

MINUTES
of the
SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
of the
Antioch Association
Of Freewill Baptists

HELD WITH RED OAK CHURCH
SEARCY COUNTY, ARKANSAS
September 9-10-11-12, 1954

Next Session Will Be Held With
KENWOOD CHURCH. CONWAY COUNTY
Beginning on Thursday Night Before the Second Sunday
in September, 1955

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

ELD. PAUL JONES **Assistant Moderator**
Marshall, Ark.

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

SIS. PRUE JONES **Assistant Clerk**
Blaine, Ark.

MINUTES OF ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION

Sixty-third Annual Session Which Met in Regular Session
With Red Oak Church, September 9-10-11-12, 1954

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opened with singing led by Bro. Grady Horton, Bro. E. O. Wright, and Bro. W. W. Crow.

Prayer by Eld. T. J. Robertson.

Song led by Bro. E. O. Wright.

Moderator, Eld. R. G. Webb, conducted devotional service and introduced Eld. J. D. Kinder, the speaker of the hour.

Scripture Lesson, Psalm 133:1-4. Text, Gen. 3:9, "Where Art Thou."

Adjourned with prayer by Eld. R. G. Webb to meet at 9:30 Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Bro. E. O. Wright.

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

Prayer by Eld. Frank Harris.

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

SLATY CROSSING—By letter.

ST. JOE—Bro. Bill Duvall.

UNION GROVE—Bro. Bob Haralson, Sis. Olgie Wright, Sis. Thelma English, Sis. Vina Tylor, clerk.

OAK GROVE—Sis. Nina Warren, Zula Hice, Bro. Newton Hice.

WELCOME HOME NO. 2—Bro. R. C. Crouch.

HARMONY—Bro. Dan Coffman, Clyde Bunton.

WALNUT GROVE—By letter.

PINE RIDGE—By letter.

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

HICKORY GROVE—Bro. Joseph Hubbard.

MT. HOME—Bro. and Sis. Edward O. Chronister. Sis. James Jones.

RED OAK—Sis. Ora House, Elmo House, Bro. Virgil Yarbrough, Sis. Myrtle Coulson, Clerk.

HOLMAN—Sis. Lottie Sparks, Rose MGee and Sis. Mary Hopper.

JERUSALEM—Sis. Lovella Clairday, Betty McCoy, Doris Jean Adams.

DUBLIN—Sis. Minnie White and Sis. Whitby.

MORELAND—Bro. Bobbie Joe Chronister.

NEW LIBERTY—Sis. Prue Jones.

MT. VERNON—By letter.

MAPLE SPRINGS—Sis. Lucy Bowden and Sis. Lois Gideon, Clerk.

LITTLE ROCK—Bro. Luther Chapple, Sis. Stella Dean, and Maudie Gision.

CHERRY HILL—By letter.

PHOENIX—Bros. Russell Hendrix, Odis Burris, Robert Simpson.

HECTOR—By letter.

SWEET HOME—By letter.

SOUTH MT.—Bro. and Sis. Cephos Cohey.

KENWOOD—Sis. Joann and Ella Mae and Bro. Wayne Douthit. Sis. Hazel Douthit, Clerk.

The right hand of Christian fellowship was extended.

Moderator appointed a Committee on Divine Service: Sis. Minnie White, Bro. Henry Teel, and Sis. Ora House.

The Committee announced Eld. T. J. Robertson to fill the stand at eleven, and Eld. Thomas Breashears to conclude.

Dismissed by Bro. Dan Coffman to meet at 1:30.

Intermission.

Assembled with singing led by Bro. W. W. Crow. Prayer by Eld. R. S. Harrison.

Song led by Bro. Crow.

Preaching by Eld. T. J. Robertson. Scripture, Nehemiah 8:7-15; Phillippi 2:1-13. Text, Nehemiah 4:6 "Building".

Concluded by Eld. Thomas Breashears, reading 1 Cor. 2:1-5. Continued with hand shake. Benediction by Bro. Henry Teel.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with singing.

Scripture Lesson, 23rd Psalm, read by Bro. Wayne Douthit.

Prayer by Sis. Minnie White.

Opened by Moderator, Elder R. G. Webb.

