

MINUTES

of the

Sixtieth Annual Session

of

ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTIST

Held with Hickory Grove Church, Perry County

Arkansas, Sept. 6, 7, 8, & 9, 1951

Next session will be held with Union
Grove Church, Beginning on Thursday night
before the second Sunday in September 1952

Eld. J.D. Kinder- - - - - Moderator
Caglesville, Arkansas

Eld. T.J. Robertson- - - Assist, Moderator
Dover, Arkansas

Bro. E.O. Wright- - - Clerk and Treasurer
Atkins, Arkansas

Eld. J.D. Coffman- - - Assistant Clerk
Russellville, Arkansas

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Met in regular session with Hickory Grove Church,
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THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Assembled with class singing led by Bro. Gus Isom,
and Bro. Thomas Teal.

Prayer by Eld, Melvin Snow.

Song by Bro. W.A. Wagner.

Song led by Sis Laverne Wright.

The introductory Sermon by Eld. Frank Harris.

Scripture Lesson, Romans 6th Chapter.

Prayer by Bro. Henry Teal.

Text, Roman 6:23, for the wages of Sin is Death,
but the gift of God is Eternal life, through Christ
Jesus: Song by Bro. Gus Isom. Handshake.

Dismissed by Eld. J.D. Coffman.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Sis, Jean Robinson,
Julia Teal, and Jonath Robinson.

Scripture Lesson read by Moderator. Eld. J.D. Kinder.
Psalms 23rd Chapter. Prayer by Bro. J.J. West.

Song led by Bro. T.L. Tackett.

The Association was organized. Letters from the
churches were called for, read and messengers invited
to seats.

WALNUT GROVE - Sis, Norma and Deloris Voss.

SLATY CROSSING - Bro. Buster Clark and Gus Isom.
Sis. Lillie Clark, Clerk.

UNION GROVE - Bro. Clarence Haralson, L.A. Roberts,
Cecil Haralson, and Sis Edith Whittenberg, Clerk.

HARMONY - Sis. Reba McElwain, Bro. J.J. West.

WELCOME HOME - Bro. J.R. Coffman, Sis Ida. Coffman
Sis Shirley Condley.

ST. JOE - Bro. William Burris, Bro. Bill Duvall,
Sis. Ester Burris.

PINE RIDGE - Bro. Frank Burris, Bro. B. F. Davis.
Bro. William Standridge, Sis. Vera Davis, Clerk

HICKORY GROVE - Bro's Ellis Rainey, Hershel Robinson,
Thurman Faulkner. Bro. M.W. Myers, Clerk.

DUBLIN - Bro. & Sis W.W. White, Bro Garner Denton, Clerk.

MT. HOME - Sis. Gertie Chronister, Ester Jennings.
 MORELAND - Bro. Bobbie Joe Chronister, Bro. Vergil
 Levell. Sis. Blanche Duvall, Clerk.

JERUSALEM - By Letter.

OAK GROVE NO. 2 . Bro. Geno Johnson, Bro. Newton Hice,
 Sis. Cecelia Johnson.

HOLMAN - Sis. Rose Hardeman, Sis. Lottie Sparks,
 Bro. Oliver Wilkins.

MT. VERNON - By Letter.

ZION HOPE - By Letter.

NEW LIBERTY - Bro. Odus Baker, Sis. Prue Jones.

MAPLE SPRINGS - By Letter.

SWEET HOME -

RUSSELLVILLE - Bro. & Sis. Othel Tanner, Sis. Mahan.

HECTOR - Eld. J.D. Coffman.

RED OAK - Sis. Eva Brown, Sis. Okla McKinney,
 Sis. Emma Pruett.

KIMBRELL CREEK - By Letter.

PHOENIX - By Letter.

1st. FREE WILL BAPTIST LITTLE ROCK. Eld. Everett Farnum,
 Sis. Dovie Barns, Clerk, Sis. Mammie Hamilton.

CHERRY HILL - Bro. & Sis. D.H. Lipps; Sis. Gracie Taylor,
 Bro. D.W. Bird, Clerk.

