

MINUTES
of the
SIXTY FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
Antioch Association
Of Free Will Baptists

HELD WITH NEW LIBERTY CHURCH
LOGAN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SEPTEMBER 6-7-8-9, 1956

Next Session Will Be Held With
HARMONY CHURCH, POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
Beginning on Thursday Night Before the Second Sunday
In September - 1957

ELDER ELLIS WARREN Moderator
Russellville, Arkansas

ELDER R. G. WEBB Assistant Moderator
Atkins, Arkansas

BROTHER E. O. WRIGHT Clerk and Treasurer
Atkins, Arkansas

ELDER BOBBY J. CHRONISTER Assistant Clerk
Moreland, Arkansas

MINUTES OF ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION

Sixty-fifth Annual Session Which Met in Regular Session
With New Liberty Church, September 6-7-8-9, 1956

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opened with singing led by Bro. W. W. Crow, Brother Randell Farnum, and Bro. H. A. Johnson.

United Prayer by all.

Opened by Clerk, Bro. E. O. Wright.

Devotional service led by Bro. Wright, who introduced Elder Bobby Joe Chronister, the one to preach the introductory sermon. Scripture Lesson, Nehemiah 2, 13-18. Text, Nehemiah 2-17 - Come let us build.

Adjourned with prayer, to meet at 9:30, Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Eld. Dale Munkus.

Songs by Bros. Roy McCuin, Lester Coffman, W. W. Crow.

The Association was opened by assistant Moderator, Elder R. G. Webb, by reading Romans 3, 1-5.

Prayer by Elder Thomas Brashear.

Song led by Elder T. J. Robertson.

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

RUSSELLVILLE—Brother and Sister Frant Duvall, Brother Henry Campbell.

UNION GROVE—Bro. Grady Gipson, Sis. Ruby Eakes, Sis. Mary Ruth Wright.

ST. JOE—Sis. Alice Johnston, Sis. Betty McKinney, Bro. Bill Duvall.

HARMONY—Bro. C. W. Craig, Bro. Lee Johnson, Bro. J. C. Williamson.

OAK GROVE NO. 2—Brother Newton Hice, Sis. Nina Warren, Sis. Mary Johnston, clerk

SLATY CROSSING—Brother Junior Crawford.

HOLMAN—Brother Harrison Black, Sister Rose McGee.

HOT SPRINGS—Sister Mollie Lestenberger, Sister Pauline Burrough, Sister Joan Ewing.

RED OAK—Brother Willie Lewis.

PINE RIDGE—By letter.

MT. HOME—Sister Susie Hutchins, Brother Walter Callahan, Brother Otho Chronister.

HICKORY GROVE—Sister Millise Robinson, Brother and Sister Elice Ramey

JERUSALEM—Brother and Sister L. G. Henderson.

WALNUT GROVE—Elder and Sister Bush

WELCOME HOME—Brother Donald McCuin, Sister Lora Bell Coffman, Sister Josephine McCuin.

MORELAND—Brother and Sister Ellis Johnson, and Sister Zona Chronister.

MAPLE SPRINGS—Brother and Sister W. M. Bowden, Lois Gideon, Clerk.

MT. VERNON—Sister Louise Johnson.

KENWOOD—Brother and Sister Burris.

NEW LIBERTY—Brother Burl Farnum, Sister Odus Baker, Bro. Author Dixon.

DUBLIN—Sister Emmie Wages. Sister Minnie White, and Sister Leora Johnson.

SWEETHOME—Brother and Sister Elmer Polk, Brother Charley Compton, Clerk.

PHOENIX—Brother Alvin Mitchell, Brother Odis Burris.

LITTLE ROCK—Sister Lorene Lee.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN—Sister Darlene Thompson, Sister Mae Treat, Sister Evelyn Thompson, Clerk.

HECTOR—Sister Clytie Coffman, Clerk.

MORRILTON—By letter.

The right hand of Christian Fellowship was extended.

HONORARY MEMBERS—Sis. Mary Coffman, Sis. Blanche Duvall, Sis. Tennie Blair, Sis. Leora Johnson, Sis. Minnie White, Sis. Zona Chronister, Bro. and Sis. Wagner, Sis. Mary Farnum, Bro. Tom Farnum.

