

MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTY FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Antioch Association of
Free Will Baptists

HELD WITH HICKORY GROVE CHURCH
PERRY COUNTY, ARKANSAS

SEPTEMBER 6-7-8-9, 1962

Next Session Will Be Held With

HARMONY CHURCH
POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Beginning On Thursday Night Before the Second Sunday
in September, 1963

ELD. GENO JOHNSTON Moderator
Rt. 4, Russellville, Ark.

ELD. J. D. KINDER Assistant Moderator
Russellville, Ark.

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

SIS. LILA DAVIS Assistant Clerk
Rt. 3, Atkins, Ark.

MINUTES OF ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Seventy First Annual Session Which Met in Regular Session
With Hickory Grove Church, Sept 6-7-8-9, 1962

Members of Executive Board, Eld. T. J. Robertson, Eld. Henry Hill, Eld. Bobby J. Chronister, Eld. Rayburn Teague, Eld. Thomas Brashear, with Moderator and Clerk.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Eld. Joseph Hubbard, Eld. Rayburn Teague, Bro. Lonnie Ashcraft, Sis. Mary Ruth Wright.

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

Scripture lesson, Romans 5:1-5, read by Eld. Geno Johnston.

United prayer by all christians led by Eld. Rayburn Teague and Eld. Geno Johnston.

Song led by Eld. Joseph Hubbard.

Devotional service conducted by Bro. John Teal.

Introductory sermon by Eld. D. L. Wright. Text: Isaiah 5:5-1 - "Lo, Everyone That Thirsteth Come."

Invitation to sinners.

Song, "Unprepared to Meet Thy God," led by Eld. Joseph Hubbard.

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. C. W. Kohn, to meet at 9:30 Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Eld. Joseph Hubbard.

Prayer by Eld. Bobby J. Chronister.

Song by Bro. Les Coffman.

Opened by assistant moderator, Eld. Thomas Brashear.

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

HARMONY—Bro. Lloyd Lipe, Bro. Lon Darter, and Sis. Rhea Darter.

UNION GROVE—Sis. Thelma English, Sis. Maude Gipson.

WELCOME HOME—Sis. Arvena Cook, Sis. Arizona Crouch.

OAK GROVE—Bro. Chalmer Duvall, Bro. Lee Johnston.

HOLMAN—By letter.

RED OAK—By letter.

SLATY CROSSING—Sis. Lucy Geurian, Sis. Bertha Hamilton, Sis. Beatrice Moore.

ST. JOE—Sis. Lila Davis, Bro. Bill Duvall, Sis. Wanda Haney.

MT. HOME—By letter.

CHERRY HILL—Bro. Billy Stone, Sis. Sylvia Stone, Sis. Lillie Bell Dehart.

WALNUT GROVE—By letter.

HICKORY GROVE—Sis. Edith Gilmore, Bro. Ellis Rainey, Bro. Hershel Robinson.

WOODLAWN—Sis. Nora Virden, Bro. Les Coffman, Sis. Mayme Coffman.

PINE RIDGE—Bro. Huel Dixon.

KENWOOD—By letter.

MT. VERNON—By letter.

JERUSALEM—By letter.

MORRILTON—Bro. Charlie Huffman, Sis. Johnnie Sue Chism, Bro. Arthur Harrolle.

MAPLE SPRINGS—Sis. Emma Bowden, Sis. Lucy Bowden, Sis. Peggy Williams.

MORELAND—Bro. E. W. Johnson, Sis. Edna Johnson, and Sis. Zona Chronister.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN—By letter.

SWEET HOME—By letter.

LITTLE ROCK—Bro. Alvin Ramsey, Bro. Clarence Williams.

DUBLIN—Sis. Mollie Plank, Sis. Emma Wages, Bro. Carl Gray.

NEW LIBERTY—Sis. Prue Jones, Sis. Bessie Jetton.

PHOENIX—Sis. Louise Freeman.

BEN HUR—Bro. Joe Standridge, Sis. Christine Johnson.

WAYTON—Bro. Floyd Daniels, Bro. J. D. Henderson, Ivery Taylor.

NOGO—By letter.

HECTOR—Sis. Vada Kimbrell, Sis. Clytie Coffman.

Right hand of christian fellowship was extended.

Visiting Ministers—Eld. Dee Smith of Lake Providence, La., Eld. Bob Rackley of Arkansas Association.