The Association further organized by electing the following officers: Eld. R. G. Webb, Moderator; Eld. Paul Jones, Assistant Moderator; Bro. E. O. Wright, Clerk and Treasurer; and Sis. Prue Jones, Assistant Clerk.

Tardy letters.

Honorary members: Sis. Ida Brown, Sis. Mary Hopper, Bro. T. L. Tackett.

Visiting minister: Eld. Carl Davis of Big Springs Association.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Resolutions: Eld. W. F. McGee, Eld. Coy Douthit, Eld. J. D. Kinder.

On Finance—Bro. E. O. Wright, Clerk, Eld. W. A. Crouch, Sis. Lorene Harrison and Sis. Lucy Bowden.

On Temperance — Eld. John Parks, Sis. Lois Gideon, Sis. Obeta Jones.

Sabbath School—Sis. Goldie Maxwell, Sis. Hazel Douthit, Sis. Olge Wright.

On Obituary—Bro. J. D. Cypert, Sis. Ada Webb, Bro. Frant Duvall.

Committee on Non-Represented and Union of Churches:—Bro. Bob Haralson, Bro. Loy Smith, Bro. Dan Coffman.

Reading of Rules of Order by Clerk, Bro. E. O. Wright.

The Association called for new churches. Welcome Home No. 1 was presented and received with the delegates. Sis. Ethel Bohanon, Sis. Zula Mae Lathum and Bro. Drew Bailey.

Eld. J. D. Kinder was elected on the Examining Council for Ordination to fill the place of Eld. Webb.

The Committee on Divine Service announced that Eld. Lytal Hallum would fill the stand at night and Eld. R. S. Harrison conclude. Bro. Bob Haralson to give devotional.

Intermission.

Reassembled with singing led by Bro. E. O. Wright.

At this time the Association ordained two deacons of Welcome Home No. 1 Church: Bro. Archie Gates and Bro. Walter Bohanon. The Presbytery, Eld. W. F. McGee, Eld. R. G. Webb, Eld. W. A. Crouch, Deacons, Bro. W. W. Crow and Bro. Loy Smith. Prayer by Eld. W. F. McGee. Song and hand shake.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Henry Teel to meet at 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Assembled with congregational singing directed by different leaders at which a 30-minute song service was enjoyed.

Prayer by all Christians.

Devotional service conducted by Bro. Bob Haralson.

Preaching by Eld. R. S. Harrison. Scripture lesson, Psalms 60:14-16. Concluded by Eld. Lytle Hallum. Scripture reading, Ezekial 33:1-10. Text "Why Will Ye Die."

Dismissed with prayer by Sis. Ada Webb.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Bro. Roy McCuin. Scripture lesson, 133rd Psalm, read by Bro. Loy Smith. Prayer by Sis. Mary Hopper. Song, "I'll Meet You in the Morning" led by Bro. E. O. Wright.

Tardy letters received.

Talk by Bro. Henry Teel.

Eld. W. S. Isbell made his report on Home Missions. Report accepted. Eld. Isbell was re-elected.

Motion made and seconded to appointed a committee to recommend compensation to Eld. Isbell: Eld. O. T. Dixon, Eld. J. D. Kinder, and Eld. Thomas Breashears.

Intermission, with prayer by Bro. W. W. Crow.

Re-assembled with singing led by Bro. Crow.

Prayer by Eld. Ellis Warren.

At this time the Obituary Committee reported the following named Brothers and Sisters have departed this life since our last Association:

RUSSELLVILLE CHURCH—Bro. Archer Savage.

JERUSALEM—Bro. Ike Adams.

ST. JOE—Sis. Etta Burris, Sis. Sinda Easlin, Eld. R. B. Venable.

HICKORY GROVE—Bro. R. P. Hamilton, Sis. Elsie Kitch.

NEW LIBERTY—Sis. Johnnie Mellon.

RED OAK—Sis. Myrtle Lewis.

KIMBRELL CREEK—Bro. Oliver Cotton.

DUBLIN—Bro. W. W. White.

OAK GROVE—Bros. G. G. Brown and George V. Johnson, Sis. Kitty Virden.

As this was memorial Bro. E. O. Wright assisted the Committee.