VISITING MEMBERS—Elder George Been, Old Mt. Zion Association, Eld. Elmer Turner and Eld. R. G. Lane, of Arkansas Association, Bro. and Sis. Joe Phillips, Arkansas Association, Bro. and Sister Emery Madison of Little Rock.

The moderator appointed a Committee on Divine Service: Bro. J. W. Craig, Sis. Ruby Eakes Sis. Lorene Lee.

The Committee reported Eld. Thomas Brashear fill the stand at 11 o'clock.

Intermission.

Assembled with singing led by Bro. E. O. Wright and Bro. Odis Burris.

Prayer led by Eld. Paul Jones
Song by Harmony Quartet, Brother Lester Coffman and Sis. Clytie Coffman.

Prayer led by Eld. J. D. Kinder.

Preaching by Elder Thomas Brashear. Scripture lesson 2nd Samuel 6 - 1 - 16. Text put back the Staves.

Dismissed by Eld. Loy Smith.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Bro. Odis Burris and Bro. Roy McCuin.

Scripture lesson, 23 Psalm read by Eld. Paul Jones.

Prayer by Eld. Lytle Hallum.

Opened for business by moderator Eld. Ellis Warren.

The Association further organized by electing the following officers: Elder Ellis Warren, Moderator; Elder R. G. Webb, Assistant Moderator; Bro. E. O. Wright, Clerk and Treasurer: Eld. Bobby Joe Chronister, Assistant Clerk.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Obituary - Sister Millise Robinson, Sister Gideon and Sister Sylvia McCuin; On Temperance, Elder John Parks, Brother Roy McCuin, Elder Melvin Snow; On Finance, Brother E. O. Wright, Elder Lytle Hallum, Elder T. J. Robertson; On Sabbath Schools, Sister Nona Kinder, Bro. W. M. Bowden, Sister Clytie Coffman: On Resolutions, Elders J. D. Kinder, W. F. McGee, W. S. Isbell, Dale Munkus, Thomas Brashear; Non-Rep, and Union of Churches - Sister Rose McGee, Elder A. J. Lathem and Brother Floyd Faubus.

Reading of rules of order by Clerk, Brother E. O. Wright.

Motion made and carried to give our visiting ministers some time to speak.

Talks by Elder Elmer Turner, Elder R G. Lane and Elder George Been.

Motion made and carried on the time to speak being five minute periods.

The committee on Devine Service announced that Elder George Been fill the stand at night and Elder Melvin Snow conduct devotional service.

Talk by Elder Fate Mize.

Talk by Brother W. W. Crow.

Motion for adjournment until 9 a. m. Saturday.

Dismissed with prayer by Elder Bobby Joe Chronister.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

After a 30 minute song service the Association was directed in prayer by Elder Rayburn Teague.

Song "Anywhere Is Home If Jesus Is There."

Song by Elder Melvin Snow "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand."

Devotional Service - Conducted by Elder Snow.

Song "Amazing Grace."

Song, "You Never Mentioned Him To Me", by Brother E. O. Wright.

Preaching by Elder Geo. Been. Prayer by Elder Been. Scripture lesson, 1st Psalms. Text-Eph. 4-3. Andeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

Dismissed by Elder W. F. McGee.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Clerk, Brother E. O. Wright and Sister Mammie Coffman.

Scripture Lesson; St. John 1, 1-5, read by Moderator, Elder Ellis Warren. Prayer by Dale Munkus.

Tardy Letters rec.

Motion made and carried to endorse the action of the Quarterly Meeting, concerning the Hot Springs Church. They were received in the Association as a new Church.

Elder Thomas Brashear was elected on the Advisory Council to take the place of Elder W. A. Crouch.

Committees on examination for ordination and Executive Elders, T. J. Robinson, W. F. McGee, J. D. Kinder, Ellis Warren and Thomas Brashear.

Recess 10 minutes.

Assembled with singing led by Sister Clytie Coffman and Elder Rayburn Teague.

Committee on Obituary reported. We find the following Brothers and Sisters have departed this life since our last Association.

Union Grove Church - Brother T. L. Tackett.

New Liberty Church - Sister Tennie Johnson and Brother Lawrence Birkhead.

Russellville Church - Sister Rosa Gilbreath and Brother William S. Campbell.

Mt. Vernon Church - Elder Elic Henderson and Sister Nancy Green.

Moreland Church - Sister Joe Eakin and Brother Frant Virden.

