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FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST

Held With

GALLA CREEK CHURCH

Pope County, Arkansas

September 7, 8, 9, 10, 1939

Next Session Will Be Held With

MAPLE SPRINGS CHURCH

Pope County, Arkansas

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

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

MINTES OF ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION

Forty-Eighth Annual Session

The Antioch Association of Free Will Baptists met in regular session with Galla Creek Church, Sept. 7, 8, 9, 10, 1939.

Opened with singing led by Bro. T. L. Tackett.

Prayers by Bro. Joe Harris, Bro. W. S. Isbell, Bro. R. A. Johnson, Bro. Robert Reid.

Devotional service led by Bro. A. F. Taylor, preaching by Bro. A. J. Latham.

Scripture lesson, Prov. 1—1 to 10.

Text: St. John 3-7.

Benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING

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

Opening song, "There Is an Eye Watching You," led by Bro. A. J. Latham.

Son, "Go Work," led by Bro. W. F. McGee.

Scripture lesson, Eph. 4:1-7, by Bro. A. F. Taylor.

Prayer, by R. L. Rainwater.

Song, "There's a Deep Settled Peace in My Soul."

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—Bro. Roy McGee, Sister Goldie Maxwell, Sister Betty McKinney.

Union Grove—Sister Walsie Tackett, Sister Myra Hill, Bro. T. L. Tackett.

Oak Grove No. 2—Bro. Charley Douthit, Sister Clara Douthit, Sister Sinda Johnson.

Harmony—Bro. B. H. Harris, Bro. E. H. Shinn, Bro. J. J. West.

Maple Springs—Bro. Theodore and Sister Lois Gideon, Sister Lucy Bowden.

Mt. Vernon—Sister Maudie Henderson, Bro. Homer Henderson, Sister Clemmie Burris, Bro. H. L. Burris, Clerk.

Slaty Crossing—Bro. Claude Eubanks, Bro. Steve Claypool, Mrs. J. R. Whitfield.

Mt. Home—Bro. V. Vass, Sister Ada Looker.

Cherry Hill—Sister Annie Moore, Bro. Delter Lipps, Sister Edith Brown.

Holman—Sister Mary Hopper.

Moreland—Sister Donie Chronister, Sister Effie Eakin.

Hickory Grove—Bro. R. L. Teel, Sister Virginia Rector, Bro. N. J. Chapple.

Sweet Home—

Galla Creek—Sister Bell Savage, Sister Ivy Reid, Sister Grover Caudle.

Walnut Grove—Bro. Homer Coffman, Bro. Herbert Voss, Bro. G. M. Conley, Bro. C. T. Marble.

Jerusalem—Bro. Oscar Clariday, Sister Leona Thompson, Sister Ora Lee Thompson.

Welcome Home—Bro. Eugene Bone, Sister Aude Fisher, Bro. Roscoe Crouch.

Shiloh—Bro. Charley Owens, Bro. W. W. Davis.

Oak Grove No. 1—Sister Lena Denton, Sister Nannie Lowery.

Liberty—Sister Mary Farnum, Sister Martha Vassaur, Sister Ola Blair.

Welcome Home No. 1—A. F. Taylor.

NEW CHURCHES

Dublin—Sister S. H. Walker, Sister Eva Snow.

Pine Ridge—Bro. W. W. Brown, Bro. Earl Standridge, Bro. Odell Duvall.

Corresponding Delegates—Bro. W. A. Herrin from Little Missouri River Association; Bro. W. C. Cody, Missionary Baptist; Bro. W. M. Gunn, Arkansas Association; Sister Brown and Bro. J. H. Heflin.

The right hand of fellowship to all Christians was extended.

The Moderator declared nominations were in order for Moderator. Bro. W. S. Isbell was nominated and re-elected by acclamation, and Bro. A. F. Taylor was elected assistant.

Bro. E. O. Wright was re-elected clerk, by acclamation.

The Moderator appointed the committee on Divine Service—Bros. R. C. Savage, R. S. Teel and A. G. Fisher.

Committee on Divine Service announced Bro. W. A. Herrin to fill the stand at eleven.

INTERMISSION

The Moderator appointed the following Committee on Resolutions: W. F. McGee, H. W. Coffman, W. A. Crouch, A. J. Lathum, R. A. Johnson.

Finance—J. J. West, L. W. Mickel, T. L. Tackett.

Temperance—E. L. Hill, R. L. Rainwater, R. S. Teel.

Sabbath School—J. W. Coffman, Myra Hill, Ada Looper.

Obituary—A. J. Fisher, Ola Blair, Arizona Crouch.

Non-Represented Churches—E. Henderson, John Harris, Martha Vasseur.

