

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
*Antioch Association Of*  
*Free Will Baptists*

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**HELD WITH NEW LIBERTY CHURCH**  
**LOGAN COUNTY, ARKANSAS**  
September 8, 9, 10, 11, 1949

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Next Session will be held with St. Joe Church, Pope County,  
beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in  
September, 1950.

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**ELD. J. D. KINDER** ..... Moderator  
Caglesville, Ark.

**ELD. C. U. KINDER** ..... Assistant Moderator  
Russellville, Ark., R. 4

**BRO. E. O. WRIGHT** ..... Clerk and Treasurer  
Atkins, Ark.

**ELDER J. D. COFFMAN** ..... Assistant Clerk  
Hector, Ark.

# MINUTES OF ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION

## Fifty-eighth Annual Session

MET IN REGULAR SESSION WITH NEW LIBERTY CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 8, 9, 10, 11, 1949

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### THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opened with class singing led by Bro. W. W. Crow, Bro. Adron Johnson.

Prayer by Bro. Adron Johnson.

Songs by Bro. Randell Farnam, Bro. Will White, Bro. E. O. Wright, and Sister Amie Hubbard.

Devotional service conducted by Bro. John Gray.

Prayer by Bro. Gray.

Song, "Anywhere Is Home" led by Bro. E. O. Wright.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. W. W. Crow, to meet at 9:30 a.m.

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### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" led by Bro. E. O. Wright.

Scripture lesson, 23rd Psalm, read by Elder C. U. Kinder.

Prayer by Bro. O. H. Cotton.

Song, "I Will Meet You in the Morning," led by Bro. W. W. Crow.

The Association was organized.

Letters from the churches of the Antioch Association were called for, read, and messengers invited to seats.

WALNUT GROVE—Sis. Norma Voss, Sis. Mary Lou Coffman.

SLATY CROSSING—Bro. Buster Clark, Sis. Lily Clark, Sis. Mary Dortha Hallum, Sis. Kansada Rainey.

UNION GROVE—Bro. T. L. Tackett, Sis. Olgie Wright, Bro. Ira Wright, Sis. Walsie Tackett.

HARMONY—Bro. J. J. West, Bro. Fate Mize, and Sis. Nettie West.

WELCOME HOME—Bro. Joe D. Cook, Bro. Lonnie and Sis. Alean Coffman.

ST. JOE—Sis. Cora Davis, Sis. Mary Ruth Wright, Bro. W. H. Burris, Bro. Adam Burris, and Sis. Lila Davis.

PINE RIDGE—Bro. Robert Drewer.

HICKORY GROVE—Bro. Arnold and Sis. Amie Hubbard, and Sis. Syble Hubbard.

DUBLIN—Sis. Minnie White, Sis. Leorie Johnson and Sis. Gracie Smith.

MT. HOME—Sis. Ella Mae Chronister, Sis. Dorothy Jennings and Sis. Ester Jennings.

MORELAND—Bro. J. R. Proctor.

JERUSALEM—Bro. Leo Adams, Bro. Orian Kelsey.

OAK GROVE No. 2—Bro. Geno Johnston, Bro. Charley Reed, and Bro. Newton Hice.

HOLMAN—Sis. Rose Hardeman.

MT. VERNON—By letter.

ZION HOPE—By letter.

NEW LIBERTY—Bro. Tom Farnam, Sis. Otis Baker, and Sis. Ola Blair.

MAPLE SPRINGS—By letter.

SWEET HOME—Bro. Lester Flowers, Bro. Lee Roy and Sis. Cathren McNutt, Bro. Brown and Sis. Lucille Burnett.

KIMBRELL CREEK—Bro. O. H. Cotton.

CHERRY HILL—By letter.

PHOENIX—Sis. Levern Byrum, Sis. Nola Bruce, Sis. Alma Burris.

SHILOH—

NEWLY ORGANIZED CHURCH — FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST OF RUSSELLVILLE—Bro. Lowell and Sis. Sherrill Tanner, Bro. Tommy Brashear.

