

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**Fifty-third Annual Session**  
**OF THE**  
**Antioch Association**  
**OF**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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**HELD WITH SLATY-CROSSING CHURCH**  
**PERRY COUNTY, ARKANSAS,**  
**SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 9, 10, 1944**

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**Next Session Will Be Held With Union Grove Church, Near Atkins**  
**Pope County, Arkansas, Beginning on Thursday Night Before the**  
**Second Sunday in September, 1945.**

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**W. S. ISBELL, Russellville, Ark. .... Moderator**

**J. D. COFFMAN, Hector, Ark. .... Assistant Moderator**

**J. W. COFFMAN, Hector, Ark. .... Clerk**

# MINUTES

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## THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opened with singing. After some prayers and testimonies, the Moderator, Eld. W. F. McGee, preached the introductory sermon. Scripture lesson, 15th chapter of Acts. Text or subject, "The First Conference." After a real god service, dismissed to meet at 9:30 a. m.

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## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened with singing. After some good singing, Mod. Eld. W. F. McGee took the stand; asked Sister Margerette Slapka to read Scripture lesson. Read 19th chapter of Psalms. Prayer by Sister Janie Rainey. Song, "Take the Name of Jesus With You." Moderator asked Bro. J. W. Coffman to keep record of the meeting in the absence of the clerk. Letters from the churches of the Association called for.

Slaty Cross Church present with delegates: Sister Virginia Taylor, Bro. Lee Standridge, Bro. Claud Eubanks.

Letter from Oak Grove. No delegates.

Letter from Walnut Grove. J. D. Coffman, minister. J. W. Coffman, deacon. Present, Mrs. J. D. Coffman.

Letter from Union Grove. Bro. Lee Tackett, delegate.

Letter from Welcome Home: Sister Nancy Crouch, delegate.

Committee on Divine Service appointed. Committee: Bro. C. A. Chrouch, Bro. J. W. Whitfield, Bro. Jess Laoper.

Letter from Mt. Home, with delegates present: Sister Ernestine Tombleson, Bro. Noah Jones.

Hickory Grove letter read. Sister Janie Chappel, Bro. Gus Ison, delegates.

Letter from Holdman Church. No delegates.

Letter from New Liberty. No delegates.

Letter from Oak Grove. No delegates.

Letter from Pine Ridge, with delegates present: Bro. Frank Burris, Sister Euna Ballard, Sister Elease Burris.

Song and hand shake.

Committee announced that Eld. J. D. Coffman fill the stand at 11 o'clock. Recess for preaching.

Song service conducted by Bro. Noah Jones.

Eld. Coffman took the stand. Scripture lesson, March, 2nd chapter. Prayer by W. S. Isbell. Text, "And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 2:32). After a real god sermon the Moderator took the stand and asked to meet back at 3 o'clock. Dismissed by W. F. McGee.

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## FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Opened with singing. Scripture lesson and prayer by Assistant Moderator Elder J. D. Coffman. Lesson, 4th chapter of St. John.

Moderator Elder W. F. McGee took the stand and asked for the filing in of delegates from the following churches: Walnut Grove Church, Eld. J. D. Coffman and wife; J. W. Coffman, deacon; Welcome Home Church, A. C. Chrouch, deacon, and wife, Sister Arzonias Chrouch church clerk.



Election of officers for the ensuing year. Elder W. S. Isbell was elected Moderator; Eld. J. D. Coffman, assistant moderator; Bro. J. W. Coffman, clerk.

Moderator Eld. W. S. Isbell took the chair as moderator.

Rules of Order were read by Eld. J. D. Coffman.

The following committees were appointed:

Resolution: W. F. McGee, T. L. Tackett, Noah Jones.

Finance Committee: H. A. Isom, Bill Fink, Elease Burris.

Temperance Committee: Sister Nancy Chrouch, Virginia Taylor, Noah Jones,

Committee on Sunday School: Bro. E. W. Rainey, Sister Emma Ballard, Sister Ernestine Tumbleson.

Committee on Obituary: Sister Canasada Rainey, Sister Jana Chappel, Sister Arizona Chrouch.

Committee on Non-Represented Churches: Claud Eubanks, Joe Standridge, Frank Burris.

Union of Churches: A. C. Tanner, Sister H. R. Whitfield, Sister Finks.

