

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

HELD WITH HARMONY CHURCH
POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SEPTEMBER 5-6-7-8, 1963

Next Session Will Be Held With
UNION GROVE CHURCH
POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Beginning On Thursday Night Before the Second Sunday
in September, 1964

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. PRUE JONES Assistant Clerk
New Blaine, Ark.

MINUTES OF ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Seventy-Second Annual Session Which Met in Regular Session
With Harmony Church — September 5-6-7-8, 1963

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

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opened with singing led by Bro. Lee Johnston, Sis. Jean Stanton, Bro. William Burris, Sis. Marilyn Taylor, Eld. D. L. Wright, Bro. Les Coffman, Sis. Mary Ruth Wright, Bro. E. O. Wright.

Scripture lesson, Psalm 133, read by assistant moderator, Eld. J. D. Kinder.

Song led by Bro. Claud Crawford.

Prayer by all ministers and deacons.

Opened by assistant moderator, Eld. J. D. Kinder. Bro. Bonner Tyler conducted devotional service. Eld. Rayburn Teague brought the introductory sermon. Scripture lesson, St. Matthew 21:33-40. Text, "Rejected."

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. Dolphas Johnson to meet at 9:30 Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing, led by Eld. Joseph Hubbard.

Prayer by Eld. Tommy Day.

Song, Eld. Rayburn Teague.

Opened by moderator, Eld. Geno Johnston.

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

UNION GROVE—Sis. Gladys Snyder, Sis. Ruby Eakes, Sis. Cloie Williams.

HARMONY—Sis. Jean Stanton, Bro. Lee Johnson, Bro. Lon Darter.

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

WELCOME HOME—Bro. R. C. Crouch, Bro. Arvel Condley, Sis. Lucille McCuin.

OAK GROVE—Bro. Lee Johnston, Sis. Sinda Johnston, Sis. Edith Burris.

SLATY CROSSING—Sis. Helen Wells, Sis. Gwendon Wells.

RED OAK—By letter.

ST. JOE—Sis. Wanda Haney, Sis. Cora Davis, Sis. Ollie Teague.

PINE RIDGE—Bro. Huel Dixon.

MT. HOME—Bro. Willie Hutchins, Sis. Susie Hutchins.

CHERRY HILL—Sis. Mary Brown, Sis. Grace Taylor.

HICKORY GROVE—Sis. Ruby Lee Robison.

WOODLAWN—Sis. Violet Williams, Sis. Mary Ann Chronister, Sis. Carolyn Hayes.

WALNUT GROVE—By letter.

MORELAND—Sis. Bessie Pitts, Sis. Levina Singleton.

LITTLE ROCK—Bro. Dee Hamilton, Sis. Deora Lee Hamilton, Bro. Joe Ramsey.

MT. VERNON—Sis. Nealie Burris.

JERUSALEM—Bro. Leo Adams.

MORRILTON—Sis. Maxine Crosby.

MAPLE SPRINGS—Sis. Lucy Bowden, Bro. Tommy Bowden, Bro. Bill Bowden.

KENWOOD—Sis. Rentha Foshee, Bro. Ernest Elliott.

SOUTH MT.—By letter.

SWEET HOME—Sis. Willie Flowers, Sis. Flora Polk.
PHOENIX—Sis. Myrtle Miller, Sis. Faye Mitchell.
DUBLIN—Sis. Mollie Plank, Sis. Patsy Needham, Sis. Kay Taylor.
NEW LIBERTY—Sis. Prue Jones, Sis. Bessie Jelton, Bro. Burt Blair.
WAYTON—Bro. Earl Smith, Sis. Janice Henderson.
NOGO—Sis. Kathleen Carr, Bro. Lewis Carr.
BEN HUR—Sis. Virgie Gregory, Bro. Edd Rudder.
HECTOR—Sis. Belle Langford, Sis. Pearl Waterfield.
DARDANELLE—Sis. Virginia Taylor, Sis. Macial Farnam, Sis. Melba
Hodges.
SMITH SPRINGS—Bro. Joe Lasater, Sis. Winnie Lasater, Sis. Juanita
Huett.

Right hand of fellowship was extended.

New churches were called for, and Dardanelle and Smith Springs churches were accepted with their messengers.

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; and Sis. Prue Jones, assistant clerk.

