

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

HELD WITH MORELAND CHURCH
POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
AUGUST 11-12-13-14, 1966

Next Session Will Be Held With
CLARKSVILLE CHURCH
JOHNSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Beginning On Thursday Night Before the Second Sunday
in August, 1967

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

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MINUTES OF ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Seventy-Fifth Annual Session Which Met in Regular Session
With Moreland Church — August 11-12-13-14, 1966

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

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opened with singing led by Bro. Truman Duvall, Eld. Rayburn Teague, Eld. Bill Williams, Bro. Les Coffman, Eld. Leroy Farnam, Bro. Bud Norden.

Two specials by Sis. LaRue McNulty.

Two specials by the Gospel Crusaders.

Special by Eld. Taft Standridge.

Solo by Keith Chronister.

Special by Bro. Delma McVey.

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

United prayer by all Christians.

Devotional service conducted by Eld. R. G. Webb.

Services turned to Eld. Jimmie Lee Chronister, the one selected to preach the introductory sermon. Scripture lesson, Thess. 5:6-9; text, "Let Us Watch and Be Sober."

Song, "Just As I Am."

Invitation to sinners.

Dismissed by Eld. Taft Standridge to meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Bro. Les Coffman and Bro. Dolan Jackson.

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

Scripture lesson, St. Matt. 5.

United prayer by all deacons and Christians.

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

HARMONY—Bro. Lee Johnson.

UNION GROVE—Sis. Thelma English, Bro. Delma McVey, and Sis. Ruby Eakes.

HOLMAN—Sis. Janette Crotts, Sis. Deborah Wilkins, and Sis. Deliah Wilkins.

WELCOME HOME—Bro. Terry McCuin, Bro. Verlion Taylor, and Bro. Orville Condley.

RED OAK—Bro. A. V. Horton, Sis. Lena Horton, and Sis. Pauline Watt.

CHERRY HILL—Bro. J. B. Belk, Sis. Leatha Belk, and Sis. Linda Belk.

SLATY CROSSING—Sis. Lois Robinson and Sis. Beatrice Moore.

ST. JOE—Bro. Chalmer Duvall, Bro. John Norton, and Sis. Hess Norton.

WOODLAWN—Bro. Richard Johnson, Sis. Pearl Duvall, and Sis. Velma Johnson.

PINE RIDGE—Sis. Claudie Miller, Bro. Huel Dixon, and Sis. Grace Flowers.

MT. HOME—Sis. Virgie Pearson, Sis. Leona Pitts, and Bro. James Chronister.

HICKORY GROVE—Bro. Ellis Rainey, Sis. Ruby Lee Robinson, and Sis. Melissia Robinson.

MORRILTON—Bro. Tom Hill, Sis. Bernice Hill, and Sis. Sarah Brannon.

MORELAND—Sis. Cathy Chronister, Sis. Paula Ross, and Sis. Pat Chronister.

KENWOOD—By letter.

MT. VERNON—Sis. Syble Chronister, Bro. James Ennis, and Bro. Alvie Burris.

SWEET HOME—Sis. Flora Polk, Sis. Sue Hartwick, and Bro. Ronnie Brashear.

SOUTH MT.—Sis. Mae Treet and Sis. Betty Treet.

DUBLIN—Sis. Mollie Planks and Sis. Cleo Henderson.

JERUSALEM—Bro. L. G. Henderson and Sis. Elsie Henderson.

PHOENIX—Sis. Irene Goates and Bro. Kermit Davis.

WAYTON—Sis. Ruby Watson and Bro. Jimmy Roberts.

DARDANELLE—Bro. Arthur Foster, Sis. Nettie Foster, and Sis. Lola Crawford.

WALNUT GROVE—Bro. Carroll Hanna Jr. and Sis. Janice Hanna.

MAPLE SPRINGS—By letter.

HECTOR—Sis. Sarah Rackley, Sis. Nevada Kimbrell, and Sis. Bell Langford.

BEN HUR—Sis. Mickey Yancy, Sis. Nancy Standridge, and Bro. Glendon Garrison.

SMITH SPRINGS—Sis. Ann Holloway, Sis. Shirley McCoy, and Sis. Billie Alvey.

