

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

HELD WITH CLARKSVILLE CHURCH
JOHNSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
AUGUST 10-11-12-13, 1967

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

Beginning On Thursday Night Before the Second Sunday
in August, 1968

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Atkins, Ark.

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MINUTES OF THE ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Seventy-Sixth Annual Session Which Met in Regular Session
With Clarksville Church — August 10-11-12-13, 1967

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

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opened with singing led by Eld. Henry Hill, Sis. Mary Ann Chronister, Eld. Bill Williams and Eld. Jimmy Lee Chronister.

Prayer by Eld. Bobby Joe Chronister.

Special by Sis. Leroy Farnam and children.

Song by Eld. Henry Hill.

Special by Eld. Henry Hill, Eld. Jimmy Lee Chronister, Eld. D. L. Wright, Sis. Mary Ann Chronister, Sis. Myra Hill and Sis. Shirley Johnson.

The Association was opened by Moderator, Eld. R. G. Webb, reading as Scripture lesson James 1st Chapter.

United prayer by all Christians.

Special by Eld. D. L. Wright, Eld. Henry Hill, Sis. Mary Ruth Wright, and Sis. Myra Hill.

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

Preaching by Eld. Bob Rackley, one selected to preach the introductory sermon. Scripture lesson, St. Luke 10:30-37. Prayer by Eld. Rackley. Text, "What Is Yours Is Mine, I'll Take It, What Is Mine Is Mine, I'll Keep It."

Dismissed by Eld. Leroy Farnam to meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Eld. D. L. Wright, Eld. Rayburn Teague, and Bro. Lee Johnson.

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

Scripture lesson, 15th Psalm, read by Eld. Jerrell Willingham.

Payer by Eld. Willingham.

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

HARMONY—Bro. Lon Darter, Sis. Rhea Darter, Sis. Margaret Reid, and Sis. Ada Jones.

RED OAK—By letter.

HOLMAN—By letter.

UNION GROVE—Sis. Thelma English. Sis. Ruby Eakes, and Sis. Georgia Higgins.

WELCOME HOME—Sis. Nora Coffman.

CHERRY HILL—Bro. Troy Lee Stone, Sis. Wanda Stone and Sis. Lynn Stone.

ST. JOE—Bro. Ross Teets, Sis. Cora Davis, and Sis. Hester Norton.

WOODLAWN—Sis. Violet Williams, Bro. Lester Coffman and Sis. Mamie Coffman.

SLATY CROSSING—By letter.

PINE RIDGE—Sis. Hazel Ballard and Bro. Huel Dixon.

MORELAND—Bro. Truman Duvall, Sis. Iva Nell Duvall, and Bro. Ray Hurley.

KENWOOD—By letter.

MT. HOME—Bro. Bernard Twitchill, Sis. Betty Handley, and Bro. James Chronister.

HICKORY GROVE—Sis. Mellissia Robinson, Sis. Viva Brixey and Sis. Ruby Lee Smith.

MT. HOME—Bro. Dewayne Helton, Sis. Evelyn Helton and Bro. Alvie Burris.

MORRILTON—Bro. Dean Brannon, Sis. Sarah Brannon, and Sis. Bessie McKown.
 SWEET HOME—Sis. Lorene Byrum, Bro. Ronnie Brashear, and Sis. Lucille Compton.
 SOUTH MOUNTAIN—By letter.
 WAYTON—Bro. Wallace Casey, Bro. John Baird, and Sis. Phyllis Casey.
 DARDANELLE—Bro. Arthur Foster, Sis. Kathleen Wells, and Sis. Nettie Foster.
 SMITH SPRINGS—By letter.
 DUBLIN—By letter.
 ATKINS—Sis. Rosie Jackson.
 JERUSALEM—Bro. L. G. Henderson, Bro. Leo Adams, and Sis. Cora Adams.
 PHOENIX—By letter.
 WALNUT GROVE—By letter.
 HECTOR—Sis. Bell Langford and Sis. Norma Burch.
 MAPLE SPRINGS—Bro. L. B. Allen and Sis. Lucy Bowden.
 BEN HUR—Sis. Mickey Yancy, Sis. Bobbie Standridge and Sis. Louise Yancy.
 CLARKSVILLE—Bro. Willie Hutchins, Bro. Silas Thornesbury, and Sis. Rosa Willis.
 FAITH—Bro. Dale Hamilton, Bro. Fate Farnam, and Sis. Martha Farnam.
 LITTLE ROCK—Sis. Ruby Burroughs, Sis. Norma Dean, and Sis. Mary Laham.
 NEW LIBERTY—Sis. Prue Jones, Sis. Ruth Johnson and Sis. Otis Baker.
 NOGO—By letter.
 OAK GROVE—By letter.

