

MINUTES

OF THE

Sixty Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

**Antioch Association
Of Free Will Baptists**

HELD WITH UNION GROVE CHURCH
Pope County, Arkansas
SEPTEMBER 11-12-13-14, 1958

Next Session Will Be Held With
ST. JOE CHURCH, POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Beginning on Thursday Night Before the Second Sunday
in September, 1959

ELDER BOBBY JOE CHRONISTER Moderator
Moreland, Arkansas

ELDER HENRY HILL Assistant Moderator
Route 2, Atkins, Ark.

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

SIS. MARY RUTH WRIGHT Assistant Clerk
Atkins, Arkansas

Minutes of Antioch Association

Sixty Seventh Annual Session Which Met in Regular Session

With Union Grove Church Sept. 11-12-13-14, 1958

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opened with singing led by Eld. Henry Hill, E. O. Wright, Eld. Joseph Hubbard, Odell Elmore.

Trio by the Parks Sisters.

Song led by Freddie Bowden.

An altar prayer by ministers.

Song, Delma Gene McVey.

Devotional service conducted by Eld. Joseph Hubbard.

Song, Eld. Henry Hill.

Prayer by Bonner Tyler and Odell Elmore.

Quartet by Eld. Henry Hill, D. L. and Mary Ruth Wright and Delma McVey.

Introductory sermon by Eld. Bob Rackley. Scripture lesson, St. John 11:1-15. Prayer by Eld. Rackley. Text: Jobe 3:23. Dismissed by Eld. Wilard C. Day.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Gus Isom, Goldia Maxwell, Roy McCuin.

Scripture lesson, St. Luke 22:34-38, read by Eld. Joseph Hubbard.

Prayer by Eld. J. M. Crouch.

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

HARMONY—Bro. Clete Craig, Bro. David Weir, Sis. Beulah Sparks.

UNION GROVE—Sis. Ruby Eakes, Sis. Artie Creach, and Sis. Chlo-dene Travis.

HOT SPRINGS—Bro. C. C. Blackman, Sis. Delia Black, and Sis Delores Richardson.

RUSSELLVILLE—Bro. Frant Duvall, Sis. Goldie Maxwell, Sis. Mag Freeman.

ST. JOE—Bro. and Sis. Reece Crites.

WELCOME HOME—Sis. Arizonia Crouch, Sis. Lorabell Coffman and Sis. Ruth Condley.

OAK GROVE No. 2—Sis. Edith Burris, Sis. Zu'a Hice, Bro. Geno Johnston.

HOLMAN—Sis. Lottie Sparks, Sis. Louise Wilkins.

RED OAK—By Letter.

SLATY CROSSING—Sis. Mary Dorthy Hallum, Sis. Lucy Geurian.

JERUSALEM—By letter.

MOUNTAIN HOME—Bro. Walter Callahan.

HICKORY GROVE—Bro. William Hubbard, Bro. O. H. Gillam, Sis. Milissa Robinson.

WALNUT GROVE—By Letter.

PINE RIDGE—Bro. Huel Dixon.

KENWOOD—Sis. Shirley Epperson, Sis. Amanda Alexander.

SWEET HOME—Bro. Elmer and Sis. Flora Polk.

MAPLE SPRINGS—Bro. T. F. and Sis. Lucy Bowden, Sis. Violet Williams.

MORELAND—Bro. Ellis Johnson, Sis. Zona Chronister, Sis. Edna Johnson.

MT. VERNON—Bro. Jack and Sis. Betty Powers.

LITTLE ROCK—By letter.

DUBLIN—Sis. Minnie White, Sis. Mollie Plank, Sis. Emma Wages. Sis. Bertha Whitbey.

MORRILTON—Bro. Orvil Cooper, Sis. Hazel Tyler, Bro. Charlie Hubbard.

CHERRY VALLEY—Bro. Loyd Dugan, Sis. Grace Taylor, Sis. Mary Brown.

NEW LIBERTY—Bro. Henry and Sis. Leona Dunn.

PHOENIX—Bro. Odis Burris.

SOUTH MT.—By letter.

HECTOR—Sis. Bell Langford, Sis. Pearl Waterfield.

Right hand of Christian fellowship was extended all Christians invited.

HONORARY MEMBERS—Sis. Mary Hopper, Sis. Minnie White, Sis. Gertie Crow, Sis. Mary Coffman, Bro. Henry Dunn, Sis. Mollie Plank, Sis. Emma Wages.