Hickory Grove Church - R. S. Teal.

Harmony Church - Brother J. J. West.

Oak Grove Church No. 2 - Sister Ola Isbell, Brother T. S. Arnold.

Slaty Crossing Church - Sister Ollie Eubanks.

Hector Church - Sister Sallie Hawk.

Little Rock Church - Brother Luther Chappel.

Pine Ridge Church - Sister Lydia Standridge.

Mt. Home Church - Sister Eliza Rhodes, Sister Ada Puckett.

Hot Springs Church - Brother Bud James.

Brother E. O. Wright assisted the committee.

Elder Thomas Brashear spoke in memory of Brother T. L. Tackett. Brother J. J. West, Sister Ollie Eubanks; Elder W. F. McGee spoke in memory of Sister Tennie Johnson, Brother Lawrence Burckhead, Sister Eliza Rhodes, Sister Ada Puckett and Sister Ola Isbell.

Elder R. G. Webb spoke in memory of Elic Henderson, Sister Nancy Green and Brother R. S. Teal; Elder W. S. Isbell spoke in memory of Sister Rosa Gilbreath, William S. Campbell, Sister Joe Eakin Sister Sally Hawk, Brother T. S. Arnold, and Brother Luther Chapple; Elder T. J. Robertson spoke in memory of Frant Virden, and sister Lydia Standridge; Elder John B. Ewing spoke in memory of Brother Bud James.

Songs, "Precious Memories," "Farther Along", "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There".

Handshake.

Dismissed by Elder J. D. Kinder.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Brother Lester Coffman.

Scripture Lesson - James 1, 1-6, read by Brother Bonner Tyler.

Prayer by Elder Bob Sanders.

Report of committees read and rec.

Sabbath Schools.

Non-Rep, and Union of Churches.

Resolutions No: 1 carried.

Temperance.

Finance.

The Moderator declared nominations in order for home for next Association and Harmony was selected to meet in September, 1957... and Elder Bob Sanders to preach the introductory sermon and Elder Henry Hill, Alternate.

Appointment of State Delegates - Bro. Frant Duvall, Sister Mary Ruth Wright, Brother E. O. Chronister, Sister Prue Jones, Sister Mollie Lestenburger.

Alternates were: Sister Nona Kinler, Brother C. W. Craig, Brother Willie Hutchins, Brother Arthur Dixon, Sister Emegene Westerman.

The committee on Devine Service announced Elder R. G. Webb to preach at night and Elder Loy Smith to conduct Devotional.

Motion made and carried that all Churches with Sunday School attendance of 50 or more pay \$5.00 and those with 49 or less pay \$3.00 to Antloch Association fund.

A donation of \$25.70 was taken. The Deacon and Ministers meeting was voted to meet with Harmony Church.

A rising vote of thanks to our visiting Brethren.

Motion made to adjourn to meet with Harmony in September of 1957.

Elder George Been graced the table Friday at noon.

Elder W. S. Isbell graced the table at the evening meal.

Elder R. G. Webb graced the table Saturday noon.

Elder W. F. McGee graced the table at evening meal.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Assembled with singing by different leaders at which a good 30 minute song service was enjoyed. We were favored with two quartets, The Senior Quartet from Union Grove and the Harmony Quartet.

Devotional Service conducted by Elder Loy Smith.

Prayer by Elder T. J. Robertson.

Preaching by Elder R. G. Webb. Text, 23rd Psalm.

Resolution of thanks.

Whereas this church and community has so wonderfully entertained us during this session of the Antioch Association, therefore be it resolved, that we extend to said Church and community a rising vote of thanks for their kindness and hospitality shown us while in their midst.

—Committee..

Dismissed by Elder T. J. Robertson.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing by different leaders.

Prayer by Elder R. G. Eling.

Opened by Clerk, Brother E. O. Wright.

Prayer by Elder W. F. McGee.

Preaching by Elder Lytle Hallum - Scripture Lesson, Titus - 3, 3-5, Text: Titus 3-5. "According To His Mercy He Saved Us." Concluded by Elder Eling. Concluded by Elder W. F. McGee.

Handshake.

Dismissed by Elder W. F. McGee.

Elder Ellis Warren Moderator; Brother E. O. Wright, Clerk and Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Sabbath Schools

We find all churches have Sunday Schools but one, and we urge the pastor and deacons of this church to start working at once to organize a Sunday School. We also urge all teachers be Christians, and those best qualified for the task.