HONORARY MEMBERS—Bro. J. J. West, Sis. Lenora Johnson, Sis. Blanche Duvall, Sis. Tennie Johnson, Bro. M. A. Coffman.

VISITING MEMBERS—Eld. J. E. Phillips, Bristow, Okla., and Bro. John Gray, and Eld. R. A. King, Assembly of God; Sis. Elva Umphrey, Sis. Ethel Hammond, Sis. Reda Griffith, Bro. Musk Grove and wife, The Assembly of God; Bro. Henry Brown, Eld. T. J. Robinson, Bro. William Hubbard, Bro. Arthur Verxey, Sis. Ella Mitchell, Eld. John M. Crouch.

Hand shake, all Christians invited.

The Committee on Divine Service announced that Eld. J. D. Kinder fill the stand at 11 o'clock and Eld. Hershel Burris to conclude.

Song.

Prayer by Eld. W. A. Crouch.

Preaching by Eld. J. D. Kinder. Text Daniel 2:44.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. J. J. West to meet at one o'clock.

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### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with singing directed by different leaders.

Prayer by Eld. R. G. Webb.

Scripture lesson, St. John 3:14-17, read by Bro. Fate Mize.

Song, "I'll Be A Friend to Jesus," led by Bro. T. L. Tackett.

The moderator, Eld. C. U. Kinder, declared the Association open for any such business as may come before it.

The Red Oak church near Marshall was received as a new church in the Association. Delegates—Sis. Ella Yarbrough, Sis. Pearl Blackwood.

The Association further organized by electing the following officers: Eld. J. D. Kinder, moderator; Eld. C. U. Kinder, assistant moderator; Bro. E. O. Wright, re-elected clerk and Eld. J. D. Coffman, assistant clerk.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Divine Service—Bro. W. W. Crow, Bro. S. H. Walker, Bro. Lonnie Coffman. On Resolution—Eld. W. S. Isbell, Bro. H. A. Vassour, Eld. Hershel Burris. On Temperance—Eld. J. E. Phillips, Eld. J. D. Coffman, Bro. Ira Wright. On Finance—Bro. E. O. Wright, Bro. Buster Clark, Bro. Tommy Brashears. On Sabbath Schools—Sis. Alma Coffman, Sis. Olgie Wright, and Sis. Cora Davis. On Obituary—Bro. Monroe Davis, Bro. Leo Adams, Bro. W. H. Burris. On Non-represented and Union of Churches—Bro. T. L. Tackett, Bro. Fate Mize, Bro. Orian Kelsey.

Motion made and carried to retain the committee to correspond with the state committee in the directing of the course of the state tent. Bros. T. L. Tackett, E. O. Wright and Frank Burris.

The Committee on Divine Service announced that Eld. J. E. Phil-



ips fill the stand at night and Eld. T. J. Robinson to conclude and Sis. Minnie White to conduct devotional service.

#### Intermission.

Assembled with singing.

Motion made and carried to appoint a committee to visit Shiloh church. Eld. W. S. Isbell, Eld. W. A. Crouch, Eld. J. D. Coffman, Eld. Hershel Burris, Eld. W. F. McGee.

Report of Eld. W. S. Isbell, evangelist.

Report of committees—

On Temperance - adopted.

Sabbath Schools - adopted.

Partial report of Resolutions rejected.

Reading of Rules of Order by clerk.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. J. J. West to meet at nine o'clock.

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### FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Assembled with singing several numbers by different leaders.

Solo by Shirley, little daughter of Bro. and Sis. Lonnie Coffman.

Prayer by Bro. Tommy Brashears.

Song, "Anywhere Is Home," led by Bro. W. W. White.

Devotional service conducted by Sis. Minnie White.

Preaching by Eld. J. E. Phillips. Text First Thes. 5:9.

Concluded by Eld. T. J. Robinson.

Dismissed by Eld. W. F. McGee.

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### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing "I Am So Tired I Want to Get Home", led by Bro. T. L. Tackett.

Scripture lesson 100th Psalm. Read by Bro. Henry Brown.

Prayer by Eld. T. J. Robinson.

Song "An Empty Mansion" led by Bro. T. L. Tackett.