VISITORS—Sis. Tammey Romines, Sis. Ethel Hamilton, Sis. Bessie Jones, and Eld. Lonnie Coffman and wife, from New Hope Association; Eld. W. M. Guinn and wife, Arkansas Association; Eld. Arnold Hall, Temple Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.; Eld. Opel Lee, Lilly Full Gospel Conference; Eld. Thomas Breashers and wife, and Gearld Don and Lawanda and Eld. Johnny Denham.

The moderator appointed a Committee on Divine Service — Bro. Mitchel Jennings, Bro. Horace Condley, Bro. Henry Dunn.

Songs led by Moderator, Eld. Henry Hill, and Bro. Lester Coffman.

The Committee on Divine Service reported Eld. Willard C. Day would fill the stand at eleven o'clock.

Dismissed by Eld. T. J. Robertson for 10 minute recess.

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

Prayer by Eld. Lonnie Coffman.

Preaching by Eld. Willard C. Day.

Song, "Amazing Grace"

Prayer by Elder Day.

Scripture lesson, Romans 10:1-8. Text, Romans 10:8.

Dismissed by Eld. W. M. Guinn to meet at 1:30.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Clerk, Bro. E. O. Wright, and Sis. Georgia Higgins.

Called to order and opened by Moderator, Eld. Henry Hill.

The Association further organized by electing the following officers: Eld. Bobby J. Chronister, moderator; Eld. Henry Hil, assistant moderator; Bro. E. O. Wright re-elected clerk-treasurer and Sis. Mary Ruth Wright re-elected assistant clerk.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: On Resolution—Eld. Bob Sanders, Bro. Roy McCuin, Eld. Willard Day, Eld. T. J. Robertson, Eld. Loy Smith. On Non-Rep. and Union of Churches, Bro. Henry Teel, Sis. Prue Jones, Eld. Jack Latham. On Temperance—Eld. J. D. Coffman, Eld. W. S. Isbell, Eld. Jimmie Richardson. On Finance—Eld. Joseph Hubbard, Eld. C. U. Kinder, Bro. Clete Craig, Bro. E. O. Wright. On Obituary—Sis. Helen Day, Sis. Nora Coffman and Bro. Geno Johnson. On Sabbath School—Sis. Ruby Eakes, Bro. Floyd Eper-son, and Bro. William Hubabrd.

Reading of Rules and Order by moderator.

Partial report of Resolution Committee, No. 1, read and adopted.

Motion made and carried to vote tomorrow on the question of the finance to the Associatin.

Reprt of Eld. Lonnie Coffman on the youth camp.

An offering was taken of \$35.50 to youth camp.

Motion made and carried to give Eld. W. M. Guinn time to speak.

The Committee on Divine Service announced that Lonnie Coffman would preach at night. Eld. J. D. Kinder to conclude. Eld. Bobby J. Chronister to conduct devotional.

Dismissed by Eld. Ellis Warren to meet at 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

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

United prayer by all ministers.

Devotional service conducted by Eld. Bobby J. Chronister.

Preaching by Eld. Lonnie Coffman. Scripture lesson, Jeremiah 3:1-6. Text, "Excess Baggage". Concluded by Eld. J. D. Kinder.

Hand shake.

Dismissed by Eld. Robert Ashmore.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Bro. Lester Coffman, Eld. Lytle Hallum, Eld. W. S. Isbell, Sis. Linda Dixon, Bro. Gus Isom, and Eld. Lonnie Coffman.

Scripture lesson read by Eld. Bob Sanders - 139 Psalm. Prayer by Bro. Boss Harris.

Dismissed for 10-minute intermission.

Prayer by Eld. Thomas Breashears.

Assembled with singing led by Bro. Odis Burris, Sis. Mary Ruth Wright.

Prayer by Eld. E. L. Hill.

Solo by Eld. Johnny Denham.

The Obituary Committee reported: We find the following brothers and sisters have departed this life since our last Association. Though we are grieved, our loss is Heaven's gain.

HARMONY—Eld. Frank Harris.

SWEET HOME—Sis. Dena Crawford.

UNION GROVE—Sis. Della Laycook.

HOT SPRINGS—Sis. Stella Wright, Elder John B. Ewing.

ST. JOE—Bro. Wheeler Teague, Bro. R. L. F. Burris, Bro. Lewis Farmer.