HONORARY MEMBERS. Bro. J.J. West, Sis. Blanche Duvall.
 Bro. Henry Teal and Bro. Bob Teal.

VISITING MEMBERS. Eld. Glen G. Dipboye and Bro. Henry
 Brown, Zion Hope No. 2. Assn. Eld. Curtiss Lybarger, New
 Hope Assn. Eld. Othel Dixon, Arkansas Assn.

The Moderator extended right hand of Christian fellow-
 ship.

The Committee on Devine Service announced that Eld.
 T.J. Robertson fill the stand at 11 O'clock. Eld. Othel
 Dixon to Conclude. INTERMISSION.

Assembled with singing led by Bro. Hogan Hanks.

Prayer by Bro. Lowell Tanner.

Preaching by Eld. T.J. Robertson, Text Judghes 7:21.
 And they stood every man in his place round about the
 camp; and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.

Concluded by Eld. Othel Dixon. Dismissed Eld. Robertson.

ASSEMBLED FOR FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Bro. Gus Isom.

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

Scripture lesson Roman 5th Chapter read by Sis Jean Robinson. Prayer by Eld. J.M. Spikes.

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

Visiting minister Eld. Arnold Teal.

The Association further organized by electing the following officers.

Eld. J.D. Kinder - - - - - Re-Elected Moderator

Eld. T.J. Robertson - - - - - Assistant Moderator

Bro. E.O. Wright - - - Re-Elected Clerk & Treasurer

Eld. J.D. Coffman - - - Re-Elected assistant Clerk

The Moderator appointed the following committees.

COMMITTEE ON DEVINE SERVICE - Bro. Vandella Voss, Bro. W.M. Burris and Bro. Bob Teal.

ON RESOLUTION - Eld. Coy Dauthit, Eld. W.S. Isbell, Bro. J.J. West.

FINANCE - Bro. W.W. Crow, Bro. T.L. Tackett, Bro. Vandella Voss.

SABBATH SCHOOL - Sis. Reba McElwain, Sis. Shirley Mahan, Bro. Newton Hice.

TEMPERANCE - Sis. Hazel Dauthit, Sis. Prue Jones, Sis. Grace Taylor.

OBITUARY - Bro. Bobbie Joe Chronister, Sis. W.W. White, Sis. Daisy Fobus.

NON. REP. CHURCHES - Sis. Olgie Wright, Bro. Frank Burris, Sis. Nora Bird.

UNION OF CHURCHES - Bro. Geno Johnson, Sis. Eva Brown, Sis. Ida. Coffman.

The Committee on Devine Service announced that Eld. G.G. Dipboye, and Eld. Arnold Teal, and Eld. Curtis Lybarger, to bring the message in the afternoon.

Reading of rules of Order by Clerk.

Song, "What a Friend",

Preaching by Eld. G.G. Dipboye, Scripture lesson I Cor. 6:19,20.

Song, "I'll Fly Away,"

Text. Daniel 5:27. Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting. Concluded by Eld. Arnold Teal.

Song, "I'll Live In Glory."

Concluded by Eld. Curtis Lybarger.

The Committee on Devine Service announced, Bro. J.J. West conduct devotional service. Eld. W.S. Isbell and Eld. Melvin Snow, to fill the stand at night.

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

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Assembled with class singing led by Bro. W.W. Crow Bro. T.L. Tackett, Bro. Gus Isom, Bro. E.O. Wright, Sis. Julia Teal, and Sis, Shirley Hubbard.

Prayer by Bro. Henry Teal. Bro. J.J. West conducted devotional service. Song, "I Feel Like Traveling Home."

Preaching by Eld. Coy Dauthit, Scripture Lesson Romans 13:1. Prayer by Eld. Dauthit. Text "Power".

Concluded by Eld. Melvin Snow. Dismissed by Eld. Spikes.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing, led by Bro. Gus Isom, and Bro. T.L. Tackett, Scripture Lesson Gen. 1:1,5. Read by Moderator, Eld. J.D. Kinder. Prayer by Eld. Thomas Brashears. Song, "Some Day." Receiving of Tardy Letters.

