

MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE
Antioch Association of
Free Will Baptists

HELD WITH HICKORY GROVE CHURCH
PERRY COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SEPTEMBER 9-10-11-12, 1965

Next Session Will Be Held With
MORELAND CHURCH
POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Beginning On Thursday Night Before the Second Sunday
in August, 1966

ELD. R. G. WEBB Moderator
Atkins, Ark.

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

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

SIS. MARY RUTH WRIGHT Assistant Clerk
Atkins, Ark.

MINUTES OF ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Seventy-Fourth Annual Session Which Met in Regular Session
With Hickory Grove Church — September 9-10-11-12, 1965

Members of Executive Board and also Examining Committee for Ordination:
Eld. Rayburn Teague, Eld. Thomas Brashear, Eld. Lytle Hallum, Eld. R.
G. Webb, Eld. Bobby J. Chronister, with Moderator and Clerk.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opened with singing led by Eld. Charles Kohn, Eld. Joseph Hubbard,
Bro. Richard Johnson, Eld. Rayburn Teague, Eld. Jimmy Chronister, Bro.
Lish Robertson.

Opened by moderator, Eld. R. G. Webb.

United prayer by all Christians.

Devotional service conducted by Eld. Denver Robertson.

Service turned to Eld. Dolphis Johnson, the one selected to preach the
introductory sermon. Scripture lesson, St. Luke 15:25-29. Text, "Perishing
With Hunger."

Song, "I Feel Like Traveling On."

Handshake.

Dismissed by Eld. Jimmy Chronister to meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Eld. Rayburn Teague and Eld. Lytle
Hallum.

Opened by moderator, Eld. R. G. Webb.

Scripture lesson, St. John 14:1-6.

Prayer by a number of the ministers.

Letters from the different churches were called for, read, and messen-
gers invited to seats.

HARMONY—Sis. Rhea Darter, Sis. Stella Wilson, Bro. Lee Johnson,
Sis. Margaret Reid.

UNION GROVE—Sis. Thelma English, Bro. Clarence Haralson, Bro.
Delma McVey.

HOLMAN—By letter.

WELCOME HOME—Bro. R. C. Crouch, Bro. Truman Coffman, Bro.
Arvel Condley.

RED OAK—Bro. A. C. Watts, Sis. Lorene Watts, Sis. Brenda Knee.

SLATY CROSSING—Sis. Imagean Hamilton, Sis. Hettie Standridge.

CHERRY HILL—Sis. Shelby Jean Bull, Sis. Grace Taylor, Sis. Wanda
Stone.

ST. JOE—Bro. Reece Crites, Sis. Cora Davis, Bro. Ross Teets.

PINE RIDGE—Bro. Will Miller, Sis. Grace Flowers, Sis. Bobby Miller.

WOODLAWN—Bro. James Harris, Bro. Jimmie Lee Chronister.

MT. HOME—Bro. James Chronister, Sis. Hanie Jones.

HICKORY GROVE—Bro. Ellis Rainey, Bro. John Teel, Sis. Melissa
Robinson.

MORRILTON—Sis. Sarah Brown, Sis. Juanita Martin, Sis. Bessie Mc-
Kown.

MORELAND—By letter.

MT. VERNON—Bro. Alvie Burris, Sis. Marie Burris, Sis. Clara Hen-
derson.

KENWOOD—By letter.

SOUTH MT.—Sis. Maudie Mize, Sis. Evelyn Thompson.

SWEET HOME—Bro. Jim McNutt, Bro. Brown Burnett, Sis. Flora Polk.

MAPLE SPRINGS—Bro. Freddie Bowden, Sis. Emma Bowden.
 JERUSALEM—Bro. L. G. Henderson, Sis. Elsie Henderson, Sis. Cora Adams.
 PHOENIX—Bro. Kermit Davis, Sis. Lavena Davis.
 WAYTON—Sis. Ruby Watson, Bro. Ivery Taylor, Sis. Mae Watson.
 DARDANELLE—Bro. Seth Farnam, Mro. Arthur Foster, Sis. Nettie Foster.
 DUBLIN—Bro. and Sis. Travis Henderson Jr., Bro. and Sis. Travis Henderson Sr.
 WALNUT GROVE—Sis. Emma Bush.
 SMITH SPRINGS—Bro. Dean McCoy, Sis. Norma McCoy, Bro. Jim Henderson.
 CLARKSVILLE—Bro. Willie Hutchins, Bro. Earl Palmer, Bro. Silas Thornsby.
 HECTOR—Sis. Estell Heathcock, Bro. Arnold Heathcock, Sis. Bell Langford.
 BEN HUR—Bro. Bobby Standridge, Bro. Glyndon Garrison, Bro. Glyn Garrison.
 LITTLE ROCK—By letter.
 NEW LIBERTY—Sis. Bessie Jetton, Sis. Prue Jones, Bro. Burt Blair.
 NOGO—

