

# MINUTES

of the

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

of the

## *Antioch Association Of Free Will Baptists*

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HELD WITH OAK GROVE CHURCH

POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

SEPTEMBER 10, 11, 12, 13, 1953

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Next Session Will Be Held With

RED OAK CHURCH, SEARCY COUNTY

Beginning on Thursday Night Before the Second Sunday  
in September, 1954

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

ELD. ELLIS WARREN ..... Assistant Moderator  
Russellville, Ark., Route 4

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

SIS. EDITH WHITTENBURG ..... Assistant Clerk  
Atkins, Ark.

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## SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

MET IN REGULAR SESSION WITH OAK GROVE CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 10, 11, 12, 13, 1953.

### THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opened with singing led by Bro E. O. Wright, Bro. T. L. Tackett, Sis. Louise and Mary Ruth Wright, Bro. Rayburn Teague and Eld. E. L. Hill.

Prayer by Eld. J. A. Venable.

Eld. W. S. Isbell, assistant moderator, introduced the speaker of the hour, Eld. Paul Jones. Jonah, 1st chapter, 110. Prayer by Eld. Jones. Text: "The Call of God." Concluded by Eld. W. S. Isbell.

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. Frank Harris to meet at 9:30 a.m.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing.

Song, "Amazing Grace" led by Bro. Dan Coffman.

Song led by Bro. T. L. Tackett.

Scripture Lesson, 1st Timothy, 2:1-6, read by Assistant Moderator, Eld. W. S. Isbell.

Prayer by Bro. J. C. Jones.

Song led by Sis. Clydie Coffman.

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

SLATY CROSSING—Bro. Gus Isom.

ST. JOE—Sis. Betty McKinney, Sis. Cora Davis, Sis. Cora Burris, Sis. Mary Ruth Wright, clerk.

UNION GROVE—Bro. Bob Sanders, Ralph Whittenburg, T. L. Tackett, Sis. Edith Whittenburg, clerk.

OAK GROVE—Bro. James Johnston, Bro. Lee Johnston, Sister Ila Jeane Hice, Sis. Mary Johnston, clerk.

WELCOME HOME—Sis. Arvena Cook, Sis. Geneva Crouch and Sister Wanda Cook.

HARMONY—Sis. Bobbie Venable, Bro. Dan Coffman.

WALNUT GROVE—Sis. Nola Coffman, Bro. C. T. Marple and wife.

PINE RIDGE—Sis. Hazle Ballard, Sis. Vera Davis, Sis. Nina Duvall.

RUSSELLVILLE—Bro. and Sis. Frant Duvall, Sis. Goldie Maxwell.

HICKORY GROVE—Sis. Melissa Robinson, Gene Robinson, Bro. Joseph Hubbard.

MT. HOME—Bro. and Sis. Ben Chronister.

RED OAK—Bro. & Sis. V. A. Yarbrough.

HOLMAN—Sis. Lottie Sparks, Louise Wilkins, and Sis. Mary Hopper.

JERUSALEM—Bro. L. G. Henderson, H. Reid, Elmo McCoy and Orian Kelsey.

DUBLIN—By letter.

ZION HOPE—

MORELAND—Sis. Chloe Leavell, Bro. Virgle Leavell, Bro. O. J. Chronister, Sis. Blanche Duvall, clerk.

NEW LIBERTY—Sis. Prue Jones and Bro. Marvin White.

MT. VERNON—Bro. Dolan Burris.

MAPLE SPRINGS—Bro. W. M. Bowden, Glynn Lathum and Stanton Lathum.

KIMBRELL CREEK—

LITTLE ROCK—Bro. J. C. Jones and Bro. and Sis. E. J. Ticer.

CHERRY HILL—by letter.

