

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

HELD WITH ST. JOE CHURCH
POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SEPT. 7, 8, 9, 10, 1950

**Next Session Will Be Held With Hickory Grove Church, Beginning
On Thursday Night Before the Second Sunday in September, 1951.**

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

ELD. R. G. WEBB Assistant Moderator
Atkins, Ark.

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

ELD. J. D. COFFMAN Assistant Clerk
Hector, Ark.

MINUTES OF ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION

Fifty-Ninth Annual Session

MET IN REGULAR SESSION WITH ST. JOE CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 9, 10, 1950

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opened with class singing, led by Sister Mary Ruth Wright, Bro. Hogan Hanks, and Bro. T. L. Tackett.

Prayer led by Eld. J. A. Venable.

Song led by Bro. G. B. Maxwell.

The introductory sermon by Eld. T. J. Robinson.

Scripture lesson, Roman 12. Text, St. Matt. 16:18, "Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it."

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. A. F. Crouch.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing "It Won't Be Very Long" led by Bro. E. O. Wright.

Scripture lesson, Gen. :1-1-5, read by Moderator, Eld. J. D. Kinder.

Prayer by Bro. G. B. Maxwell.

Song, "I'll Live On," led by Bro. Roy McCuin.

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 and Deloris Voss and Sis. Mary Lou Coffman.

SLATY CROSSING—Sis. Beatrice Moore, Sis. Maggie McMillan and Bro. Herman Adaire.

UNION GROVE—Sis. Olgie Wright, Sis. Mary Hill and Sis. Ruby Eakes.

HARMONY—Bro. David Weir, Sis. Dixie Sparks, Sis. Reba McElwain.

WELCOME HOME—Bro. Lonnie Coffman, Bro. Roy McCuin, Bro. Roy Williams.

ST. JOE: Bro. John Davis, Bro. Henry Loveless, and Bro. Malon Davis.

PINE RIDGE—Bro. Reece N. Caudle, Bro. William Standridge, Bro. Huel Dixon, Sis. Vera Davis, clerk.

HICKORY GROVE—Bro. Gus Ison, Sis. Julean Teal and Sis. Jean Robinson.

DUBLIN—Bro. Garner Denton, Bro. Bill Faulkner, and Bro. Will White.

MT. HOME—Sis. Dorothy Jennings, Sis. Ruth Wimmer, and Bro. Vandella Voss.

MORELAND—Sis. Effie Eakin and Sis. Blanche Duvall.

JERUSALEM—Bro. Leo and Sis. Cora Adams, and Sis. Bessie Barnes.

OAK GROVE NO. 2—Bro. Newton and Sis. Zula Hice and Sis. Sinda Johnston.

HOLMAN—Sis. Rose Hardemen and Sis. Mary Hopper.

MT. VERNON—Sis. Floy Ennis.

ZION HOPE—By letter.

NEW LIBERTY—Sis. Mary Farnam, Sis. Prue Jones and Bro. Fred Latham.

MAPLE SPRINGS—Bro. Theodore and Sis. Shirley Gideon, Sis. Lois Gideon, clerk.

SWEET HOME—Sis. Sallie Alread.

KIMBRELL CREEK—By letter.

CHERRY HILL—By letter.

PHOENIX—Bro. Roy and Sis. Laverne Byrum.

SHILOH—

RUSSELLVILLE—Sis. Chlodena and Wanda Russell and Bro. L. Darter.

RED OAK—Bro. V. A. Yarbrough, Sis. Ava Brown, Sis. Emma Pruitt.

Newly organized churches:

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH IN HECTOR—Eld. J. D. Coffman.

PECAN GROVE—Eld. W. F. Crouch; Eld. J. M. Spikes, Bro. W. L. Barnes and Sis. Dovie Barnes, clerk.

HONORARY MEMBERS—Bro. J. J. West, Sis. Blanche Duvall, Sis. Effie Eakin, Sis. Mary Moore, Sis. Mary Hopper, Sis. Mary Coffman, Sis. Mary Kinder, Eld. R. B. and Sis. Mollie Venable, Eld. J. A. Venable and Bro. S. H. Walker.

VISITING MEMBERS—Eld. G. J. Prixley and Bro. Henry Brown of Zion Hope Association; Eld. Othel Dixon, Clarksville; and Eld. T. H. Dixon, Checota, Okla.