Moderator Eld. J. D. Kinder declared the Association open for business.

Resolution No. 2 dropped.

Report of Obituary accepted.

#### Intermission.

Assembled with singing.

As this was the time for Memorial Service, Bro. E. O. Wright was assisting the committee.

Prayer by Eld. Hershel Burris.

Eld. W. A. Crouch spoke in memory of Sis. Lizzie Voss and Sis. Gemmima Milligan. Eld. R. G. Webb spoke in memory of Bro. W. D. Condley and Bro. Arthur Hill. Eld. J. D. Kinder spoke in memory of Bro. Oscar Standridge and Sis. Jane Stone. Eld. W. S. Isbell spoke in memory of Bro. Ollie Robinson and Sis. Aunt, Sis. Ashcraft, Bro. Joe Eakin, Sis. Susan Farnam and Sis. J. E. Henry. Eld. Melvin Snow and Eld. T. J. Robinson spoke in memory of Sis. Katie Walker. Eld. W. F. McGee spoke in memory of Sis. Nannie Lowery and Bro. Robert Garrison.

Songs "Precious Memories" and "We're Floating Down the Stream of Time".

Christian handshake.

The spirit of God was manifested in the hearts of men and women.  
Dismissed with prayer by Bro. T. L. Tackett to meet at 2 o'clock.

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### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with singing "I'm Not Ashamed" by Sis. Alean Coffman.

Scripture lesson, Habakkuk 1:1-10, read by Sis. Sherrill Tanner.

Prayer by Eld. Frank Harris.

Resolution No. 3 dropped.

Report of Non-represented and Union of Churches accepted.

A collection of \$31.28 was given to use as radio funds on KXRJ.

A talk by Bro. M. A. Coffman.

Report of Eld. J. D. Coffman.

The Moderator declared nominations in order for home of next Association. St. Joe was selected, to meet in 1950. Eld. C. U. Kinder and Eld. R. B. Venable were selected to preach the introductory sermon.

Committee on Divine Service announced that Eld. J. M. Crouch conduct devotional service, Eld. R. G. Webb fill the stand at night, and Eld. Melvin Snow conclude.

Motion made and carried to extend a vote of appreciation to Eld. F. M. Hudson.

Election of State Delegates—Bros. Tommy Brashears, T. L. Tackett, Lonnie Coffman, Lowell Tanner, and H. A. Isom; alternates—Sis. Alean Coffman, Sis. Goldie Maxwell, Sis. Ruby Robinson, Bro. Vandella Voss and Bro. Fate Mize.

Dismissed by Bro. M. A. Coffman to meet at St. Joe church Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1950.

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### SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Assembled with singing led by different leaders.

A poem by James Farnam, a small boy.

Prayer by Bro. Lowell Tanner.

A collection of \$13.00 was given to Eld. W. S. Isbell, evangelist.

Song "Gethsemane" led by Bro. S. F. Lee.

Eld. J. M. Crouch conducted devotional service.

Preaching by Eld. R. G. Webb.

Scripture lesson, 19th Psalm 1:10.

Concluded by Eld. Melvin Snow.

Dismissed by Eld. W. F. McGee.

Resolution of Thanks—Whereas the good people of New Liberty church and surrounding community which have so receptionally and excellently cared for and entertained this large delegation while with them, Therefore be it resolved that we extend to them a vote of thanks for their kindness and hospitality shown us while in their midst. May God add His richest blessings to all concerned. —Comm.

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### SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

After Sabbath School, we were assembled with singing "When I Can Read My Title Clear," led by Bro. W. W. Crow.

Prayer by Bro. E. O. Wright.  
Preaching by Eld. J. M. Crouch.  
Scripture Lesson, Acts 20:16-28.  
Text, St. Matthew 16:25-28.  
Concluded by Eld. A. F. Crouch.  
Dismissed by Bro. Geo. W. Roper.

ELD. J. D. KINDER, Moderator.  
BRO. E. O. WRIGHT, Clerk.