Right hand of Christian fellowship was extended to all Christians.

The Oak Gove letter was referred to the Executive Committee.

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. Mary Ruth Wright, assistant clerk.

The Moderator appointed a Pulpit Committee of Bro. Truman Duvall, Bro. John Phillips, and Bro. Charley Hubbard.

Reading of Rules of Order by Clerk, Bro. E. O. Wright.

Pulpit Committee announced that Eld. Taft Standridge would bring the message at 11 o'clock.

Song by Eld. D. L. Wright, Bro. Monroe Davis and Eld. T. J. Robertson.

Preaching by Eld. Taft Standridge. Scripture lesson, 2 Chron. 24:12-13.

Prayer by Eld. Standridge. Text, "The Workman Wrought."

Christian handshake.

Dismissed by Eld. Rayburn Teague.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Eld. Jimmy Lee Chronister and Bro. Freddie Bowden.

Scripture lesson, 116th Psalm, read by Bro. Ronnie Brashear.

Prayer by Eld. Henry Hill.

Seating of tardy delegates.

The Moderator and Assistant Moderator appointed the following committees:

RESOLUTION—Eld. D. L. Wright, Eld. Bobby Joe Chronister, Eld. Leon Garrison, and Eld. Taft Standridge.

OBITUARY—Bro. Charley Compton, Sis. Lila Davis, and Sis. Prue Jones.

FINANCE—Bro. E. O. Wright, Bro. Roy McCuin, and Eld. Denver Robinson.

TEMPERANCE—Eld. Jimmy Lee Chronister, Eld. Jerrell Willingham, and Eld. Henry Hill.

SABBATH SCHOOL—Sis. Cora Adams, Sis. Syble Teague, and Sis. Jessie Robertson.

NON-REPRESENTED AND UNION OF CHURCHES—Sis. Sylvia McCuin, Eld. T. J. Robertson, and Bro. Otto McGuire.

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

The letter from the Oak Grove Church was read and the Executive Committee reported and recommended that it be taken to a vote of the Association. By motion and second the Oak Grove Church was accepted into the Association. Eld. Geno Johnston made his confession to the Association and the Association voted to accept Eld. Johnston and that Bro. Wright return his credentials after he has proven himself for six months.

The Moderator declared nominations were in order for a member of the Executive Board. Eld. Bob Rackley was elected for a five-year term to take the place of Eld. Thomas Brashear.

Election of state delegates: Sis. Prue Jones, Sis. Melissa Robinson, Sis. Sylvia McCuin, Sis. Thelma English, and Sis. Cora Davis; as alternates—Bro. Ray Hurley, Sis. Flora Polk, Bro. Lester Coffman, Sis. Ruby Hubbard, and Sis. Gertie Crow.

Song by Eld. Rayburn Teague.

The Pulpit Committee announced that Eld. Jimmy Lee Chronister conduct devotional service and Eld. Bobby Joe Chronister bring the message at night.

Song and handshake with Eld. Geno Johnston.

The Resolution Committee reported that we insert in our letter to the Association the one to speak in memory of the deceased.

Motion made and carried to adjourn for ten minutes.

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

Assembled with singing led by Bro. Lester Coffman.

Report of Temperance Committee accepted and committee discharged.

Motion made and carried to adjourn until nine o'clock Saturday.

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. Lowell Tanner.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

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

United prayer by all Christians.

A special by Eld. Henry Hill, Eld. D. L. Wright, Sis. Myra Hill, and Sis. Mary Ruth Wright.

A special by Sis. Leroy Farnam and daughters.

Two specials by the Johnson family.

Devotional service conducted by Eld. Jimmie Lee Chronister.

Preaching by Eld. Bobby Joe Chronister; Scripture lesson, Judges 3: 12-23; text, "I Have A Message from God for Thee."

Song invitation to sinners.

Dismissed by Eld. Leroy Farnam.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Assembled with singing led by Eld. D. L. Wright, Bro. J. A. Davis, Eld. Jimmy Lee Chronister, and Eld. Henry Hill.

