

MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Antioch Association of
Free Will Baptists

HELD WITH OAK GROVE CHURCH
POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SEPTEMBER 7-8-9-10, 1961

Next Session Will Be Held With
HICKORY GROVE CHURCH
PERRY COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Beginning On Thursday Night Before the Second Sunday
in September, 1962

ELD. ROBERT ASHMORE **Moderator**
Russellville, Ark.

ELD. THOMAS BRASHEAR **Assistant Moderator**
Russellville, Ark.

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

BRO. MONROE DAVIS **Assistant Clerk**
Rt. 3, Atkins, Ark.

MINUTES OF ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Seventieth Annual Session Which Met in Regular Session
With Oak Grove Church September 7-8-9-10, 1961

Members of Executive Board: Eld. Bobby J. Chronister, Eld. T. J. Robertson, Eld. R. G. Webb, Eld. Henry Hill, and Eld. Rayburn Teague, with Moderator and Clerk.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Eld. Rayburn Teague, Bros. Monroe Davis, Stanford Teague, Less Coffman, Richard Johnson, and Jimmie Loveless, Eld. Geno Johnson, and Sis. Mary Ruth Wright.

Opened by the moderator, Eld. Rayburn Teague.

United prayer by all ordained ministers and deacons, led by Eld. T. J. Robertson.

Devotional service conducted by Eld. Vester Harris.

Introductory sermon by Eld. Eugene Hubbard.

Scripture lesson, Gen. 11:1-9.

Text, Eccl. 7:29.

Song and handshake.

Dismissed by Eld. J. D. Kinder, to meet Friday morning at 9:30.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Sis. Clytie Coffman and Bro. Guss Isom.

Opened by moderator, Eld. Rayburn Teague.

Eld. Thomas Brashear read scripture lesson, reading Psalm 150.

Prayer by all ministers and ordained deacons, led by Eld. Loy Smith.

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

HARMONY—Bro. Lon Darter.

UNION GROVE—Bro. Bob Haralson.

OAK GROVE—Sis. Syble Johnston, Bro. Kenneth Hopson, Bro. Lee Johnston.

WELCOME HOME—Bro. Raymond Hays.

ST. JOE—Sis. Alice Johnston, Sis. Lila Davis, Sis. Betty McKinney.

RED OAK—By letter.

HOLMAN—By letter.

SLATY CROSSING—By letter.

MT. HOME—Sis. Hanie Jones, Bro. E. O. Chronister, Bro. Willie Hutchins.

HICKORY GROVE—Sis. Melissa Robinson, Sis. Gean Kohn, Bro. Ellis Rainey.

CHERRY HILL—Sis. Annette Wisley, Sis. Lillie Dehart, Sis. Flora Jean Bird.

PINE RIDGE—Bro. Huel Dixon, Bro. Frank Burris, Sis. Janie Burris.

WALNUT GROVE—Sis. Nola Coffman.

JERUSALEM—By letter.

KENWOOD—By letter.

MORRILTON—Bro. Arvil Cooper, Sis. Willard Cooper.

MT. VERNON—Bro. Odell Blankinship, Bro. Billy Don Duvall.

LITTLE ROCK—Sis. Imafay Ramsey, Bro. Alvin Ramsey, Sis. Virginia Roberts.

MAPLE SPRINGS—Sis. Lucy Bowden, Bro. Tom Bowden.

MORELAND—Sis. Casa Duvall.

DUBLIN—Bro. Travis Henderson Jr., Sis. Louise Henderson, Sis. Emma Wages.