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### MINISTERS REPORT

I have pastored four churches, held four revivals, witnessed 54 conversions, baptized 30, received 50 into the church, and conducted two funerals. Received \$540.78. ELD. J. D. KINDER.

I have pastored three churches, delivered 90 messages, witnessed several conversions, baptized nine, received 14 into the church, married one couple, conducted and assisted in seven funerals. Received in all \$426.23. ELD. W. F. McGEE.

I have traveled 1,600 miles, preached 50 sermons, held one revival, witnessed six conversions, baptized eight. Received \$89.51. ELD. C. F. HARRIS.

I have pastored one church and visited 11 others, sponsored two tent meetings in Russellville that resulted in the organization of the First Free Will Baptist church of said city, conducted and assisted in 15 funerals. Received \$304.75. ELD. W. S. ISBELL.

I have pastored one church half-time and preached half-time at another church, preached 72 sermons, helped in two revivals, witnessed 35 conversions, baptized 21, received \$640.18 and \$50 in groceries. All my work has been in Social Band Association. I have been called for full time for another year. I have been in school the past two years at the Southern Baptist College near Walnut Ridge. I plan to finish this year. I feel greatly indebted to all who have helped to make it possible for me to have this schooling.

ELD. ELVIE JOHNSTON.

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEES

We your COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE submit the following report: Since the repeal of the 18th Amendment, the drinking of strong liquors has become one of our greatest evils, and we feel that every child of God should use their influence to halt the use of this deadly poison to our younger folks. We earnestly urge the parents to vote and discourage the legal sale of intoxicating liquors. Resolved that we as Free Will Baptists go on record as opposing the sale and drinking of hard liquor in any form. We also consider it a breach of the covenant and doctrine of the Free Will Baptist church for any member to patronize any business who commercializes on any intoxicating beverages.

Eld. J. E. Phillips, Eld. J. D. Coffman, Bro. Ira Wright.

We your COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS find there are 20 churches reported and all of this number have Sunday Schools. We found there are 940 attending. We think one important thing to help increase attendance is to begin on time. We think that Sunday School is an important auxiliary of the church and parents should go with



their children to Sunday School and see that they are taught Free Will Baptist literature. We suggest anytime that the literature doesn't agree with Free Will Baptist doctrine, the teachers should explain carefully. We think each pastor should see that their church has Sunday School.

Sis. Alma Coffman, Sis. Cora Davis, Sis. Olgie Wright.

We your COMMITTEE ON NON-REPRESENTED AND UNION OF CHURCHES submit the following report: We find all our churches represented in this Association except Shiloh.

Bro. T. L. Tackett, Bro. Fate Mize, Bro. Orian Kelsey.

We your COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY find that the all-wise God has seen best to call from our midst the following brothers and sisters from the different churches:

Walnut Grove—Sis. Lizzie Voss.

Welcome Home—Bro. W. D. Condley, Bro. Arthur Hill, Sis. Gemima Miligan.

Pine Ridge—Bro. Oscar Standridge.

Hickory Grove—Bro. Ollie Robinson, Sister Aunt Sis Ashcraft.

Dublin—Sis. Katie Walker, Sis. Nannie Lowrie.

Moreland—Bro. Joe Eakin.

New Liberty—Bro. Robert Garrison, Sis. Susan Farnam.

Phoenix—Sis. Jane Stone.

Maple Springs—Sis. Elizabeth Norris.

We feel our loss is Heaven's gain, and brings them nearer to us.

Bro. Monroe Davis, Bro. Leo Adams, Bro. W. H. Burris.

We your COMMITTEE ON FINANCE have collected \$2.50 for Anti-och funds and \$2.00 for state funds from the different churches: Union Grove, Walnut Grove, Slaty Crossing, Harmony, Welcome Home, St. Joe, Pine Ridge, Hickory Grove, Dublin, Mt. Home, Moreland, Jerusalem, Oak Grove No. 2, Holman, Mt. Vernon, Zion Hope, New Liberty, Maple Springs, Sweet Home, Kimbrell Creek, Cherry Hill, Phoenix, Red Oak, First Free Will Baptist, Russellville.