The Moderator extended the right hand of Christian Fellowship.

The Committee on Divine Service announced that Eld. G. J. Prixley fill the stand at 11 o'clock.

Intermission.

Assembled with singing led by Bro. Hogan Hanks.

Prayer by Eld. G. J. Prixley.

Preaching by Eld. G. J. Prixley. Text, St. John 8:23, "Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world."

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. R. G. Webb to meet at 1:30.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled by class singing by different leaders.

Called to order by Moderator, Eld. J. D. Kinder.

Scripture lesson, St. John 1:1-7.

Song, Eld. Hershel Burris.

Prayer by Bro. J. R. Whitfield.

Moderator declared the Association open for any business that may come before it.

The Association further organized by electing the following officers: Eld. J. D. Kinder, re-elected Moderator; Eld. R. G. Webb, assistant Moderator; Bro. E. O. Wright, re-elected Clerk and Treasurer; Eld. J. D. Coffman, re-elected assistant Clerk.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: Resolutions—Eld. J. D. Coffman, Eld. R. G. Webb, Bro. Tommy Brashears; Finance—Bro. J. R. Ennis, Bro. G. B. Maxwell, Bro. Roy Byrum; Divine Service—Bro. Roy McCuin, Bro. J. R. Whitfield, Bro. V. A. Yarbrough; Temperance—Sis. Elene Coffman, Sis. Mary Johnston, Sis. Dixie Sparks; Sabbath School—Sis. Mary Ruth Wright, Sis. Prue Jones, Sis. Lois Gideon; Obituary—Bro. Lonnie Coffman, Eld. Hershel Burris, Bro. Malon Davis; Non-represented Churches—Sis. Norma Voss, Sis. Ruby Eakes, Sis. Chlodene Russell; Union of Churches—Sis. Julean Teal; Sis. Beatrice Moore, Sis. Ella Yarbrough.

Part of the committee to visit Shiloh church reported. By motion the committee was discharged.

Reading of Rules of Order by Clerk.

At this time Eld. J. M. Spikes brought a message.

The Resolutions Committee made a partial report.

The Committee on Divine Service announced that Bro. Tommy Brashears conduct devotional service and Eld. Melvin Snow bring the message at night.

Dismissed by Moderator, Eld. J. D. Kinder.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Assembled with class singing led by different leaders.

At this time a good song service was enjoyed.

Bro. Tommy Brashears conducted devotional service.

Quartet by Gospel Messengers, composed of Bro. J. N. Alford, Bro. and Sis. Lester Coffman and Sis. Elene Coffman.

Preaching by Eld. Melvin Snow. Text, Amos 4:12, "Prepare to Meet Thy God O Israel."

Dismissed by Eld. R. B. Venable to meet Saturday at 9 a.m.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing.

Scripture lesson, 23 Psalm, read by Miss Louise Wright.

Prayer by Eld. W. S. Isbell.

Song, "Kneel At the Cross," by Bro. Roy McCuin.

Letters from corresponding Association, Grand River Association of Oklahoma, was presented. Eld. John Reel was seated as a delegate.

Bro. W. E. Coffman was elected on the Examining Council.

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).

Report of Temperance Committee adopted.

Resolutions No. 2-3 dropped.

Motion made and carried to ask each church to take a donation for Eld. Elvie Johnston.

Report of Obituary Committee. Accepted.

Intermission.

Assembled with singing.

At this time the Association held the memorial service.

Eld. W. S. Isbell spoke in memory of Sis. Curry of Phoenix church; Bro. G. I. Eakin (deacon), Moreland church; Bro. R. C. Chapple of Hickory Grove church. Eld. W. F. McGee spoke in memory of Sis. Blanche Duvall of Shiloh church, and Eld. F. M. Hudson of Moreland church. Eld. J. E. Phillips spoke in memory of Bro. Ed Pruett of Red Oak church; of W. S. Willis of Mt. Home church. Eld. J. D. Kinder spoke in memory of Sis. Iva Reid and Sis. Gertrude Banks of Pine Ridge church. Eld. R. G. Webb spoke in memory of Bro. W. T. Crites. Eld. Hershel Burris spoke in memory of Sis. Sallie Gullett of Mt. Vernon church.