Resolution No. 1. Dropped.

Duet by Louise Wright and Gerald Don Breashears.

Quartet by Bro. Eugene Hubbard, Bro. Bobbie Faulkner Sis, Edith Teal, Sis, Janith Robinson.

Solo "Jacob's Ladder." Eld. J.D. Coffman.

Report of Temperance Committee - Adopted.

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 Bro. John J. Page, Sis, Ida. Harshfield, Sis, Tilda Clemons Sis, Alice McGee. Eld. Tom Johnson spoke in memory of Bro. W.J. Jobe (Deacon) Eld. J.D. Kinder spoke in memory of Sis. C.A. Thomas. Eld. T.J. Robertson spoke in memory of Bro. S.H. Walker (Deacon) Eld. Thomas Breashears spoke in memory of Sis Ray Harris Sis. Mary Wilkins. Eld. Coy Dauthit spoke in memory of Sis, Nona Latham, Sis, Stella Duncan. Songs, "Precious Memories", "I'll Be Satisfied," and "We're Floating Down the Stream."

Dismissed by Eld. J.M. Spikes.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with singing, led by Shirley Condley.
Scripture Lesson 1st. Psalm by Sis. Shirley Hubbard.
Song by Sis. Amye Hubbard. Prayer by Bro. Kelsey.

Moderator declared Association open for business.

Report of Sabbath School. Non. Represented and Union of Churches.

Committee reported, motion made and carried to retain the committee to Correspond with the State Committee in the directing of the Course of the State Tent. Bro's T.L. Tackett. E.O. Wright and Frank Burris.

The Moderator declared nomination in order for home of next Association. Union Grove was selected, to meet in 1952. Eld. Thomas Breashears to preach the introductory Sermon, Eld. T.J. Robertson as alternate.

Motion made and carried to buy a mimeograph machine for use in the Association. Bro. Henry Brown, Moderator Eld. J.D. Kinder, Clerk E.O. Wright was selected to buy machine.

Motion made and carried to use the Minute Money on said machine. A donation of \$38.00 was taken.

State delegates were appointed. Bro. B.F. Davis. Bro. Lonnie & Sis Alene Coffman, Bro. Ralph Whittenburg, Bro. T.L. Tackett, Alternates. Sis Edith Whittenburg, Sis Vera Davis, Sis Norma Voss. Bro. Cecil Haralson, Bro. Thomas Teal.

The Committee on Devine Service announced Bro. Henry Teal conduct devotional service, Eld. John Parks, Eld Everett Farnum to fill the stand at night. Dismissed by Bro. J.J. West, to meet with Union Grove Church 1952.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Assembled with class singing led by different leaders, and by the Young boys and girls also two numbers by a mixed quartet. Prayer by a No. that was called upon.

Devotional Service conducted by Bro. T.H. Teal, assisted by Clerk, Bro. E.O. Wright. Preaching by Eld. John Parks. Text 1st Timothy 1st Chapter. Concluded by Eld. Everett Farnum. Scripture Lesson. Duet. 30:15. Text. Rev. 3:20. Behold I stand at the door and knock. Song, "Jesus is Calling." Dismissed by Eld. Roscoe Brixley.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

After Sunday School

Assembled with Singing, Song. "I'll Fly Away,"

Preaching by Bro. Lonnie Coffman. Scripture Lesson St. Matt. 9:10. Text St. Matt. 9:13 for I am not come to call the Righteous but sinners to repentance.

Dismissed by Bro. A. Halley.

Resolution of Thanks, Be it resolved that we extend to Hickory Grove Church and Community a rising vote of Thanks for their kindness and hospitality shown us while in their midst, we Pray God's richest blessings upon all in attendance. Committee. MINISTER'S REPORT

I have pastored Russellville Church full time, and had the Free Will Baptist Radio Program half-time. Preached 125 sermons received 22 into the Church, Baptized 41. Assisted in 2 revivals. Conducted and assisted in 14 funerals. Afficiated in 4 marriages. Received \$366.00

W.S. Isbell.