CLARKSVILLE—Bro. Earl Palmer, Bro. Willie Hutchins, and Sis. Elsie Palmer.

FAITH—Bro. Dee Hamilton, Bro. Fate Farnam, and Sis. Martha Farnam.

NEW LIBERTY—Bro. Burt Blair, Sis. Vervie Nichols, and Sis. Ruth Johnston.

NOGO—By letter.

ATKINS—Sis. Rosie Jackson and Bro. Dolan Jackson.

LITTLE ROCK—Sis. Edith Burks and Sis. Emma Heull.

The right hand of Christian fellowship was extended to all Christians.

Song led by Eld. Joseph Hubbard.

A petitionary letter from Atkins Free Will Baptist was received with its delegation in full fellowship.—Sis. Rosie Jackson and Bro. Dolan Jackson.

The moderator appointed a pulpit committee: Bro. Elmer Virden, Bro. Leon Hill, and Bro. Horace Condley.

The Association further organized by electing the following officers: Eld. R. G. Webb, moderator; Eld. Bob Rackley, assistant moderator; Bro. E. O. Wright, clerk and treasurer, and Sis. Clytie Coffman, assistant clerk.

Pulpit committee announced that Eld. Henry Hill to fill the stand at 11 o'clock.

Song by Eld. D. L. Wright.

Preaching by Eld. Henry Hill. Scripture lesson, St. Matt. 22:1-12; text, "Excuses."

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. D. L. Wright.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with singing. Two specials by the Hanna family.

Opened by assistant moderator, Eld. Bob Rackley.

Scripture lesson, Romans 10:1-6.

Prayer by Eld. Bobby J. Chronister.

Song led by Bro. Ronnie Brashear.

Song led by Eld. Joseph Hubbard.

Seating of tardy delegates.

The moderator and assistant moderator appointed the following committees:

RESOLUTION—Eld. T. J. Robertson, Eld. Jimmy Lee Chronister, and Eld. Taft Standridge.

OBITUARY—Sis. Pearl Duvall, Sis. Syble Teague, and Sis. Myrtle Condley.

FINANCE—Bro. E. O. Wright, Eld. Bobby J. Chronister, and Eld. Denver Robinson.

TEMPERANCE—Eld. Henry Hill, Eld. Leon Garrison, and Eld. Stanford Trigg.

SABBATH SCHOOL—Sis. Sylvia McCuin, Sis. Nona Kinder, and Sis. Electa Robinson.

NON-REPRESENTED AND UNION OF CHURCHES—Eld. Jerrell Willingham, Eld. Homer Eakin, and Eld. Joseph Hubbard.

Visiting ministers: Eld. Bob Ashmore and Eld. Everett Farnum.

Honorary members: Sis. Hanie Jones, Sis. Gertie Crow, Sis. Mollie Planks, Sis. Minnie Hamilton, and Bro. Bob Johnson.

Reading of Rules of Order by clerk.

The moderator declared nominations were in order for a member of the Executive Board, and Eld. Rayburn Teague was re-elected to the Board for a five-year term.

Song by Eld. Henry Hill.

A letter from the Oak Grove Church was referred to the Executive Committee and brought back and read to the body. Motion made and carried to drop the discussion of the subject.

Election of state delegates: Bro. Huel Dixon, Sis. Nettie Rackley, Bro. Jerry McCuin, Bro. Richard Johnson, and Sis. Jessie Robertson. Alternates: Sis. Ruby Eakes, Bro. Orvil Condley, Bro. Verlon Taylor, Sis. Pearl Duvall, and Sis. Syble Teague.

Eld. J. D. Coffman read a document of the original Free Will Baptist.

A rising vote of thanks to Eld. J. D. Kinder for his service.

The Pulpit Committee announced that Eld. Leroy Farnam fill the stand at night and Bro. Bud Norden to conduct devotional service.

Dismissed by Eld. Leon Garrison.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Assembled with singing by different leaders in which a good song service was enjoyed.

United prayer by all ministers present.

Devotional service conducted by Bro. Bud Norden.

Preaching by Eld. Leroy Farnam. Scripture lesson, St. Matt. 12:33-37; text, St. Matt. 12:37.