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

Dismissed to meet at 1:30.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with singing by different leaders.

Scripture lesson read by Moderator, Eld. J. D. Kinder.

Prayer by Eld. R. G. Webb.

The Moderator declared Association open for business.

Report of Sabbath School Committee and Non-represented and Union of Churches.

The Moderator declared nominations in order for home of next Association. Hickory Grove was selected, to meet in 1951. Eld. Frank Harris to preach the introductory sermon. Eld. Hershel Burris as alternate.

Election of state delegates: Bros. Gus Ison, Bro. Lonnie and Sis. Alene Coffman, Bro. V. A. and Sis. Ella Yarbrough. As alternates: Sis. Emma Pruitt, Bro. Fred Latham, Bro. Ira Hamer, Sis. Chlodene Russell, Sis. Delois Voss.

Corresponding delegates to Zion Hope Association No. 2: Eld. T. J. Robinson and wife, Eld. Hershel Burris.

Committee on Divine Service announced that Eld. R. G. Webb conduct devotional service, and Eld. J. E. Phillips to bring the message.

Dismissed by Eld. R. G. Webb to meet with Hickory Grove church in 1951.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Assembled with singing, directed by different leaders.

A short talk on temperance by Eld. W. S. Isbell.

A collection of \$40.00 was taken for the Russellville church.

Eld. R. G. Webb conducted the devotional service.

Preaching by Eld. J. E. Phillips. Text, Jeremiah 8:20, "The Harvest Is Passed, the Summer Is Ended; and We Are Not Saved."

Resolution of Thanks—Whereas the good people of St. Joe 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.

Dismissed by Bro. Lowell Tanner.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

After Sunday School

Song "Anywhere Is Home" by Bro. Hogan Hanks.

Preaching by Moderator, Eld. J. D. Kinder. Text, 1st Cor. 15:19, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."

Song, "Down At the Cross."

Dismissed by Eld. T. V. Johnson.

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

MINISTER'S REPORT

I have pastored four churches, delivered 118 messages, witnessed

30 conversions, baptized 15, received several into the church, conducted eight funerals, received \$543.68.

ELD. J. D. KINDER

I have pastored two churches, conducted two revivals, helped in one other, witnessed 14 conversion, baptized six, conducted two funerals, married one couple, delivered 61 messages, traveled 3,972 miles, received \$287.55.

ELD. H. L. BURRIS

I have pastored two churches, have delivered 93 messages, helped in five revivals, received \$250.41; expenses, \$36.00.

ELD. T. J. ROBINSON

I have pastored two churches, delivered 51 messages, received 12 into the church, witnessed three conversions, ordained two deacons, married one couple, helped conduct two funerals, received \$206.50.

ELD. LYTLE HALLUM

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

We your COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE submit the following report: We contend that strong drink is one of the greatest evils in our country today. Therefore, we go on record as being opposed to hard liquor in any form. We consider it a breach of the covenant and doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Church for any member to patronize any business which commercializes on any intoxicating beverages. We urge each and every voter to go to the polls in November and vote this evil out of our state.

Sis. Mary Johnston, Dixie Sparks, Alene Coffman

We your COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS find there are 23 churches reported, with 1,045 average attendance. 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. Seemingly more satisfaction is obtained by using this literature. We suggest anytime that the literature doesn't agree with Free Will Baptist doctrine, the teachers should explain carefully. We think that each pastor should see that their church has Sunday School.

Sis. Mary Ruth Wright, Prue Jones, Lois Gideon

We your COMMITTEE ON UNION OF CHURCHES find all churches in union.

Sis. Julia Teal, Beatrice Moore, Ella Yarbrough

We your COMMITTEE ON NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES find all our churches represented in this Association except Shiloh.

Sis. Norma Voss, Ruby Eakes, Chlodene Russell

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:

MORELAND—Bro. G. I. Eakin, Eld. F. M. Hudson.

HICKORY GROVE—Bro. R. C. Chapple.

SHILOH—Sis. Blanche Duvall.

MT. HOME—Bro. W. S. Willis.

RED OAK—Bro. Ed Pruett.

PINE RIDGE—Sis. Iva Reid, Sis. Gertrude Banks.

ST. JOE—Bro. W. T. Crites.