I have pastored 2 churches. Conducted two funerals. Married One Couple. Conducted three revivals. Helped in 4 others. Witnessed 51 conversions. Delivered 112 messages. Received \$232.59. Traveled 2868 miles. Gas & Oil expenses \$56.39. T.J. Robertson

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 apposed 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 all influence again same. Sis's Hazel Dauthit, Pure Jones, and Grace Taylor.

We your Committee on Sabbath Schools find there are 25 Churches reported with 1056 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 that they should be taught the true word of God by Christian Teachers.

We think that each Pastor should see that their Church has Sunday School. There's one Church that doesn't have Sunday School. Sis's Rheba McElwain, Shirley Mahan, Bro. Newton Hice.

We your Committee on Union of Churches find all Churches in Union. Bro. Geno Johnson, Sis's Eva. Brown, and Ida. Coffman.

We your Committee on Non-Represented Churches find all our churches represented in this Association except Sweet Home. Sis's Olgie Wright, Nora Bird, Bro. Frank Burris

We your Committee on Obituary find that the All-Wise God has seen best to call from our midst, since our last Association the following Bro's and Sis's from the different Churches.

HOLMAN - Bro. J.D. Calvin, Sis. Mary Wilkins.

ZION HOPE - Sis. Nola Lathum and Sis. Stella Duncan.

NEW LIBERTY - Sis. Ida Harshfield, Sis. C.A. Thomas.

ST. JOE - Sis. Alice McGee, Sis. Tilda Clemons, Bro. W.J. Jobe.

MORELAND - Sis. Mary (Hudson) Haskins.

DUBLIN - Bro. S.H. Walker, Bro. J.W. Johnson.

WELCOME HOME - Sis. Ray Harris.

SHINN MT. - Bro. John J. Page.

Bro. Bobby Joe Chronister, Sis's W.W. White, Grace Taylor.

We your Committee on Finance have collected from the different churches, \$61.00 for State minutes funds. and \$60.00 for Antioch Funds. Bro. W.W. Crow, Bro. T.L. Tackett, Bro. Vandella Voss.

The examining council for Ordination, Eld's W.F. McGee W.A. Crouch, W.S. Isbell, R.G. Webb, and W.E. Coffman.

Report of Treasurer: Received of Finance Committee, \$98.00 paid to State Association \$48.00 for Minutes \$60.00 for postage \$6.30 for Clerk Fee \$10.00 brought forward \$5.78. Total received \$113.78. Paid out \$124.30. Deficiency \$10.52. E.O. Wright Treasurer.

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 Grace to Love and Obey Him in all things, to avoid the appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusement and unholy conformity 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.

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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 it's 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 Baptist, 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 to 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 neglects 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, 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 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 15:22-24.

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 Power, 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 parent 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 3:2. St. John 3:23; Acts 10:47; Matt. 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 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. 26:27-29.

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 soul 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. II Cor. 9:10; II Peter 1:4-8. I Peter 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39; Apostasy: II Peter 1:8-9. I Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17; I John 5:16; Heb. 6:16; I 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; II Thes. 5:19-23; St. John 17:17-19; II 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 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; Matt 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 Baptist 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 the 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 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 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 the 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

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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W.F. McGee, Russellville,

W.S. Isbell, 605 East. G.St. Russellville.

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T.J. Robertson, Dover Rt. 3.

J.E. Phillips Rt. 4 Marshall.