NEW LIBERTY—Sis. Prue Jones, Sis. Bessie Jeten.
 PHOENIX—Bro. Preston Freeman, Sis. Sharon Kay Byrum, Sis. Louise Freeman.
 SOUTH MT.—Sis. Lena Fay Kimbrell, Sis. Corene Thompson, Sis. Peggy Kelley.
 HECTOR—Bro. Dolan Church, Sis. Rhoda Church.
 SWEET HOME—Bro. Brown Burnett.
 WAYTON—Sis. Lettie Taylor (clerk).
 NOGO—By letter.
 WOODLAWN—Bro. Dalton Johnson, Bro. Les Coffman, Sis. Nora Virden.
 BEN HUR—Sis. Delmer Rudder, Bro. J. E. Rudder.
 Honorary members—Sis. Mollie Plank, Sis. Gertie Crow, Sis. Mary Kinder, Eld. Willie Crouch, Eld. Mart Crouch, Eld. E. L. Hill, Sis. Florence Venable, Sis. Melissa Robinson, Sis. Rosie Willis, Sis. Hanie Jones.
 Visiting—Bro. William Durham.
 A petitionary letter from Woodlawn Free Will Baptist Church of Russellville and Ben Hur Free Will Baptist Church with their delegates were received in full fellowship.
 The Association further organized by electing the following officers: Eld. Robert Ashmore, moderator; Eld. Thomas Brashear, assistant moderator; Bro. E. O. Wright, clerk and treasurer; Bro. Monroe Davis, assistant clerk.
 The moderator and assistant moderator appointed the following committees:
 PULPIT COMMITTEE—Bro. Riley Ennis, Bro. Charley Crouch, Bro. Brown Burnett.
 RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE—Eld. Homer Eakins, Eld. R. G. Webb, Eld. T. J. Robertson.
 FINANCE COMMITTEE—Bro. E. O. Wright, Bro. Monroe Davis, Sis. Prue Jones.
 TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE—Eld. Fate Mize, Eld. Bobby J. Chronister, Eld. Rayburn Teague.
 SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE—Sis. Myra Hill, Sis. Louise Henderson, Eld. J. D. Kinder.
 OBITUARY COMMITTEE—Bro. Odell Blankinship, Sis. Clytie Coffman, Sis. Velma Johnston.
 NON-REPRESENTATION AND UNION OF CHURCHES COMMITTEE—Eld. Joseph Hubbard, Eld. Henry Hill, Eld. Dolphas Johnston.
 Song by Eld. Henry Hill.
 The Pulpit Committee announced that Eld. R. G. Webb would fill the stand at 11 o'clock.
 Song by Bro. Monroe Davis.
 Eld. Thomas Brashear introduced Eld. R. G. Webb as speaker.
 Prayer by Elder Brashear.
 Preaching by Elder Webb; text, "The Seven Steps to Salvation."
 Song, "I Feel Like Traveling On," by Bro. Les Coffman.
 Handshake. Dismissed by Bro. J. E. Rudder.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Sis. Clytie Coffman.
 Scripture lesson 153rd Psalm, read by Eld. J. D. Kinder.
 Prayer by Elder Kinder.
 Opened by Assistant Modereator, Eld. Thomas Brashear, and reading the rules of order.
 Tardy letters read.
 Report of Sabbath School Committee.
 Report of Eld. J. D. Kinder and Bro. E. O. Wright concerning the memeograph machine, property of Antioch Association and rented to Ladies Auxiliary.

After discussion of State Minute Fund, a motion was made and seconded that we send \$3.00 to State Association, designation letters.

Eld. Rayburn Teague was elected to the Executive Board and Ordaining Council to fill the place of Eld. J. D. Kinder.

Report of Pulpit Committee that Eld. J. D. Kinder conduct devotional service, and Eld. Robert Ashmore fill the stand at night.

Song "Down at the Cross", led by Eld. John Taylor.

Dismissed by Eld. Loy Smith.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

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

Prayer by Eld. Vester Harris and Eld. Geno Johnson.

Eld. J. D. Kinder conducted devotional service.

Preaching by Eld. Robert Ashmore.

Scripture lesson, St. Luke 10:38-42.

Text St. Luke 10:42.

(One Thing is Needful).

Prayer by Eld. Ashmore.

Song led by Eld. Rayburn Teague.

Handshake.

Dismissed by Eld. R. S. Harrison to meet at 9 o'clock Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Scripture reading, 1st Psalm, read by Sis Bobbie Teague.

Prayer by Eld. Loy Smith.

Song led by Eld John Taylor.

Song led by Bro. Jack Powers.

Song led by Bro. E. W. Johnson.

Moderator, Eld. Robert Ashmore, declared association open for business.

Called for tardy letters, and other delegates.

Eld. W. S. Isbell seated as visiting minister.