The moderator and assistant moderator appointed the following committees:

PULPIT COMMITTEE—Bro. Roy McCuin, Bro. Lee Johnson, Bro. Burt Blair.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE—Eld. Joseph Hubbard, Eld. Bobby J. Chronister, Eld. Tommy Day.

FINANCE COMMITTEE—Bro. E. O. Wright, Bro. Ellis Johnson, Bro. Odell Blankinship, Bro. Gilbert Tanner.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE—Sis. Prue Jones, Eld. R. H. McCuin, Bro. H. R. Condley.

SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE—Sis. Pearl Harris, Sis. Jessie Robertson, Sis. Macial Farnam.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE—Sis. Nona Kinder, Sis. Virginia Taylor, Sis. Barbara McCuin.

NON-REPRESENTED AND UNION OF CHURCHES COMMITTEE—Eld. Stanford Trigg, Eld. L. D. Virden, Eld. W. A. Crouch.

The Pulpit Committee announced that Eld. Loy Smith would bring the message at 11 o'clock.

Five-minute intermission.

Reassembled with singing led by Eld. Stanford Trigg.

Prayer by Bro. H. R. Condley.

Song led by Sis. Jean Stanton.

Preaching by Eld. Loy Smith. Scripture lesson, Hebrew 2:1-2-3. Text. "How Shall We Escape If There Be No Escape?"

Dismissed by Eld. Vester Harris to meet at 1:30 o'clock.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Sis. Jean Stanton and Sis. Mattie Tanner.

Devotion by Bro. Taft Standridge by reading 30th Psalm.

Prayer by Eld. L. D. Virden.

Song, Eld. R. H. McCuin.

Opened by moderator, Eld. Geno Johnston.

Tardy letters read and received.

Resolution No. 1—To change the required time of preaching for new pastors. Accepted for discussion. Vote carried.

Song, Eld. T. J. Robertson.

Young ministers to speak. Eld. William Burris, referring to Jobe 14:14. Eld. Taft Standridge requested that Eld. Vester Harris take the stand, "Neglect So Great A Salvation."

The Pulpit Committee reported for Friday night. Eld. Taft Standridge will conduct the devotional, Eld. Tommy Day to bring the message.

Eld. Tommy Day was elected to the Executive Board and Ordinance Council to fill the place of Eld. T. J. Robertson.

Election of state delegates: Sis. Mary Crawford, Sis. Prue Jones, Bro. Les Coffman, Sis. Pearl Day, Sis. Ruby Eakes. Alternate delegates: Sis. Nona Kinder, Sis. Melba Hodges, Sis. Nora Johnson, Sis. Mattie Tanner, Sis. Mary Ruth Wright.

Song by Bro. Monroe Davis.

Reports of Temperance and Sabbath School committees. Reports accepted and committees discharged.

Resolution concerning Article No. 8 of the Constitution. The ministers report to drop the last clause.

Song, Eld. R. H. McCuin.

Motion made and carried to adjourn until 7 o'clock Friday night.

Benediction by Eld. D. L. Wright.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

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

Prayer by all ministers and deacons present.

Two quartet numbers by Eld. D. L. Wright, Eld. Henry Hill, Sis. Mary Ruth Wright and Sis. Goldie Maxwell.

Quartet number by Sis. Sylvia McCuin, Sis. Mattie Tanner, Eld. Henry Hill and Bro. Roy McCuin.

Solo by little Susan Haney.

Two quintets by Bro. Les Coffman, Sis. Goldie Maxwell, Sis. Mamie Coffman, Eld. Henry Hill, Eld. D. L. Wright.

Duet by Eld. Eugene Hubbard and wife.

Duet by Eld. Henry Hill and wife.

Devotional service conducted by Eld. Taft Standridge. Song, "When the Battle is Over."

Preaching by Eld. Tommy Day. Scripture lesson, I Peter 5:6-8. Text, "Losing Out With God."

Invitation to sinners.

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. Dolphas Johnston to meet at 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Sis. Jean Stanton and Eld. Rayburn Teague.

Opened by moderator, Eld. Geno Johnston.

Scripture lesson, 1st Psalm, read by Sis. Mary Ann Hill.

Prayer by Eld. Travis Miller.

Song led by Bro. Lee Johnson.

Seating of other delegates.

Visiting members: Sis. Joe P. Taylor of Sherrill Free Will Baptist.