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### REPORT OF EVANGELIST

I your evangelist beg leave to submit the following report: First, I assisted Oak Grove church No. 2 in obtaining a title to their property and making the necessary repairs on said property. Second, I have visited eleven of our churches, all of which seemed to be in fairly good working order except Shiloh, and they seemed to be very much discouraged because of the lack of leadership. They haven't had a pastor in several years. Third, I have sponsored a mission work in the city of Russellville that has materialized in the organization of the First Free Will Baptist church of said city. ELD. W. S. ISBELL.

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THE EXAMINING COUNCIL FOR ORDINATION: Elders F. M. Hudson, W. F. McGee, W. A. Crouch, W. S. Isbell, R. G. Webb.

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### CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the word of God as our rule of Faith and Practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this Solemn Covenant.

1. We promise by His graces to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid the appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusement and unholy confirmity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

2. We agree faithfully to discharge our obligation in reference to the study of the scriptures, secret prayer devotion and religious worship and by self denial, faith and good works endeavor to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

3. We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for Church Conference, public worship, and the observance of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the Church, of its poor and all its benevolent work.

4. We agree to accept Christian admonitions and reproof with meekness and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the Church and of the Gospel.

5. We will everywhere hold Christian principals sacred and Christian obligations and enterprise supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and telling that God's will may be done in us as in Heaven.

6. To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprise, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world, and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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## 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, 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, Logan, Conway, Perry, and Searcy counties, and the association to have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor to have any ecclesiastical power over churches, reserving the right of withdrawing from any church acting disorderly.

4. The Association shall have a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, and assistant 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 \$10.00 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 presbytery 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 the Examining Council for Ordination.

Those who are to be ordained must—

(1) Have preached 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, 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 the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal in divine essence, Purpose, Power and Glory. St. John 1:1; 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 accepted, 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 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; Matt. 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 and 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 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 an ordeal of regeneration, are washed in the blood of the lamb and are planted in the Kingdom of Christ. John 3rd chapter; Matt. 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. Matt. 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 Savior to commemorate His broken body and shed blood for the sins of the world, and to show our remembrance of Him till He comes. All Christians have a right to the Lord's Supper and should be invited; "let a man examine himself and so let him eat."

The washing of feet was instituted 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; Matt. 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; Matt. 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 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; Matt. 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; Matt. 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; Matt. 18:17; Acts 20:28; Rev. 1:4-11-20.

15. **PERSEVERANCE**—We believe that all true believers in Christ should persevere in divine grace, and in the knowledge of the truth and that God's grace is sufficient to help them to overcome all the obstacles of life and that all the combined forces of the great enemy of souls on earth and in Hell (or in his eternal abode) are not able to pluck them from his hand so long as they walk in the path of duty; but those who sidestep and willfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty, they would backslide and if persistently continued, would be eternally lost. 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; Matt. 12:31-32.

16. **CHRIST THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH**—We believe that Christ is the great head of the Church, and that the government of the local church is with the body. Col. 1:18-19; Matt. 16:18; Heb. 12:23; Matt. 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. 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; St. 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; Matt. 10:28.

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

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### **RULES OF ORDER**

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded with a prayer.

2. Those who speak shall rise, address the Moderator, and personal reflections shall be avoided.

3. All motions made and seconded shall be open for discussion, but debate may be shut off at any time by a majority of the members of the Association.

4. If any proposition or motion under debate contains 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 on 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 called to order by Moderator, in his absence, the Assistant Moderator, or 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) Obituary; (g) Non-represented and Union of Churches.
10. Report of Committees appointed at last Association and other unfinished business.
11. Report of new committees.
12. New business.
13. Adjournment.

### CHURCH DISCIPLINE

When seven or more Christians wish to be united into a Free Will Baptist Church organic body, a committee of three or more, composed of one ordained minister, one deacon, and one layman, with others, who are members of churches within the bounds of the Association where said church is being organized, by authority here invested, shall examine the applicants, as to the faith and doctrine of the Free Will Baptists and if found to be orthodox, will proceed as follows:

- (1) The Bible is presented as the only rule of faith and practice.
- (2) The Church Covenant is read.
- (3) A prayer of consecration is offered.
- (4) The hand of fellowship is given.
- (5) The church then proceeds to elect its officers: A clerk, a treasurer, a pastor, and two deacons. Other deacons may be elected and ordained as the church grows or when a vacancy occurs.

