

MINUTES  
OF THE NINETY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE

# Antioch Association of Free Will Baptists

Held With Woodlawn Church  
Pope County, Arkansas

August 2-4, 1984

NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD WITH

Slaty Crossing Church  
Yell County, Arkansas

BEGINNING ON THURSDAY NIGHT  
BEFORE THE FIRST SUNDAY IN AUGUST 1985

A. E. Coffman	Moderator
Atkins, Arkansas	
David Copeland	Assistant Moderator
Atkins, Arkansas	
David Bishop	Clerk and Treasurer
Dardanelle, Arkansas	
Bonnie Matchett	Assistant Clerk
Morrilton, Arkansas	



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Ninety-Third Annual Session which met in Regular Session with  
Woodlawn Free Will Baptist Church August 2-4, 1984.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. David Copeland .....	5	Years
Rev. George Latham .....	4	Years
Rev. A. E. Coffman .....	3	Years
Rev. Denver Robinson .....	2	Years
Rev. Leon Hill .....	1	Year

## EXAMINING COMMITTEE FOR ORDINATION

Same as Executive Board

## HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. David Bishop .....	5	Years
Rev. Frank Matchett .....	4	Years
Rev. Gary Huett .....	3	Years
Rev. Reece Webb .....	2	Years
Rev. Lowell Tanner .....	1	Year

Please note the following break down in the amount of fees to be  
sent to the Antioch Association in 1985:

For Antioch Minutes .....	\$25.00
For Executive Board Expenses .....	10.00
For State and National Association .....	35.00
Total .....	\$70.00

## THURSDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 2-4, 1984

The moderator, Bro. Jimmy Chronister, called the service to order.

Bro. Ronnie Brashear led the opening song, "It Is Truly Wonderful."

Bro. Bonner was called on to lead the opening prayer.

Bro. Johnny McCoy led the congregation in "Deeper, Deeper."

Order of service changed to the special music:

The Woodlawn choir sang, "The Walls Came Tumbling Down,"  
"Don't Lift the Anchor," "Standing on the Solid Rock," "The Statue of  
Liberty," "That Heavenly Home," and "It Could Happen in a Moment."

Bro. Frank Matchett family sang "When My Labors Will Be Ore."

The Gateway Singers sang "My Lord Will Send a Moses," and "It's  
All Right."

By request Bro. Jimmy Lee Chronister led the congregation in  
"Land Where Living Waters Flow."

An altar prayer was led by Bro. Denver Robinson.

Order of service changed to a devotional service led by Bro. Gregg McGuire.

Service turned to Bro. Jimmy Williams for the message. His scripture readings were from Mt. 10:16-22 and Rm. 12:1,2. A very challenging message concerning the Presenting of Our Bodies."

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bill Williams with the next service to be at 9:30 AM Friday morning.

#### FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 3rd, 1984

The Ninety-third Annual Session of the Antioch Association was called into order by the moderator, Bro. Jimmy Lee Chronister.

Opening prayer was led by Bro. David Copeland.

Bro. Ronnie Brashear led "More About Jesus."

Bro. A. E. (Bo) Coffman gave a devotional from Ps. 95:1-7.

The clerk read the following letters from the various churches in the Association. The following delegates and churches were present:

ATKINS—Sis. Lillian Pearce, Bros. Arch McMaster and Jeff Haralson.

BEN HUR—Bro. John Collins, Sis. Carolyn Cooper and Ethel Tilley.

CENTER VALLEY—By Letter Only.

CENTERVILLE—Sis. Lois Robinson and Vaughnceil Eubanks.

CHERRY HILL—Sis Pat Bird, Iona Bull, and Rose Miller.

CLARKSVILLE—By Letter Only.

DARDANELLE—Bro. Steve Downum, Sis Artie Farnum and Dot Couch.

DOVER—Sis Janice Waldo, Helen Standride and Millie Roth.

DUBLIN—Bro. Billy Cauldwell, Sis. Zelta Cauldwell and Elsa Green.

FAITH—None Present.

HARMONY—Sis Veda Hefner, Ellen Price, and Beatrice Summerfelt.