Eld. W. S. Isbell spoke in memory of Bro. Kimbrell, Bro. Ike Adams, Sis. Etta Burris, Bro. George W. Johnson, Bro. R. P. Hamilton, Sis. Elsie Kitch.

Eld. Thomas Breashears spoke in memory of Eld. R. B. Venable.

Eld. W. F. McGee spoke in memory of Sis. Sinda Easlin and Sis. Johnnie Mellon.

Eld. Ellis Warren spoke in memory of Sis. Kitty Virden.

Eld. O. T. Dixon spoke in memory of Bro. Archer Savage.

Eld. R. G. Webb spoke in memory of Bro. G. G. Brown, Sis. Myrtle Lewis, Bro. W. W. White, Bro. Oliver Cotton.

Songs, "There Is a Fountain", "Anywhere Is Home", "Precious Memories". Handshake. Dismissed by Eld. O. T. Dixon.

Rev. E. D. Johnson expressed thanks at the table Friday noon, Eld. W. F. McGee expressed thanks Saturday noon.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Bro. E. O. Wright and Sis. Hazel Douthit.

Scripture lesson, 51st Psalm 1-1 read by Eld. John Parks.

Prayer by Eld. W. F. McGee.

Moderator, Eld. R. G. Webb, declared the Association for business.

Resolution No. 1 read, discussed and adopted. Motion made and carried to send a copy to Dr. Sawyer and Representatives and Congressmen.

Report of Sabbath School received.

Report of Non-Rep. and Union of Churches received.

Report of Recommendation Committee received and adopted.

Reading of questions to young ministers read and adopted.

The Moderator declared nomination in order for home for next Association and Kenwood was selected to meet in September, 1955.

Eld. Thomas Breashears was selected to preach the introductory sermon and Eld. Bob Chronister as alternate.

Election of State Delegates, Bros. Joseph Hubbard and Frant Duvall; Sisters Prue Jones, Georgia Haralson and Obeta Jones.

Alternate Delegates: Bro. Bill Duvall, Sisters Gertie Crow, Goldie Maxwell, Olgie Wright and Rose McGee.

The Committee on Divine Service announced that Eld. John Parks would conduct devotional service, Bro. Bob Chronister and Eld. C. U. Kinder to fill the stand at night.

Dismissed by Eld. Lonnie Coffman.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Assembled with singing directed by different leaders at which a good service was enjoyed.

Prayer by Eld. W. F. McGee.

Song led by Bro. E. O. Wright.

Devotional service conducted by Eld. John Parks.

Song, "This World Is Not My Home"

Preaching by Bro. Bob Chronister.

Scripture Lesson, Genesis, 6:1-8. Text: Jeremiah 16-6 "The Way"

Concluded by Eld. C. U. Kinder.

Resolution of Thanks—Be it resolved that we, the officers and delegates and visiting members of the Association, wish to extend the Red Oak 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. T. J. Robertson.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

After Sabbath School, assembled with singing "It Is Love", led by Bro. Grady Harton.

Prayer by Eld. W. F. McGee.

Preaching by Eld. McGee. Scripture lesson, St. Matthew, 11th chapt. Text: Malakiah 3. "Behold I Will Send My Messenger".

Song, "You never mentioned him to me". Hand shake. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Grady Horton to meet with Kenwood Church in 1955.

Eld. R. G. Webb, Moderator.

Bro. E. O. Wright, Clerk and Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Resolution No. 1:

Whereas a colony of nudist worshippers has been organized in our state (Arkansas) and there is more than three million (3,000,000) of these people in the United States, and whereas Brother B. Sawyer, a radio preacher from KWHN, Fort Smith, Arkansas, is waging a strong protest against this movement and now has two bills drawn to present to the Legislature to take all literature off the newsstands that carry their worship in any form; also, make it a penalty for any form of their worship to be carried on in this State, Be It Resolved that we, the Antioch Association of Free Will Baptist, now in session with Red Oak Church near Marshall, Arkansas, September 11, 1954, go on record strongly endorsing the Brother's protest against such an ungodly, disgraceful, brutish, immoral, nudist movement to be carried on in our beloved State, one hundred percent and urge our law-making body to see that these two bills become a law in their original form as drawn and presented by Rev. Sawyer.