**Pastor**—The pastor is to be elected for the period of one year, by a majority vote of members present at a regular or stated meeting. His time will expire at the setting of each annual Association. He is to be moderator at all church meetings when present and exercises all rights as far as his office provides.

**Clerk and Treasurer**—The clerk and treasurer are to be elected in the same way and at the same time as the moderator. They are to keep a record of all business proceedings of the church, roll of membership, minutes of conference meetings, and all funds collected and paid out by the membership.

**Deacons**—Special care should be taken by the church in the selection of deacons. First Tim. 3:8-13 gives some of the qualifications pertaining to deacons that should be heeded. They are elected by a majority vote of the church and ordained to office by a presbytery of three, one of which should be a minister. They serve their church during their lifetime unless relieved by the church for some grievance or disorderly act.

**Duties of Deacons**—They are to assist at baptizings, the Lord's Supper, and Feet Washing, conduct religious meetings, moderate church when the conference by a majority vote grants the request support of the church in its benevolence, look after the spiritual interest of the church in general.

**Members Received**—Applicants are received into the church by a majority vote of members present in a church conference if they acknowledge their sins forgiven and believe in Jesus Christ.

**Members Dismissed**—Members may receive letter only when in good standing with the church; and cease to be members of the church when the conference by a majority vote grants the request and author-

izes the clerk to write a letter, signed by the moderator and clerk. Request for letters of dismission should be made at a conference meeting or in writing through the church clerk, stating the cause for the request.

Members dismissed, dropped, excluded or severed in any other way from the church, it should be for legal and just cause and done in church conference by a majority vote of members present at a regular meeting.

Church may be disbanded for the same rules under which they were organized, when they cease to function properly as churches; failing to hold a conference meeting for the period of one year and by consent of the majority of members living near the church at one time.

Quarterly meetings and annual Associations are organized and disbanded by the same rules of authority as the local church; except when a majority of the churches vote to unite with another quarterly meeting or Association.

Property deeded to, and owned by, the Free Will Baptist shall be under the supervision of the local church worshipping in that locality or using said property. For any legal or just cause of its proper use, it may be disposed of for the benefit of said church, by public sale, and the proceeds put into the treasury of the Association where the property is located, and can only be used to build or repair churches in the Association. The Executive Committee of the Association shall have the authority of all business transactions.

Amendments may be made to this Discipline in Annual Conference of the Association.

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### MINISTERS DIARY

R. L. Taylor, Hector  
W. F. McGee, Russellville  
W. S. Isbell, 605 E. G, Russellville  
J. A. Venable, Rt. 1, Dumas  
J. D. Coffman, Hector  
R. G. Webb, Atkins  
C. U. Kinder, R. 4, Russellville  
J. D. Kinder, Caglesville  
P. C. Denton, Scranton  
A. J. Latham, R. 2, Russellville  
T. V. Johnson, R. 4, Russellville  
R. B. Venable, R. 3, Atkins  
F. M. Hudson, Moreland  
Ellis Warren, R. 4, Russellville  
Lytle Hallum, Hector  
Melvin Snow, England

Charley Douthit, R. 3, Atkins  
E. Henderson, Carruthersville, Mo.  
Frank Harris, R. 2, Russellville  
W. A. Crouch, Hector  
M. A. Thompson, Jerusalem  
A. F. Banks, R. 1, Atkins  
Edgar Alderson, Clarksville  
E. L. Hill, R. 2, Atkins  
Clarence Tillman, England  
Coy Douthit, R. 2, Atkins  
Hershel Burris, R. 4, Russellville  
Avaugh Vaughn, Moreland  
G. Z. Claybourn  
W. E. Coffman, Russellville  
Elvie Johnston, College City  
Branch, Walnut Ridge