The Association further organized by electing the following officers: Eld. Geno Johnston, Moderator, Eld. J. D. Kinder, Assistant Moderator, Bro. E. O. Wright, Clerk and Treasurer, Sis. Lila Davis, Assistant Clerk.

The Moderator and Assistant Moderator appointed the following committees:

PULPIT COMMITTEE—Bro. Roy McCuin, Bro. Carroll Gray, Sis. Thelma English.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE—Eld. Joseph Hubbard, Eld. Bobby J. Chronister, Eld. L. D. Carlile.

FINANCE—Bro. E. O. Wright, Bro. Les Coffman, Bro. William Hubbard, Bro. Lee Johnston.

TEMPERANCE—Eld. R. H. McCuin, Sis. Horace Condley, Eld. Rayburn Teague.

SABBATH SCHOOL—Sis. Syble Teague, Bro. Lloyd Lipe, Sis. Cassa Kinder.

OBITUARY—Sis. Prue Jones, Bro. Ellis Johnson, Sis. Barbara McCuin.

NON-REPRESENTED AND UNION OF CHURCHES COMMITTEE—Sis. Dora Teal, Sis. Sylvia Carlile, Sis. Zona Chronister.

PULPIT COMMITTEE—Announced that Eld. Dee Smith to fill stand at 11 o'clock.

Song led by Eld. Rayburn Teague.

Song led by Eld. R. H. McCuin.

Eld. Thomas Brashear introduced the speaker, Eld. Dee Smith.

Song, "Amazing Grace."

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13.

Text: "Watch."

Song by Bro. Les Coffman.

A greeting handshake to Eld. Smith.

Dismissed by Eld. Bobby J. Chronister. To meet at 1:30 o'clock.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Bro. Roy McCuin.

Devotional by Bro. Joe Standridge.

Prayer by Eld. T. J. Robertson.

Song by Eld. Stanford Trigg.

Opened by Moderator, Eld. Geno Johnston.

Tardy letters read and received.

Motion made and carried to appoint a committee to draft a resolution concerning prayer in our schools. Committee composed of Bro. E. O. Wright, Sis. Lila Davis, Eld. T. J. Robertson.

After some discussion a motion was made and seconded to select a committee to see the authorities concerning this matter. Selected were Eld. Lowell Tanner, Bro. William Hubbard, Eld. J. D. Kinder.

Song led by Joseph Hubbard. Song led by Elder Bob Rackley.

Elder T. J. Robertson related a message of a converted Catholic.

Song led by Eld. Rayburn Teague.

Song led by Sis. Mayme Coffman.

Song led by Sis. Sylvia Carlile.

The pulpit committee announced that Eld. R. H. McCuin would conduct the devotional service and that Eld. Bobby J. Chronister would fill the stand at night.

Eld. Thomas Brashear was elected to the Executive Board and Ordinance Council to fill the place of Eld. R. G. Webb.

Election of state delegates. Sis. Jesse Robertson, Sis. Nona Kinder, Sis. Prue Jones, Sis. Lila Davis, Bro. Ellis Johnson.

As alternates—Sis. Sybil Teague, Sis. Edna Johnson, Sis. Sylvia Carlile, Sis. Lorene Davis, Sis. Mary Crawford.

Motion made and carried to adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock Saturday.

Dismissed by Bro. E. E. Rainey.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Assembled with a song service by different leaders, which was enjoyed.

Prayer by all ministers present.

Song led by Eld. Rayburn Teague.

A special by Eld. R. H. McCuin.

Devotional service by Eld. R. H. McCuin.

Scripture lesson: Psalm 96.

Preaching by Eld. Bobby J. Chronister.

Scripture: 1st Cor: 1-9.

OBITUARY

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. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things have passed away."

HARMONY—Sis. Leona Milsap, Bro. Paul Wilson, Sis Jewel Huffman.

UNION GROVE—Bro. Roy Staggs (Deacon), Sis. Sarah Maxwell.

JERUSALEM—Sis. Mary Ann Reid.

PHOENIX—Bro. S. W. Burton.

MAPLE SPRINGS—Sis. Julia Gideon.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN—Sis. Delia Watts.

HICKORY GROVE—Bro. Henry Teal.

DUBLIN—Sis. Ott Needham.