Comm.: Eld. W. F. McGee, Eld. C. E. Douthit, Eld. J. D. Kinder.

Sabbath School

We find all churches have Sunday Schools 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 Free Will 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 or sale of strong drinks.—Committee.

Non-Rep. - Union of Churches

We find that all are represented in this Association and working in unity except Zion Hope, Kimbrell Creek and Pleasant Valley.
—Committee.

Finance

We, your Committee on Finance, have collected from the different church for Antioch Minutes \$67.50; for State Funds \$74.00; for use of mimeograph machine \$12.50. Total \$154.00.

Committee.

Recommendation Committee

We, your committee, make recommendation to the Association for the support of our contact man, hereby make the following recommendation: That he be authorized to accept for himself the amount of \$5.00 to \$7.00 per service, the exact amount shall be determined by the contact man based on his own judgment in the light of the attendance and offerings, but not to fall under the amount of \$5.00 nor to exceed \$7.00.—Committee.

Report of Contact Man

As contact man of Antioch Association for Home Missions I beg leave to submit the following report:

I have visited 18 churches. delivered 30 messages which I believe has helped our people to better understand the purpose of home missions. Received a total of \$209.94 plus \$11.66 from Welcome Church as a love offering which was very much appreciated.

I have had invitations from most of our other churches, but have not been able to get to them as yet. I believe that there are many doors of opportunity that stand open to our denomination that can be entered through the medium of Home Missions.—Eld. W. S. Isbell.

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.

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. In the event of the failure of part or all of the elected delegation to report by 1:30 p.m. Saturday that said vacancy be filled, providing some official or delegate from said church recommend others for said vacancies.

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 99:6; St. John 1:14; Luke 1:23-28; 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 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. 10:1-31; 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 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 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

M. A. Thompson, Jerusalem
A. F. Banks, Atkins, R. 1
Edgar Alderson, Clarksville
E. L. Hill, Atkins, R. 3
Coy Douthit, Atkins, R. 2
Hershel Burris, Ft. Smith
Auvaugh Vaughn, Moreland
G. Z. Claybourn -
W. E. Coffman, Hector, R. 1
T. J. Robertson, Dover, R. 3
J. E. Phillips, Oklahoma
John Parks, Morrilton, R. 1
Thomas Breashears,
Russellville, R. 2
J. M. Crouch, Atkins, R. 2
Junior Procter, Dover
Paul Jones, Marshall, R. 4
Will Crouch, Atkins, R. 2
Everett G. Farnun, Little Rock, R. 2
R. S. Harrison, Little Rock
Fate Mize, Watts
Homer Eakin, Russellville, R. 4

R. L. McVey, Atkins
W. F. McGee, Lamar, R. 1
W. S. Isbell, 605 East G St.,
Russellville
R. L. Taylor, Hector
Frank Harris, Russellville, R. 2
J. A. Venable, Dumas, R. 1
J. D. Coffman, Hector
R. G. Webb, Atkins
C. U. Kinder, Russellville, R. 4
J. D. Kinder, Caglesville
F. C. Denton, Scranton
A. J. Lathum, R. 2, Russellville
T. V. Johnson, Russellville, R. 4
Ellis Warren, Russellville, R. 4
Lytle Hallum, Russellville, R. 2
Melvin Snow, Scranton
E. Henderson, Carruthersville, Mo.
W. A. Crouch, Hector
O. T. Dixon, Russellville
Clarence Campbell, Russellville

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 per-
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.