Honorary delegates: Sis. Olgie Wright (wife of clerk), Sis. Pearl Harris, Sis. Martha Vassaur, Sis. Melissa Robinson, Sis. Gertie Crow, Sis. Daisy Fobus, Sis. Mollie Plank, Sis. Nela Burris, Sis. Lillie Venable, Sis. Mary Kinder, Sis. Cinda Johnston.

Motion made and carried to begin the memorial service at 10:30 o'clock.

Song, Sis. Jean Stanton.

Song, Bro. Monroe Davis.

Song, Eld. Travis Miller.

Dismissed for 15-minute intermission by Bro. Roy McCuin.

Assembled with singing, led by Eld. Eugene Hubbard.

Prayer led by Eld. T. J. Robertson.

Report of Obituary Committee. Bro. E. O. Wright assisted the committee.

OBITUARY

We, your committee members, 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.

NEW LIBERTY—Bro. T. A. Farnum, Sis. Thelma Vassaur Meadows.

MT. VERNON—Bro. Riley Ennis.

NOGO—Sis. Dora Rackley.

HICKORY GROVE—Sis. Emily Teel.

MORRILTON—Sis. Viola Thomason.

MT. HOME—Sis. Winnie Voss.

UNION GROVE—Bro. Truman Hill.

OAK GROVE—Sis. Mary Johnston, Bro. Jace Johnston, Bro. Joe Isabell.

ST. JOE—Sis. Mary Moore.

WOODLAWN—Sis. Dollie Wilkerson, Bro. Massey Stamps, Sis. Rhea Stamps.

WALNUT GROVE—Bro. Mart Cochran.

HECTOR—Sis. Martha Ferguson.

SOUTH MT.—Sis. Lillie Cotton.

BEN HUR—Bro. Earl Lee.

PHOENIX—Bro. Johnnie W. Smith.

HOLMAN—Sis. Mary Hopper, Bro. Joseph A. Stumbaugh.

WELCOME HOME—Bro. Harrel Wayne McCuin.

DUBLIN—Sis. Martha Denton.

PINE RIDGE—Bro. Robert Reid.

OTHER DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE F.W.B.—Sis. Lee Kelton, Bro. C. P. Sykes, Sis. Rena Scott.

Eld. W. S. Isabell spoke in memory of Sis. Winnie Voss Bro. Mart Cochran, Sis. Thelma Vassaur Meadows, Sis. Mary Moore, Sis. Singleton, Bro. T. A. Farnum, and Bro. Johnnie W. Smith.

Eld. R. G. Webb spoke in memory of Sis. Viola Thomason, Sis. Mary Johnston, Bro. Jace Johnston, Sis. Lillie Cotton, and Bro. Riley Ennis.

Eld. Lowell Tanner spoke in memory of Bro. Harrel Wayne McCuin.

Eld. C. U. Kinder spoke in memory of Bro. Robert Reid and Sis. Mary Hopper.

Eld. T. J. Robertson spoke in memory of Bro. Massey Stamps and Sis. Rhea Stamps.

Eld. J. D. Kinder spoke in memory of Bro. Joe Isabell and Bro. Truman Hill.

Eld. Robert Ashmore spoke in memory of Sis. Martha Denton and Bro. Joseph A. Stumbaugh.

Eld. J. D. Coffman spoke in memory of Sis. Lee Kelton, Bro. C. P. Sykes and Sis. Rena Scott.

Eld. Bobby J. Chronister spoke in memory of Sis. Dora Rackley, Bro. Earl Lee and Sis. Dollie Wilkerson.

Eld. Geno Johnston spoke in memory of Sis. Emily Teel.

Singing and handshake.

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. Robert Ashmore.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Eld. Travis Miller and Eld. L. D. Virden.

Scripture lesson, I John 3:3, read by Bro. Wayne Douthit.

Prayer by Eld. D. L. Wright.

Eld. Geno Johnston, the moderator, declared the Association open for business.

Reports of committees on Finance and Non-Represented and Union of Churches. All committees discharged.

Moderator declared nominations in order for a home for next Association. Union Grove was selected for the meeting place in 1964. Eld. R. G. Webb was selected to preach introductory sermon; Eld. L. D. Carlile, alternate.

Song by Sis. Syble Teague.

The Pulpit Committee reported that Eld. Eugene Hubbard would conduct devotional service, and Eld. R. G. Webb would bring the message that night.