MT. VERNON—Sis. Sallie Gullett.

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

Bro. Lonnie Coffman, Eld. Hershel Burris, Bro. Malon Davis

We your COMMITTEE ON FINANCE have collected \$2.50 for Antioch funds and \$2.00 for state funds from the different churches: Walnut Grove, Slaty Crossing, Union Grove, 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, Kimbrell Creek, Red Oak, Hector, Pecan Grove, Phoenix and Russellville.

Bros. J. R. Ennis, G. B. Maxwell, Roy Byrum

REPORT OF TREASURER: Received of Finance Committee, \$115.00. Paid to State Association, \$46.00; for Minutes, \$46.92; for postage, \$6.30; Clerk's fee, \$10.00. Total paid out, \$109.22. Balance, \$5.78.

E. O. WRIGHT, Treasurer

The EXAMINING COUNCIL FOR ORDINATION: Elders W. F. McGee, W. A. Crouch, W. S. Isbell, R. G. Webb, W. E. Coffman.

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.

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, Searcy, and Pulaski counties, 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.

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.

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 authorizes the clerk to write a letter, signed by the moderator and clerk. Request for letters of dismissal 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.

MINISTERS DIARY

R. L. Taylor, Hector

W. F. McGee, Russellville

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| W. S. Isbell, 605 E. G, Russellville | Frank Harris, R. 2, Russellville |
| J. A. Venable, Rt. 1, Dumas | W. A. Crouch, Hector |
| J. D. Coffman, Hector | M. A. Thompson, Jerusalem |
| R. G. Webb, Atkins | A. F. Banks, R. 1, Atkins |
| C. U. Kinder, R. 4, Russellville | Edgar Alderson, Clarksville |
| J. D. Kinder, Caglesville | E. L. Hill, R. 2, Atkins |
| P. C. Denton, Scranton | Clarence Tillman, England |
| A. J. Latham, R. 2, Russellville | Coy Douthit, R. 2, Atkins |
| T. V. Johnson, R. 4, Russellville | Hershel Burris, R. 4, Russellville |
| R. B. Venable, R. 3, Atkins | Avaugh Vaughn, Moreland |
| Ellis Warren, R. 4, Russellville | G. Z. Claybourn |
| Lytle Hallum, Hector | W. E. Coffman, Russellville |
| Melvin Snow, England | T. J. Robinson, Dover |
| Charley Douthit, R. 3, Atkins | J. E. Phillips R. 4, Marshall |
| E. Henderson, Carruthersville, Mo. | John Parks, R. 1, Morrilton |