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

Scripture lesson, St. Matthew 3:1-10.

Prayer by Eld. Bob Rackley.

Tardy letters.

Visiting members: Sis. Vickie Brown of Booneville and Bro. and Sis. Doyle Travis of Missionary Baptist Church in Atkins.

Adjourned for intermission.

Prayer by Eld. Lowell Tanner.

Assembled with singing led by Eld. D. L. Wright.

Solo by Sis. Lila Jean McVey, "I Don't Want Nothing Here to Hinder Me."

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. We believe they are now in that great Association that shall never end.

“Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth yea saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labors, and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes: and there shall be no more death, neith sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain for the former things are passed away.”

SWEET HOME—Sis. Eva Crabtree.
DUBLIN—Sis. H. D. Jackson.
ST. JOE—Eld. J. A. Venable.
MORELAND—Bro. Tom Rains.
MT. HOME—Sis. Selma Calahan.
HARMONY—Bro. Otto Stanton and Bro. R. M. Pigg.
FAITH—Eld. Loy Smith.
SLATY CROSSING—Bro. Carroll Rainey and Bro. Rob Robinson.
UNION GROVE—Bro. Delma Gene McVey, Bro. John Staggs,
Bro. Charley Lear, and Sis. Lula Coffee.
MORRILTON—Bro. Tom Hill.
HOLMAN—Sis. Bessie Wilson.
MAPLE SPRINGS—Bro. George Harris.
MT. VERNON—Sis. Floy Harris and Bro. Grady Burton.
RED OAK—Sis. Oleta Knee and Sis. Clemmie Cypert.
LITTLE ROCK—Sis. Ethel Burrough.
PHOENIX—Bro. F. J. Dean.
JERUSALEM—Sis. Alta Reynolds.

HAND CLASP

ROCK OF AGES

Eld. Eugene Hubbard spoke in memory of Sis. H. D. Jackson. Eld. T. J. Robertson spoke in memory of Sis. Selma Calahan, Sis. Obita Knee, and Sis. Clemmie Cypert. Eld. Bill Williams spoke in memory of Bro. Carol Rainey and Bro. Rob Robinson. Eld. Homer Eakin spoke in memory of Bro. Grady Burton. Eld. Rayburn Teague spoke in memory of Bro. John Staggs, Sis. Lula Coffee, Bro. Charley Lear and Eld. Loy Smith. Eld. John M. Crouch spoke in memory of Bro. F. J. Dean. Eld. Bobby Chronister spoke in memory of Bro. Tom Rains. Eld. William Burris spoke in memory of Sis. Floy Harris and Sis. Bessie Wilson. Eld. Bob Rackley spoke in memory of Bro. George Harris. Eld. Henry Hill spoke in memory of Bro. Otto Stanton, Bro. R. M. (Mack) Pigg, and Bro. Delma Gene McVey. Eld. R. G. Webb spoke in memory of Eld. J. A. Venable, Sis. Eve Crabtree, Bro. Tom Hill, Sis. Ethel Burrough and Sis. Alta Reynolds.

Dismissed by Eld. Eugene Hubbard.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

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

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

Prayer by Bro. Dalton Johnson.

Reports of committees. All committees reported and were accepted and discharged.

The Moderator declared nominations in order for a home of the next Association and Harmony Church was selected for the meeting place in

1968. Eld. Rayburn Teague was selected to preach the introductory sermon. Eld. Herbert Tilly as alternate.

The Pulpit Committee announced Eld. Eugene Hubbard conduct devotional and Eld. Joseph Hubbard bring the message.

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

Dismissed by Eld. D. L. Wright.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

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

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

United prayer by all ordained ministers and deacons.

Two specials by Sandra Hayes.

Two specials by Bro. O. D. Lewis and Sis. Lowe McAnulty.

Two specials by the Johnson family.

A special by Ronda Johnson.

Devotional service conducted by Eld. Bud Nordin.

Preaching by Eld. Joseph Hubbard; Scripture lesson, St. Luke 8:4-15; text, "For the Lack of Moisture We Have Wilted Away."

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. Herbert Tilley.

Eld. Rayburn Teague graced the table at noon Friday. Eld. Jerrell Willingham graced the table Friday night. Eld. Eugene Hubbard graced the table Saturday noon. Bro. E. O. Wright graced the table Saturday night.