Song by Eld. J. W. Hubbard.

Talk by Eld. J. D. Coffman.

Special singing by Eld. and Mrs. Henry Hill and Eld. and Mrs. Robert Ashmore—"He'll Pilot Me" and "Teach Me, Lord, to Wait."

Special by Sis. Janice Henderson, with Eld. Taft Standridge on the guitar—"I Am Counting On You, Paul," "I Am Free Again," and "Pray For Me."

Eld. J. D. Coffman sang "Climbing Jacob's Ladder."

Report of Executive Committee accepted concerning the credentials of Orville Tilley and requested that our clerk, Bro. E. O. Wright, contact the county clerk at Marshall and have said credentials revoked.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn business, to meet with Union Grove Church in 1964.

Benediction by Eld. Robert Ashmore.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

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

Prayer by Eld. Lowell Tanner, Eld. D. L. Wright, Eld. Melvin Snow and Eld. Raymond Hawkins.

Solo, "Nothing Between," by Sis. Myra Hill.

Quartet—Bro. Delma McVey, Sis. Lila McVey, Bro. Dolan Jackson and Eld. Henry Hill.

Duet, "He Washed My Eyes With Tears," by Sis. Jean Stanton and Sis. Jane Collins.

Quartet by Bro. Les Coffman, Eld. D. L. Wright, Sis. Mamie Coffman, and Sis. Goldie Maxwell.

Two quartet numbers by Eld. D. L. Wright, Eld. Henry Hill, Sis. Mary Ruth Wright, and Sis. Myra Hill.

Duet, "How Great Thou Art," by Sis. Jean Stanton and Sis. Jane Collins.

Devotional service conducted by Eld. Eugene Hubbard.

Preaching by Eld. R. G. Webb. Text, "Can He Depend On You?"

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

Dismissed by Eld. Melvin Snow.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

After Sabbath School, opening song by Bro. Bud Roberts.

Duet by Sis. Jean Stanton and Sis. Jane Collins.

Preaching by Eld. Henry Hill; Scripture lesson, II Peter 3:16-19; text, "Beware."

Dismissed by Bro. E. O. Wright.

Eld. J. D. Coffman graced the table at noon Friday, Eld. Joseph Hubbard graced the table Friday night, Eld. John Parks graced the table at noon Saturday, and Eld. Charles Kohn graced the table Saturday night.

ELD. GENO JOHNSTON, Moderator

BRO. E. O. WRIGHT, Clerk

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES SABBATH SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on Sabbath Schools, submit the following: We find all churches have Sunday Schools. Realizing the great responsibility of a child's training which begins in the home by parents setting a good example by taking them to Sunday School, we stress going by the Bible, "Raise a child up in the way it should go and when it is old it will not depart from it." We recommend that all Sunday Schools use Free Will Baptist literature.

Jessie Robertson, Macial Farnam, Pearl Harris

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Inasmuch as written reports of each minister's year's work are not being turned in and have not been turned in for some time, we recommend that the clause in the last part of Article 8 be deleted from the minutes. Resolution No. 2—Be it known to whom it may concern, seeing we have and have had some ministers whose services are in demand earlier in the ministry than others, be it resolved that in our Constitution in Article No. 14, Part No. 1, be changed to read like this, "Those who are to be ordained must (1) have preached one year or the demand for his service as an ordained minister be to the extent that he be recommended by the church of which he is a member for ordination."

Eld. Bobby J. Chronister, Eld. J. W. Hubbard, Eld. Tommy Day

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 alcoholic 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 patronize places that are connected with the distribution of them, such as cafes, grocery stores, drug stores, pool halls, honky 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. R. H. McCuin, Bro. H. R. Condley, Sis. Prue Jones

COMMITTEE ON 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 are in union with one another.

Eld. Stanford Trigg, Eld. L. D. Virden, Eld. W. A. Crouch

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, have collected from the different churches: For Antioch Minutes, \$125.15; and for State Funds, \$100.00.