MT. HOME—Bro. Edgar Alderson, Bro. James Willis, Bro. Willis Collier.

MORRILTON—Sis. Rosie Hubbard.

SOUTH MT.—Bro. Sanders.

MT. VERNON—Sis. Bell Baker.

RUSSELLVILLE—Sis. Witt.

PINE RIDGE—Bro. and Sis. Warren Kinder.

NEW LIBERTY—Sis. Josie Farnum, Sis. Rosella Garrison. Bro. W. W. Crow.

KENWOOD—Sis. Vina Crouch.

LITTLE ROCK—Bro. Leo Roberts.

SHILOH—Bro. W. W. Davis.

MAPLE SPRINGS—Bro. John Williams.

SLATY CROSSING—Sis. Edith Chapple.

PHOENIX—Bro. Jack Kern.

Bro. E. O. Wright assisted the committee.

Eld. Ellis Warren spoke in memory of Sis. Bill Baker.

Eld. J. M. Crouch spoke in memory of Sis. Vina Crouch and Bro. Sanders.

Eld. Melvin Snow spoke in memory of Bro. Leo Roberts.

Eld. Bob Sanders spoke in memory of Sis. Rosie Hubbard.
Eld. W. F. McGee spoke in memory of Sis. Rosella Garrison.
Eld. Henry Hill spoke in memory of Sis. Dena Crawford.
Bro. W. S. Isbell spoke in memory of Sis. Witt, Sis. Edith Chapple,
Bro. Wheeler Teague and Sis. Josie Farnum.

Eld. Lytle Hallum spoke in memory of Bro. John Williams and
Bro. Jack Kern.

Eld. T. J. Robertson spoke in memory of Bro. W. W. Crow.

Eld. Thomas Breashears spoke in memory of Eld. Frank Harris,
Sis. Della Laycook, Sis. Stella Wright, Eld. John B. Ewing, Bro. R. L. F.
Burris, Bro. Lewis Farmer, Bro. Jim Willis, Bro. Warren and Sis. Ida
Kinder, Bro. W. W. Davis and Bro. McCurry.

Song, "Precious Memories", "Floating Down the Stream", "Every-
body Will Be Happy".

Hand shake.

Dismissed by Eld. Joseph Hubbard.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Eld. Johnny Denham, Bro. Lester
Coffman, Sis. Goldie Maxwell, Bro. Morris Wisterman.

Opened by Moderator, Eld. Bobby J. Chronister.

Vote carried concerning the church fund to the Antioch and State
Associations.

Report of Temperance Committee and Sunday School Committee.

Motion made and carried to retain Welcome Home No. 1 Church
as to the report of the Non-Rep. Church Committee.

Motion made and carried in regard to the Examining Committee
advice, concerning the credentials of Coy Douthit.

Resolution No. 2 adopted.

Motion made and carried that we the Antioch Association endorse
Eld. Willard C. Day's Bible School.

Eld. T. J. Robertson was re-elected to a five-year term on the Exam-
ining Board for Ordination. The Committee on Examinations for Or-
dination: Eld. T. J. Robertson, Eld. R. G. Webb, Eld. W. S. Isbell, Eld.
J. D. Kinder, Eld. Ellis Warren. This Council with moderator and
clerk to serve as Executive Committee.

The Moderator declared nominations in order for home for next
Association. St. Joe was selected to meet in September, 1959. Eld. Ray-
burn Teague selected to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. Geno
Johnson as alternate.

Appointment of State Delegates: Sis. Sallie Alread, Sis. Nona Kinder,
Sis. Prue Jones, Sis. Ruby Eakes, Bro. C. W. Craig. As alternates, Bro.
William Hubbard, Bro. Lester Coffman, Sis. Mary Ruth Wright, Sis.
Sylvia McCuin, Sis. Alma Coffman.

The Committee on Divine Service announced Eld. C. U. Kinder to
conduct devotional service. Eld. Bob Ashmore and Eld. Joseph Hub-
bard to fill the stand at night.

Special song by Eld. Henry and Sis. Myra Hill.

A spiritual talk by Eld. Johnny Denham from North Little Rock.

Motion made and carried to adjourn to meet with St. Joe church
in September, 1959.

Dismissed by Clerk, E. O. Wright.