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

A petitionary letter from South Ironton Faith Free Will Baptist Church was received with its delegation in full fellowship—Bro. Dee Hamilton, Sis. Faye Crouch.

The Moderator appointed a Pulpit Committee—Bro. Charley Hubbard, Bro. Horace Condley, Sis. Melissa Robinson.

The Association further organized by electing the following officers: Eld. R. G. Webb, moderator; Eld. J. D. Kinder, assistant moderator; Bro. E. O. Wright, clerk; Sis. Mary Ruth Wright, assistant clerk.

The Pulpit Committee announced that Eld. Thomas Brashear would fill the stand at 11 o'clock.

Song, "Amazing Grace," by Bro. Delma McVey.

Preaching by Eld. Thomas Brashear. Scripture lesson, St. Matt. 7:15-23; text "Religiously Lost."

Prayer by Eld. Brashear.

Song, "Invitation to Sinners."

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. D. L. Wright, who also graced the table.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with singing by different leaders for 30 minutes with good singing.

Opened by moderator, Eld. R. G. Webb.

Scripture lesson, St. Matthew 25:1-6, by Eld. Stanford Trigg.

Prayer by Bro. John D. Nordin, Bro. Charley Hubbard, and Bro. Roy McCuin.

Bro. John D. Nordin made a motion that the Oak Grove Church be set aside until they set their church in order. Seconded by Eld. Dolphas Johnson. Motion carried.

A vote of appreciation by the Association to the members of the Oak Grove Church.

Rules of order read by Clerk.

Seating of tardy delegates.

The Moderator and Assistant Moderator appointed the following Committees:

RESOLUTIONS—Eld. Dolphis Johnson, Eld. D. L. Wright, Eld. Bobby J. Chronister, Eld. Fate Mize.

TEMPERANCE—Sis. Clytie Coffman, Bro. Lee Johnson, Sis. Syble Teague.

SABBATH SCHOOL—Sis. Bessie Hubbard, Sis. Prue Jones.

FINANCE—Bro. E. O. Wright, Eld. Joseph Hubbard, Bro. Roy McCuin, Bro. Floyd Epperson.

NON-REPRESENTED AND UNION OF CHURCHES—Bro. Singleton, Sis. Bernice Hallum, Sis. Lila Davis.

OBITUARY—Sis. Ada Webb, Sis. Mary Ruth Wright, Eld. Jimmie Lee Chronister.

HONORARY MEMBERS—Sis. Rose Willis, Sis. Gertie Crow, Sis. Daisy Fawbus.

Nominations were in order for two members on the Executive Board. Eld. Lytle Hallum was chosen to take the place of Eld. Tommy Day. Eld. Bobby J. Chronister was chosen for another five-year term.

Eld. Lytle Hallum made motion to change Association time to Thursday night before the second Sunday in August. Seconded by Eld. Bobby J. Chronister. Motion carried.

Election of state delegates: Sis. Flora Polk, Sis. Nora Virden, Sis. Janie Burris, Sis. Clytie Coffman, and Sis. Cora Davis. Alternates: Sis. Vida Trigg, Sis. Prue Jones, Sis. Gertie Crow, Sis. Bessie McKown, and Sis. Virgie Weimer.

The Pulpit Committee reported Eld. Bobby J. Chronister would bring the message at night. Eld. Rayburn Teague would conduct devotional service.

Partial report of Resolutions Committee—Resolution No. 1. Eld. Rayburn Teague made motion to adopt Resolution No. 1 and add to Constitution. Second by Eld. Lytle Hallum.

Sextet by Eld. and Sis. Rayburn Teague, Sis. Bobby Miller, Eld. Taft Standridge, and Eld. and Sis. D. L. Wright.