Bro. E. O. Wright, Bro. Odell Blankinship, Bro. Ellis Johnson,
and Bro. G. H. Tanner

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 grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid the appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusement and unholy contormity to the world, from all sanctions of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of 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

CHURCHES	MODERATOR THIS YEAR	MODERATOR LAST YEAR	CLERK AND POST OFFICE	Received	Dismissed	Died	Resident Members	Non-resident Members	S. S. Attendance	No. Offic., Teach.	Minute Fund	Paid Pastors	Paid Other Ministers	Value of Church Property	Days of Meeting	Membership
Union Grove	Tommy Day	Thomas Brashear	Cecil Haralson, Atkins	12	2	1	112	72	89	10	\$ 11.00	\$ 2,585.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 12,500	FT	184
Harmony	Henry Hill	Henry Hill	Jack Reid, 1415 S. Arkansas, Russellville	6	7		129	44	93	18	11.00	2,476.50	296.50	9,000	FT	173
Holman	W. M. Burris	C. U. Kinder	Mary Pitts, Rt. 1, Lamar	3		2	72	73	40	6	5.00	184.21	40.05	6,000	1-3	145
Welcome Home	Lowell Tanner	Lowell Tanner	L. E. Bone, Hector	6	1	1	73	53	75	9	11.00	820.00	261.60	5,500	FT	126
Oak Grove	J. C. Kinder	Rayburn Teague	Zula Hice, 618 E. D St., Russellville		2	3	39	75	45	6	9.00	240.00	100.00	5,000	1-3	114
Slaty Crossing	Bill Williams	J. C. Kinder	Elsie Fink, Rt. 1, Dardanelle	4	6		40	70	47	7	8.00	873.00	200.00	5,000	FT	110
Red Oak	Everett Farnum	Paul Jones	Carolyn Davis, Marshall	4	1						5.15	180.00	144.47			108
St. Joe	Eugene Hubbard	Eugene Hubbard	Marilyn Reynolds, Rt. 3, Atkins			1	61	45	35	7	9.00	392.32	73.50	5,000	FT	106
Pine Ridge	Dolphas Johnson	Dolphas Johnson	Hazel King, Rt. 1, Atkins	3		1	45	47	45	6	6.00	285.50	50.00	4,000	1-3	92
Mt. Home	D. L. Wright	D. L. Wright	Gloria Hutchins, Lamar			1	51	39	41	10	6.00	1,000.00	150.00	7,000	FT	90
Cherry Hill	J. W. Hubbard	J. W. Hubbard	Ella Dean Brown, Perryville	8	1		43	41	80	8	7.50	662.16	106.00		2-4	84
Hickory Grove	C. U. Kinder	Geno Johnston	Lucy Kohn, Rt. 1, Casa	12	3	1	51	29	46	8	9.00	1,225.00	127.00	6,000	FT	80
Woodlawn	Bobby J. Chronister	Bobby J. Chronister	Nora Virden, Russellville	5	2	3	60	17	55		9.00	1,750.00	100.00	10,000	FT	77
Walnut Grove	W. E. Coffman	Dolphas Johnson	Willadean Biffle, Rt. 1, Hector		1	1	17	58	25	8	6.00	132.12		4,500	FT	75
Moreland	L. D. Virden	L. D. Virden	Revada Singleton, Rt. 3, Dover	7			51	10	51	7	9.00	480.00	50.00	5,000	FT	61
Little Rock	Loy Smith	Loy Smith	Dovie Barnes, Rt. 6, Box 38, N. Little Rock	7					55	7	9.00	880.84	90.50	10,000	FT	54
Mt. Vernon	Homer Eakin	L. D. Virden	Ruth Burris, Rt. 4, Russellville			1			20	5	5.50	150.00	35.00	4,000	2-4	48
Jerusalem	Lytle Hallum	W. E. Coffman	Mary Church Rt. 3, Atkins				35	12	40	8	3.00	203.00	103.00	3,000	2-4	48
Morrilton	R. G. Webb	R. G. Webb	Evelyn Singleton, 404 Roosevelt, Morrilton			1	46	1	107	7	6.00	855.89	92.50		FT	47
Maple Springs	Ellis Warren	Ellis Warren	Peggy Williams, Rt. 2, Box 172, Russellville		2		20	24	37	7	5.00	360.75	95.00	2,500	2-4	44
Kenwood	Francis Foshee	Francis Foshee	Ida Mae Foshee, Rt. 2, Atkins	1	5		28	16	29	5	3.00		60.00	3,000	FT	44
South Mt.	Wm. H. Burris	Paul Jones	Edna Mize, Rt. 1, Marshall			1	30	13	33	7	5.00	178.00	50.26	6,000	2-4	43
Sweet Home	Rayburn Teague	Vester Harris	Woodene Duvall, Hattievile				12	30	35	6	5.00	115.00	72.00	4,000	1-3	42
Phoenix	L. D. Carlile	L. D. Carlile	Nola Bruce, Rt. 3, Dover	10			30	9	25	5	4.00	163.20	50.00		2-4	39
Dublin	Travis Miller	Travis Miller	Emma Wages, Scranton			1			48	7	6.00	340.00	45.00		FT	37
New Liberty	J. W. Hubbard	R. H. McCuin	Lorene Davis, New Blaine	2		2	27	3	38	5	9.00	450.00	99.00		1-3	30
Wayton	Dolphas Johnson	Bill Williams	Lettie Taylor, Rt. 1, Box 8, Wayton	2			19	6	40		3.00	200.00	40.00	10,000	2-4	25
Nogo	Avaugh Vaughan	Avaugh Vaughan	Fannie Rackley, Hector	4		1	23	2	30		9.00	189.00	20.00		2-4	25
Ben Hur	Rayburn Teague	Rayburn Teague	Leatrus Standridge, Ben Hur	1		1	19	6	40		9.00	250.00	50.00	2,500	2-4	25
Hector	Stanford Trigg	Stanford Trigg	Clytie Coffman, Hector			1	12	7	20	4	9.00	175.15		8,000	FT	19
Dardanelle	J. D. Kinder	J. D. Kinder	Mary Crawford, 809 N. 4th, Dardanelle	14					36		8.00				FT	14
Smith Springs	Geno Johnston	Geno Johnston	Vivian Hill 810 Mill St., Morrilton								5.00			10,000	FT	
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CHURCHES HAVING LEAGUE: Union Grove, Harmony, Welcome Home, Oak Grove, Pine Ridge, Mt. Home, Hickory Grove, Woodlawn, Little Rock, Morrilton, New Liberty, Ben Hur.