—Committee.

Resolution No. 1

Since the information in our church letters is incomplete in needed information for the State Records, be it resolved the Executive Board be authorized to have a letter ready for next year with the proper information.

—Committee.

Non-Rep. And Union of Churches

We, your committee, find that all are represented in this Association and working in Unity except Cherry Hill Church.

—Committee

Temperance

We contend that strong drink is one of our greatest evils today.

It's influence leads to great crime and moral standpoint of our great nation and churches.

We furthermore recommend, the we should be temperate in our conduct and worldly amusement.

We, your committee, recommend our influence of all churches to help stamp out all intemperance.

—Committee.

Finance

We, your committee on finance, have collected from the different Churches for Antioch Minutes \$67.50; for State Funds \$78.50; For use of mimeograph machine \$12.50; collection \$25.70 for a total of \$184.20.

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 School 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 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 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. 8-6; 1 John 5:7; St. John 10:30.

2. CHRIST—We believe that Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God. Was with the Father and the Holy Spirit at the time of the Creation, left the Courts of Heaven and came to this earth. Took upon Himself the form of humanity, sin accepted, by being born of the Virgin Mary, manifested His power, was crucified, placed in Joseph's new tomb, arose from the dead the third day, completing the great plan of salvation, walked and talked with His disciples, publicly ascended up to heaven, and that He will descend again to gather His jewels home. Isaiah 9:6; St. John 1:14; Luke 1:26-28; Math. 14:13-21; Mark 16:9-19; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12; Mark 15:22-41.

3. HOLY SPIRIT—We believe that the Holy Spirit 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, 11-20; St. John 16:8-14; Isaiah 63:10-12; Eph. 4:30; Acts 8:17-20.

4. THE BIBLE—We believe the Bible which is composed of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments was given by Inspiration of God, is our waybill from earth to heaven, and only infallible rule of faith and practice. II Peter 1:19-21; II Tim. 3:14-17; Daniel 10:21; Acts 1:16-17; Matt. 21:42.

5. THE FALL OF MAN—We believe that God created Man good, gave him a just law by which he should be governed, with promises of reward for faithfulness and with penalties and punishment for disobedience. Gave man power of free moral agency to choose the right and reject the wrong. But our first parents heeded the voice of the great enemy of Souls, voluntarily transgressed the law of God, fell with all their posterity, under the just penalty of the same, and were unable of their own power to extricate or save themselves from the great dilemma into which they had fallen. God gave to them the hope of salvation through the coming of Christ. Gen. 1:27; Gen. 2:16-17; Rom. 11:11-35; Psalms 37:24; 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 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

M. A. Thompson, Jerusalem.
 Edgar Alderson, Clarksville.
 E. L. Hill, Atkins.
 Hershel Burris, Russellville Rt. 4
 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.
 Paul Jones, Marshall, R. 4.
 Will Crouch, Atkins, R. 2.
 Everett G. Farnum, Little Rock,
 R. 2.
 R. S. Harrison, Little Rock.
 Fate Mize, Marshall Rt. 1
 Homer Eakin, Russellville, R. 4.
 R. L. McVey, Atkins, R. 2.
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 Springs.
 Arnold Hubbard, 15 S. Norfolk,
 Tulsa, Oklahoma

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 W. S. Isbell, 605 East G. St.,
 Russellville.
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 Frank Harris, Russellville, R. 2.
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 J. D. Coffman, Hector.
 R. G. Webb, Atkins.
 C. U. Kinder, Russellville, R. 4.
 J. D. Kinder, Russellville, Star Rt.
 P. C. Denton, Scranton.
 A. J. Lathum, Russellville, R. 2.
 T. V. Johnson, Russellville, R. 4.
 Ellis Warren, Russellville, R. 4.
 Lytle Hallum, Russellville, R. 2.
 Melvin Snow, Scranton.
 W. A. Crouch, Hector.
 Dale Mankus, Russellville.
 Bob Sanders, Atkins, R. 3.
 Bobby J. Chronister, Moreland.
 Loy Smith, Atkins, R. 2.
 Rayburn Teague, Atkins, Rt. 3
 Joseph Hubbard, Casa, Rt. 1
 Charles Kohn, Casa, Rt. 1
 Henry Hill, Atkins

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 reflection 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.

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.

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