Song directed by Eld. Dolphis Johnson.

Handshake.

Devotional service conducted by moderator, Eld. R. G. Webb. Approximately 54 testified in seven minutes.

Motion made and carried to adjourn.

Dismissed by Eld. Jimmy Lee Chronister.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Assembly with singing with different leaders at which 40 minutes of good singing was enjoyed.

United prayer by all Christians.

Song by Eld. Fate Mize.

Devotional service conducted by Eld. Rayburn Teague.

Preaching by Eld. Bobby J. Chronister; Scripture lesson, Philippians 3:14-15; text, "The Secret of A Great Life."

Adjourned with prayer by Eld. Tom Marlow to meet at 9 a.m. Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing by assistant clerk, Sis. Mary Ruth Wright.

Opened by assistant moderator, Eld. J. D. Kinder.

Scripture lesson, 1st Psalm.

Prayer by Eld. Tommy Robertson and all deacons present.

Song by Eld. D. L. Wright.

Tardy letters received.

Visiting ministers—Eld. Tom Marlow and wife, Island Lake, Ill., Eld. Robert Ashmore, Eld. Denver Robinson, Eld. W. S. Isbell.

Dismissed by Eld. Lowell Tanner for 10-minute intermission.

Assembled with singing led by Eld. Rayburn Teague.

Prayer by Eld. Jerrell Willingham.

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

OBITUARY

We, your Committee, find the following brothers and sisters have departed this life since our last Association, but 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, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain for the former things have passed away.”

HARMONY—Bro. Elmer Sparks, Bro. Tom Roberts.

WELCOME HOME—Bro. Robert McCuin, Sis. Martha Parrish, Sis. Opal Coffman.

HOLMAN—Bro. Oliver Wilkins.

ST. JOE—Sis. Florence Venable., Sis. Joe Harris.

SLATY CROSSING—Bro. John Standridge, Sis. Minnie Reid.

OAK GROVE—Eld. C. U. Kinder.

CHERRY HILL—Sis. D. W. Byrd.

WALNUT GROVE—Eld. R. L. Taylor.

HICKORY GROVE—Sis. R. P. Hamilton.

MORRITON—Bro. Clarence B. Hurst.

JERUSALEM—Sis. Ora Lee Thompson, Sis. Alta Kelley Reynolds, Sis. Lula Porter.

PHOENIX—Sis. Clara Freeman.

NEW LIBERTY—Sis. Ellen Thompson, Bro. John Jetton.

DUBLIN—Bro. Floyd Johnson, Bro. Edd Taylor.

HAND CLASP

ROCK OF AGES

Eld. Tommy Brashear spoke in memory of Bro. Elmer Sparks, Sis. Alta Reynolds. Eld. J. D. Kinder spoke in memory of Bro. Tom Roberts, Bro. John Standridge. Eld. Lowell Tanner spoke in memory of Bro. Robert McCuin, Sis. Martha Parrish, Sis. Opal Coffman. Eld. William Burris spoke in memory of Bro. Oliver Wilkins. Eld. Rayburn Teague spoke in memory of Sis. Florence Venable. Eld. Dolphis Johnson spoke in memory of Eld. R. L. Taylor. Eld. W. S. Isbell spoke in memory of Sis. Joe Harris, Eld. C. U. Kinder, Sis. Clara Freeman, Sis. Ida Hamilton. Eld. Robert Ashmore spoke in memory of Sis. Ora Lee Thompson, Sis. Ellen Thompson. Eld. Loy Smith spoke in memory of Sis. Lula Porter. Eld. Bobby J. Chronister spoke in memory of Bro. John Jetton. Eld. R. G. Webb spoke in memory of Sis. Nora M. Byrd, Sis. Minnie Reid, Bro. Clarence B. Hurst.

Song, “Precious Memories,” led by Eld. Rayburn Teague.

Dismissed by Eld. Homer Eakin who also graced the table Saturday noon.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Eld. William Burris, Sis. Syble Teague, Sis. Mattie Tanner, Sis. Mary Ann Chronister, Sis. Mary Ruth Wright. Scripture lesson, St. Luke 11:1-5, read by Bro. Grant Taylor. Prayer by Eld. Tommy Brashear. Association opened by Moderator. Report of Committees: Temperance—accepted. Sabbath School—accepted, Non-Represented and Union of Churches—accepted, Resolutions—discharged.