CHURCHES HAVING PRAYER MEETING: Union Grove, Harmony, Holman, Welcome Home, Slaty Crossing, Hickory Grove, Wayton, Ben Hur.

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 or delegate from said church recommend others for said vacancies.

2. Letters from the different churches shall be prepared, read to and approved by each church conference assembled, signed by 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, Pulaski, and Newton 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.

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 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 the Association, or the demand for his service as an ordained minister to the extent that he be recommended by the church of which he is a member for ordination.

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 work.

6. This committee shall report to this body, while in session, the misconduct or disregard of any rule, or 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 excepted, 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; Matt. 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 official work among all nations of people as a Divine Reprover, Comforter, and Guide. Judges 6:34, 11:29; St. John 16:8-14; Isaiah 63:10-12; Eph. 4:30; Acts 8:17-20.

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

5. THE FALL OF MAN—We believe that God created man good, gave him a just law by which he should be governed, with promises of reward for faithfulness and with penalties and punishment for disobedience. Gave man power of free moral agency to choose the right and

reject the wrong. But our first parents heeded the voice of the great enemy of Souls, voluntarily transgressed the law of God, fell with all their posterity, under the just penalty of the same, and were unable of their own power to extricate or save themselves from the great dilemma into which they had fallen. God gave to them the hope of salvation through the coming of Christ. Gen. 1:27, 3:15, 2:16-17; Rom. 11:11-35; Psalms 37:24; Rom. 5:18.

6. REDEMPTION, SALVATION, ADOPTION—We believe that Jesus Christ by His birth, death, burial, 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; Phalms 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 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 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; I 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. Eph. 3:16-21; Heb. 12:22-23; I Peter 2:5; Eph. 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 Tes. 1:1; Acts 16:5; 3rd John 1:19; 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 side-step 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. **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. 21:28; 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 to office by a presbytery of three, one of which should be a minister. They serve their church during their lifetime unless relieved by the church for some grievance or disorderly act.

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

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

Members Dismissed—Members may receive letter only when in good standing with the church; and cease to be members of the church when the conference by a majority vote grants the request and authorizes the clerk to write a letter signed by the 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; (d) Temperance; (e) Sabbath Schools; (f) Obituary; (g) Non-represented and Union of Churches.
10. Report of committees appointed at last Association and other unfinished business.
11. Report of new committees.
12. New business.
13. Adjournment.