Churches	Moderator Last Year	Moderator This Year	Clerk and Postoffice	Received	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Sunday School Attendance	League	Prayer Meeting	Days of Meeting	Minute Fund	Paid Pastor	Paid Other Ministers	Total Paid Out	Membership
Walnut Grove	Ellis Warren	Ellis Warren	Hazel Marable, Hector, R. 1	1			1	25			1	\$4.50	\$ 77.19	\$19.54	\$109.23	95
Slaty Crossing	J. D. Kinder	J. D. Kinder	Lair Robinson, Dardanelle, R. 3	7				68			4	4.50	152.58		242.58	148
Union Grove	J. D. Kinder	E. L. Hill	Edith Whittenburg, Atkins	20	3			80	Yes	Yes	*	4.50	137.25	81.25	458.45	110
Harmony	R. G. Webb	R. G. Webb	F. L. Pennington, Russ. R. 2		1		1	80	Yes	*	1-3	4.50	372.50	33.00	686.87	92
Welcome Home	R. G. Webb	R. G. Webb	Arizona Crouch, Hector	9	3		3	60	Yes	Yes	4	4.50	135.00		222.50	111
St. Joe	W. F. McGee	W. F. McGee	Monroe Davis, Atkins	3				40			3	4.50	99.15	20.40	184.55	135
Pine Ridge	J. D. Kinder	J. D. Kinder	Vera Davis, Atkins, R. 1	10			1	40	Yes		1-3	4.50	120.45		120.45	86
Hickory Grove	W. S. Isbell	R. G. Webb	M. W. Myers, Casa	1			2	36	Yes		1	4.50	210.00	76.25	300.25	68
Dublin	Gilbert Pixley	Gilbert Pixley	Garner Denton, Scranton	8	2		2	88	Yes	Yes	**	4.50	250.25	89.77	340.02	45
Mt. Home	J. D. Kinder	J. D. Kinder	Arizonia Chronister, Lamar	10	3			47			1	4.50	140.00	75.00	273.00	73
Moreland	D. A. Vaughn	D. A. Vaughn	Blanche Duvall, Moreland	1			1	42	Yes		2	4.50	76.32	25.00	141.32	32
Jerusalem	W. E. Coffman	W. E. Coffman	Edith Massey, Jerusalem	10				45			2	4.50	97.15	71.75	491.90	80
Oak Grove N. 2	A. J. Latham	Lytle Hallum	Mary Johnston, Russ. R. 4	8	1			35			1	4.50	107.24		332.24	120
Holman	W. F. McGee	W. F. McGee	Erie Crotts, Lamar, R. 2					40	Yes		2-4	4.50	170.58		170.58	30
Mt. Vernon	R. B. Venable	T. J. Robinson	Ruth Burris, Russellville, R. 4					20			2	4.50		20.00	20.00	35
Zion Hope	Hershel Burris	Hershel Burris	Joyce Latham, Watts	2	1			25			1	4.50	77.50	34.00	111.50	42
New Liberty	W. F. McGee	W. F. McGee	Stella Farnam, Deleware				2	34			1	4.50	146.40	12.00	158.40	31
Maple Springs	Ellis Warren	Ellis Warren	Lois Gideon, Russellville R. 2	8			1	35	Yes		4	4.50	78.25	64.95	155.70	37
Sweet Home	R. G. Webb	R. G. Webb	Charley Compton, Atkins R. 3	3	2			20			3	4.50	85.00		85.00	38
Kimbrell Creek	Coy Douthit	Hershel Burris	Edna Cotton, Watts			23		25	Yes		3	4.50	118.31	22.35	202.66	24
Phoenix	Ellis Warren	Ellis Warren	Nola Bruce, Dover, R. 3	2			1	50			3	4.50	59.50		59.50	17
Russellville		W. S. Isbell	Jimmy Stamps, Russellville	24				45			*	4.50				24
Red Oak		J. E. Phillips	Ella Yarbrough, Marshall R. 4					35				4.50				34
Cherry Hill	W. A. Crouch	C. U. Kinder	D. W. Bird, Perryville					40			2		126.00			20
Shiloh	Not Rep.															

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