Eld. A. J. Latham graced the table at noon Friday. Bro. Henry Teel
graced the table Friday night. Eld. Jimmie Richardson graced the
table Saturday at noon.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Assembled with singing led by different leaders at which time a
good song service was enjoyed.

Prayer by Eld. J. D. Kinder.

Devotional service conducted by Eld. C. U. Kinder.

Song, "This World Is Not My Home", by Eld. E. L. Hill.

The service continued with shouting as you never heard before.

Resolution of Thanks

We, the Ministers, Deacons, Delegates and Visitors do offer our thanks of appreciation to the Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church and the people of its community for providing the facilities of their church for the Association, for the wonderful meals served and for the real fellowship of Christian worship.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled after Sunday School.

Eld. Bobby J. Chronister brought the message. Scripture lesson, 1st Peter 1:12-18. Text, Judgement in the Church." Concluded by Eld. Henry Hill.

Dismissed by Eld. Bobby J. Chronister.

Eld. Bobby J. Chronister, Moderator.

Bro. E. O. Wright, Clerk-Treasurer

Report of Committees

SABBATH SCHOOLS

We the Committee on Sabbath Schools find all churches now having Sunday School. We urge each and every member to put forth a greater effort to support Sunday Schools.—Committee.

Resolution No. 1

Be it resolved that the Association write Bro. B. B. Sawyer we will be praying for him as he meets the infidel. —Committee.

Resolution No. 2

Be it resolved that all local Associations in the State Association have the privilege of retaining their present Articles of Faith, Church Covenant, By-laws and Constitutions. —Signed, Elders Willard C. Day, Joseph Hubbard, Robert Ashmore, J. E. Warren, T. J. Robertson, Henry Hill, J. D. Coffman, Bob Sanders, Jimmy Richardson, Bob Chronister, Lowell Tanner, Loy Smith, E. L. Hill, C. U. Kinder, Lytle Hailum, J. D. Kinder, W. A. Crouch, M. H. Snow.

TEMPERANCE

We your Committee on Temperance make the following report:

Temperance has always been a challenge to Christian living. As to alcohol, it means complete abstinence in any form. We felt it is not the skid-row people that are leading young people into drink, but the so-called modern drinkers. And since medical science has warned that a large per cent of throat and lung cancer is caused from cigarette smoking, we urged all Christians to take heed to said report.—Comm.

FINANCE

We your Committee on Finance have collected from the different churches for Antioch minutes, \$90.00. For State Funds, \$69.00, for a total of \$159.00.

—Joseph Hubbard.

REPORT OF TREASURER

We received \$159.00. Brought forward \$7.60. Paid out to State Funds \$69.00. For printing of Antioch minutes \$80.00; \$13.15 postage; clerk fee, \$10.00; \$5.55 due.—Bro. E. O. Wright, Treas.

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 religion 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 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 for 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 members 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, and that all churches with Sunday School attendance of 50 or more pay \$5.00 and those with 49 or less pay \$3.00 to Antioch Association funds.

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.

12. 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.