ELD. R. G. WEBB, Moderator

BRO. E. O. WRIGHT, Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

After Sunday School, Eld. D. L. Wright brought the 11 o'clock message.

Prayer by Bro. Rosco Reynolds.

Scripture reading, Acts 1:9-10-11; text, "This Same Jesus."

Song invitation was given to sinners.

Dismissed by Bro. John Phillips.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Sabbath Schools

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, submit the following: We find that all churches have reported in their letters that they have Sabbath Schools. We, the Committee, urge all parents to take your children to Sabbath School.

Sis. Cora Adams, Sis. Sybil Teague, Sis. Jessie Robertson

Temperance

We, your Committee on Temperance, wish to give the following report: We find the Bible to give a positive statement to be temperate in all things and abstain from use or sale of all alcoholic beverage. We strongly urge that each Christian consider prayerfully his testimony before the unsaved of the world. We base our belief on Romans Chapter 12, Verse 1.

Eld. Jerrell Willingham, Eld. Henry Hill, Eld. Jimmy L. Chronister

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. T. J. Robertson, Sis. Sylvia McCuin, Bro. Otto McGuire

Finance

We, your Committee on Finance, have collected from the different churches: For Antioch, \$147.00; for state funds, \$139.00; total, \$286.00.

Bro. E. O. Wright, Bro. Roy McCuin, 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 principles 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 delegates 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 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 13:1-8; 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 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; 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. 1:12; 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 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 the authority 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 of members present at a regular or stated meeting. His time will expire at the settings 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 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 of Association.

MINISTER'S DIARY

Thomas Brashear, Russellville	A. J. Latham, Rt. 2, Russellville
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W. A. Crouch, Hector	R. L. Rainwater, Charleston
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J. D. Kinder, 1019 N. Frankfort, Russellville	
Charles Kohn, Rt. 1, Casa	

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 in 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.