Report from Executive Board: Eld. Loy Smith spoke in behalf of the Board.

A donation of \$96.75 was taken for State Funds.

The Moderator declared nominations in order for home of the next Association. Moreland was selected for the meeting place in 1966. Eld. Jimmy Lee Chronister was selected to preach the introductory sermon with Eld. Taft Standridge as alternate.

A standing vote of thanks to Hickory Grove Church and surrounding community for their kind hospitality and for the wonderful meals.

The Pulpit Committee announced that Eld. Wayne Douthit would fill the stand at night. Eld. Jimmy Lee Chronister would conduct devotional.

Motion made to adjourn by Eld. Lytle Hallum, second by Eld. Henry Hill. Dismissed by Eld. D. L. Wright.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

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

United prayer by all Christians led by Eld. Tommy Brashear.

Devotional service led by Eld. Jimmy Lee Chronister.

Preaching by Eld. Wayne Douthit. Scripture lesson, St. Luke 17:22-26; text, "As It Was in the Days of Noah."

Song invitation to sinners.

Song — Handshake.

Dismissed by Eld. L. D. Carlile.

Eld. Tommy Brashear graced the table Friday night. Eld. Loy Smith graced the table Saturday night.

ELD. R. G. WEBB, Moderator
BRO. E. O. WRIGHT, Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled by singing led by Eld. Charles Kohn, Bro. Sammy Cody, Bro. Lavon Hubbard, Bro. Lonnie Ashcraft, duet by Eld. and Sis. R. H. McCuin. "The Old Country Church" by Sis. Bonnie and Bro. Lavon Hubbard.

United prayer by all Christians.

Eld. Charles Kohn conducted devotional service.

Preaching by Eld. R. H. McCuin; Scripture lesson, Eccl. 12:12-13: text, "Fear For the Future."

Dismissed by Bro. John Teel.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following: Resolution No. 1—Be it resolved that we, the Antioch Association, go on record in our Minutes not to ordain any preacher that has two living women or is living

with a woman that has two living husbands. Not trying to undo anything that has been done in the past but looking to the future.

Eld. Dolphis Johnson, Eld. D. L. Wright, Eld. Bobby J. Chronister

SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your Committee, report the following: We find all the churches have Sunday schools.

TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, wish to submit the following report: The Bible teaches to be temperate in all things. We believe one should abstain from all alcoholic beverages, that one should dress in modest apparel, be more careful in controlling the tongue and in the places we may be seen living the life which becometh one professing godliness with good works.

Eld. Fate Mize, Sis. Clytie Coffman, Bro. Lee Johnson

NON-REPRESENTED AND UNION OF CHURCHES

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

Sis. Gwendolyn Singleton, Sis. Bernice Hallum, Sis. Lila Davis

FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, have collected from the different churches: For Antioch, \$133.50; for State, \$105.00 with \$96.75 donation making a total of \$201.75 for State; total collected, \$335.25.

Bro. E. O. Wright, Eld. Joseph Hubbard, Bro. Roy McCuin
Bro. Floyd Epperson

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 conformity 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 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 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 Association to have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor to have any ecclesiastical power over church, reserving the right of withdrawing from any church acting disorderly.

4. The Association shall have a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, and assistant clerk, to be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

5. New churches may be admitted into the Association by letter or by delegates, if found to be orthodox in the faith of the Free Will Baptists, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

6. Every motion made and seconded shall 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. Not to ordain any preacher that has two living women, or is living with a woman that has two living husbands. Not trying to undo anything that has been done in the past, but looking to the future.

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.

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 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; I 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; Isaiah 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 1:13-25, 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; 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 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 Thes. 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 combine 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; 1st 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; I 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. 21:28; 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 prudence.
- (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 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. 3:8 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 dismission 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 of Association.