Motion to recess for preaching. Bro. J. W. Coffman to take charge of the prayer service. Elder W. S. Isbell to fill the stand for the preaching hour. Dismissed to meet for preaching by Bro. Jess Looper.

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## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened with singing conducted by Bro. T. L. Tackett. Moderator took the stand. Scripture lesson, 1 Ch. of Psalms. Prayer by Bro. Boss Harris.

Call for letters that may have come in. Letter from Harmony Church received and delegates seated. Deacon Bro. Boss Harris delegate, Sister Nettie West.

Holdman Church, Deacon Bro. Tom Mathis, delegates Bro. John Crotts, Sister Margerette Schaffa.

Letter from Moreland Church. Delegate Sister Blanche Duvall.

New Liberty Church: Sister Martha Vassour.

Letter from Oak Grove No. 1 received. Deacon, Bro. Steve Taylor.

Delegate seated from St. Joe Church, Sister W. F. McGee.

Motion made that Sister Blanche Duvall be made honorary member of this body when present.

Recess for ten minutes for committee work.

Called to order by the Moderator.

Call for report of Committee on Obituary.

Re-call for delegates that are present. Three ministers from Oak Grove Church, Eld. C. W. Kinder, Elder Charlie Douthett, Eld. Ellis Warren; New Liberty Church, Deacon Bro. Coy Baker, Sister Wanda Farnam, delegate.

Service given over to the singers. Singing conducted by Bro. Noah Jones.

Letter from Sweet Home Church. Deacon Bro. W. J. Soals; church clerk, Bro. Charley Copton; delegate, Sister Lura Copton, Sister W. J. Sorrels.

Report of Obituary Committee.

Prayer by W. F. McGee. First speaker in memory of the deceased ones, Bro. J. W. Coffman. Second speaker, Bro. W. F. McGee. Song, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" Eld. W. S. Isbell made the closing talk. Song and hand shake. Dismissed by Bro. Charlie Douthitt. Asked to meet at 3 o'clock.

## SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Opened with singing, conducted by W. S. Isbell. Song, "I Need Thee Lord." Scripture lesson read by Bro. Charlie Douthett; 24th Chapter of Psalms. Prayer by Bro. Chester Kinder.

Call for other delegates that may have come in. New churches called for. Bro. Warren presented a letter from Phoenix Church which was accepted into the Antioch Association, with Acting Deacons from Oak Grove Church No. 2; unames, Bro. Homer Akins, Bro. George Rowland. Letter from Maple Springs Church received. By motion Sister Bertha Hampleton was seated in the body as a visiting member from the Missionary Baptist Church.

Report of committees called for.

Report of Committee on Obituary received.

Report of Committee on Temperance received.

Committee on Sabbath Schools received.

Report of Ministers Work called for. Just a few turned in their report.

Call for a place to hold the next Association. Union Grove was chosen as the place to hold the next Association, three miles east of Atkins, Pope County, Arkansas, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1945.

By motion the Moderator and Assistant Moderator, W. S. Isbell and J. D. Coffman write the churches over the mountain.

My motion, Bro. Johnnie West is to furnish or get some way of transportation to the State Association.

By motion the Moderator and the Assistant Moderator appoint the delegates to the State meeting. Delegates named to the State meeting: Bro. Vandilla Voss, Sister Stella Pierce, Sister Alma Coffman, Bro. Guss Isom, Bro. T. A. Farnam; alternates, Sister Julie Gideon, Bro. T. L. Tackett, Sister Elease Burris, Sister Emma Ballard, Sister Nettie West.

Bro. E. L. Hill was chosen to preach the introductory sermon at the next Association, on Thursday night. Eld. Ellis Warren alternate.

Report of Committee on Finance received.

Adjourned for night service. Bro. Eld. Ellis Warren to have charge of the prayer service. Eld. J. D. Coffman to fill the stand for the preaching service.

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## SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened with singing first song by T. L. Tackett. Second song by W. S. Isbell. Third song by Noah Jones. Quartet, J. W. Coffman, T. L. Tackett, W. S. Isbell, Sister Euna Ballard.

Bro. Ellis Warren took charge of the prayer service. Call for a united prayer. After a real god testimony service, Eld. J. D. Coffman took the stand. Asked all of the ministers to stand, seven being present. Text, 7th chapter, 14 verse of Mathew. After Eld. Coffman brought us a real good sermon, Bro. W. F. McGee read the Resolution of Thanks.