Reading of rules of order by clerk.

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your committee find the following brothers and sisters have departed this life since our last association. But we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

HARMONY—Sis Bonnie Box.

UNION GROVE—Mary Sleeker.

ST. JOE—Sis. Johnnie Teague and Sis. Josie Porter.

HOLMAN—Bro. S. A. Pearson and Sis. Bertha Lynch.

WALNUT GROVE—Sis. Dora Alread.

JERUSALEM—Bro. L. J. McCoy.

SWEET HOME—Sis. Adaline Blankinship, Bro. Leroy Matchett and Bro. Jack Haralson.

NOGO—Bro. S. C. Rackley.

WAYTON—Sis. Martha Taylor and Bro. Garry Casey.

SOUTH MT.—Bro. Marley Watts.

MORRILTON—Bro. John T. Reynolds.

CHERRY HILL—Bro. Alvis Evans and Bro. Ollie Brown.

MT. HOME—Sis Nora Hatchet.

MORELAND—Sis Effie Eakin.

Song led by Bro. S. E. Bone.
 Motion made and seconded to recess for 10 minutes.
 Song by Bro. Monroe Davis.
 Prayer led by Bro. Dolan Burris.
 Bro. E. O. Wright assisted the committee.
 Eld. W. S. Isbell spoke in memory of Sis. Josie Porter, Bro. S. A. Pearson, Sis. Bertha Lynch, Sis. Dora Alread, Bro. S. C. Rackley, and Sis Effie Eakin.
 Eld. J. D. Kinder spoke in memory of Sis Bonnie Box.
 Eld. Thomas Brashear spoke in memory of Sis. Johnnie Teague, Sis. Adaline Blankinship, Bro. LeRoy Matchett, Bro. Jack Haralson and Sis. Nora Hatchett.
 Eld. R. G. Webb spoke in memory of Bro. L. J. McCoy and Bro. John T. Reynolds.
 Eld Henry Hill spoke in memory of Sis. Mary Lavina Sleeker.
 Eld. J. W. Hubbard spoke in memory of Bro. Elvis Evans and Bro. Ollie Brown.
 Eld. W. A. Crouch spoke in memory of Bro. Marley Watts.
 Eld. Melvin Snow spoke in memory of Sis Martha Taylor and Bro. Garry Casey.
 Song, "One by One", by a trio — Eld. Henry and Sis. Mryra Hill and Eld. R. H. McCuin.
 Christian handshake.
 Dismissed by Eld. T. J. Robertson.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Bro. Monroe Davis and Bro. Dalton Johnson.
 Prayer by Eld. D. L. Wright.
 Moderator, Eld. Robert Ashmore, declared the association open for business.
 Report of Temperance Committee, received and committee discharged.
 Obituary Committee discharged.
 Report of Non-Rep. and Union of Churches. The report received and committee discharged.
 Report of Committee on Arrangements received and committee discharged.
 Motion made and carried that the association accept the report of Eld. R. G. Webb in the way to vote in members as requested by the Jerusalem Church.
 Moderator declared nomination in order for home of next association meeting.
 Hickory Grove was selected to meet in 1962.
 Eld. D. L. Wright was elected to preach the introductory sermon and Eld. R. H. McCain as alternate.
 Election of State delegates: Sis. Jessie Robertson, Bro. Monroe Davis, Sis. Sylvia McCuin, Sis. Mary Ruth Wright, Sis. Prue Jones. Alternates: Bro. Huel Dixon, Sis. Nona Kinder, Sis. Myrtis Ashmore, Sis Audria Chronister, Sis Barbara McCuin.
 The Pulpit Committee reported Eld. R. H. McCuin conduct devotional and Eld. C. U. Kinder fill the stand at night. At this time we had a short talk from the aged ministers, namely Elds. W. F. Crouch, E. L. Hill, W. A. Crouch, and J. M. Crouch.
 Motion made and carried to adjourn to meet with Hickory Grove Church, Perry County, September 1962.
 Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Arthur Dixon.
 Eld. C. U. Kinder graced the table Friday noon, Bro. Horace Condley graced the table Friday night, Eld. E. L. Hill graced the table at noon Saturday and Eld. Fate Mize graced the table Saturday night.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Assembled with class singing and specials.
We had a united prayer by all.
Solo by Eld. R. H. McCuin.
Finance Committee reported and was discharged.
Eld. R. H. McCuin conducted devotional service.
Duet by Sisters Syble and Bobby Teague.
Song, "Heaven's Jubilee," led by Eld. Vester Harris.
Preaching by Eld. C. U. Kinder.
Scripture Lesson St. Mark 3:1-5.
Text, "A Cure For Every Ill."
Song "Softly and Tenderly".
Handshake.