Song, "There Is A Fountain." An invitation to sinners.

Dismissed by Bro. Seth Farnam to meet at 9 a.m. Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Eld. Stanford Trigg and Eld. Homer Eakin.

Opened by moderator, Eld. R. G. Webb, by reading the Church Covenant.

Prayer by Eld. Will Smith. Elder Smith was seated as a minister of the Antioch Association.

Ten minute intermission.

Prayer by Eld. Bobby J. Chronister.

Assembled with singing led by Eld. Rayburn Teague.

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

OBITUARY

We, your Committee, find the following brothers and sisters have departed this life since our last Association, but feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

"Blessed are the dead which dies 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. Grady Weir.

UNION GROVE—Sis. Walsie Tackett and Sis. Maude Chapman.

SLATY CROSSING—Sis. Mark McMillan.

ST. JOE—Sis. Rosie McGee and Sis. Laura Eakin.

MT. HOME—Sis. Ada Looper and Bro. Frank Townsend.

HICKORY GROVE—Sis. Cora Rainey.

MT. VERNON—Sis. Maudie Henderson.

SWEET HOME—Sis. Mittie Baker and Sis. Roxie Harris.

SMITH SPRINGS—Sis. Mary Ann Guinn.

LITTLE ROCK—Eld. Tillman Cummings and Bro. John Wesley Hamilton.

FAITH—Bro. Willie Campbell.

DUBLIN—Bro. H. D. Jackson.

NEW LIBERTY—Sis. Mary Farnam.

KENWOOD—Bro. Sam Foshee.

Eld. Everett Farnam spoke in memory of Bro. John Wesley Hamilton and Bro. Willie Campbell; Eld. Eugene Hubbard spoke in memory of Bro. H. D. Jackson; Eld. Alvin Ramsey spoke in memory of Eld. Tillman Cummins; Eld. Leon Hill spoke in memory of Sis. Mary Ann Guinn; Eld. Lowell Tanner spoke in memory of Sis. Adah Looper and Bro. Frank Townsend; Eld. Henry Hill spoke in memory of Sis. Maude Chapman, Sis. Walsie Tackett, and Sis. Beatrice Johnson; Eld. Homer Eakin spoke in memory of Sis. Maudie Henderson; Eld. W. A. Crouch spoke in memory of Sis. Mark McMillan; Eld. Rayburn Teague spoke in memory of Bro. John T. Davis; Eld. Robert Ashmore spoke in memory of Sis. Mary Farnam; Eld. Bobby J. Chronister spoke in memory of Sis. Rosie McGee; Eld. R. G. Webb spoke in memory of Sis. Mittie Baker, Sis. Cora Rainey, Sis. Roxie Harris, Sis. Laura Eakin and Bro. Sam Foshee.

Dismissed by Eld. Will Smith.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Eld. Joseph Hubbard.

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

Scripture lesson, 1st Samuel 17:45, read by Bro. Ronnie Brashear.

Prayer by Eld. W. A. Crouch.

Song by Bro. Monroe Davis.

A love offering of \$72.43 was given for Eld. J. A. Venable, who is in the hospital at this time.

Report of committees: Resolution Committee, accepted and discharged; Sabbath Schools, accepted and discharged; Temperance, accepted and discharged; Finance, accepted and discharged; Non-Represented and Union of Churches, accepted and discharged.

The moderator declared nominations were in order for home of next Association. Clarksville was selected for the meeting place in 1967. Eld. Bob Rackley was selected to preach the introductory sermon, and Eld. Leon Hill, alternate.

The Pulpit Committee announced that Eld. Taft Standridge would fill the stand that night; Bro. Truman Duvall to conduct devotional service.

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

Dismissed by Eld. Leon Hill.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

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

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

United prayer by all, led by Eld. T. J. Robertson.

Devotional service conducted by Bro. Truman Duvall.

Preaching by Eld. Taft Standridge. Scripture lesson, 1st Timothy 3:14-16; text, "Good Behavior in the House of God."

Dismissed by Eld. D. L. Wright.

Eld. Homer Eakin graced the table at noon Friday. Bro. Horace Condley graced the table Friday night. Bro. Jimmy Lee Chronister graced the table Saturday at noon.