CHURCHES	MODERATOR LAST YEAR	MODERATOR THIS YEAR	CLERK AND POST OFFICE	Received	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Resident Members	Non-resident	Prayer Meeting	S. S. Attendance	No. Offic., Teach.	Minute Fund	Paid Pastors	Paid Other Ministers	Value of Church Property	Days of Meeting	Membership
Harmony	J. D. Kinder	J. D. Kinder	Billie Loveless, Russellville	3		4	1	121	53		125	10	\$8.00	\$2600.00	\$189.39	\$8000.00	FT	174
Union Grove	Henry Hill	Henry Hill	Thelma English, Atkins, Rt. 2	12	6		1	96	77	yes	74	9	8.00	2120.00	80.00	10000.00	FT	173
Hot Springs	John B. Ewing	Jimmy Richardson	Bill Johnson, 33 Hansford St.	10	3	1	2	148	10	yes	65	9	6.00	1792.25	75.00	16000.00	FT	158
Russellville	J. Reford Wilson	Willard C. Day	Mrs Bob Trusty, Bx 441, Russellville	16	6		1	119	34	yes	80	13	8.00	3750.00	55.00	20000.00	FT	153
St. Joe	Rayburn Teague	Rayburn Teague	Monroe Davis, Atkins, Rt. 3	6			3	46	70		30	8	6.00	192.00	51.00	5000.00	1-3	116
Welcome Home	W. E. Coffman	W. E. Coffman	L. E. Bone, Hector	2	3			62	53	yes	65	6	8.00	313.00	90.00	5000.00	1-3	115
Oak Grove No. 2	Ellis Warren	Ellis Warren	Mary Johnston, Russellville, Rt. 4	3	1			25	89		35	8	6.00	279.00	60.00	5000.00	1-3	114
Holman	Robert Ashmore	Robert Ashmore	Mary Pitts, Lamar, Rt. 1					33	73		54	4	6.00	322.28	45.00	6000.00	1-3	106
Red Oak	John M. Crouch	John M. Crouch	Myrtle Colson,	4	2								5.00	291.84	183.36	3000.00		103
Slaty Crossing	Lytle Hallum	Bobby J. Chronister	Mrs. Claude Crawford, Dardanelle					67	34	yes	50	7	5.50	497.50	120.35	4000.00		101
Jerusalem	Loy Smith	Loy Smith	Oma Clariday, Jerusalem					54	10	yes	60	7	5.00	265.44	82.00	3000.00	1-3	90
Mt. Home	F. J. Robertson	Lowell Tanner	Willie Hutchins, Lamar, Rt. 2				3	48	35	yes	58	9	5.00	360.00	295.00	7000.00	FT	83
Hickory Grove	Lytle Hallum	Lyt'e Hallum	Syble Hubard, Morrilton	7				43	31		45	6	6.00	480.00	100.00	4000.00	FT	74
Walnut Grove	C. U. Kinder	C. U. Kinder	Mrs. Bernice Beavers, Hector		1			10	54		26	4	6.00	102.00		3500.00	2	64
Pine Ridge	Rayburn Teague	Rayburn Teague	Clara Standridge, Atkins, Rt. 1	2			2	30	30		35	4	5.00	160.00	81.33	2500.00	2-4	60
Kenwood	Everett G. Farnum	Loy Smith	Zelma Epperson, Morrilton, Rt. 1	9	3	1		36	18	yes	35	9	4.00	82.60	110.00	3000.00	FT	54
Sweet Home	C. U. Kinder	C. U. Kinder	Flora Polk, Atkins, Rt. 3	9			1	30	17	yes	35	5	5.00	183.00	44.00	2500.00	1-3	49
Maple Springs	Bob Sanders	Bob Sanders	Lois Gideon, Russellville, Rt. 2					20	28		35	7	5.50	272.00	75.50	1500.00	2-4	48
Moreland	Bobby Chronister	Bobby Chronister	Cassie Duvall, Russellville, Rt. 4					33	14		56	7	6.00	1089.00	35.00	4000.00		47
Mt. Vernon	W. E. Coffman	Vester Harris	Ruth Burris, Russellville, Rt. 4				1	20	25		35	5	5.50	87.00	70.75	1600.00	2-4	45
Little Rock	Seberan L. Corder	Lonnie Burris	Dovie Barnes N Little Rock R6 Bx 38	11	2		1				35	3	6.00	384.95	68.00	10000.00	FT	42
Dublin	P. C. Denton	Melvin Snow	Ewell Henderson, Scranton		3			29	12		40	9		15.00	100.00	3500.00	4	41
Morrilton	R. G. Webb	R. G. Webb	Evelyn Singleton, Morrilton	2			1	34	3		55	4	5.00	608.39	75.00	5500.00	FT	37
Cherry Hill	Coy Douthitt	Joseph Hubbard	Dollie Brown, Perryville, Rt. 1	10				34			60	4	5.50	247.67	74.98		2-4	34
New Liberty	Robert Ashmore	Robert Ashmore	Prue Jones, New Blaine	4		2	3	24	6		20	6	6.00		80.00		2-4	30
Phoenix	Homer Eakin	Homer Eakin	Irene Freeman, Dover, Rt. 3					16	12		35	5	6.00	150.21	50.00		1-3	28
South Mt.	Paul Jones	Paul Jones	Mae Treat, Marshall	2			1	23	4		35	6	5.50	181.42	49.55	6000.00	2-4	27
Hector	Homer Eakin	T. J. Robertson	Clytie Coffman, Hector	2				13	7		18	5	6.00	111.07	19.91	7500.00	2-4	20

CHURCHES HAVING LEAGUE: Union Grove, Hot Springs, Russellville, Welcome Home, Holman, Mountain Home, Hickory Grove, Little Rock, Morrilton, Harmony.