PHOENIX—Sis. Irma Duvall, Iva Byrum.  
 HECTOR—Sis. Bell Langford, Sis. Clytie Coffman, Sis. Susie Crouch and Eld. J. D. Coffman, clerk.  
 SWEET HOME—Sis. Lucille Compton, Sis. Lorene Compton, Sis. Louise Fridell, Bro. Charley Compton, clerk.  
 SOUTH MOUNTAIN—Bro. Cephos Cohey, Sis. Onie Cohey.  
 KENWOOD—Sis. Joann Douthit, Sis. Viola Segler, Sis. Joyce Crouch, and Sis. Hazel Douthitt, clerk.  
 PLEASANT GROVE—  
 HONORARY MEMBERS—Bro. J. J. West, Bro. M. A. Coffman, Sis. Mary Hopper, Sis. Blanch Duvall, Sis. Mary Moore, Sis. Nettie West, Sis. Mary Ann Kinder.  
 VISITING MINISTER—Eld. R. E. Pixley of Zion Hope Association No. 2.  
 VISITORS—Bro. and Sis. O. M. Alewine, Bro. R. W. Tyson, Sis. Ora Evans, from the Missionary Baptist Church.  
 The Committee on Divine Service announced that Eld. R. E. Pixley would fill the stand at 11 o'clock.  
 Songs led by Sis. Clytie Coffman, Bro. W. W. Crow and Sis. Mary Ruth Wright.  
 Prayer by Bro. J. J. West.  
 Song led by Sis. Goldie Maxwell.  
 Preaching by Eld. R. E. Pixley. Scripture lesson, 1st Timothy, 6.  
 Song, "I'll Fly Away".

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Bro. W. W. Crow.  
 Songs led by Sis. Goldie Maxwell and Sis. Clytie Coffman.  
 Scripture lesson, 8th Psalm, read by Bro. Bobbie Chronister.  
 Song led by Bro. Roy McCuin.  
 Prayer by Bro. M. A. Coffman.  
 By motion and second the Association adopted the rule of the state meeting in filling the list of delegates.  
 Committee on Constitution changes: Eld. O. T. Dixon, W. F. McGee and Lonnie Coffman.  
 Tardy letters received.  
 The assistant moderator Eld. W. S. Isbell, declared nominations in order for officers.  
 The Association further organized by electing the following: Eld. R. G. Webb, moderator; Eld. Ellis Warren, assistant moderator; Bro. E. O. Wright, re-elected clerk and treasurer; and Sis. Edith Whittenburg, assistant clerk.  
 Reading of Rules of Order by Clerk, Bro. E. O. Wright.  
 The moderator appointed the following committees: On Divine Service: Bros. T. L. Tackett, E. V. Leavel, G. B. Maxwell, Sis. Lottie Sparks and Sis. Malissa Robinson.  
 On Resultion: Eld. W. S. Isbell, Eld. T. V. Johnson, Eld. J. C. Jones, Eld. W. F. McGee, Eld. O. T. Dixon.  
 On Finance: Bros. E. O. Wright, C. T. Marple, J. J. West, Sis. Sylvia McCuin.  
 On Temperance: Bro. Frant Duvall, Sis. Prue Jones, Bro. Bobbie Chronister, Bro. E. J. Ticer, Bro. Ralph Whittenburg.  
 On Sabbath Schools: Bro. Joseph Hubbard, Sis. Alma Coffman, Bro. Bob Sanders, Sis. Jessie Robertson.  
 On Obituary: Bro. Ott Burris, Sis. Syble Teague, Sis. Lorene Harrison, Bro. W. M. Bowden.  
 Non-Represented and Union of Churches: Eld. J. D. Coffman, Bro. W. W. Crow, Bro. Dan Coffman, Bro. Dolan Burris, and Eld. Paul Jones.  
 Intermission for 30 minutes.  
 Assembled with singing led by Bro. T. L. Tackett.  
 Report of Constitution Committee received and committee discharged.



The Committee of Divine Service announced that Sis. Sylvia McCuin conduct devotional service and Eld. Lonnie Coffman and Eld. J. D. Kinder to fill the stand at night.

### FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Assembled with class singing led by different leaders.

Prayer by Eld. R. S. Harrison.

Song, "Glory To His Name".

Devotional service conducted by Sis. Sylvia McCuin.

Song, "Amazing Grace".

Preaching by Eld. Lonnie Coffman.

Scripture Lesson, Matt. 16:13-19. Text, "Whom Say Ye That I Am".

Concluded by Eld. J. D. Kinder.

Dismissed by Eld. John Parks.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Bro. Dan Coffman and Bro. C. T. Marple.

Scripture Lesson, St. John 1:1-15, read by Bro. E. J. Ticer.

Prayer by Sis. Alma Coffman.

Song led by Bro. Gus Isom.

Moderator declared Association open for business.

Resolution No. 1 and No. 2 adopted.

The Committee on Divine Service announced that Eld. J. A. Venable conclude the memorial service.

Dismissed by Bro. Oren Kelsey to meet at 1:30.

Intermission.

Assembled with singing led by Bro. Gus Isom.

Prayer by Eld. C. U. Kinder.

Song led by Eld. J. D. Coffman.

As this was Memorial Service, the Obituary Committee reported the following named brothers and sisters who have departed this life since our last Association:

ST. JOE—Bro. Nat Dawson, Bro. Burl Harris, Bro. Ernest Burris.

HARMONY—Bro. J. L. Stanton.

WALNUT GROVE—Sis. R. L. Taylor and Bro. H. W. Coffman.

RUSSELLVILLE—Sis. Hatley, Sis. Rainey, Bro. John Craig, Sis. Hipps.

MOUNTAIN HOME—Bro. W. S. Ferrell, Bro. Edd Chronister.

RED OAK—Sis. Jane Pruitt.

Eld. R. G. Webb spoke in memory of Bro. Nat Dawson, Bro. Burl Harris and Sis. Jane Pruitt.

Eld. W. S. Isbell spoke in memory of Bro. Ernest Burris, Sis. Hipps, Sis. Rainey and Bro. Edd Chronister.

Elder W. F. McGee spoke in memory of Bro. J. L. Stanton, Sis. Hatley, Bro. John Craig.

Eld. C. U. Kinder spoke in memory of Sis. R. L. Taylor.

Eld. T. J. Robertson spoke in Memory of Bro. W. S. Ferrell.

Eld. J. A. Venable concluded the Memorial Service.

Song and handshake.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Bro. E. O. Wright, Bro. Eugene Hubbard and Bro. Les Coffman.

Scripture lesson, Psalm 126, read by Sis. Prue Jones.

Moderator declared Association open for business.

Motion made and carried to elect a member on the Ordaining

Council to take the place of Eld. W. E. Coffman and Eld. T. J. Robertson was elected. By motion the youngest member will come off first.

By motion and second, Eld. Lonnie Coffman made a report on the Bible College at Nashville, Tenn.

The Moderator declared nominations in order for next Association and Red Oak church was selected to meet in 1954. Eld. J. D. Kinder to preach the introductory sermon and Eld. J. D. Coffman as alternate.

Election of State Delegates: Bro. Ralph Whittenburg, Bro. Frant Duvall, Bro. James E. Johnston, Sis. Clytie Coffman, Bro. Gus Isom. As Alternate Delegates: Bro. John Teel, Bro. E. V. Leavell, Sis. Prue Jones, Bro. J. C. Jones, Bro. Dan Coffman.

The Committee on Divine Service announced that Eld. W. F. McGee conducted devotional, Eld. J. D. Coffman and W. A. Crouch to fill the stand at night.

Report of Resolution Committee.

Report of Sabbath School Committee.

Report of Temperance Committee.

Report of Non-Rep. and Union of Churches.

Dismissed by Eld. J. D. Kinder.

### SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Assembled with singing led by different leaders and special numbers for 45 minutes enjoyment.