MT. VERNON—Bro. John Freeman.

WAYTON—Sis. Elease Henderson.

Text: "The Crucifixion of Christ."

Song and handshake.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Monroe Davis.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Eld. Robert Ashmore, Eld. Stanford Trigg, Bro. Les Coffman, Eld. Thomas Brashear.

Opened by moderator, Eld. Geno Johnston.

Prayer by Eld. L. D. Carlile.

Tardy letters called for and other delegates.

Visiting members—Bro. J. C. Elsbury, Pine Bluff.

Honorary members—Sis. Mollie Plank, Sis. Gertie Crow, Sis. Milissa Robinson, Sis. Pearl Harris, Bro. and Sis. John Wesley Hamilton, Sis. Clemie Coffman. Visiting honorary members: Sis. Bevie Staggs, Bro. and Sis. Lish Robinson, Bro. and Sis. Tom Ashcraft, Sis. Nettie Mitchell, Eld. O. J. Wales, visiting minister.

The committee on investigation concerning prayer in the schools reported it was discharged.

Eld. Robert Ashmore gave a report concerning the mimeograph machine and gave \$12.50 on rent from Russellville Church.

Dismissed 15 minutes intermission by Eld. J. D. Kinder, assistant moderator.

Assembled with singing led by Bro. Gus Isom. Prayer by Eld. Homer Eakin.

Report of obituary committee. Bro. E. O. Wright assisted the committee.

Eld. J. D. Kinder spoke in memory of Sis. Leona Milsap, Bro. Paul Wilson, Sis. Jewel Huffman, and Bro. John Freeman.

Eld. Thomas Brashear spoke in memory of Bro. Roy Staggs, Sis. Sarah Maxwell, Bro. S. W. Burton.

Eld. R. G. Webb spoke in memory of Sis. Mary Ann Reid, Sis. Ott Needham.

Eld. L. D. Carlile spoke in memory of Sis. Delia Watts.

Eld. Robert Ashmore spoke in memory of Sis. Elease Henderson.

Eld. Geno Johnston spoke in memory of Sis. Julia Gideon, Mr. Delbert (Sonny) Robinson, Bro. Henry Teal.

Singing led by Eld. R. H. McCuin.

Christian handshake.

Dismissed by Eld. R. G. Webb.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Eld. Thomas Brashear, Bro. Monroe Davis, Eld. Stanford Trigg.

Prayer by Eld. D. L. Wright.

Song led by Junior Henderson.

Song by Eld. Robert Ashmore.

Eld. Geno Johnston, moderator, declared association opened for business.

Report of Sabbath School Committee.

Report of Temperance Committee.

Report of Finance Committee.

Report of Non-Rep and Union of Churches.

All committees discharged.

Moderator declared nominations in order for home of next association. Harmony was selected to meet in 1963.

Eld. Rayburn Teague was selected to preach the introductory sermon, and Eld. Stanford Trigg as alternate.

Song by Bro. Lish Robinson.

The pulpit committee reported that Eld. L. D. Carlile would conduct the devotional service and Robert Ashmore would fill the stand at night.

Quartet by Sis. Goldie Maxwell, Sis. Marrye Coffman, Bro. Les Coffman, Bro. Roy McCuin.

Motion made and carried that the clerk, Bro. E. O. Wright, write to Red Oak Church concerning the credentials of Eld. Orvaley Tilley.

Motion made and carried that the clerk write a letter of recommendation for Eld Robert Ashmore to the Arkansas Association.

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

Dismissed by Bro. Newt Hice to meet with Harmony Church in 1963.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Assembled with singing by different leaders, also special numbers. A good song service was enjoyed.

United prayer by all ministers.

Devotional service conducted by Eld. L. D. Carlile.

Quintet by the girls from Dublin Church.

Preaching by Eld. Robert Ashmore.

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 17:1-10.

Text: Exodus 17:10 — "Strength For The Battle."

Dismissed by Eld. Melvin Snow.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

After Sabbath School, opening song led by Eld. Charles Kohn.

Song by Sis. Edith Gilmore.

Prayer by Sis. Dora Teal.

Song by Sis. Margaret Ward.

Prayer by Eld. Charles Kohn.

Preaching by Eld. Geno Johnston.

Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 2:17-20.

Prayer by Elder Geno Johnson.

Text: "Let Us Return And Build."

