

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**Antioch Association of**  
**Freewill Baptists**

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**HELD WITH DUBLIN CHURCH**  
**Logan County, Arkansas**

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**Next Session Will Be Held With**  
**OAK GROVE CHURCH, POPE COUNTY ARKANSAS**  
**Beginning on Thursday Night Before the Second Sunday**  
**in September, 1961**

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**ELDER RAYBURN TEAGUE ..... Moderator**  
**ELDER HENRY HILL ..... Assistant Moderator**  
**BRO. E. O. WRIGHT ..... Clerk and Treasurer**  
**BRO. MONROE DAVIS ..... Assistant Clerk**

# MINUTES OF ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Sixty-ninth Annual Session Which Met in Regular Session with Dublin  
Church September 8-9-10-11, 1960.

Members of Executive Board, Eld. Bobby Joe Chronister, Eld. T. J. Robertson,  
Eld. R. G. Webb, Eld. W. S. Isbell, Eld. Henry Hill with Moderator and Clerk.

## THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Bro. E. O. Wright, Clerk and Bro. J. C. Burnett.

An Alter of Prayer by all.

Opened by Clerk Bro. E. O. Wright who introduced Bro. T. J. Robertson who was selected to preach the introductory Sermon.

Scripture Lesson 131 Psalm Read by Eld. Robertson.

Text Judges 7—21

Dismissed by Eld. Melvin Snow to meet at 9:30 o'clock Friday.

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened with singing led by Bro. E. O. Wright, Bro. Less Coffman, Eld. Bernie Stahl and Sister Mamie Coffman.

Opened by Moderator Eld. Bobby J. Chronister.

Scripture Lesson 133 Psalm Read by Eld. Loy Smith.

Prayer by Eld. Dewey Kinder.

Roll Call of Churches.

HARMONY—Bro. Fred Jones, and Sis. Mary Jones, Sis. Marie Lipe,, Bro. Clyde Bunton, Sis. Velma Johnson.

UNION GROVE—Sis. Chlodene Travis, Sis. Burmell Crawford, Sis. Georgia Haralson.

RUSSELLVILLE—Sis. Docia Taylor, Sis. Nora Campbell.

OAK GROVE—Bro. Lee Johnston, Bro. Chalmer Duvall, Sis. Edith Burris.

WELCOME HOME—Bro. Thurman Coffman, Sis. Arvina Cook.

ST. JOE—Bro. Monroe Davis,, Sis. Lila Davis, Sis. Betty McKinney.

RED OAK—By Letter.

HOLMAN—By Letter.

SLATY CROSSING—Sis. Imojene Hamilton, Sis. Ruth Fink.

MT. HOME—Bro. Willie Hutchins, Sis. Hanie Jones, Bro. James Jones.

HICKORY GROVE—Sis. Denver Robinson, Sis. Melissa Robinson, Sis. Hershel Robinson.

CHERRY HILL—Sis. Grace Taylor,

PINE RIDGE—Bro. Will Miller, Sis. Claudie Miller.

WALNUT GROVE—By Letter.

JERUSALEM—By Letter.

KENWOOD—By Letter.

MORRILTON—Bro. Orville Cooper, Sis. Hazel Tyler, Sis. Willard Cooper.

MT. VERNON—By Letter.

LITTLE ROCK—By Letter.

MAPLE SPRINGS—By Letter.

MORELAND—Sis. E. W. Johnson, Sis. Joeann Chronister, Sis. Mary Pitts.

DUBLIN—Bro. Eugene Hayward. Sis. Mollie Planks, Sis. Deliah Needham.

NEW LIBERTY—Bro. Burt Blair, Sis. Ruth Johnson, Sis. Prue Jones.

PHOENIX—By Letter.

SOUTH MT.—By Letter.

HECTOR—Sis. Bell Langford, Sis. Clytie Coffman.

SWEET HOME—Sis. Regenia Coffman.

WAYTON—Sis. Lillie Taylor and Sis. Elouise Taylor.

Song led by Eld. Joseph Hubbard and the right hand of Christian fellowship was extended to all Christians.

HONORARY MEMBERS—Sis. Rose McGee, Sis Mary Coffman, Sis Needham. Sis. Cordis Johnson, Sis. Mary Farnam, Bro. A. C. Farnam, Sis Minnie White.

