. Joe Harris. Text 8:9.  
Dismissed by Rev. Geo. W. Million.

**FRIDAY MORNING**

Session called to order by singing, by J. W. Coffman, clerk.  
G. H. Voss, acting as Moderator, read Psalm 15 chapter.  
Prayer by Rev. Geo. W. Million.  
Absent of Moderator Rev. W. A. Crouch.  
Rev. A. F. Taylor elected Moderator.  
Appointment of committees by Moderator.  
Resolutions—J. W. Coffman, A. G. Fisher, Jessie Condley.  
Moderator named Sister Audie Fisher, Bro. H. R. Condley and Bro. Willie Coffman on supply of the stand.  
Rev. Geo. W. Million seated as council member of body.  
Song and right hand of fellowship.  
Call for letters. Letter received from Walnut Grove.  
Talk of Associations by Rev. Joe Harris, Rev. G. M. Condley.  
Dismissed by Rev. A. F. Taylor.  
11 o'clock preaching by Rev. A. F. Taylor. Prayer by Sister Audie Fisher. Text 37:3. Dismissed by H. R. Condley. x

**FRIDAY EVENING**

Scripture lesson Eph. 5:1-5, read by Moderator. Prayer by W. P. Condley. Welcome Home No. 2—letter received.  
Obituary Committee—Rev. G. M. Condley, C. A. Crouch, Sister Sarah Condley.  
Sabbath School Committee—Rev. Joe Harris, Bro. W. D. Condley, Rev. R. L. Taylor.  
Finance Committee—Bro. Audie Fisher, Bro. H. R. Condley, Jessie Condley.  
Non-represented Churches—J. W. Coffman, R. L. Taylor, J. R. Bone.  
Remainder of the session was given over for discussion on Resolutions.  
Dismissed by Rev. R. L. Taylor.

## FRIDAY NIGHT

Real good song service by J. W. Coffman, A. H. Hurley. Prayer by Bro. W. S. Isbell. Song by Willie Coffman. Prayer by Sister Alma Coffman. Preaching by Rev. J. W. Million. Scripture Lesson St. John 1:47.

Subject, "Conviction Conversion and Regeneration." Wonderful sermon. Dismissed by Rev. D. A. Thompson.

## SATURDAY MORNING

Singing by J. W. Coffman. Scripture Lesson by Moderator, Hebrew 4:1-7. Prayer by Rev. D. A. Thompson. Letter from Jerusalem. Bro. E. O. Wright, Rev. John Reel seated as Advistory members from Antiach Association.

Motion made to have a field man to build up the non-representde churches. Rev. G. M. Condley wa selected by acclamation as field man. Motion made to have the deacons of each church of this Association to take charge of collection to pay field man. Dismissed by Rev. A. F. Taylor.

Eleven o'clock Service. Song by J. W. Coffman. Reading Heb. 2:1-9 by R. L. Taylor. Prayer by Rev. R. L. Taylor. Preaching by Rev. D. A. Thompson and Rev. R. L. Taylor. Text Heb. 2:6. Dismissed by A. F. Taylor.

## SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Song by J. W. Coffman and Willie Coffman. Roms. 5:15, by Moderator. Prayer by A. F. Taylor. Report of Committees.

Motion made to instruct our delegates to vote against joining the National Association at the Association. Delegates to the State Association—Sister G. M. Condley, Sister Mary Voss, Sister Audie Fisher.

The next Association will meet with Jerusalem church on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1938.

Rev. A. F. Taylor, Moderator; D. A. Thompson, Assistant Moderator; J. W. Coffman, Assistant Clerk; G. H. Voss, Clerk.

Dismissed by Rev. M. A. Thompson.

## SATURDAY NIGHT

Singing. Romans 6:16, by Moderator. Prayer by Bro. H. R. Condley. Preaching by Rev. G. M. Condley. Text Heb. 2:1. Subject, "Eternal Death and Eternal Life" Song, "Parting Hand With a Real Revival." Dismissed by Rev. D. A. Thompson.

## SUNDAY MORNING

Eleven o'clock Memorial Sermon preached by Rev. G. M. Condley, in memory of the following Brothers and Sisters: Rev. H. B. Savage, age 84 years; Bro. Tom Story, age 87 years; Sister A. F. Taylor, 67 years; Sister Nancy Tyler, age 66 years; Sister Mollie Ray, age 50 years.

Special songs, "This World Is Not My Home," and "When the Saints Go Marching In," sung on request by J. W. Coffman, Hobart and Sybil Voss. Willie Coffman. Scripture lesson St. John 11:26. Song led by Hobart Voss. Rev Condley sure did preach a real good sermon. Moderator takes charge. Dismissed by Rev. D. A. Thompson to meet with Jerusalem church the year A. D. 1938.