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

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

After Sunday School, Eld. Bobby J. Chronister filled the stand at 11 o'clock. Scripture lesson, Levi 14:34-45; text, "It seemeth to me there is as it were a plague in the house."

Song, "He Set Me Free."

Handshake.

Dismissed by Sis. Ivanell Duvall.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, find all churches have Sunday School. We recommend all churches to elect Christian teachers for their classes and use Free Will Baptist literature.

Sis. Sylvia McCuin, Sis. Nona Kinder and Sis. Eleta Roberson

TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, with to submit the following report: To be temperate in all things such as unnecessary worry or anything that would direct our minds away from Christ or our duty to God; to abstain from all unholy amusements.

Eld. Henry Hill, Eld. Stanford Trigg, Eld. Leon Garrison

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.

Eld. Jerrell Willingham, Eld. Homer Eakin, Eld. Joseph Hubbard

FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, have collected from the different churches: For Antioch, \$133.00; for State, \$130.50; Total, \$263.50.

Bro. E. O. Wright, Eld. Bobby J. Chronister, Eld. Denver Robinson

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, to 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, and 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 withdrawal 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 person 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 prebytery 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. 1:12; 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 reight 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 the authority invested, shall examine hte 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 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. 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 if 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.

MINISTER'S DIARY

Thomas Brashear, Russellville

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William Burris, Rt. 3, Atkins