A love offering of \$62.32 was given to Sis. Kitty Virden.

Prayer by Eld. T. V. Johnson.

Devotional service conducted by Eld. W. F. McGee.

Prayer by Eld. Coffman.

Preaching by Eld. J. D. Coffman. Text: Hebrew 6:1.

Song.

Concluded by W. A. Crouch.

Resolution of Thanks: Be it resolved that we, the officers and delegates and visiting members of the Association, wish to extend the Oak 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.

Dismissed by Eld. R. B. Venable.

### SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

After Sabbath School, assembled with singing led by Bro. E. O. Wright.

Preaching by Moderator, Eld. R. G. Webb.

Scripture Lesson: 15 chapter of Acts.

Dismissed.

Eld. R. G. Webb, Moderator.

Bro. E. O. Wright, Clerk and Treasurer

### REPORT OF COMMITTEES

#### Resolutions No. 1

Resolve that we, the Antioch Association of Free Will Baptist go on record and endorse the Free Will Baptist College of Nashville, Tenn., and urge all who can to go there for Christian education and training, especially our young ministers. And we recommend that each church take an offering each quarter and send to the quarterly meeting to be divided equally between any students that may be attending said college from our local Association, said offering to be known as educational funds.

—Committee.

### **Resolutions No. 2**

Whereas, Rev. Lonnie Coffman is a minister of Antioch Association and his wife and daughter are also members of our denomination, as they are transferring their membership and taking pastoral work in New Hope Association we feel we have lost valuable material for service, but we bid them God's speed in their work wherever their lot is and we recommend them without question. —Committee.

### **Resolutions No. 3**

We, the Ministers and Deacons Conference while in session with Kenwood church August 28, 1953, recommend that the churches of our Association that have young men that feel that God has called them to the ministry, license said ones for a period of one year. —Committee.

### **Resolutions No. 4**

Be it resolved that our Ordaining Council be set up so as to rotate the terms of its members so as to have one member who would be replaced or re-elected each year. For example :one member to serve one year; one two years; and so on. This would insure the body of an active committee from year to year.

And be it further resolved that when any member of said Committee absent himself from the bounds of this Association for a period of six month, or ceases to hold membership in this Association that his place shall be declared vacant. —Committee.

### **Resolutions No. 5**

Be it resolved that there by a committee appointed to take care of tardy letters and others entitled to seats in this body; and also to list all ministers and deacons present. —Committee.

### **Sabbath School**

We find all churches have Sunday School but one and we urge the pastor and deacons to make a special effort to organize Sunday School. We feel that churches should show more interest in young people and give them a place to work. We recommend that all Sunday Schools use Freewill Baptist literature and to use Christians as teachers. —Committee.

### **TEMPERANCE**

We contend that strong drink is one of our greatest evils today. Its influence leads to great crime and moral standpoint of our great nation and churches. We your committee recommend our influence of all churches to help stamp out the manufacture and sale of strong drinks. —Committee.

### **Non-represented and Union of Churches**

We find all churches represented either by letter or delegate, except Zion Hope. Cause unknown. —Committee.

### **Finance**

We, your Finance Committee, have collected the sum of \$71.00 for state funds; \$61.50 for Antioch funds with \$20.00, donation \$12.50 for use of mimeograph machine. —Committee.

### **Constitution Amendment**

Be it resolved that Section One of the Constitution be amended as follows: In the event of the failure of part or all of the elected delegation to report by 1:30 p.m. Friday that said vacancy be filled providing some official or delegate from said church recommend others for said vacancies. —Committee.

### **The Examining Council for Ordination:**

Eld. T. J. Robertson, Eld. W. F. McGee, Eld. W. A. Crouch, Eld. W. S. Isbell, Eld. R. G. Webb



## 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 conformity to the world, from all sanctions 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 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, 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 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 said 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. 8:16; 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 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. 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 37:24; 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: 9-13, 25; 2-9-24; 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; 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 sons 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. 29-29; St. John 13:1-18; Matt. 26:27, 29, 29.

