

M I N U T E S

of the

FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST

Held With

CHERRY HILL CHURCH

Perry County, Arkansas

September 11, 12, 13, 14, 1941

Next Session Will Be Held With

OAK GROVE CHURCH

Pope County, Arkansas

W. F. McGEE, Russellville, Arkansas.....**Moderator**

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

MINUTES OF ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION

Fiftieth Annual Session

The Antioch Association of Free Will Baptists met in regular session with Cherry Hill Church, September 11, 12, 13, 14, 1941.

Opened with singing, led by Bro. W. F. McGee, "Standing on The Promises."

Prayer by Bro. E. Henderson.

Song, "How Firm a Foundation."

Scripture Lesson, St. Matthew 24:1-20, read by Bro. Forrest Flowers.

Preaching by Bro. J. L. Harris. Text, St. Matthew 24:3.

Complimentary remarks by Bro. W. F. McGee.

Committee on Divine Service selected—L. O. Wilkins, C. W. Taylor, B. H. Harris, and W. M. Bowden.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Frank Harris, to meet at 9 o'clock Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Called together by singing, led by Bro. W. F. McGee, "There is a Fountain."

Association opened by Clerk, Bro. E. O. Wright, by reading 23rd Psalm.

Prayer by Bro. R. M. Johnson.

Song, "Come Thou Fount."

Bro. W. F. McGee selected Moderator protem.

The list of churches were called and the letters read and messengers invited to seats.

Walnut Grove.....

St. Joe—Sister Aalice Johnson.

Slaty Crossing—Bro. J. R. Whitfield.

Union Grove—Sister Olgie Wright, Bro. Ira and Sister Lola Wright.

Oak Grove No. 2—Bro. Ellis Warren, Bro. R. G. Webb, and Sister Ada Webb.

Welcome Home No. 2.....

Cherry Hill—Sister Anna Moore, Sister Lucy Taylor and Sister D. W. Bird.

Shiloh.....

Harmony—Bro. J. J. West and Sister West, and Sister Stella Wilson.

Mt. Home—Sister Minnie Voss, Sister Ada Looper, and Sister Mace Chronister.

Jerusalem.....

Liberty—Bro. Coy Baker, Sister Tennie Johnson and Sister Martha Vassour.

Hickory Grove—Bro. Ellis and Sister Cora Rainey, Sister Dora Teel.

Mt. Vernon.....

Holman.....

Oak Grove No. 1.....

Maple Springs—Sister Julia Gideon, Bro. W. M. and Sister Emma Bowden.

Dublin.....

Galla Creek.....

Pine Ridge

Moreland—Bro. F. M. Hudson.

Sweet Home.....

The right hand of fellowship was extended to all Christians.

The Moderator declared nominations were in order for Moderator and Clerk. Bro. W. F. McGee was elected by acclamation and Bro. R. M. Johnson was elected Assistant. Bro. E. O. Wright was re-elected Clerk by acclamation.

Reading of Rules of Order by Clerk.

The Committee on Divine Service announced Bro. E. Henderson and Bro. E. F. Flower to fill the stand at eleven.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Resolutions—Bro. W. S. Isbell, Bro. Ellis Rainey, and Bro. E. Henderson.

Finance—J. R. Whitfield, Coy Baker, Ellis Warren..

Temperance—F. M. Hudson, A. J. Lathum, C. W. Taylor.

Sabbath School—Sister Aude Fisher, Sister Stella Wilson, Sister Anna Moore.

Obituary—R. G. Webb, Sister Ellis Rainy, R. L. Rainwater.

Non-Represented Churches—E. F. Flower, J. J. West, Sister Emma Bowden.

Union of Churches—J. W. Coffman, Sister Lucy Bowden, Sister Nettie West.

Credentials—Chester Kinder, Coy Douthit, D. W. Bird.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Coy Douthit, to meet at 1:30 o'clock.

INTERMISSION

Called together by singing led by Bro. J. W. Coffman. Scripture Lesson 1st Cor. 13th chapter, read by Bro. Flower.

Prayer by Bro. Flower.

Preaching by Bro. Flower. Text, 1 Cor. 13:13.

Song, "I Am Going Home"

Concluded by Bro. E. Henderson.

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

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. W. S. Isbell.

FRIDAY P. M.

Called to order by singing led by Bro. J. W. Coffman, "Harvest Field,"
"Deep Settled Peace in My Soul."