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	W. R. Taylor, 219 East D, Russellville	13		2	180	45	101	\$ 11.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 13,000	FT	225	
Red Oak	Billy Joe Reid	Billy Joe Reid	Pauline Watts, Marshall	34		2	124	37	70	11.00	862.45	145.00	7,000	FT	161	
Holman	Wayne Douthit	Wayne Douthit	Louise Miller, Rt. 1, Lamar			1	53	103	35	5.00	330.00		6,000	1-3	156	
Union Grove	Jimmy L. Chronister	Rayburn Teague	Marv Hill, Rt. 2, Atkins	3	3	4	78	75	77	11.00	3,380.00	150.00	12,500	FT	153	
Welcome Home	Rayburn Teague	Everett Farnam	Evelyn Parrish, Hector	4			90	55	70	11.00	760.00	173.50	5,000	FT	145	
Cherry Hill	William Burris	William Burris	Ella Dean Brown, Rt. 1, Perryville	13			70	59	75	7.50	826.09	257.06		FT	129	
St. Joe	Leon Hill	Jimmy L. Chronister	Ollie McGuire, 230 East J, Russellville	5		1	70	44	40	9.00	820.00	100.00	5,000	FT	114	
Woodlawn	Dolphis Johnson	Dolphis Johnson	Beulah Clayton, 508 W. 3rd, Russellville	6	5		86	22	60	11.00	1,680.00	200.00	10,000	FT	108	
Slaty Crossing	Bill Williams	Bill Williams	Essie Fink, Rt. 1, Dardanelle		2	2	36	70	45	9.00	550.00	150.00	5,000	FT	106	
Pine Ridge	Lytle Hallum	Lytle Hallum	Lottie Duvall, Atkins	2			42	60	40	9.00	495.00	100.00	3,500	FT	102	
Moreland	Rud Nordin	Bob Chronister	Tommie Mackey, Box 95, Moreland	5		1	70	12	50	9.00	1,040.00	200.00	5,000	FT	82	
Kenwood	Francis Foshee	Francis Foshee	Edith Foshee, Rt. 2, Atkins	12	2		52	18	58	5.00	366.89	126.18	5,000	FT	70	
Mt. Home	Luther Wilkinson	T. J. Robertson	Mrs. James Chronister, Rt. 2, Lamar	1	2	1	33	37	32	9.00	955.00	65.00	7,500	FT	70	
Hickory Grove	Denver Robinson	Denver Robinson	Ruby Robinson, Rt. 1, Casa	13	4		46	22	42	9.00	1,418.17	360.00	6,000	FT	68	
Mt. Vernon	Taft Standridge	Bill Williams	Ruth Burris, Rt. 4, Box 194, Russellville	6	1	2			49	9.00	328.95	73.00	6,500	2-4	63	
Morrilton	R. G. Webb	R. G. Webb	Evelyn Singleton, Rt. 2, Morrilton		3	1	50	7	65	9.00	1,358.47	82.00	12,500	FT	57	
Sweet Home	Jackie Townsell	Jackie Townsell	Janice McNutt, Rt. 3, Atkins	1	1	1	32	24	40	9.00	592.32	83.08	4,500	FT	56	
South Mtn.	Joseph Hubbard	Joseph Hubbard	Darlene Kelly, Rt. 1, Marshall				40	13	35	5.50	452.12	30.00	6,000	2-4	53	
Wayton	J. D. Henderson	J. D. Henderson	Lettie Taylor, Wayton	10			30	22	40	4.00	47.00	53.33	8,000	FT	52	
Dardanelle	Leroy Farnam	J. D. Kinder	Mary Crawford, 809 N. 4th, Dardanelle	8			46	1	59	8.00	950.00	126.00	8,000	FT	46	
Smith Springs	Eugene Hubbard	Leon Hill	Juanita Huett, 803 E. Rock, Morrilton	17			46		60	10.00	530.00	100.00	10,000	FT	46	
Dublin	Hubert Tilly	Eugene Hubbard	Emma Wages, Scranton			1	35	10	48	9.00	612.91	172.00	3,500		45	
Atkins	Rob Rackley	Rob Rackley	Zula Hice, 207 E. Central, Atkins	28	6		41	3	35	9.00	225.00	200.00	25,000	FT	44	
Jerusalem	Carroll Hanna	Carroll Hanna	Elsie Henderson, Jerusalem	18	4	1	33	11	46	9.00	350.00	190.00	3,500	FT	44	
Phoenix	Bob Chronister	Leon Garrison	Irene Goates, Rt. 1, Dover	1			43		21	9.00	200.60	75.00		2-4	43	
Walnut Grove	W. E. Coffman	W. E. Coffman	Willadean Biffle, Hector	2	4		22	20	20	6.50	327.00		8,000	FT	42	
Hector	Stanford Trigg	Stanford Trigg	Clvtie Coffman, Hector	8			29	12	42	9.00	387.81	183.98	9,500	FT	41	
Maple Springs	Jerrell Willingham	Jerrell Willingham	Peggy Williams, 805 S. Detroit, Russellville	2	1	1			35	5.00	302.00	122.00	2,500	2-4	38	
Ben Hur	Leon Garrison	Taft Standridge	Virgie Gregory, Ben Hur	5			31	6	40	9.00	250.00	120.00	3,500	1-3	37	
Clarksville	D. L. Wright	D. L. Wright	Susie Hutchins, Rt. 2, Lamar	1			28	4	33	9.00	1,040.00	100.00	20,000	FT	32	
Faith	Carlton Williams	Carlton Williams	Dora Lee Hamilton, 807 W. 35th, Little Rock			1	30	2	38	10.00	1,020.00	222.49	15,000	FT	32	
Little Rock	Alvin Ramsey	Alvin Ramsey	Ima Fay Ramsey, 3608 Malloy, Little Rock	8		1	31		31	10.00	332.65	30.00	25,000		30	
New Liberty	Joseph Hubbard	Leroy Farnam	Ola Blair, Delaware	2			26	4	30	9.00	627.32	65.00		1-3	30	
Nogo	Avaugh Vaughan	Avaugh Vaughan	Paralce Freeman, Hector				18	9	24	3.00	199.50	45.00		2-4	27	
Oak Grove	Ellis Warren		Imogene Kinslow, 311 E. 19th, Russellville	10	1		66	15		11.00	240.00	180.00	4,000	1-3	81	
TOTALS				238	39	23	1,707	822	1,586	\$298.50	\$26,457.25	\$4,379.25	\$265,500		2,628	

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

CHURCHES HAVING PRAYER MEETING: Cherry Hill, St. Joe, Woodlawn, Sweet Home, Dublin, Atkins, Hector, Clarksville, Faith, Little Rock, and Nogo.