Resolution of Thanks

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the Oak Grove Church and surrounding community for their kind and generous hospitality and wonderful meals and real fellowship of Christian worship.

Dismissed by Eld. Fate Mize.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

After Sabbath School Bro. E. O. Wright conducted devotional service and introduced Eld. J. W. Hubbard.

Scripture Lesson, St. John 6:5-8.

Text, "It Was Enough."

Dismissed by Bro. R. C. Teague, Eld. Robert Ashmore, Moderator, and Bro. E. O. Wright, clerk and treasurer

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

SABBATH SCHOOLS

We your committee on Sabbath Schools, submit the following. We find that 29 churches have reported in their letters that they have Sabbath Schools. Realizing the great responsibility of child training which begins in the home, with parents as teachers, who should plan and provide for them the next best thing which is the Sabbath School. This should not be neglected in any church or community. Here let us stress the urgent need of Sabbath Schools in our churches and a greater interest manifested in this work. Too often they get the wrong training elsewhere. Having an old minute we find in 1942 this Antioch Association met with this church. At that time we had twelve Sabbath Schools.

Myra Hill, Louise Henderson and J. D. Kinder

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We your committee on Temperance would like to make the following report. We believe the Bible teaches us to be temperate in all things and as for alcholic beverages, not only should we as Christians abstain from the use of them, but abstain from all traffic, transfer or distribution of the damnable stuff.

We also believe that we should not frequent or patronize places that are connected with the distribution of them, such as cafes, grocery stores, drug stores, pool halls, honky tonks and road houses.

Bob Chronister and Rayburn Teague

NON-REP. AND UNION OF CHURCHES

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

Eld. J. W. Hubbard, Henry Hill and Dolphus Johnston

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We your Committee on Finance have collected from the different churches for Antioch Minutes \$110.00 for State Minutes \$68.50. Total \$178.50.

E. O. Wright, Monroe Davis and Prue Jones

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 Savior 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 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 become 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 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 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