Concluded by Eld. Vester Harris.

Song and handshake.

Dismissed by Bro. Jackie Townsell.

Eld. Thomas Brashear graced the table at noon Friday.

Eld. Lowell Tanner graced the table Friday night.

Eld. R. G. Webb graced the table at noon Saturday.

Eld. Joseph Hubbard graced the table Saturday night.

Eld. Geno Johnston, Moderator

Bro. E. O. Wright, Clerk

REPORT OF COMMITTEES SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee of Sabbath Schools, submit the following: We find that 30 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 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 children get the wrong training elsewhere.

Sis. Sybil Teague

Bro. Loy Lips

Sis. Cassa 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 of distribution of the damnable stuff.

We also believe that we should not patronize places that are connected with the distribution of them, such as cafes, grocery stores, drug stores, pool halls, honkey tonks and road houses. And also, we would like to submit as a reminder to the people, James 1:12-16: "Blessed is the man that endureth temptations; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

"Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man.. But every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed—then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

Do not err, my beloved brethren.

Eld. Rayburn Teague
Eld. R. H. McCuin
Sis. Myrtle Condley

NON-REPRESENTED AND UNION OF CHURCHES

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

Sis. Dora Teal
Sis. Sylvia Carlile
Sis. Zona Chronister

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your committee on Finance, have collected from the different churches, for Antioch Minutes, \$101.00; for State Association, \$113.50; total \$215.00.

Bro. E. O. Wright
Bro. William Hubbard
Bro. Les Coffman
Bro. Lee Johnston

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 astain 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 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. On 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,