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
Slaty Crossing	J. D. Kinder	J. D. Kinder	Lois Robinson Dardanelle R. 1	1	2			Yes	65	Yes	\$4.50	\$250.88	\$120.00	\$507.19	1-3	117
St. Joe	W. F. McGee	W. F. McGee	Ott Burris, Atkins R. 3		2		3				5.50	104.65	16.65	121.30	3	140
Union Grove	J. D. Kinder	J. D. Kinder	Vina Tyler, Atkins, R. 3	23	7			Yes	80	Yes	5.50	393.50	230.00	1087.70	2-4	118
Oak Grove	Ellis Warren	Ellis Warren	Mary Johnson, Russellville R. 4	7	6	1	3		40		6.00	260.30		467.80	1	119
Welcome Home No. 2	Lytle Hallum	W. E. Coffman	Arvina Cook, Hector, R. 1	2		1		Yes	65	Yes	5.50	163.00	67.76	821.64	2-4	108
Harmony	Thos. Breashears	Thos Breashears	Clete Craig, Russellville	26	2				80	Yes	5.50	921.93	75.00	1361.88	FT	112
Walnut Grove	Lytle Hallum			4	1				20	Yes	5.50	35.50		100.00	2	83
Pine Ridge	C. U. Kinder	C. U. Kinder	Euna Caudle, Atkins R. 1	2	4				30		5.50	175.00	25.00	200.00	2-4	75
Russellville	Othel Dixon	Othel Dixon	Jimmie Lou Smith, Russellville	28	5		1	Yes	127	Yes	5.50	3225.00	415.00	108,117.00	FT	166
Hickory Grove	R. G. Webb	R. G. Webb	Lonnie Ashcraft, Casa, R. 1	6			2	Yes	40		5.50	423.50	190.00	643.50	1-3	80
Mt. Home	Jr. Proctor	Ellis Warren	Frank R. Townsend, Lamar, R. 3	20					36		5.50	145.00	145.00	300.00	2	95
Red Oak	Paul Jones	Paul Jones	Myrtle Coulson, Rock Springs	14	1		1		60		5.50	174.45	160.55	435.00	1-3	90
Holman	C. U. Kinder	C. U. Kinder	Erie Crotts, Lamar, R. 2						35		5.50	256.53	32.92	1200.00	1-3	35
Jerusalem	Auvaugh Vaughn	W. E. Coffman	Oma Clairday, Jerusalem	11	3		1	Yes	60		4.50	62.90	109.00	171.90	2-3	65
Dublin	R. G. Webb	Velvine Snow	Clarence Barnett, Scranton	8	2			Yes	40	Yes	5.50	142.00	50.00	192.00	3	32
Moreland	R. G. Webb	R. G. Webb	Blanche Duvall, Moreland	7					34		5.00	212.87	23.75	243.18	2-4	52
New Liberty	T. J. Robertson	T. J. Robertson	Stella Farnum, Deleware				1		35		5.50	330.15	58.15	388.30	1-3	41
Mt. Vernon	Ellis Warren	Ellis Warren	Ruth Burris, Russellville, R. 4	4					25		5.50	79.95		104.75	3	47
Maple Springs	Ellis Warren	Lytle Hallum	Lois Gideon, Russellville, R. 2	6	1				30		5.50	146.00		146.00	1-4	44
Little Rock	R. S. Harrison	R. S. Harrison	Dovie Barnes, N. L. R., R. 2, Box 88E	10	6				36		8.00	168.54	26.00	591.02	FT	42
Cherry Hill	Coy Douthitt	Coy Douthitt	Masel Brown, Perryville	1				Yes	50		4.00	102.50		102.50	2	19
Phoenix	Lytle Hallum	Lytle Hallum	Alma Burris, Dover	12				Yes	45		5.50	115.13	52.13	850.47	3	26
Hector	J. D. Coffman	J. D. Coffman	Martha Crouch, Hector	2					28		5.50	12.00	5.00	805.10	FT	17
Sweet Home	R. G. Webb	R. G. Webb	Charley Compton, Atkins R. 3	3					20		5.00	160.00	40.00	200.00	2	30
South Mt.	Lytle Hallum	Paul Jones	Evelyn Thompson, Watts	5					35		5.50	154.95	20.00	174.95	4	16
Kenwood	J. M. Crouch	Coy Douthitt	Hazel Douthitt, Atkins	8				Yes	42		5.50	80.11	63.64	143.75	1-3	40
Pleasant Grove	Paul Jones															
Welcome Home No. 1																
Kimbrell Creek																

Total Received 210, Dismissed 45, Excluded 2, Died 13, Prayer Meetings 12, Sunday School attendance 1158, League 9, Minute Fund \$141.50, Paid Pastor, \$8,091.25, Paid Other Ministers 1,525.65, Membership 1811.