MINISTERS DIARY

Thomas Brashear, Russellville	A. J. Latham, Russellville Rt. 2
John M. Burris, Atkins	R. H. McCuin, Hector Rt. 1
William Burris, Atkins Rt. 3	R. L. McVey, Atkins Rt. 2
Bobby J. Chronister, Moreland	Travis Miller, Lamar Rt. 1
W. E. Coffman, Hector Rt. 1	Fate Mize, Marshall Rt. 1
J. D. Coffman, Hector	Ernest Page
Gilman Commings, Little Rock Rt. 2	J. E. Phillips, Oklahoma
J. M. Crouch, Atkins Rt. 2	E. E. Rainey, Ola Rt. 1
W. A. Crouch, Hector	R. L. Rainwater, Charleston
Will Crouch, Hector	Billy Joe Reid, Marshall
Pres Denton, Scranton	T. J. Robertson, Dover Rt. 1, Box 90
Wayne Douthit, Little Rock	Loy Smith, Atkins Rt. 2
Homer Eakin, Russellville Rt. 4	Melvin Snow, Scranton
Robert Epperson, Little Rock	Taft Standridge, Ben Hur
Francis Foshee, Atkins Rt. 2	Lowell Tanner, 1706 S. Boston, Russellville
Leon Garrison,	John Taylor, California
Lytle Hallum, Russellville Rt. 2	Rayburn Teague, Atkins Rt. 2
Vester Harris, Atkins Rt. 3	Jackie Townsend, Russellville
J. D. Henderson, Wayton	Stanford Trigg, Hector Rt. 1
E. L. Hill, Atkins	Avaugh Vaughan, Moreland
Henry Hill, Russellville	J. A. Venable, Dumas Rt. 1
Eugene Hubbard, Morrilton Rt. 1	Ellis Warren, Russellville Rt. 4
Joseph Hubbard, Casa Rt. 1	R. G. Webb, Atkins
Paul Jones, Marshall Rt. 4	Luther Wilkerson, Russellville
Dolphas Johnson, Russellville Rt. 3	Bill Williams, Atkins
J. D. Kinder, 1019 N. Frankfort, Russellville	Jerrell Willingham, Russellville Rt. 4
Charles Kohn, Casa Rt 1	D. L. Wright, Atkins

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 Associations 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.