John Parks, Rt. 1. Morelton

Thomas Breashears, Russellville

CHURCHES	Last Year Moderator	Moderator This Year	Clerk and Postoffice	Received	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LEAGUE	MINUTE FUND	PAID PASTOR	PAID OTHER MINISTERS	TOTAL PAID OUT	DAYS OF MEETING	MEMBERSHIP
Slaty Crossing	J.D. Kinder	J.D. Kinder	Lillie Clark, Dardanelle Rt. 3.	3'	3'	3'		65'	65'	\$4.50	\$175.84	\$36.50	\$241.83	3	164
St. Joe	W.F. McGee	T.J. Robertson	Mary Ruth Wright, Atkins					35'		5.50	125.00	27.00	152.00	3	135
Union Grove	J.D. Kinder	J.D. Kinder	Edith Whittenberg, Atkins		1'	2'		90'	60'	4.50	217.00	307.00	1418.86	2-4	130
Oak Grove	Lytle Hallum	Curtis Lybarger	Mary Johnston, Russellville, Rt. 4		1'	2'		30'		2.50	115.00	124.55	239.79	1	125
Welcome Home	R.G. Webb	R.G. Webb	Arizona Crouch, Hector Rt. 1.	7'	1'		1'	60'	40'	5.50	240.15	45.00	285.15	4	104
Harmony	R.G. Webb	Thomas Breashears	Robert D. Barton, Russellville, Rt. 2	6'	4'			50'	30'	5.50	400.10	101.80	501.90	1-3	90
Walnut Grove	Ellis Warren	C.U. Kinder	Nola Coffman, Hector	2'	2'			35'		5.50	64.00		64.00	1	88
Pine Ridge	J.D. Kinder	T.J. Robertson	Vera Davis, Atkins, Rt. 1.		1'			45'		4.50	64.00	32.15	250.00	4	86
Russellville	W.S. Isbell	Othel Dixon	Fay Magness, Russellville, Rt. 3.	22'				50'		5.50	200.00	227.20	427.20	1234	76
Hickory Grove	R.G. Webb	R.G. Webb	M.W. Myers, Casa		1'			45'		5.50	255.00	6.00	359.75	1	76
Mt. Home	Othel Dixon	Othel Dixon	Freda Townsend, Hagarville	8'				54'	50'	4.50	258.72	50.00	308.72	1	67
Red Oak	J.E. Phillips	Coy E. Dauthit	Hettie Kyle, Marshall, rt. 4.	13'				61'	61'	5.50	407.46	29.46	436.92	134	67
Holman	Thomas Breashears	Thomas Breashears	Erie Crotes, Lamar, Rt. 2	11'			2'	29'		5.50	348.02	67.32	515.34	2-4	53
Jerusalem	W.E. Coffman	R.G. Webb	Oma Clairday, Jerusalem	7'	2'			40'		5.00			24.99	2	50
Dublin	P.C. Denton	R.G. Webb	Garner Denton, Scranton	2'		2'	2'	60'		5.50	67.70	32.75	100.45	2-4	46
Zion Hope	Hershel Burris	W.A. Crouch	Evelyn Thompson, Watts				2'	25'		5.50	116.65				45
Moreland	D.A. Vaughn	C.U. Kinder	Blanch Duvall, Moreland	14'			1'	45'		5.50	39.61	93.70	133.31	2	44
New Liberty	J.D. Kinder	J.D. Kinder	Stella Farnum, Delaware	4'			2'	25'		5.50	140.50	108.50	249.40	1	38
Mt. Vernon	T.J. Robertson	Lytle Hallum	Lula Burris, Russellville, Rt. 4.		2'			25'		4.50	72.25			4	37
Maple Springs	Ellis Warren	Ellis Warren	Lois Gideon, Russellville, Rt. 2.					25'		4.50	90.41	5.10	185.51	4	36
Kimbrell Creek	Coy E. Dauthit	Coy E. Dauthit	Treat, Mae, Marshall	3'	2'			25'		5.50	163.50	35.67	293.50	2	26
Little Rock	M.H. Snow	M.H. Snow	Dovie Barns, No. Little Rock Rt. 2	11'		2'		37'		5.50	252.75	19.50	272.25	1234	25
Cherry Hill	T.J. Robertson	T.J. Robertson	D.W. Bird, Perryville					40'		2.50	61.84		61.84	2	20
Phoenix	C.U. Kinder	C.U. Kinder	Nola Bruce, Dover, Rt. 3					35'		5.50	42.00		42.00	3	17
Hector	J.D. Coffman		Clytie Coffman, Hector					25'		5.50	55.00	86.42	172.59		13
Sweet Home															
Total				126'	22'	8'	13'	1056'	306		\$3584.72	\$1449.52	\$5034.24		1660