The following ministers were present on Saturday night: W. F. McGee, J. D. Coffman, W. S. Isbell, Charlie Douthit, Ellis Warren, Chester Kinder, R. G. Webb.

Dismissed to meet with Union Grove Church on Thursday night, before the second Sunday in September, 1945.

Preaching on Sunday morning was left in care of Eld. W. F. McGee, who preached for the people at 11 o'clock. Text, II Peter, 1st chapter, 19th verse.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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### Temperance Committee

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report: Realizing since the repeal of the eighteenth Amendment the devil is putting up a strong fight with intoxicating drinks, we feel it is the duty of every child of God to stand firm for temperance in every way. 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.

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.

Nancy Crouch, Virginia Taylor, A. M. Jones, Committee.

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### Report of Sunday School Committee

We find the following churches have Sunday Schools and use the Free Will Baptist literature: Walnut Grove, Slaty Crossing, Oak Grove No. 2, Union Grove, Pine Ridge, Welcome Home, Harmony, Hickory Grove, Mt. Vernon, Maple Springs, Oak Grove No. 1, Jerusalem, Sweet Home, Phoenix.

We find three churches using Union literature: Mt. Home, Holdman, Dublin.

We find three churches have no Sunday School: St. Joe, New Liberty, Shiloh Church.

We also find that Moreland Church has part time Sunday School.

W. C. Rainey, Euna Ballard, Earnestine Tumbleson, Com.

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### Report of Committee on Obituary

We find that the All-wise God has seen best to call from our midst the following members: Eld. Solmon Parish, from Walnut Grove Church; Sister Clara Jobe, from Oak Grove Church; Bro. T. A. Allen (Deacon), from New Liberty Church; Bro. J. B. Looper, Bro. West Mickel, from Mountain Home church; Sister Alta Mumford, from Harmony church.

Their places are vacant here with us but filled in the place that has been prepared for them. Their lives will live in our memories. We are submissive.

Sis. Janie Rainey, Sis. Arizona Chrouch, Sis. Chappel, Com.

### Report of Committee on Union of Churches.

As far as we know there is no grievances between any of the Churches.

Bro. C. B. Tanner, Sis. Ona Whitfield, Sis. Elsie Fink. Com.

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### Resolution of Thanks

We, your Committee, submit the following:

Whereas, the good people of Slaty Crossing Church and community has so graciously cared for and entertained all in attendance at this session.

Be It Resolved, That we extend to them a unanimous vote of thanks for their kindness and hospitality shown us while in their midst. May God add His richest blessings to the entire community.

(Signed) Committee.



## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR CHURCHES

	Antioch	State
Jerusalem .....	\$2.50	\$2.00
Oak Grove No. 2 .....	2.50	2.00
Walnut Grove .....	3.00	2.00
Union Grove .....	2.50	2.00
Welcome Home .....	2.50	2.00
Oak Grove No. 1 .....	2.50	2.00
Mountain Home .....	2.50	2.00
Holman .....	2.50	2.00
Mt. Vernon .....	2.50	2.00
Pine Ridge .....	2.50	2.00
New Liberty .....	2.50	2.00
St. Joe .....	2.50	2.00
Hickory Grove .....	2.50	2.00
Moreland .....	2.50	2.00
Harmony .....	2.50	2.00
Phoenix .....	2.50	2.00
Maple Springs .....	2.50	2.00
Sweet Home .....	2.50	2.00
	\$48.00	\$38.00
Total, \$86.00.		

## MINISTERS REPORT

W. F. McGee, Russellville—Pastored 3 churches; traveled, 2,932 miles; conducted 6 funerals; delivered 128 messages; witnessed a number of conversions; received in all, \$381.77.

Eld. Willie Coffman—Pastored 1 church; delivered 40 sermons; helped in three revivals; witnessed a few conversions; received \$36.88.

J. E. Warren—I have pastored two churches; held two revival meetings; delivered 80 sermons; baptized two; received five into the church; received \$104.80.

Eld. M. A. Thompson—I have two churches; delivered 50 sermons; conducted seven funerals; held one revival meeting; assisted in two other meetings; received \$8.23.