Union of Churches—R. E. Chapple, E. H. Shinn, Mrs. Aude Fisher.

Credentials—J. R. Whitfield, Theodore Gideon, D. W. Bird.

Motion made and carried that the ministers of this association be a committee as to the recommendation in Article 8 of the Constitution.

INTERMISSION

Called to order by singing, "There's a Deep Settled Piece in My Soul," and "Angel Band," led by Bro. W. M. Guinn.

Prayer by W. S. Isbell—Preaching by Bro. W. A. Herrin.

Text: Matthew 3:3.

Dismissed with prayer, by Bro. J. L. Harris, to meet at 2 o'clock.

FRIDAY P. M.

Called together by singing "There's an Eye Watching You," led by Oscar Clariday.

Scripture Lesson, 1st Psalm, read by Mrs. Aude Fisher.

Prayer by R. C. Chapple.

Song—"At the Cross."

Then the Moderator declared the Association open for any business. Some interesting talks were made concerning the Constitution.

INTERMISSION

Called together by singing, led by J. W. Coffman.

The Committee on Divine Service announced that Bro. W. M. Guinn would preach at night, and Bro. W. A. Crouch to hold devotional service.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. M. A. Thompson, to meet at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Called to order by singing, led by Bro. Tom Bowden.

Prayer by Bro. E. Henderson.

Bro. W. A. Crouch led devoitional service and the Spirit of God was manifested in the hearts of men and women.

Preaching by Bro. W. M. Guinn.

Scripture Lesson—St. Matthew 7:13-14.

Text—Jeremiah 6:16; Prof. Text, Prov. 12:4.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. J. A. Venable.

SATURDAY MORNING

Called together by singing, led by Bro. T. L. Tackett.

Scripture Lesson—First Tim., 2nd Chapter—Read by Bro. R. L. Rainwater.

Prayer by Bro. Jack Walker.

Song by Bro. T. L. Tackett.

The Moderator declared the Association opened for business.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Temperance—We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following report: Realizing since the repeal of the Eighteenth Amend-

ment, 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 armour of God without fear and trembling, and we urge each and every Pastor to preach at least one sermon on Temperance to each church he pastors, a year, showing and stressing the evil in intoxicating drink.

R. L. Rainwater, Chairman.

Sabbath Schools—We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, report as follows: We find Sunday Schools in most all churches in our Association. We believe all Free Will Baptist Churches should use Free Will Baptist Literature.

J. W. Coffman, Chairman.

We, your Committee on Union of Churches, beg leave to submit the following report: We believe that all the churches in the Association are in union and fellowship with one another, and the Association and the large delegation present is evidence of the same.

Mrs. Aude Fisher, Chairman.

We, your Committee on Non-Represented Churches, report as follows: All churches are represented except Sweet Home and Welcome Home No. 1. Sweet Home has no pastor. Welcome Home No. 1 has a pastor, but no representative. It is in good working order and meeting the Third Sunday in each month. They have Sunday School with about 40 in attendance. They have League.

E. Henderson, Chairman.

INTERMISSION

Called together by singing, led by J. W. Coffman. At this time a memorial service was held with Bro. W. F. McGee assisting the committee.

Report of Obituary Committee: We, your committee, find that the following Brethren and Sisters have departed this life since our last Association: Sister Elizabeth Williamson and Bro. G. W. Duvall of St. Joe Church.

Bro. Joe Harris spoke in memory of them.

Bro. T. A. Biffle, Sister Minnie Vaughn, Sister Mary Eakin, of Moreland Church. Bro. W. S. Isbell spoke in memory of them.

Sister Martha Churchill, Sister Myrtle Laffoon and Bro. J. R. Bone of Welcome Home. Bro. W. A. Crouch spoke in memory of them.

Sister Effie Hudson, of Galla Creek.

Bro. H. M. Hopper and Sister Victoria Pearson, of Holman Church; Bro. A. R. Lowery, Oak Grove No. 1 and Sister Annie Davis, of Shiloh.

Bro. W. F. McGee spoke in memory of them.

Quartet by Bros. J. W. Coffman, John Reel, Homer Eakin, Hobert Voss.

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Concluded by Bro. M. A. Thompson.

Dismissed by prayer by Bro. Fred Duvall.

SATURDAY P. M.

Called together by singing, led by Oscar Claridy.

Prayer by Bro. R. M. Johnson.

Song—"I'm in the Glory Land Way."

Scripture Lesson—1st, Peter, 51:13. Read by Bro. John Reel.

Motion made and carried to take the ruling of the Moderator and Constitutional Amendment.

The Moderator appointed a Grievance Committee: R. C. Chapple, L. W. Mickel, G. I Eakin, M. E. Maxwell.