Received from Finance Committee \$10.10.

A. F. Taylor, Moderator.

G. H. Voss, Clerk.



Ministers; M. A. Thompson, D. A. Thompson  
W. A. Crouch, G. M. Condley

Deacons; J. W. Coffman, J. R. Bone, Audie  
Fisher, Oscar Clardey and  
C. B. Hurst of the

## MINUTES

### TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

### ZION HOPE ASSOCIATION

### OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Held With

Jerusalem Church, August, 1938

Call to order by singing by Bro. Oscar Clardey, and J. W. Coffman. Preaching by Rev. M. A. Thompson. Scripture Lesson 8th Chapter of Prov. Text Heb. 11th chapter 24-25-26 verses. Dismissed by Prayer by Bro. J. W. Coffman.

#### FRIDAY MORNING

House called to order by Assistant Moderator D. A. Thompson. Song led by Bro. Oscar Clardey. Scripture Lesson read by Bro. Audie Fisher, 6th of Luke. Prayer by Rev. D. A. Thompson. Song. Moderator take the stand, letters call for from the different churches.

Letters received—Welcome Home No. 2. Delegates, Sister Lerone Crouch, Sistr Susie Fisher, Bro. Willie Coffman.

Committee appointed. Supply of the stand—Bro. A. G. Fisher, Bro. Monroe Robertson, Bro. V. E. McCoy.

Committee on Resolutions—Rev. M. A. Thompson, Bro. J. R. Bone, Rev. G. M. Condley.

Non-represented Committee—G. M. Condley, W. A. Crouch, Oscar Clardey.

Short talks on who has a right to seat messengers in the Association. Motion to seat delegates from Walnut Grove church. Delegates, Sister Nola Coffman, Sister Verga Condley, and Bro. Monroe Robertson.

Short talk on our Free Will Baptist denomination by Rev. W. A. Chronch.

Resolution No. 1 received in the body, dismissed to meet at 1:30 p. m. Closing prayer by Sister Susie Fisher.

Eleven o'clock preaching by Rev. W. A. Chronch. Scripture Lesson, 5th chapter of Matt. 12 verses. Text 4th chapter, 4 verse Matt. Man shall not live by bread alone. Dismissed by Bro. W. H. Hill.

#### FRIDAY EVENING

Call to order by Moderator. Scripture Lesson read by Rev. D. A. Thompson, 19th chapter of Psalms. Song by Oscar Clardy. Prayer by G. M. Condley. Resolution No. 1 taken up. There was a lot spoken on the Resolution after some time the Resolution was dropped. Resolution No. 2 was taken up. After some short talks on Resolution No. 2 a vote was taken to send a committee to meet with Antioch Association. Resolution No. 3 taken

up. After discussion for a short time Resolution was dropped. Round table talk on the church. After some real good talks, dismissed by Bro. Aud Fisher.

### FRIDAY NIGHT

Singing conducted by Bro. Oscar Clardy. Quartet by Bro. Clardy, J. W. Coffman, Tommie Stevens, Glen Voss. Preaching by Rev. G. M. Condley. Scripture Lesson, Eph. 4th chapter 1:16. Prayer by J. W. Coffman. Text Eph. 4:5. One Lord, one faith one Baptism. After a real good short sermon Moderator taken stand.

Committee on Obituary appointed. Rev. G. M. Condley, Audie Fisher dismissed to meet at 8:30 a. m.

### SATURDAY MORNING

Open with singing by Bro. Oscar Cardey. Scripture Lesson 6th chapter of Romans, by Moderator D. A. Thompson. Prayer by Rev. M. A. Thompson. Song. Moderator made short talk on the work of the Association. Letters call, by motion Bro. C. C. Maxie was seated as advisory member.

Committee on Temperance—Sisters Clernce Hurst, C. C. Maxie, Sister Audie Fisher.

Sabbath School Committee—H. W. Coffman, C. B. Hurst, Sister Mary Hillis.

Resolution No. 4 received for discussion after some interesting talks Resolution dropped. Short talks on Sabbath School. Dismissed to meet at 1:30 p. m. by Bro. J. R. Bone. Eleven o'clock service preaching by Rev. M. A. Thompson.

Scripture lesson, 100th Psalms. Text, 11th Chapter of Luke. Prayer by Bro. J. W. Coffman. Song by Bro. Oscar Clardey.

After a real good sermon, dismissed by Bro. C. C. Maxey.

### SATURDAY EVENING

House called to order by the Moderator. Reading, Heb., 2nd chapter. Prayer by Bro. Andie Fisher. Song by Bro. Tomie Sevens.