Eld. R. G. Webb—Pastored three churches; preached once a month at one church; held two revivals; assisted in three more meetings; done local preaching; delivered 130 sermons; conducted two funerals; received 17 into the church; baptized five; received \$274.47.

## MINISTER'S DIARY

R. L. Taylor, Hector  
W. F. McGee, Russellville  
W. S. Isbell, Russellville, R 4  
J. A. Vanable, Dumas, R 1  
J. D. Coffman, Hector  
R. G. Webb, Russellville, R 4  
C. U. Kinder, Russellville, R 4  
Dewey Kinder, Caglesville  
P. E. Denton, Scranton  
R. M. Johnson, Russellville, R 4  
A. J. Latham, Russellville, R. 2  
T. V. Johnson, Russellville, R 4  
R. B. Venable, Atkins, R 3  
John Reel, Tulsa, Okla., R 5  
F. M. Hudson, Moreland  
Ellis Warren, Russellville, R 4  
Lytle Hallum, Hector  
Melville Snow, England

Charley Douthett, Atkins, R 3  
E. F. Flowyer, Russellville, R 2  
E. Henderson, Carrutherville, Mo.  
R. L. Rainwater, Prairie View  
Frank Harris, Russellville, R 2  
J. L. Harris, Atkins  
W. A. Crouch, Hector  
M. A. Thompson, Jerusalem  
Dave Thompson, Jerusalem  
Jack Walker, Scranton  
A. F. Banks  
Edgar Alderson, Clarksville  
E. L. Hill, Atkins  
Clarence Tillman, England  
Coy Douthett, Atkins, R 3  
Hershel Burris, Russellville, R 4  
W. E. Coffman, Hector  
Avol Vaughn, Hector

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(NOTE—These minutes were prepared by the clerk, J. W. Coffman. He passed away December 22, 1944. By his request they were compiled by his brother, J. D. Coffman.)

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. GOD—We believe in one true and living Triune God; composed of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal in divine essence, Purpose, Power and Glory. St. John 1:1; I 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 Creation, left the Courts of Heaven and came to this earth. Took upon himself the form of humanity, sin excepted, by being born to 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 again to gather his jewels home. Isaiah 9:6; St. John 1:14; Luke 1:26-28; Math. 14:13-21; Mark 16:9-19; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12; Mark 15:22-41.

3. HOLY SPIRIT—We believe that 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; Eph. 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 Tim. 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 with all their posterity, 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; Gen. 2:16-17; Rom. 11:11-35; Psalms 37:23-24; Rom 5:18.

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

7. CONDITION OF SALVATION—We believe that all persons dying in infancy and all idiots are saved by the atoning merits of the Son or 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. 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 whomsoever 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, the Son and Holy Spirit, in which is represented the burial and resurrection of Christ; also represents our death to sin, and only those who have come under the presbytery of elders are qualified to administer the same. Math. 3:14-15-16; I Peter 3:21; St. John 3:23; Acts 10:47; Math. 28:19.

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

The washing of feet was instituted by our Lord 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. 26:27, 28, 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 20:11; Exodus 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 the native gifts according to the scriptures 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 able to the restitution of all things, from every kindred, nation, tongue and people. Ephes. 3:16-21; Heb. 12:22-23; I Peter 2:5; Ephes. 2:20-22; Acts 2:47; Math. 16-18.

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

15. PERSEVERANCE—We believe that all true believers in Christ should preserve 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 of neglect to perform their duty they would backslide and if persistently continued would be eternally lost. Second Cor. 9:10; Second Peter 1:4-8; I Peter 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39; Apostasy: Second Peter 1:8-9; First Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17; First John 5:16; Heb. 6:16; First Tim. 4:1-2; Heb. 3:12; St. John 15:1-7; Math. 12:31-32.

16. CHRIST THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH—We believe that Christ is the head of the Church, and that the government of the local church is with the body. Col. 1:18-19; Math. 16:18; Heb. 12:23; Math. 21:42; Ephes. 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. I Cor. 6:11; II Thes. 2:13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; Sec. Thes. 5-19-23; Ss. John 17:17-19; Sec. Tim. 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 23:43; Rev. 6-9; Luke 16:19-25; Math. 10:28.

19. THE RESURRECTION—We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both 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 general, 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 eternal happiness. II Thes. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; II Cor. 5:10; Math. 12:36-37; Rev. 20:12-13; Acts 17:31.