We, the Committee on Grievance, appointed by the Association, find action of Zion Hope Association was legal in petitioning membership in the Antioch Association.

R. C. Chapple, Chairman.

Report of Resolutions Committee: We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following: Resolved that the following act be made a part of our Constitution: This Association shall maintain a committee of five, to be elected by the body, which shall be known as an ordaining council.

Those who are to be ordained must:

- (1) Have preached at least one year in the bounds of this Association.
- (2) Must be set apart, and have the endorsement for ordination, by the church of which they are a member.
- (3) Must have the endorsement of the ordaining council, or a majority vote of a legally called meeting of the council.
- (4) Lack of endorsement by either of the above authorities will hold up any ordination.
- (5) No one can serve on this committee unless he fully believes in the plans of this work.
- (6) This committee shall report to this body, while in session, the misconduct or disregard of any rule or ordinance set forth and practiced by this, the Antioch Association, and said party shall be dealt with accordingly.

Bro. A. J. Lathum, Chairman.

The Grievance Committee approved the action of the Association last year. Motion made and carried to affirm the report of committee.

The Moderator declared nominations were in order for next place of meeting. Maple Springs was selected. Bro. A. J. Lathum is to preach the introductory sermon. Bro. R. L. Rainwater, assistant.

Delegates to State Association were selected: Sister Aude Fisher, Bro. Dewey Kinder, Bro. J. J. West, Bro. R. S. Teel and Sister Ola Blair.

Alternates—Bro. C. T. Marble, Bro. T. L. Tackett, Sister Anna Moore, Bro. Steve Taylor, Bro. Frank Burris.

The Committee on Divine Service announced Bro. W. A. Crouch and Bro. W. F. McGee would fill the stand at night. Bro. John Reel to hold devotional service. Dismissed by Bro. G. W. Conley.

E. O. Wright, Clerk.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Called to order by singing, led by Bros. Hobert Voss and Tom Bowden.

Devotional service by Bro. John Reel.

Song—"There's An Eye Watching You."

Quartet by Bro. Hobert Voss, Bro. Tom Bowden, Sister Anna Moore, and Bro. J. W. Coffman.

Preaching by Bro. W. F. McGee.

Scripture: 1st Cor. 10:1-15.

Text: 1st Cor. 10:15.

We, the Ministers, Deacons, Delegates and Visitors, wish to extend our heartfelt thanks of appreciation to the good people of Galla Creek Church and surrounding community for their kind hospitality shown during this Association, and to the good singers and to our officers for their effort to make this a success. May God bless all concerned. Committee.

Dismissed by Bro. E. Henderson.

SUNDAY A. M.

Called together by singing, led by Bro. A. J. Lathum.

Prayer by Bro. E. Henderson.

Song—"At the Cross."

Preaching by Bro. W. S. Isbell, Moderator.

Text: Hebrew 11:13.

Song—"Amazing Grace."

Concluded by Bro. A. F. Taylor, assistant Moderator.

Dismissed with prayer, by Bro. A. F. Taylor, to meet with Maple Springs Church in September, 1940.

We, the committee on credentials, beg to report we have secured every minister's name and address possible, the list of which is hereby submitted.
J. R. Whitfield, Chairman.

Ministers present: Bros. John L. Reel, Atkins; W. A. Crouch, Hector; H. J. Walker, Scranton; A. J. Lathum, Russellville; J. A. Venable, Atkins; E. Henderson, Russellville; R. M. Johnson, Russellville; M. A. Thompson, Jerusalem; R. A. Johnson, Delaware; J. L. Harris, Atkins; A. F. Taylor, Dover; E. L. Hill, Atkins; R. L. Rainwater, Scranton; W. S. Isbell, Russellville; G. M. Conley, Hector.

Non-Present: F. M. Hudson, Moreland; B. F. Duvall, Atkins; Edgar Allison, Lutherville; R. L. Taylor, Hector; J. D. Coffman, Hector; Clarence Tillman, New Blain, Frank Harris, Pottsville; R. B. Venable, Atkins; Tom Johnson, Russellville; D. A. Thompson, Jerusalem; Mart Crouch, England; Dow Harris, Russellville.

REPORT OF MINISTERS

I have been doing some local work. Helped hold four meetings in which there were 54 conversions; baptized 22; received \$18.74. W. S. Isbell.

I have pastored three churches, held and helped hold four revivals; witnessed several conversions; baptized four; received eight members; received \$155.00. A. J. Lathum.

I have pastored one church, held and helped hold three meetings; witnessed several conversions; received four members; preached two funerals; traveled 500 miles; received \$11.70. J. L. Harris.