Committee on Temperance made their report, which is to our record.

Our field man, Rev. G. M. Condley, made his report, which was gladly received.

Rev. G. M. Condley was selected as field man.

Letter from Jerusalem Church received.

Letter from Jerusalem church received.

Committee on Sunday School made report.

Walnut Grove was chosen as the church to hold the Zion Hope Association.

Rev. D. A. Thompson was selected moderator; Rev. W. A. Chronch, assistant moderator; Sister Leorn Thompson, clerk; Rev. J. W. Coffman, assistant clerk. Rev. W. A. Crouch was selected to preach the introductory sermon.

Report of Obituary Committee.

Delegates selected: Sister Andie Fisher, Sister Nola Coffman, Sister Vergie Condley, Sister Arizona Chronch.

Sister Martha Chronch dismissed for night service. Closing prayer by M. A. Thompson.

### SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE.

Opened with singing by Bro. Oscar Clardley. Quartette by J. W. Coffman, Tomie Stevens, Bro. Clardie and Sister Hurst.

Preaching by Rev. W. A. Chronch. Text, 13th chapter, 2nd verse of St. John. Prayer by Rev. G. M. Condley. After a real good sermon, taking of Lord's Supper and washing of feet, of which a large crowd took part.

After the supper the Moderator took the stand and called for a song, and taken the parting hand. Dismissed by the Moderator to meet at 11 a. m.

## SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

Opened with singing by Bro. Oscar Clardley. Superintendent of the Sunday Scholl Bro. Tomie Stevens took charges. Prayer by Rev. G. M. Condley. Preaching by Rev. D. A. Thompson. Scripture lesson, St. John, 12th chapter, down to 14th verse. Prayer by W. A. Chronch. Text, St. John, 14th chapter, 123 verses.

After a agood sermon, Bro. Chronch was asked to take the stand. Sure made a good talk. Song and hand shake.

Dismissed by Rev. G. M. Condley, to meet with Walnut Grove Church beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1939.

REV. D. A. THOMPSON, Moderator.

BRO. J. W. COFFMAN, Clerk.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

We, your Committee on Obituary, beg leave to report: During 1938 we find that Walnut Grove has lost two members, Sister Lora Treadwell and Sister Minnie Hill; Jerusalem Church, infant son of Bro. Emmett and Sister Imo Parham, Sister Mattie Thompson, age 70, and Sister Lela Thompson.

Rev. G. M. Condley and Bro. A. G. Fisher, Committee.

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

Resolved, that we go on record as opposing open saloons and recommend that we use our influence and vote to have them closed, and that we teach and preach the evil influence of strong drink and encourage people to abstain from even moderate drinking.

Sister Stella Hurst, Sister Susie Fisher and Bro. C. C. Maxey, Committee.

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

Realizing since the repeal of the 18th amendment the devil is putting up a strong fight with intoxicating liquor, we feel it the duty of every child of God to stand firm for temperance in every way, denouncing intemperance on every hand. We urge every child of God to put on the whole armor of God without fear and trembling.

Sister Hurst, Committee Chairman.

We, your Committee on Sabbath School, beg leave to submit the following:

We find that there is a growing interest in the Sabbath School work throughout the state, and there is a greater interest for Bible helps and literature to promote the individual to a more crearer understanding of the lessons given us by inspiration. Believing that the commendations of the Free Will Baptists lesson plans to be more in harmony with the Bible and historical events, and the commentators to be individuals, the former sacred writings and through discriminating abilities are giving valued informaton; therefore, we urge that our literature be used as much as possible and the Sunday School work be carried on more extensively and the State convention given stronger support.

Bro. C. B. Hurst, Sister Rachel Hillis, Bro. H. W. Coffman, Committee.

The following resolutions were discussed by the association:

Resolution No. 1—Is a man in a back sliden condition in the same condition (spiritually) as he was before he was born of the spirit?

Resolution No. 4—Resolved, to know, was Cornelius saved at the time that Peter preached to him.

Resolution No. 5—When do we come in possession of eternal life?



## 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 of our union, and each church is entitled to three messengers, All ordained ministers, deacons and church clerks 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 or 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 ecclestical 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 nad 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 made 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 shall 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 to 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.

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## 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; I 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. Isiah 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; Isiah 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 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, 4-5; Titus 2:14; St. John 3:16; Isiah 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 3rd 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, of 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 by our Savior to commemorate his broken body and shed blood for the sins of the World, and 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 employments, works of mercy and piety excepted. Exodus 2:11, 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 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. 9:19; 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. 12:3-32.

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. I 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.

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## 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 opened 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; and the chair shall 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) Resolution; (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.



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