Scripture Lesson, St. John 15th chapter, read by Bro. R. L. Rainwater.

Prayer by Bro. F. M. Hudson.

The Committee on Church Treaties from the quarterly meeting, submitted their report and was accepted. Motion made and second and passed to appoint a committee of three to converse with the committee in regard to the phraseology and church discipline given by the quarterly meeting.

Committee—F. M. Hudson, A. J. Lathum, and E. O. Wright.

INTERMISSION

Called together by singing.

The Committee on Divine Service announced that Bro. R. G. Webb and Bro. F. M. Hudson would fill the stand at night.

Bro. R. A. Johnson to hold Devotional Service.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Called together by singing led by Bro. J. W. Coffman which a good song service was enjoyed.

Bro. R. A. Johnson opened the Devotional Service.

Song, "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name."

Preaching by Bro. F. M. Hudson.. Text Rev. 22:14 and Rev. 14:13,
Scripture Lesson, Gen. 1:1.

Song, "Father Along," concluded by Bro. R. G. Webb.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Jess Looper.

SATURDAY MORNING

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

Scripture lesson, 23rd Psalm, read by Bro. Chester Kinder.

Prayer by Bro. Henry Teel.

Song, "Angle Band."

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

We, your Committee on Sabbath School, beg leave and report as follows: We find that most churches have a Sabbath School, and we suggest that the pastor of churches that do not have a Sabbath School, cooperate and appoint helpers from said church for the purpose of organizing same and that officers and teachers should be Christians and members of a church when possible.

Susie Fishe, Stella Wilson, Anna Moore, Chairman.

We, your Committee on Union of Churches, beg leave to report that all churches as far as we know are in union one with another.

J. W. Coffman, Chairman.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report as follows: 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.

F. M. Hudson, A. J. Latham, E. W. Taylor, Committee.

We, your Committee on Non-Represented Churches, beg leave to report the following: Churches not represented—Jerusalem, Oak Grove No. 1, Dublin, Galla Creek, Pine Ridge, Sweet Home. We recommend that these churches be notified to represent by sending letters and minute money to Clerk. We further recommend that our young ministers visit these churches.

E. F. Flower, Chairman.

We, your Obituary Committee, beg to submit the following: We find there has been 11 members that have departed this life since our last Association. We miss them in our gatherings but our loss is Heaven's gain.

Shiloh—Sister Florence Johnson. Talk in her memory by Bro. E. Henderson.

St. Joe—Sister Mary Burris. Talk in her memory by Bro. R. M. Johnson.

Oak Grove No. 2—Sister Bettie Horton. Talk in her memory by Bro. R. M. Johnson.

Liberty—Bro. Harlo Harshfield and Bro. John T. Blair. Talk in memory by Bro. R. M. Johnson and Bro. W. S. Isbell. Song, "Where the Soul Never Die."

Walnut Grove—Sister Lizzie Ann Chambers. Talk in her memory by Bro. W. F. McGee.

Welcome Home No. 2—Rev. A. F. Taylor. Talk in his memory by Bro. W. F. McGee.

Cove Chapple—Sister Treasie Campbell. Talk in her memory by Bro. W. F. McGee. Song, "Angle Band."

Harmony—Bro. Jeff Burris. Talk in his memory by Bro. F. M. Hudson. Song, "My Mother's in Heaven."

Union Grove—Sister Ada Cochran and Bro. Kenton Loyd. Talk in memory by Bro. E. Henderson.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Henry Teel, to meet at 1:30.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

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

Scripture lesson, Eph. last chapter, read by Bro. Coy Douthit.

Report of Resolutions Committee—Resolved, that any church in this Association failing to pay \$1.00 for State funds shall be denied a seat in the

Association and shall be dropped from the roll of churches until the same is paid. And be it further resolved that any church failing to send funds for the Antioch Minutes shall not receive any Minutes.

W. S. Isbell, Ellis Rainey, E. Henderson.

Recommend to send the Antioch funds within 2 weeks after the Association.

Finance Committee—We, your Committee on Finance, have received \$44.00.

J. R. Whitfield, Coy Baker, Ellis Warren.

The Moderator declared nominations were in order for next place of meeting. Oak Grove No. 2 was selected to meet in September, 1942.

Bro. A. J. Latham to preach the introductory sermon and Rev. R. G. Webb as alternate.