I have held and helped hold three meetings; number of sermons preached, unknown; witnessed 43 conversions; baptized 36; organized one church; received \$38.90. J. A. Venable.

I have pastored two churches; baptized two; received one in the church; preached 66 sermons; held two revivals; traveled about 500 miles; received \$19.25. R. L. Rainwater.

I have pastored two churches; number of sermons preached, unknown; baptized eight; received \$128.25. W. A. Crouch.

I have pastored one church; done some local preaching; witnessed several conversions; received 24 members; married four couples; received \$21.75. T. V. Johnson.

I have traveled about 1965 miles; delivered 67 discourses; conducted six funerals; had the care of one church; the assistant of one church; witnessed 40 or 50 conversions; received from churches, including two singing schools, \$129.09. W. F. McGee, Deacon.

I have pastored three churches in the Antioch Association; have preached 78 sermons; held three revival meetings; witnessed 45 conversions; 35 additions to the church; conducted five funerals; have received \$330. W. M. Guinn.

I have pastored one church; preached 36 sermons; conducted one funeral; helped hold one meeting, with 10 conversions; received three into the church; received \$45.25. G. M. Conley.

I have pastored two churches; helped in four revivals; traveled about 800 miles; preached about 65 sermons; received about \$45.00; witnessed about 10 conversions; baptized six; conducted four funerals; performed three marriage ceremonies. Rev. John Reel.

We, the ministers of this Association, recommend that section eight of the Constitution, in regard to ministers' report be amended to read as follows: We urge that each minister furnish a written report of his work for the year, and especially those having care of churches.

John L. Reel, Chairman.

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 now 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 church 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 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 we pay our clerk \$5.00 for his service, and urge that the minutes be printed and mailed within 60 days after the Association, and that we urge each minister furnish a written report of his year's work, and especially those having care of churches.

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 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 takes 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.

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- (6) This committee shall report to this body, while in session, the misconduct or disregard of any rule, or ordinance, set forth and practiced by the Antioch Association, and said party shall be dealt with accordingly.

15. 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 under 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 etereal inheritance in the glorified Kingdom above. Hebrews 9:12, 1-4; Gal. 3:13, 4-5; Titus 2:14; St. John 3:16; Isaiah 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 whoever 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 wilfully 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 enter into a conscious state of happiness or misery according to the spiritual character here possessed. Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43, 46; 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 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. Reports of new committees.
12. New business.
13. Adjournment.

CHURCH	MODERATOR	CLERK	Dismissed	Received	Excluded	Died	No. Ministers	Paid Pastor	Day of Meeting	Membership
St. Joe	W. S. Isbell	Ora Hopson		6	1	2	4	\$ 10.00	3rd	154
Union Grove	John Reel	Vinice Tylor		7			1	\$ 13.00	1st	130
Oak Grove No. 2	W. S. Isbell	Mary Johnston	1	23	1	1	2	\$ 26.65	1st	106
Harmony	A. J. Lathum	J. M. Sparks		5			2	\$ 70.23	3rd	54
Maple Spring	A. J. Lathum	Ava Harris					1	\$ 60.40	4th	29
Slaty Crossing	Charley Forest	Elsie Fink		15		1		\$ 50.00	4th	127
Mt. Home	W. M. Guinn	Ida Mickel		9				\$174.85	2nd	81
Cherry Hill	C. C. Kitchen	D. W. Bird		25				\$ 60.00	1st	58
Mt. Vernon	R. B. Venable	Carrie Henderson		18			1	\$ 16.37	2nd	34
Holman	W. F. McGee	Johnnie Lee Cowell				2		\$ 67.88	4th	18
Moreland	John L. Reel	Jewel Chronister		2		2	1		2nd	20
Hickory Grove	W. A. Crouch	Irby Teel		1			1	\$ 95.00	4th	35
Sweet Home										
Galla Creek	W. F. McGee	R. C. Savage		3		1	1	\$ 22.23	2nd	23
Shiloh	R. M. Johnson	Nora Verdin		9		1			4th	62
Liberty	Reece Baumoter	Tennie Blair						\$ 8.35	1st	30
Dublin	W. F. McGee	Kitty Walker		6	1	1		\$ 10.90		24
Walnut Grove	G. M. Conley	C. T. Marable	1	4		2		\$ 45.20	1st	74
Jerusalem	M. A. Thompson	Stella Hurst							1st	50
Welcome Home	W. A. Crouch	Eugene Bone		1		1	1		3rd	69
Pine Ridge	J. A. Venable	Willie Standridge	Newly Organized							33
Oak Grove No. 1	W. F. McGee	S. E. Tylor				1		\$ 8.50		28