CHURCHES	MODERATOR THIS YEAR	MODERATOR LAST YEAR	CLERK AND ADDRESS	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	Henry Hill	Henry Hill	Jack D. Reid, 1415 S. Ar., Russellville	6	3	2	137	37	91	10	\$ 11.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 10,000	FT	174
Union Grove	Rayburn Teague	Tommy Day	Jimmie C. Hill, Box 242, Atkins	3	10		102	69	79	10	11.00	3,120.00	147.50	12,500	FT	171
Holman	Wayne Douthit	William Burris	Mary Pitts, Rt. 1, Box 79, Lamar			1	74	75	34	6	5.00	210.06	106.45	6,000		149
Welcome Home	Lowell Tanner	Lowell Tanner	Evelyn Parrish, Hector	5	2	3	85	55	70	6	11.00	920.00	75.00	5,000	FT	140
Red Oak	Billie Joe Reid	Taft Standridge	Shirley Jones, Marshall						62		11.00	480.00	144.41			136
Slaty Crossing	Bill Williams	Bill Williams	Elsie Fink, Rt. 1, Dardanelle	2	2	1	40	69	45	8	6.00	807.00	204.70	5,000	FT	109
Cherry Hill	J. W. Hubbard	J. W. Hubbard	Ella Dean Brown, Rt. 1, Perryville	22	4	1	66	41	70	8	7.50	864.96	121.55		FT	107
St. Joe	Jimmie Chronister	Eugene Hubbard	Marilyn Reynolds, Rt. 3, Atkins	1		2	62	43	38	7	9.00	422.00	75.00	5,000	FT	105
Pine Ridge	Taft Standridge	Taft Standridge	Clara Standridge, Rt. 1, Atkins			1	42	52	35	6	6.00	360.00	100.00	3,000	2-4	94
Woodlawn	Dolphis Johnson	Dolphis Johnson	Nora Virden, Russellville	4	3		65	19	58	8	11.00	1,680.00	130.00	10,000	FT	84
Mt. Home	T. J. Robertson	T. J. Robertson	Mrs. James Chronister, Rt. 2, Lamar	6	2	2	40	34	34	10	9.00	960.00	132.55	7,500	FT	74
Hickory Grove	R. H. McCuin	R. H. McCuin	Lucy Kohn, Rt. 1, Casa	1	5	1	35	33	40	8	9.00	1,150.00	91.00	6,000	FT	68
Morrilton	R. G. Webb	R. G. Webb	Evelyn Singleton, Rt. 2, Morrilton	4		1			55	7	6.00	1,249.10	110.00	13,000	FT	67
Moreland	Robby J. Chronister	Bobby J. Chronister	Mrs. Tommie Ray Mackey, Moreland	3	1		50	14	50	7	9.00	1,020.00	181.00	5,000	FT	64
Mt. Vernon	Homer Eakin	Homer Eakin	Ruth Burris, Rt. 4, Box 194, Russellville	5	1		42	12	53	5	5.50	163.11		4,000	2-4	54
Kenwood	Francis Foshee	Francis Foshee	Ida Mae Foshee, Rt. 2, Atkins	4	2		36	18	39	5	3.00	40.00	45.50	4,000	FT	54
South Mt.	Robert Epperson	W. H. Burris	Evelyn Thompson, Rt. 1, Marshall	7			38	14	35	7	5.50	276.97	70.98	6,000	2-4	52
Sweet Home	Jackie Townsend	Rayburn Teague	Woodene Duvall, Hattievile				24	27	35	6	9.00	240.00	50.00	4,000	1-3	51
Maple Springs	Vester Harris	Ellis Warren	Peggy Williams, Rt. 2, Box 172, Russellville	3			22	24	35	7	5.00	283.00	87.00	2,500	2-4	46
Jerusalem		Lytle Hallum	Leo Adams, Jerusalem			3	34	12	30	8	3.00	270.25	118.00	3,000	1-3	46
Phoenix	Leon Garrison	Leon Garrison	Nola Bruce, Rt. 1, Dover	5		1	43		30	5	5.00	159.70	40.00			43
Wayton	J. D. Henderson	J. D. Henderson	Lettie Taylor, Rt. 1, Box 8, Wayton	3			29	12	40		3.00	45.00	23.00	10,000	2-4	41
Dardanelle	J. D. Kinder	J. D. Kinder	Mary Crawford, 809 N. 4th. St., Dardanelle	12			40	1	64		8.00	520.00	112.00	8,000	FT	41
Dublin	Eugene Hubbard	John Taylor	Emma Wages, Scranton			2	30	10	48	7	8.00	420.00	9.00	3,500	FT	40
Walnut Grove	W. E. Coffman	W. E. Coffman	Nola Coffman, Rt. 1, Hector	2		1	14	21	17	8	6.50	305.25	27.00	10,000	FT	35
Smith Springs	Leon Hill	Leon Hill	Juanita Huett, 803 E. Rock, Morrilton	4	1		32		55		5.00	520.00	100.00	10,000	FT	32
Clarksville	D. L. Wright	D. L. Wright	Susie Hutchins, Rt. 2, Box 113A, Lamar	6	5		24	6	28		6.50	780.00	50.00	20,000	FT	30
Hector	Stanford Trigg	Stanford Trigg	Clytie Coffman, Hector		2		22	8	36		9.00	238.92	110.00	8,500	FT	30
Ben Hur	Taft Standridge	Rayburn Teague	Virgie Gregory, Ben Hur	2			20	9	30		9.00	285.00	60.00	3,500	1-3	29
Little Rock	Alvin Ramsey	Alvin Ramsey	Ima Fay Ramsey, 3608 Mallory St. L.R.	1	16		29		20		10.00	229.96				29
Faith	Loy Smith	Lov Smith	Dora Hamilton, 8017 W. 35th St., Little Rock	29			29		35		6.00	1,076.00	100.55	10,000	FT	29
New Liberty	LeRoy Farman	E. R. Page	Lorene Davis, New Blaine	2		1	24	4	38		9.00	407.39	69.50		FT	28
Nogo	Avaugh Vaughan	Avaugh Vaughan	Para Lee Freeman, Hector				20	4	30		3.00	227.00	20.00			24
				142	65	23	1,346	721	1,461	159	\$242.50	\$22,324.67	\$2,811.69	\$195,000		2,278

CHURCHES HAVING LEAGUE: Union Grove, Harmony, Welcome Home, Slaty Crossing, Cherry Hill, Woodlawn, Hickory Grove, Mt. Home, Morrilton, Jerusalem, Mt. Vernon, Little Rock, Maple Springs, Dublin, Dardanelle, Smith Springs, Clarksville, New Liberty.

CHURCHES HAVING PRAYER MEETING: Cherry Hill, Hector, Dardanelle, Ben Hur, Nogo, Faith.