Bobby J. Chronister, Moreland

Jimmy Lee Chronister, Russellville

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Will Crouch, Hector

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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 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-Residents	S. S. Attendance	Minute Fund	Paid Pastor	Paid Other Ministers	Value of Church Property	Days of Meeting	Membership
Harmony	Henry Hill	Henry Hill	Fred Jones, 210 East E, Russellville	9	7	1	139	36	95	\$ 11.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 137.00	\$ 10,000	FT	175
Union Grove	Rayburn Teague	Rayburn Teague	Jimmie C. Hill, Box 242, Atkins	3	15	2	90	68	78	11.00	2,990.00	105.00	12,500	FT	158
Holman	Wayne Douthit	Wayne Douthit	Janice Miller Ritchie, Lamar	3			68	88	30	5.00	399.67	85.74	6,000		156
Welcome Home	Everett Farnam	Lowell Tanner	Evelyn Parrish, Hector	5	1		90	55	70	11.00	843.25	126.56	5,000	1-3	145
Red Oak	Billy Joe Reid	Paul Jones	Pauline Watts, Marshall	3	1	2			62	11.00	410.00	150.00	7,000	FT	139
Cherry Hill	William Burris	Joseph Hubbard	Ella Dean Brown, Rt. 1, Perryville	8			65	51	75	7.50	762.98	135.00		FT	116
Slaty Crossing	Bill Williams	Bill Williams	Elsie Fink, Rt. 1, Dardanelle	1		1	40	70	45	6.00	747.00	100.00	5,000	1-3	110
St. Joe	Jimmie Chronister	Jimmie Chronister	Marilyn Reynolds, Rt. 3, Atkins	6		2	65	44	38	9.00	480.00	60.00	5,000	FT	109
Woodlawn	Dolphis Johnson	Dolphis Johnson	Beulah Clayton, 209 N. Hartford, Russellville	25		2	85	22	60		1,680.00	150.00	10,000	FT	107
Pine Ridge	Lytle Hallum	Taft Standridge	Donna Davis, Rt. 1, Atkins	1	1		40	55	30	9.00	315.00	100.00	3,000	2-4	95
Mt. Home	T. J. Robertson	T. J. Robertson	Mrs. James Chronister, Rt. 2, Lamar			2	39	33	33	9.00	890.00	80.00	7,500	FT	72
Hickory Grove	Denver Robinson	R. H. McCuin	Lucy Kohn, Rt. 1, Casa	6	5	1	37	31	32	9.00	1,000.00	244.00	6,000	FT	68
Morrilton	R. G. Webb	R. G. Webb	Evelyn Singleton, Rt. 2, Morrilton				60	7	64	12.00	1,371.46	103.00	12,500	FT	67
Moreland	Bob Chronister	Bob Chronister	Tommie Mackey, Box 95, Moreland	13			63		52	9.00	1,040.00	100.00	4,000	FT	63
Kenwood	Francis Foshee	Francis Foshee	Edyth Foshee, Rt. 2, Atkins	8		1	43	18	52	3.00	80.00	85.85	3,000	FT	61
Mt. Vernon	Bill Williams	Homer Eakin	Ruth Burris, Rt. 4, Box 194, Russellville	9	1	1			48	9.00	157.72	70.00	5,000	2-3	61
Sweet Home	Jackie Townsell	Jackie Townsell	Flora Polk, Rt. 3, Atkins	9		2	31	27	40	9.00	437.28	116.00	4,000	FT	58
South Mt.	Joseph Hubbard	Bob Epperson	Erma Dean Kelly, Marshall	4	3		38	14	36	5.50	265.00	45.00	6,000	1-3	52
Dublin	Eugene Hubbard	Eugene Hubbard	Emma Wages, Scranton			1	35	10	45	9.00	450.00	100.80	3,500		45
Jerusalem			Elsie Henderson, Jerusalem		1		33	11	30	3.00	153.08		3,500	1-3	44
Phoenix	Leon Garrison	Leon Garrison	Lois Freeman, Rt. 1, Dover				43		30	9.00	196.00	62.50		2-4	43
Wayton		J. D. Henderson	Lettie Taylor, Wayton				23	19	35	6.00	37.00	35.00	8,000	2-4	43
Dardanelle	J. D. Kinder	J. D. Kinder	Mary Crawford, 809 N. 4th St., Dardanelle	3	2		39	3	64	8.00	665.00	194.00	8,000	FT	42
Walnut Grove	W. E. Coffman	W. E. Coffman	Irene Hanna, Hector	9			22	20	25	6.50	333.00	38.00	5,000	FT	42
Maple Springs	Jerrell Willingham	Vester Harris	Peggy Williams, Rt. 2, Box 172, Russellville		4				32	5.00	282.85	84.00	2,500	2-4	39
Hector	Stanford Trigg	Stanford Trigg	Clvtie Coffman, Hector	5			22	13	40	9.00	271.13		8,500	FT	35
Ben Hur	Taft Standridge	Taft Standridge	Virgie Gregory, Ben Hur	6	2		26	6	30	9.00	155.00	110.00	3,500	1-3	32
Smith Springs	Leon Hill	Leon Hill	Juanita Huett, 803 E. Rock St., Morrilton	2	1	1	32		55	5.00	480.00	100.00	10,000	FT	32
Clarksville	D. L. Wright	D. L. Wright	Susie Hutchins, Rt. 2, Box 113A, Lamar	3	2		28	3	30	9.00	675.00	150.00	20,000	FT	31
Faith	Carlton Williams	Carlton Williams	Dora L. Hamilton, 8017 W. 35th, Little Rock	7	4	1	27	4	35	6.00	400.00	195.00	14,000	FT	31
New Liberty	Leroy Farnam	Leroy Farnam	Ola Blair, Deleware	2		1	25	4	45	9.00	799.30	70.00		FT	29
Nogo	Avaugh Vaughan	Avaugh Vaughan	Paralee Freeman, Hector	5	2		20	7	20	6.00	137.00	50.00		2-4	27
Atkins	Bob Rackley	Bob Rackley	Zula Hice, 202 E. Central, Atkins	9			23		28	9.00		150.00	3,500	FT	23
Little Rock	Alvin Ramsey	Alvin Ramsey	Ima Faye Ramsey, 3608 Malloy, Little Rock	2	8	2			35	10.00	171.39		25,000		23
TOTALS				166	60	23	1,391	719	1,519	\$264.50	\$21,475.11	\$3,332.45	\$226,500		2,373

CHURCHES HAVING C.T.S.: Harmony, Union Grove, Welcome Home, Cherry Hill, Mt. Home, Hickory Grove, Morrilton, Sweet Home, South Mt., Dardanelle, Maple Springs, Hector, and Smith Springs.

CHURCHES HAVING PRAYER MEETING: Sweet Home, Dublin, Clarksville, Faith, New Liberty, and Cherry Hill.