A petitionary letter from Wayton Church referred to Committee and the Committee recommended the Church with its Delegates be received in full fellowship.

The Association further organized by electing the following officers:

Eld Rayburn Teague elected Moderator, Eld Henry Hill re-elected Assistant Moderator; and Bro. E. O. Wright re-elected Clerk and Treasurer.; and Bro. Monroe Davis re-elected Assistant Clerk.

The Moderator and Assistant Moderator appointed the following committees

PULPIT COMMITTEE—Bro Newt Hice, Bro Roy McCuin, Bro Steve Taylor

RESOLUTION—Eld. J. D. Kinder, Eld. Loy Smith, Eld. Bob Sanders, Eld. Melvin Snow, Eld. Willard C. Day.

FINANCE—Bro. E. O. Wright Eld. Joseph Hubbard, Eld. W. S. Isbell, Bro. Riley Ennis.

TEMPERANCE—Eld. Ellis Warren, Sis. Lila Davis, Sis. Minnie White.

SABBATH SCHOOL—Sis Edith Burris, Sis. Marie Lipe, Sis. Chlodene Travis.

OBITUARY—Sis. E. O. Chronister, Bro. Thurman Coffman, Sis. Helen Day, Sis. Ola Blair, Sis. Betty McKinney.

NON-REP. UNION OF CHURCHES— Sis Mary Jones, Eld. Lowell Tanner, Eld. John M. Crouch.

The Pulpit Committee announced that Eld. J. D. Kinder would fill the Stand at 11 o'clock.

Song by Bro. Monroe Davis.

Song by Bro Less Coffman.

Prayer by Eld. Bernie Stahl.

Preaching by Eld J. D. Kinder.

Scripture Lesson, Matt. 3-1-5.

Text Matt. 3-2.

Dismissed by Eld. Bobby J. Chronister.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Bro. Monroe Davis.

Scripture Lesson 61 Psalm, read by Eld Joseph Hubbard.

Prayer by Eld. Hubbard.

Moderator Eld. Rayburn Teague declared the Association open for business.

Tardy letters were called for.

Motion made and carried for Eld. Bobby J. Chronister to read a letter from Sis Cora Adams, Clerk of Jerusalem Church.

Motion made and carried that this Church be held for at least one more year, and that the executive committee have privilege to contact said Church.

A motion was made and carried that the clause (received by Baptism) be Struck out of the Church letters.

Songs by Sis. Goldie Maxwell and Bro. Roy McCuin, and Eld. Henry Hill.

The Committee on Temperance reported to recopy last year's report.

Resolution No. 1. read and adopted.

A short talk by Eld BernieStahl and Eld. R. L. Rainwater.

A motion made and carried that the Resolution Committee draft something to present to the body concerning he National Situation.

Song by Eld. Joseph Hubbard.

The Pulpit Committee reported that Eld. W. S. Isbell conduct Devotional, Eld. Henry Hill filled the stand at night.

Song led by Eld Bernie Stahl Eld Bobby J. Chronister was elected to the executive committee for five years to succeed Eld Ellis Warren.

Dismissed with prayer by Eld Bernie Stahl to meet at 9 oclock Saturday morning.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Assembled with singing at which a good song service was enjoyed.

Prayer by all Ministers and Deacons present. led by Eld. Lowell Tanner.

Devotional Service conducted by Eld. W. S. Isbell.  
 A special song by Eld. Henry and Sis. Myra Hill.  
 Song led by Bro. J. C. Burnett.  
 Preaching by Eld Henry Hill.  
 Scripture Lesson, Ephesians 6-9-11; 1st Cor. 2-1-4. Acts, 8-1-2.  
 Text: You shall be Witnesses unto Me.  
 Song Eld. Rayburn Teague.  
 Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Monroe Davis.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Bro. E. O. Wright, Sis. Mamie Coffman and Sis. Bobbie Teague.  
 Scripture Lesson 1st Psalm and 24th Psalm 3-6.  
 Read by Bro. Riley Ennis,  
 Prayer by Sis. Pearl Harris.  
 Special Song by Sis Bobbie Teague.  
 Song by Bro. Less Coffman.  
 Opened by Moderator Eld Rayburn Teague.  
 Called for Tardy Letters and Messengers.  
 Reading of Rules of Order by Clerk.  
 Song by Sis Mamie Coffman.  
 Song by Eld. Robert Ashmore.  
 Song by Eld Homer Eakin.  
 Song by Eld Joseph Hubbard.  
 Song by Sis. Edith Burris.  
 Resolution No. 2 — Tabled indefinitely.  
 Motion made and carried that we have a devotional service at this time.  
 Eld. Bobbie J. Chronister was chosen to conduct the service.  
 Song by Bro. Dalton Johnson.  
 Quartett by Eld Robert Ashmore and wife and Bro. Less Coffman and wife.  
 Dismissed by Eld. R. G. Webb for 10 minutes intermission.  
 Re-assembled with singing led by Eld. Rayburn Teague and Bro. E. O. Wright.  
 Prayer by Eld C. U. Kinder.  
 Duet by Sis. Goldie Maxwell and Sis. Mamie Coffman.

### REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your committee find the following Bros. and Sis., have departed this life since our last association. Though we are grieved, our loss is Heaven's gain.

UNION GROVE—Bro. Ralph Whittenburg.

KENWOOD—Bro. W. E. Durbin.

OAK GROVE—Sis. Elzada Maxwell, Sis. Delia Cooper, Sis Sarah Barham.

HARMONY—Sis. Lavell Kinslow.

MT. HOME—Bro. Walter Callahan, and Sis. Mollie Harris.

RUSSELLVILLE—Bro. Fred Dollar, Sis. Rose Linker and Sis. Ora Hinderson.

CHERRY HILL—Bro. Elvis Evans.

RED OAK—Sis Ida Brown, Bro. Alford Knol.

SWEET HOME—Bro. Walter Sorrels, Bro. Elmer Polk, Sis. Joan Sorrels Edwards.

ST. JOE—Sis. Kinzoda Arnold and Sis. Amanda Hindrick.

MORELAND—Sis Blanche Duvall.

PHOENIX—Sis. Erma Burris.

SLATY CROSSING—Bro. J. R. Whitfield.

LITTLE ROCK—Bro Noble S. Coffman.

HAND CLASP

ROCK OF AGES



Memorial Service by Eld. Willard C. Day.  
Scripture Lesson Jobe 14-10-14 Read by Eld. Day.  
Text: Where are the Dead.  
Christian hand shake.  
Dismissed with prayer by Eld. J. C. Kinder to meet at 1:45.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Bro. Less Coffman.  
Scripture Lesson Psalms 62, Read by Bro. Bonner Tyler.  
Prayer by Bro. J. C. Burnett, Moderator declared association open for business.  
Report of Committee on Non-Rep. and Union of Churches.  
Nomination in order for home of next association meeting.  
Oak Grove was selected to meet in 1961.  
Eld Dalphas Johnson was selected to preach the introductory sermon.  
Eld. Bobby J. Chronister, as Alternate.  
Delegates to State Association were selected, Sis. Prue Jones, Sis Goldie Maxwell, Sis Hazel Taylor, Sis Joseph Hubbard and Bro Monroe Davis.  
As Alternates, Sis. Leona Dunn, Sis. Nona Kinder, Sis. Syble Teague, Sis. Virgie Chapman, Sis Melissa Robinson.  
The Pulpit committee reported that Eld. Robert Ashmore conduct Devotional. And Eld. Bobby J. Chronister fill the stand at night.  
Motion made and carried to adjourn to meet with Oak Grove Church, Pope County, in September, 1961.  
Eld. T. J. Robertson graced the table Friday night.  
Dismissed by Eld. J. D. Kinder, Eld. W. S. Isbell graced the table at noon Friday.  
Eld. R. G. Webb graced the table Saturday noon.  
Eld Loy Smith graced the table Saturday night.  
A motion was made and carried that we go back to the 1950 minutes for the Examination for Ordination.

### SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Assembled with singing at which a good song service was enjoyed with class singing and specials.  
Prayer by Eld W. S. Isbell.  
Devotional Service conducted by Eld. Robert Ashmore.  
Quartett by Eld. Robert Ashmore and wife, and Bro. Quinton Wright and wife.  
Preaching by Eld Bobby J. Chronister.  
Scripture Lesson Isaiah 54-1-5.  
Text Isaiah 54-2: Strengthen the Stakes.  
Song  
Dismissed by Bro. Quinton Wright.  
Resolution of Thanks.  
A rising vote of thanks was extended to the Dublin Church and surrounding Community for their kind and generous hospitality and wonderful meals and real fellowship of Christian Worship.

### SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

Opening song by Bro. Steve Taylor.  
Preaching by Eld. J. C. Kinder.  
Scripture Lesson Acts 20-28. Text: Intangled with Worldly things.  
Concluded by Eld. Melvin Snow, Eld. Rayburn Teague Moderator, Bro. E. O. Wright Clerk and Treasurer.

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

### **SABBATH SCHOOLS**

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, find all Churches now having Sunday Schools. We urge each and every member to put forth a greater effort to support Sunday Schools and we recommend the use of Oklahoma Literature.  
—Committee

### **COMMITTEE ON 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 feel it is not the Skid-row people that are leading young people into drink, but the so-called modern drinkers. We also recommend that our members be temperate in all things. We also urge the influence of all churches be used to help stamp out all Intemperance.  
—Committee.

### **RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**

We, your committee on Resolution, report the following:

Be it Resolved that Ministers coming from other associations be examined by the local examining committee and received into the Association upon the approval of the committee.

—Committee.

No. 3 — Since several people seem to be dissatisfied with the way the Memorial Services are carried out — Be it Resolved that we go back to the old way of carrying out the service, with individual speakers.

—Committee.

### **NON-REP. AND UNION OF CHURCHES**

We, your committee on Non-Rep. and Union of Churches, find that all churches are represented by messengers or by letter, and find all in Union and with another.  
— Committee.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

We, your committee on Finance have collected from the different churches for Antioch Minutes \$104.50; for State Funds \$57.00 and Donation \$23.64 — Total \$185.14.

Treasurer's Report — Received from Finance Committee \$100.00. Paid Out for printing \$82.40. Postage \$8.28. Clerk's Fee \$10.00. Total \$100.68.

—E. O. Wright, Treasurer.

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## **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 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 of 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 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 church, 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 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 depos-



ited 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) Must be set apart, and have an endorsement for ordination by the church of which they are a member.

(2) Must have the endorsement of the ordaining council, or a majority vote of a legally called meeting of the council.

(3) Lack of endorsement by either of the above authorities will hold up any ordination.

(4) No one can serve on the committee unless he fully believes in this plan of this work.

(5) This committee shall report to this body, while in session, the misconduct or disregard of any rule, ordinance, set forth and practiced by the Anti-och Association, the 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 waybid 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 trans-