11. **THE SABBATH**—We believe that the Christian Sabbath should be observed as a day of rest 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, impressed His ministers with the burden of lost souls, to the extent that the call become 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 20:29; 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 of the combined forces of the great enemy of souls on earth and in Hell (or in his eternal abode) are not able to pucker 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. 10:1-31; 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. 1:4-18; Rev. 14:-13; Acts 17:31; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; II Cor. 5:10; Math. 12:36-37; Rev. 20:12-13.

### **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 consecration 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. 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 mediator 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 several 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 of 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

1	M. A. Thompson, Jerusalem	22	W. F. McGee, Russellville
2	A. F. Banks, Atkins, R. 1	23	W. S. Isbell, 605 East G St., Russellville
3	Edgar Alderson, Clarksville	24	R. L. Taylor, Hector
4	E. L. Hill, Atkins, R. 3	25	Frank Harris, Russellville, R. 2
5	Coy Douthit, Atkins, R. 2	26	J. A. Venable, Dumas, R. 1
6	Hershel Burris, Ft. Smith	27	J. D. Coffman, Hector
7	Auvaugh Vaughn, Moreland	28	R. G. Webb, Atkins
8	G. Z. Claybourn -	29	C. U. Kinder, Russellville, R. 4
9	W. E. Coffman, Hector, R. 1	30	J. D. Kinder, Caglesville
10	T. J. Robertson, Dover, R. 3	31	P. C. Denton, Scranton
11	J. E. Phillips, Oklahoma	32	A. J. Lathum, R 2, Russellville
12	John Parks, Morrilton, R. 1	33	T. V. Johnson, Russellville, R 4
13	Thomas Breashears, Russellville	34	R. B. Venable, Atkins
14	J. M. Crouch, Atkins, R. 2	35	Ellis Warren, Russellville, R. 4
15	Junior Procter, Dover	36	Lytle Hallum, Russellville, R. 2
16	Paul Jones, Marshall, R. 2	37	Melvin Snow, North Little Rock, R. 2
17	Will Crouch, Atkins, R. 2	38	E. Henderson, Carruthersville, Mo.
18	Everett G. Farnun, Little Rock, R 2	39	W. A. Crouch, Hector
19	R. S. Harrison, Little Rock	40	O. T. Dixon, Russellville
20	Fate Mize, Watts		
21	Homer Eakin, Russellville, R. 4		

### 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. Motion 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 of 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.