| Churches | Moderator Last Year | Moderator This Year | Clerk and Postoffice | Received | Dismissed | Excluded | Died | Sun. School Attendance | Days of Meeting | Minute Fund | Paid Pastor | Paid Other Ministers | Total Paid Out | Membership |
|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Walnut Grove | Ellis Warren | Ellis Warren | Nola Coffman, Hector | | 9 | | | 25 | 1 | \$ 4.50 | \$ 64.10 | \$ | \$ 64.10 | 86 |
| Slaty Crossing | J. D. Kinder | J. D. Kinder | Lily Clark, Dardanelle R. 3 | 15 | | | | 60 | 4 | 4.50 | 201.58 | | 201.10 | 163 |
| Union Grove | J. D. Kinder | J. D. Kinder | Edith Whittenburg, Atkins | 1 | 6 | | | 90 | 1 | 4.50 | 82.00 | 52.00 | 412.00 | 120 |
| Harmony | R. G. Webb | R. G. Webb | F. L. Pennington, Russ. 3 2 | 1 | 4 | | | 60 | 2-3 | 4.50 | 335.55 | | 335.55 | 90 |
| Welcome Home | R. G. Webb | R. G. Webb | Arizona Crouch, Hector | 3 | 2 | | | 60 | 4 | 4.50 | 167.15 | 12.50 | 199.65 | 103 |
| St. Joe | W. F. McGee | W. F. McGee | Monroe Davis, Atkins | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 40 | 3 | 4.50 | 119.65 | 50.00 | 179.65 | 138 |
| Pine Ridge | J. D. Kinder | J. D. Kinder | Vera Davis, Atkins R. 1 | | | | 2 | 65 | 3 | 4.50 | 96.17 | 18.08 | 114.25 | 86 |
| Hickory Grove | R. G. Webb | R. G. Webb | M. W. Myers, Casa | 10 | | | 1 | 40 | 1 | 4.50 | 249.25 | | 280.00 | 77 |
| Dublin | Gilbert Prixley | P. C. Denton | Garner Denton, Scranton | 9 | | | | 75 | 2-4 | 4.50 | 400.00 | 75.00 | 515.00 | 60 |
| Mt. Home | J. D. Kinder | Other Dixon | Arizona Chronister, Lamar | | 2 | | 1 | 45 | 1 | 4.50 | 133.00 | 50.00 | 226.47 | 65 |
| Moreland | D. A. Vaughn | D. A. Vaughn | Blanche Duvall, Moreland | | | | 2 | 35 | 2 | 4.50 | 56.83 | 18.00 | 150.00 | 38 |
| Jerusalem | W. E. Coffman | W. E. Coffman | Minnie Hall, Jerusalem | 1 | | | | 45 | 2 | 4.50 | 125.15 | 58.50 | 184.25 | 45 |
| Oak Grove N. 2 | Lytle Hallum | Lytle Hallum | Mary Johnston, Russ. R. 4 | 12 | 3 | | | 35 | 1 | 4.50 | 125.50 | 15.00 | 153.00 | 131 |
| Holman | W. F. McGee | T. Brashears | Erie Crites, Lamar R. 2 | | | | | 35 | 4 | 4.50 | 154.45 | | 154.45 | 30 |
| Mt. Vernon | T. J. Robinson | T. J. Robinson | Ruth Burris, Russellville R. 4 | 1 | | | 1 | 40 | 4 | 4.50 | 92.28 | | 202.28 | 38 |
| Zion Hope | Hershel Burris | Hershel Burris | Ruby Watts, Watts | 5 | | | | 50 | 1-4 | 4.50 | 175.20 | 70.00 | 245.20 | 47 |
| New Liberty | W. F. McGee | J. D. Kinder | Stella Farnum, Deleware | 4 | | | | 25 | 1 | 4.50 | 178.25 | 33.25 | 211.50 | 40 |
| Maple Springs | Ellis Warren | Ellis Warren | Lois Gideon, Russellville R. 2 | | | 1 | | 40 | 4 | 4.50 | 107.90 | 20.00 | 127.90 | 36 |
| Sweet Home | R. G. Webb | | Charley Compton, Atkins R. 3 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kimbrell Creek | Hershel Burris | Coy Douthit | Mae Treat, Marshall | | 3 | | | 20 | 3 | 4.50 | 52.65 | 18.50 | 102.85 | 21 |
| Phoenix | Ellis Warren | C. U. Kinder | Nola Bruce, Dover R. 3 | | | | | 20 | 3 | 4.50 | 31.00 | 12.00 | 43.00 | 17 |
| Russellville | W. S. Isbell | W. S. Isbell | Mrs. Faye Magness, Russ. R. 3 | 35 | 2 | 1 | | 50 | * | 4.50 | 178.95 | 91.61 | 270.56 | 54 |
| Red Oak | J. E. Phillips | J. E. Phillips | Hettie Kyle, Marshall R. 4 | 13 | | | | 40 | ** | 4.50 | 39.70 | 95.16 | 134.86 | 47 |
| Cherry Hill | C. U. Kinder | T. J. Robinson | D. W. Bird, Perryville | | | | | | 2 | | 75.89 | | 75.89 | 20 |
| Pecan Grove, | New Church | Melvin Snow | Dovie Barnes, Little Rock | | | | | | * | 4.50 | | | | |
| Hector | New Church | J. D. Coffman | Clytie Coffman, Hector | | | | | 40 | * | 4.50 | | 115.75 | 125.75 | 13 |
| | | | | 115 | 35 | 3 | 9 | 1045 | | \$108.00 | \$3042.20 | \$785.35 | \$4705.26 | 1565 |

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LEAGUE: Walnut Grove, Union Grove, Harmony, Welcome Home, Pine Ridge, Dublin, Moreland, Holman, Kimbrell Creek, Russellville. Total — 10.

PRAYER MEETING: Union Grove, Welcome Home, Hickory Grove, Dublin, Holman, Russellville, Red Oak. Total — 7.