CHURCHES	MODERATOR THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR MODERATOR	CLERK AND POST OFFICE	Received	Dismissed	Died	Resident Members	Non-resident	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	Lee Johnson, 1222 N. Boston, Russellville	14	4	1	135	59	123	10	\$8.00	\$2,550.00	\$294.00	\$7,000.00	FT	194
Union Grove	Henry Hill	Henry Hill	Thelma English, Atkins, Rt. 2	1	2	1	100	70	102	9	8.00	2,650.00	150.00	10,000.00	FT	170
Russellville	Willard C. Day	Willard C. Day	Bertha Buchanan, 1122 N. El Paso, Russellville	8	8	1	126	34	145	13	8.00	3,975.00	177.95	20,000.00	FT	160
Oak Grove	Ellis Warren	Ellis Warren	Zula Hice, Russellville. Ark.	3	1	3	41	75	60	8	8.00	250.00	123.90		FT	116
Welcome Home	Robert Ashmore	W. E. Coffman	L. E. Bone, Hector	6			66	55	87	6	8.00	387.00	116.50	5,000.00	1-3	121
St. Joe	Rayburn Teague	Rayburn Teague	Marlyn Reynolds, Atkins, Rt. 3	3		2	57	45	70	6	6.00	147.00	14.30	5,000.00	1-3	102
Red Oak	Ovalee Tilley	Ovalee Tilley	Myrtle Coulson, Marshall	8	1	2	50	45	65	6	5.00	537.08	60.10		FT	95
Holman	J. C. Kinder	Robert Ashmore	Mary Pitts, Lamar, Rt. 1				73	33	54	8	5.00	282.36	98.00	6,000.00	FT	106
Slaty Crossing	Bobby J Chronister	Bobby J Chronister	Mary Crawford, 809 N. 4th, Dardanelle	6		1	68	40	70	7	5.00	665.00	170.00	5,000.00		108
Mt. Home	Lowell Tanner	Lowell Tanner	Mrs. E. O. Chronister, Lamar, Rt. 2	4	4	2	51	39	52	9	8.00	750.00	195.00	7,500.00	FT	90
Hickory Grove	Geno Johnson	Lytle Hallum	Lucy Kohn, Casa, Rt. 1				44	28	45	6	5.50	1,275.00	135.00	4,000.00	FT	72
Cherry Hill	J. W. Hubbard	J. W. Hubbard	Dollie Brown, Perryville, Rt. 1			1	27	41	63	6	7.50	517.89	85.00		2-4	68
Pine Ridge	Rayburn Teague	Rayburn Teague	Clara Standridge, Rt. 1, Atkins	2			30	30	40	6	6.00	184.80	51.35	4,000.00	2-4	60
Walnut Grove	W. E. Coffman	W. E. Coffman	Nola Coffman, Hector, Rt. 1				10	54	20	4	6.00	157.00	50.00		2	64
Jerusalem	Geno Johnson	Loy Smith	Cora Adams, Jerusalem, Ark.				35	12	60	7	5.00	185.69	128.84		1-3	47
Kenwood	John M. Crouch	C. U. Kinder	Hazel Douthit, Atkins, Rt. 2		3	1	28	19	18	9	3.00	111.81		3,000.00	FT	47
Morrilton	R. G. Webb	R. G. Webb	Evelyn Singleton, 404 Roosevelt Cir. Morrilton	2	1		42	2	82	7	5.00	893.01	90.00	5,500.00	FT	44
Mt. Vernon	Loy Smith	Vester Harris	Ruth Burris, Russellville, Rt. 4	2					40		6.00	67.00		2,000.00	2-4	47
Little Rock	Johnny Burris	Johnny Burris	Dovie Barnes, Rt. 6, Box 38, North Little Rock	2		1			25	4	6.00	785.94	77.70	10,000.00	FT	33
Maple Springs	Geno Johnson	Geno Johnson	Peggy Williams, Russellville, Rt. 2	4	3		22	20	50	7	5.50	268.85	74.50	2,500.00	2-4	42
Moreland	Bobby J Chronister	Bobby J Chronister	Neda Duvall, Russellville, Rt. 4	6		1			45	7	5.00	1,010.00	100.00		2-4	46
Dublin	Melvin Snow	Melvin Snow	Ewell Henderson, Scranton	3					40	7	5.00	120.00	11.00	3,500.00	FT	32
New Liberty	Robert Ashmore	Robert Ashmore	Ola Blair, Delaware, Ark.						30	8	6.00	288.00	136.00		2-4	26
Phoenix	Lytle Hallum	Homer Eakin	Nola Bruce, Dover, Rt. 3			1			20	5	5.00	69.00	60.00		2-4	27
South Mt.	Paul Jones	Paul Jones	Evelyn Thompson, Rt. 1, Marshall	15					40	6	5.00	235.00	91.57	6,000.00	1-3	42
Hector	Homer Eakin	T. J. Robertson	Clytie Coffman, Hector						15	5	6.00	58.31	20.98	7,500.00	2-4	20
Sweet Home	A. J. Latham	C. U. Kinder	Flora Polk Atkins, Rt. 3			3			35	5	6.00	130.00	25.00	2,500.00	1-3	44
Wayton	Melvin Snow		Lettie Taylor						20		4.00				2-4	17
				87	27		1162	890	1521			18,429.61	2,616.69	113,000.00	-	2052

CHURCHES HAVING LEAGUE: Harmony, Union Grove, Russellville, Oak Grove, Welcome Home, Mt. Home, Morrilton, Dublin, New Liberty.

CHURCHES HAVING PRAYER MEETING: Harmony, Russellville, Oak Grove, Welcome Home, Red Oak, Little Rock.

gressed 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. II 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. **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 the 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; Matt. 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. I 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 by 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 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.

#### MINISTERS DIARY

E. L. Hill, Atkins	J. D. Coffman, Hector
Hershel Burris, Russellville, Rt. 4	Ellis Warren, Russellville, Rt. 4
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A. J. Lathum, Russellville, Rt. 2	

#### 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 by the chair or clerk.

9. Appointment of the following committees: (a) Resolution; (b) Finance; (c) Pulpit Committee; (d) Temperance; (e) Sabbath Schools; (f) Obituary; (g) Non-represented and Union of Churches.

10. Report of committee appointed at last Association and other unfinished business.

11. Report of new committees.

12. New business.