Churches	Moderator Last Year	Moderator This Year	Clerk and Postoffice	Received	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Prayer Meeting	Sunday School Attendance	League	Minute Fund	Paid Pastor	Paid Other Ministers	Total Paid Out	Days of Meeting	Membership
1 Slaty Crossing 1	J. D. Kinder	J. D. Kinder	Lola Fay Crawford, Dardanelle	14	1				80		\$5.50	\$ 302.84	\$ 80.67	\$ 751.38	1-3	180
2 St. Joe 2	T. J. Robertson	W. F. McGee	Ott Burris, Atkins, R. 3		4		2				5.50	99.23	27.38	282.79	3	75
3 Union Grove 3	J. D. Kinder	J. D. Kinder	Edith Whittenburg, Atkins	3	8			Yes	65	Yes	5.50	335.30			2-4	100
4 Oak Grove 4	Curtis Libarger	Ellis Warren	Mary Johnston, Russellville R. 4	4	7	1			40		5.50	275.00	22.00	797.00	1	123
5 Welcome Home 5	T. J. Robertson	Lytle Hallum	Arvina Cook, Hector, R. 1	8	2			Yes	60	Yes	5.50	151.60	46.00	467.60	4	110
6 Harmony 6	Thos Breashaers	Thos Breashears	Cleat Craig, Russellville	26	3		1		75	Yes	5.50	828.75	48.75	1055.50	FT	109
7 Walnut Grove 7	C. U. Kinder	Lytle Hallum	Berniece Beavers, Hector		4		2		22	Yes	5.50	48.75		77.85	1	82
8 Pine Ridge 8	T. J. Robertson	C. U. Kinder	Uma Caudle, Atkins, R. 1						30		5.50	126.00	61.00	222.00	1	87
9 Russellville 9	Othel Dixon	Othel Dixon	Mrs. Don McGee, Russellville	38	3		4	Yes	121	Yes	5.50	2400.00	150.00	6675.00	FT	143
10 Hickory Grove 10	R. G. Webb	R. G. Webb	Mrs. F. E. Forbes, Casa, R. 1	1				Yes	35		5.50	255.00	50.00	315.00	1-3	76
11 Mt. Home 11	T. J. Robertson	Jr. Procter	Frank Townsend, Hagerville	14	1		2	Yes	60		5.50	203.00	90.00	293.00	1	75
12 Red Oak 12	R. G. Webb	Paul Jones	Myrtle Coleston, Rock Springs	13		2	1	Yes	75		5.50	350.00	132.00	482.00		84
13 Holman 13	C. U. Kinder	C. U. Kinder	Erie Crottes, Lamar, R. 2						35		5.50	142.89		159.21	4	57
14 Jerusalem 14	W. E. Coffman	Auvaugh Vaughn	Oma Clariday, Jerusalem					Yes	35		5.50	166.42	126.30	369.44	2	53
15 Dublin 15	R. G. Webb	R. G. Webb	Garner Denton, Scranton	1	1			Yes	55	Yes	5.50	203.99	40.00	243.99	3	46
16 Zion Hope 16																
17 Moreland 16	C. U. Kinder	R. G. Webb	Blanche Duvall, Moreland		2				38		5.50	130.59	56.60	170.27	2	42
18 New Liberty 17	Ellis Warren	T. J. Robertson	Stella Farnun, Delaware						35		5.50	236.20		756.20	1-3	42
19 Mt. Vernon 18	Ellis Warren	Ellis Warren	Ruth Burris, Russellville, R. 4	5					25	Yes	5.50	95.06		215.06	3	41
20 Maple Springs 19	Ellis Warren	Ellis Warren	Lois Gideon, Russellville, R. 2	1					35		5.50	190.00	69.25	264.81	2-4	39
21 Kimbrell Creek 20																
22 Little Rock 20	M. H. Snow	R. S. Harrison	Dovie Barnes, Little Rock, R. 2	6	1	1		Yes	40	Yes	5.50	214.10	64.45	554.55	FT	35
23 Cherry Hill 21		Coy Douthitt	Masel Brown, Perryville					Yes	100		2.00					16
24 Phoenix 22	C. U. Kinder	Lytle Hallum	Nola Bruce, Dover, R. 3						30		4.50	71.00	20.00	257.00	3	114
25 Hector 23	W. E. Coffman	J. D. Coffman	Martha Crouch, Hector	2		1			28		5.50	76.50	97.67	201.34	FT	15
26 Sweet Home 24	Ellis Warren	R. G. Webb	Charley Compton, Atkins						18		5.00	47.96	20.00	1000.00	2	25
27 South Mt. 25	W. A. Crouch	Lytle Hallum	Vada Kimbrell, Marshall					Yes	35	Yes	5.50	194.63	47.70	734.04	1-3	12
28 Kenwood 26	J. M. Crouch	J. M. Crouch	Hazle Douthitt, Atkins, R. 2	13				Yes	45		5.00		85.28	1200.00	1	32
29 Pleasant Grove 27	Paul Jones	Paul Jones	Grace McDaniel, Marsena	4					35		5.50	100.00			3	15

29 Welcome Home No. 1. E.D. Johnson  
Cannon, Ark.

16.28

17.25