The Committee on Divine Service announced that Bro. W. S. Isbell to fill the stand at night. Bro. J. J. West to hold Devotional Services.

Delegates to State Association were selected: Bro. J. J. West, Bro. R. G. Webb, Bro. Homer Coffman, Bro. Everett Holman, Bro. Irby Teel.

As alternates: Bro. Bollard Emis, Bro. T. L. Tackett, Sister Martha Vassour, Bro. Chester Kinder, Bro. Vandella Voss.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Called together by singing. Bro. J. W. Coffman. Songs, "Never Grow Old," "Angel Band."

Devotional Services opened by Bro. J. J. West. Prayer by Bro. J. L. Harris, Bro. Chester Kinder, Bro. R. G. Webb, Bro. Ellis Worrin.

Songs, "There's A Deep Settled Peace in My Soul," "Glory To His Name."

Scripture Lesson, read by Bro. W. F. McGee. St. John 15:1-5.

Preaching by Bro. W. F. McGee. Text, Romans 12:1 and Luke 15:34.

Concluded by Bro. W. S. Isbell.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. J. J. West.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We, the Ministers, Deacons, Clerks, Delegates, and visiting members of this Association wish to express our appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the good people of Cherry Hill Church and community for their kind hospitality extended to us during the 1941 session of this Association. May the richest blessings of a Divine Providence rest upon you and your children is our earnest prayer. Read and unanimously adopted.

Resolutions Committee.

SUNDAY MORNING

Called to order by singing, "O Love Surpassing Knowledge."

Scripture Lesson, St. John 1:1 to 9, read by Bro. W. F. McGee.

Text St. John 1:4.

Concluded by Bro. J. L. Harris.

Dismissed by Bro. Fred Scott.

Bro. W. F. McGee, Moderator
Bro. E. O. Wright, Clerk.

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:

Chester Kinder, Coy Douthit, D. W. Bird.

Ministers Present—Bros. W. S. Isbell, Russellville, Rt. 4; E. Henderson Russellville, Rt. 4; F. M. Hudson, Moreland; R. M. Johnson, Russellville, Rt. 4; R. L. Rainwater, Delaware; A. J. Latham, Russellville, Rt. 2; Frank Harris, Pottsville, Rt. 1; R. A. Johnson, Delaware; W. F. McGee, Russellville; C. E. Douthit, Russellville, Rt. 4; J. L. Harris, Atkins.

Non-Present—Bros. R. B. Venable, Russellville, Rt. 4; J. A. Venable, Atkins; W. A. Crouch, Hector; G. M. Condley, Hector; T. V. Johnson, Russellville, Rt. 4; M. A. Thompson, Jerusalem; Dave Thompson, Jerusalem; Jack Walker, Scranton; J. D. Coffman, Hector; Boley Taylor, Hector; Clarence Tillman, Scranton; Mart Crouch, England; A. F. Banks, Pottsville; Edgar Alderson, Clarksville; John Reel, Atkins, E. L. Hill, Atkins.

REPORT OF MINISTERS

I have pastored three churches, held five meetings, and helped in two others, and did some local preaching, baptized 12, preached 127 sermons, conducted 4 funerals. Received \$189.52. W. S. Isbell.

I have traveled 2,145 miles, delivered 123 messages, witnessed 36 conversions, received 35 in the church, baptized 29, married 1 couple, conducted and assisted in five funerals, and received \$204.96. W. F. McGee.

I have pastored two churches, preached 69 sermons, held three revival meetings, baptized 4, conducted 1 funeral, have received from all sources \$109.75. A. J. Latham.

I have pastored one church, held one revival, helped in one revival, preached 56 sermons, conducted 2 funerals, received \$53.60. R. L. Rainwater.

I have preached 29 sermons, traveled 453 miles, married 5 couples, held one revival, witnessed 10 conversions, received \$6.47. C. F. Harris.

I have preached regular at one church, helped in two revivals, witnessed 4 conversions, received about \$11.00. E. F. Flower.

Haven't pastored any church on account of my health. Done some local preaching, traveled about 450 miles, preached to 2 churches monthly, preached 56 sermons, helped in 3 revivals, witnessed several conversions, received \$24.50. T. V. Johnson.

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 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 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.

14. 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 the 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 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 Sons, 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 eternal 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. John 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 23:24, 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. I 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.

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