(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 His coming on the day of Pentecost. Has taken up His office work among all nations of people as a Divine Reprover, Comforter, and Guide. Judges 6:34, 11-29; St. John 16:8-14; Isaiah 63:10-12; Eph. 4:30; Acts 8:17-20.

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

5. THE FALL OF MAN—We believe that God created Man good, gave him a just law by which he should be governed, with promises of reward for faithfulness and with penalties and punishment for disobedience. Gave man power of free moral agency to choose the right and reject the wrong. But our first parents heeded the voice of the great enemy of Souls, voluntarily transgressed the law of God, fell with all their posterity, under the just penalty of the same, and were unable of their own power to extricate or save themselves from the great dilemma into which they had fallen. God gave to them the hope of salvation through the coming of Christ. Gen. 1:27; 3:15; 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 under 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; 4:4-6; Titus 2:14; 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 sins of the world, and to show our remembrance of Him till He comes. All Christians have a right to the Lord's Supper and should be invited; "let a man examine himself and so let him eat."

The washing of feet was instituted by our Lord at the same time that the supper was instituted as an act of humility to show our love for each other and both ordinances should be perpetuated by all Christians until His second coming. Luke 22:19-20; I Cor. 11:20-29; St. John 13:1-18; Matt. 26:26-29.

11. **THE SABBATH**—We believe that the Christian Sabbath (Lord's Day) should be observed as a day of rest for worship of God; 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; 1st Cor. 16:1-2; Rev. 1:10.

12. **CALL TO THE MINISTRY**—We believe in a divine call of the ministry; that God in His goodness and power of grace, impresses His ministers with the burden of lost souls, to the extent that the call becomes irresistible with personal contentment; that when they yield to the call and exercise their native gifts according to the scriptures with a full reliance upon Him He accompanied 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 the 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. I Thes. 1:1; Acts 16:5; 3rd John 1:10; Matt. 18:17; Acts 20:28; Rev. 1:4-11-20.

15. **PERSEVERANCE**—We believe that all true believers in Christ should persevere in divine grace, and in the knowledge of the truth and that God's grace is sufficient to help them to overcome all the obstacles of life and that all 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. II Cor. 9:10; II Peter 1:4-8; I Peter 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39; Apostasy; II Peter 1:8-9; I Cor. 10:1-31; Heb. 12:15-17; I John 5:16; Heb. 6:16; I Tim. 4:1-2; Heb. 3:12; St. John 15:1-7; Matt. 12:31-32.

16. CHRIST THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH—We believe that Christ is the great head of the Church, and that the government of the local church is with the body. Col. 1:18-19; Matt. 16:18; Heb. 12:23; Matt. 21:42; Ephes. 1:22; Acts 16:4-5.

17. SANTIFICATION—Sanctification is a work of God's grace, by which the soul is cleansed from all sin and wholly consecrated to Christ. It takes place in regeneration. The Christian can and should abide in this state to the end of life, constantly growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. I Cor. 6:11; II Thes. 2:13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; II Thes. 5:19-23; St. John 17:17-19; II Tim. 2:20-21.

18. THE SOUL—We believe that 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 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. 1:4-9; 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 wherein 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 dur-

ing their lifetime unless relieved by the church for some grievance or disorderly act.

Duties of Deacons—They are to assist at baptizings, the Lord's Supper, and Feet Washing, conduct religious meetings, moderate church when the conference by a majority vote grants the request, support of the church in its benevolence, look after the spiritual interest of the church in general.

Members Received—Applicants are received into the church by a majority vote of members present in a church conference if they acknowledge their sins forgiven and believe in Jesus Christ.

Members Dismissed—Members may receive letter only when in good standing with the church; and cease to be members of the church when the conference by a majority vote grants the request and authorizes the clerk to write a letter signed by the moderator and clerk. Request for letters of dismissal should be made at a conference meeting or in writing through the church clerk, stating the cause for the request.

Members dismissed, dropped, excluded or severed in any other way from the church, it should be for legal and just cause and done in church conference by a majority vote of members present at a regular meeting.

Church may be disbanded for the same rules under which they were organized, when they cease to function properly as churches; failing to hold a conference meeting for the period of one year and by consent of the majority of members living near the church at one time.

Quarterly meetings and annual Associations are organized and disbanded by the same rules of authority as the local church; except when a majority of the churches vote to unite with another quarterly meeting or Association.

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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 provisions, vote shall be 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) None-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.