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	Jack Reid, 1415 S. Arkansas, Russellville	2	3	3	130	45	94	18	\$ 11.00	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 8,000	FT	175
Union Grove	Thomas Brashear	Henry Hill	J. A. Davis, Atkins	2	3	2	103	70	83	10	11.00	2,550.00	100.00	10,000	FT	173
Welcome Home	Lowell Tanner	Robert Ashmore	L. E. Bone, Horton	7	3		70	54	80	9	11.00	765.00	60.00	5,000	FT	124
Oak Grove	Rayburn Teague	Rayburn Teague	Sybil Teague, Rt. 3, Atkins	1			41	75	60	6	11.00	240.00	100.00	7,000	1-3	116
Holman	C. U. Kinder	C. U. Kinder	Mary Pitts, Rt. 1, Box 79, Lamar		1	1			34	6	5.00	213.35	53.00	6,000	1-3	115
Red Oak	Paul Jones	Dolphas Johnson	Carolyn House, Rt. 7, Marshall	2	2	1			45	7	5.00	340.00		4,000	2	110
Slaty Crossing	J. C. Kinder	J. C. Kinder	Mary Crawford, 809 N. 4th St., Dardanelle				67	41	51	7	8.00	690.00	100.00	5,000	FT	108
St. Joe	Eugene Hubbard	Eugene Hubbard	Marilyn Reynolds, Rt. 3, Atkins				62	45	35	7	9.00	193.60	66.50	5,000	FT	107
Mt. Home	D. L. Wright	D. L. Wright	Gloria Hutchins, Rt. 2, Box 113A, Lamar	7			49	49	46	10	9.00	815.00	100.00	7,000	FT	98
Cherry Hill	J. W. Hubbard	J. W. Hubbard	Ella Dean Brown, Rt. 1, Perryville	6			36	44	60	8	5.50	562.16	108.00		2-4	80
Walnut Grove	Dolphas Johnson	Dolphas Johnson	Willade'n Biffle, Rt. 1, Hector	5	1		19	53	25	6	6.00	183.79	59.50	4,500	2-4	72
Hickory Grove	Geno Johnston	Geno Johnston	Lucy Kohn, Rt. 1, Casa		2	1	42	28	45	8	9.00	1,300.00	140.00	6,000	FT	70
Woodlawn	Bobby J. Chronister	Thomas Brashear	Nora Virden, Russellville	12	4		69				9.00	1,680.00	192.00	10,000	FT	69
Pine Ridge	Dolphas Johnson	Rayburn Teague	Hazel King, Rt. 1, Atkins	5	1		35	30	45	6	9.00	176.00	60.00	4,000	2-4	65
Kenwood	Francis Foshee	Francis Foshee	Hazel Douthit, Rt. 2, Box 176, Atkins	2			30	19	25	8	3.00	55.52	65.96	3,000	FT	49
Mt. Vernon	L. D. Virden	Ellis Warren	Ruth Burris, Rt. 4, Russellville	5		1			25	5	5.50	104.00		3,000		49
Jerusalem	W. E. Coffman	W. E. Coffman	Billie McCoy, Jerusalem	1		1	35	12	45	8	3.00	260.86	105.00	3,000	2-4	48
Morrilton	R. G. Webb	R. G. Webb	Evelyn Singleton, 404 Roosevelt, Morrilton	7			46	2	107	8	5.00	817.89	80.00	5,500	FT	48
Maple Springs	Ellis Warren	Ellis Warren	Peggy Williams, Rt. 2, Box 172, Russellville	2		1	20	26	40	7	5.00	378.00	71.00	2,500	2-4	46
Moreland	L. D. Virden	Bobby J. Chronister	Virgie Leavell, Rt. 3, Dover	5			44	3	46	7	9.00	484.00	146.00	5,000	1-3	47
South Mt.	Paul Jones	L. D. Virden	Edna Mize, Rt. 1, Marshall		1	1	32	11	40	7	5.00	236.65	38.65	6,000		43
Sweet Home	Vester Harris	Vester Harris	Woodene Duvall, Hattieville				24	18	25	6	6.00	196.00	40.00	3,000	2-4	42
Little Rock	Loy Smith	Loy Smith	Dovie Barnes, Rt. 6, Box 38, N. Little Rock	9	1				50	7	9.00	790.08	80.00	10,000	FT	41
Dublin	Travis Miller	J. C. Kinder	Emma Wages, Scranton	5		1	28	10	45	10	9.00	315.00	104.17	4,000	FT	38
New Liberty	R. H. McCuin	R. H. McCuin	Lorene Davis, New Blaine	1	2		29	6	35	6	9.00	416.58	75.00		FT	35
Phoenix	L. D. Carlile	L. D. Carlile	Nola Bruce, Rt. 3, Dover	2	1	1	20	9	25	5	6.00	86.00			2-4	29
Ben Hur	Rayburn Teague	Bobby J. Chronister	Doris Jean Collins, Ben Hur	5			25		35		9.00	395.00	70.00	1,500	2-4	25
Wayton	Bill Williams	Melvin Snow	Lettie Taylor, Rt. 1, Box 8, Wayton	8		1	17	6	40	8	3.00	125.00	49.37	8,000	2-4	23
Nogo	Avaugh Vaughn	Avaugh Vaughn	Fannie Rackley, Hector	1			22		30		9.00	199.25	40.00		2-4	22
Hector	Stanford Trigg	Homer Eakin	Clytie Coffman, Hector				14	6	15	4	6.00	107.84	13.05	7,500	2-4	20
				102	24	13	1108	622	1240	204	\$220.00	\$17,216.57	\$2,194.20	\$141,500		2085

CHURCHES HAVING LEAGUE: Harmony, Union Grove, Oak Grove, Welcome Home, Mountain Home, Morrilton, Dublin, New Liberty, Woodlawn, Kenwood, Phoenix.

CHURCHES HAVING PRAYER MEETINGS: Harmony, Oak Grove, Welcome Home, Red Oak, Little Rock, Hickory Grove, Woodlawn, Ben Hur, Wayton, Nogo, Hector.

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 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 an 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.

. **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 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, 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. 9:9-12; 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 8:13-25; 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 presidency 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 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; Ist 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 accompanies them in the person of the Holy Spirit to guide them in the way of truth and to bless their labors according to His purpose. Jonah 1:1; Jer. 1:5; Mark 3:14; Acts 1:22-26; Matt. 28:19.

13. THE INVISIBLE CHURCH—We believe that the Invisible or Spiritual Church is the redeemed in the aggregate, is the family of God, is composed of all true Christians of every congregation from righteous able to the restitution of all things, from every kindred, nation, tongue and people. Ephes. 3:16-21; Heb. 12:22-23; I Peter 2:5; Ephes. 2:20-22; Acts 2:47; Matt. 16:18.

14. THE VISIBLE CHURCH—We believe that a visible Church of Christ is 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 the 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. **JUDGEMENT**—We believe that there will be a general, universal judgement, 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 slated 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. Alternations 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.