## 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, their wives and church clerks of our faith and order in the bounds of the Antioch Association shall be members, when present.

2. Letters from the different churches shall be prepared, read to and approved by each church conference assembled, signed by the moderator and clerk before presentation to the Association. Also to express their number in fellowship, the number received by experience, letter, recommendation or restoration, dismissed, excluded, and that have died since the last Association. Also the Moderator, and Clerk, county and postoffice, Sabbath or meeting and the amount paid the pastor.

3. The members thus chosen and convened, to be denominated the Antioch Association of Free Will Baptists, being composed of the churches of parts of Pope, Johnson, Yell, and Logan counties. and the Association to have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor to have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, reserving the right of withdrawing from any church acting disorderly.

4. The Association shall have a Moderator and a Clerk, to be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

5. New churches may be admitted into the Association by letter or by delegates, if found to be orthodox in the faith of the Free Will Baptists, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

6. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the 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 services, 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 preacher for 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 this plan 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.

## 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 cut 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 the 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.
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## 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 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.

CHURCHES	Moderator Last Year	Moderator This Year	Clerk and Postoffice	Dismissed	Received	Excluded	Died	Sunday School	League	Prayer Meeting	Day or Meeting	Paid Tent Funds	Minute Funds	Paid Pastor	Paid Other Ministers	Membership
Slaty Crossing	W. F. McGee	W. F. McGee	Bill Fink, Dardanelle, R.3					Yes		Yes	3		\$4.50	\$83.20		136
Oak Grove No.2	Ellis Warren	Ellis Warren	Mary Johnston, Atkins	2	6		1	Yes		Yes	1		\$4.50	\$86.40		108
Walnut Grove	J. D. Coffman	J. D. Coffman	J. W. Coffman, Hector	3			1	Yes	Yes		1		5.00	36.30	\$9.00	96
Union Grove	Dewey Kinder	E. L. Hill	Edith Whitenburg, Atkins	4	22			Yes	Yes	Yes	2		4.50	51.00	40.00	85
Welcome Home	M. A. Thompson	R. G. Webb	Arizona Crouch, Hector	2	1			Yes			4		4.50	40.00	37.00	70
Harmony	R. G. Webb	R. G. Webb	J. M. Sparks, Russellville				1	Yes	Yes	Yes	1-3		4.50	140.10	27.00	60
Mt. Home	W. F. McGee	W. F. McGee	Ben Chronister, Lamar, R3	2			2	Yes			1		4.50	135.05		52
Hickory Grove	W. S. Isbell	W. S. Isbell	Mrs. Loy Roberts, Casa					Yes			3		4.50	131.90	17.50	51
Pine Ridge	R. G. Webb	W. F. McGee	Euna Ballard, Atkins, R 1		9			Yes	Yes		4		4.50	60.80	15.00	57
Holman	W. F. McGee	W. F. McGee	Rose Hardman, Lamar					Yes			4		4.50	132.62	8.50	73
Moreland	W. S. Isbell	R. G. Webb	Blanche Duvall, Moreland					Yes			2		4.50	62.38	8.50	43
Mt. Vernon	Willie Coffman	Willie Coffman	Dolan Burris, Russellville, R 4					Yes			2		4.50	21.00	7.50	37
Maple Springs	A. J. Latham	A. J. Latham	Lois Gideon, Russellville, R 2		2			Yes			4		4.50	96.25		33
New Liberty	W. S. Isbell	W. S. Isbell	Tennie Blair, Delaware				1	Yes			4		4.50	81.35	25.00	36
Oak Grove No.1	Press Denton	Press Denton	Ira Henderson, Scranton, R 2		1			Yes		Yes	2		2.50	18.10	.50	35
Jerusalem	M. A. Thompson	M. A. Thompson	Stella Hurst, Jerusalem					Yes			4		4.50	20.00		50
Dublin	P. C. Denton	P. C. Denton	Ballard Ennis, Scranton					Yes			4		2.00	17.25	20.00	14
St. Joe	By Delegate												2.00			
Cherry Hill	No Report													27.87		28
Sweet Home	R. G. Webb	R. G. Webb	Charlie Compton, Atkins					Yes			2					
Shiloh	By Delegate															
Phoenix	Ellis Warren	Ellis Warren	Elmer Duvall, Moreland		4			Yes			1		4.50	18.75		12