CHURCHES	MODERATOR THIS YEAR	MODERATOR LAST YEAR	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, Box 312, Ark. Tech, Russellville	4	15	1	141	37	111	10	\$8.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 267.65	\$ 8,000.00	FT	182
Union Grove	Henry Hill	Henry Hill	Vina Tyler, Route 3, Atkins	5	2	1	106	72	95	9	8.00	2,600.00	150.00	10,000.00	FT	178
Oak Grove	Rayburn Teague	Ellis Warren	Syble Teague, Route 3, Atkins	12	3		50	72	65	6	8.00	200.73	100.00	7,000.00	1-3	122
Welcome Home	Robert Ashmore	Robert Ashmore	L. E. Bone, Hector	2	3		65	55	65	8	8.00	393.00	100.00	5,000.00	FT	120
St. Joe	Eugene Hubbard	Rayburn Teague	Marilyn Reynolds, Route 3, Atkins	7		2	62	45	38	6	6.00	142.50	56.00	5,000.00	1-3	107
Red Oak	Dolphas Johnson	Ovalee Tilley	Madge Henry, Route 4, Box 86, Marshall	10					65	9		445.74	72.35	3,000.00		108
Holman	C. U. Kinder	J. C. Kinder	Mary Pitts, Route 1, Box 79, Lamar	9		2	84	33	54	6	5.00	257.47	86.48	6,000.00	1-3	117
Slaty Crossing	J. C. Kinder	Bobby J. Chronister	Mary Crawford, 809 N. 4th St., Dardanelle				68	40	53	9	7.50	655.00	200.00	5,000.00		108
Mt. Home	D. L. Wright	Lowell Tanner	James Jones, Route 1, Clarksville	2		1	52	39	46	10	8.00	765.00	100.00	7,500.00	FT	91
Hickory Grove	Geno Johnston	Geno Johnston	Lucy Kohn, Route 1, Casa	1			45	28	33	11	5.50	575.00	212.50	4,000.00	1-3	73
Cherry Hill	J. W. Hubbard	J. W. Hubbard	Ella Dean Brown, Route 1, Perryville	4		1	30	41	56	7	7.50	610.50	117.50		2-4	71
Pine Ridge	Rayburn Teague	Rayburn Teague	Hazel King, Route 1, Atkins	9			30	30	45	6	9.00	184.00	50.00	4,000.00	2-4	60
Walnut Grove	Dolphas Johnson	W. E. Coffman	Willadean Biffle, RFD, Russellville	6			17	77	23	6	6.50	180.00	5.37	3,500.00	2-4	84
Jerusalem	W. E. Coffman	Geno Johnston	Billy McCoy, Jerusalem			1	35	12	40	8	7.50	194.00	110.03	3,000.00	1-3	49
Kenwood	Francis Foshee	John M. Crouch	Hazel Douthit, Route 2, Box 176, Atkins				28	19	18	8	5.00	12.35		3,000.00	1-3	47
Morrilton	R. G. Webb	R. G. Webb	Evelyn Singleton, 404 Roosevelt Circle, Mor.	6		1	41	1	83	8	5.00	614.15	90.00	5,500.00	FT	42
Mt. Vernon	Ellis Warren	Loy Smith	Ruth Burris, Russellville						27	5	6.00	68.73	107.00	2,500.00	2-4	44
Little Rock	Loy Smith	Johnny Burris	Dovie Barnes, Rt. 6, Box 38, N. Little Rock	6	2		36		40	7	7.00	685.07	78.25	10,000.00	FT	36
Maple Springs	Ellis Warren	Geno Johnston	Peggy Williams, Rt. 2, Box 172, Russellville	3			23	22	30	7		322.27	90.00	2,500.00	1-3	45
Moreland	Bobby J. Chronister	Bobby J. Chronister	Meda Duvall, Route 4, Russellville	7		1			45	7	7.50	530.00	135.00	6,000.00	2-4	53
Dublin	J. C. Kinder	Melvin Snow	Emma Wages, Scranton	10			36		35	11	5.00	70.00	128.00	4,000.00	FT	36
New Liberty	R. H. McCuin	Robert Ashmore	Ola Blair, Delaware	6			30	6	45	6	6.00	484.90	82.00		FT	36
Phoenix	L. D. Carlisle	Lytle Hallum	Nola Bruce, Route 3, Dover	2			17	12	25	5	7.00	132.50	52.50		2-4	29
South Mt.	L. D. Virden	Paul Jones	Cora Knowles, Route 1, Marshall	6		1	39	7	40	7	5.00	107.00	115.00	6,000.00	*	46
Hector	Homer Eakin	Homer Eakin	Clytie Coffman, Hector				14	6	14	4	6.00	116.70	32.60	7,500.00	2-4	20
Sweet Home	Vester Harris	A. J. Latham	Woodene Duvall, Hattievile			3	24	18	40	6	5.00	140.50	31.25	3,000.00		42
Wayton	Melvin Snow	Melvin Snow	Lettie Taylor, Wayton	2		2	11	6	40	10	3.00	162.00	18.00	8,000.00	2-4	19
Nogo	Avaugh Vaughn		Fannie Rackley, Hector			1	21		30		6.00	193.00	46.00			21
Woodlawn	Thomas Brashear	Thomas Brashear	George R. Latham, Russellville	30							8.00	850.00		9,000.00	FT	
Ben Hur	Bobby J. Chronister	Bobby J. Chronister	Doris Jean Collins, Ben Hur	22							5.00				1-3	22
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* South Mt.—2-3-4

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.

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 at least one year in the bounds of this Association.
(2) Must be set apart, and have an 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, 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; 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 his 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 infalliable 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 com-

ing 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 2:4; 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 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 fellowship 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 the 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 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 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.
13. Adjournment.