HECTOR—Sis. Arrittia Duncan, Opal Patton, and Pearl Bowers.

HOLMAN—Bro. Chris Hull and Sis Alma Hankins.

JERUSALEM—Sis Syble Freeman and Betty Freeman.

JOHNSON—Bro. James Roper, Sis. Velma Roper and Lucy Stovall.

KILGORE—Bro. Jeff Crowder, Sis. Annette Crowder, and Bro. Jon Williams.

MAPLE SPRINGS—None Present.

MORELAND—By Letter Only.

MORRILTON 1st—None Present.

MT. VERNON—Sis. Naomi Matchett, Melody Helton, and Angela DuVall.

PHOENIX—Bro. Ross Davis and Sis Betty Baughman.

PINE RIDGE—Bro. Ike Brewer.

SLATY CROSSING—Bro. Wayne Bookout and Sis Sylvia Crow.

SMITH SPRINGS—Bro. Bob Renfrow and Jack Renfrow.

SOUTH MNT.—None Present.



ST. JOE—Bro. Otto Allen and Sis Hazel Allen.  
 SWEETHOME—Sis Carolyn Trigg and Lavonia Roberds.  
 UNION GROVE—Sis Burmell Crawford, Ava Jo Simmons, and Ruby Eakes.  
 WALNUT GROVE—None Present.  
 WAYTON—None Present.  
 WELCOME HOME—Bro. Everett Bradley, Sis. Barbara Taylor and Bessie Bradley.  
 WOODLAWN—Bro. Elbert Hinchcliff, Otis White, and Freddy Galloway.

Delegates were seated with a right hand of fellowship as Bro. Ronnie Brashear led the congregation in "Victory in Jesus."

The following officers were elected for this session:

Moderator . . . . . A. E. (Bo) Coffman  
 Assistant Moderator . . . . . David Copeland  
 Clerk . . . . . David Bishop  
 Assistant Clerk . . . . . Bonnie Matchett

The following committees were appointed:

Pulpit Committee—Bro. Bonner Tyler, Sis Lois Robinson, and Bro. J. A. Davis.  
 Resolution—Bro. Fred Scott, Bro. Bill Williams, and Bro. Ronnie Brashear.  
 Temperance—Bro. Gary Huett, Sis. Sylvia McCuin, and Bro. Ross Davis.  
 Non-Represented and Union of Churches—Sis. Barbara Taylor, Sis. Carolyn Trigg, and Bro. Otis White.  
 Sunday School—Sis Mary Ruth Wright, Sis Pearl Bowers, and Sis. Syble Freeman.  
 Finance—Bro. Denver Robinson, Bro. George Latham, and Bro. Jimmy Williams.  
 Obituary—Sis Thelma English, Bro. Wayne Bookout, and Sis. Pat Bull.

The moderator then called on the clerk to read aloud the Rules of Order from the minutes.

The moderator recognized Bro. David Joslin as a visiting minister.

Bro. Ronnie Brashear spoke in reference to last year's body directing a committee to draw up a new church letter form. Samples were handed out and further action to be taken in the afternoon session.

The moderator turned the floor over to Bro. David Joslin, the State Promotional Director. He spoke concerning the state work and particularly to the fact that Arkansas had just hosted the National Association in Little Rock with a record attendance.

The Pulpit Committee reported that Bro. Bob Chronister was to preach the 11:00 o'clock service; Bro. Fred Scott to preach the evening service at 7:30; and Bro. Gary Huett was selected for the devotional service that evening.

The clerk read a letter from the Hickory Grove Church asking to be dropped from the Association and that they desired a letter of recommendation. He also read a letter from the Executive Board responding to Hickory Grove's letter. The moderator stated that this would be considered that afternoon along with the rest of the Executive Board Report.

Order of service changed to the worship service. Bro. Ronnie Brashear led "When We All Get to Heaven," and "Let Me Live Close to Thee." Prayer was prayed by Bro. Jimmy Hallum.

Bro. Jimmy Williams, Sis. Annett Crowder and Sis. Janett Williams sang "What Will It Be."

Bro. Coffman then introduced Bro. Bob Chronister for the message. Scripture reading came from Luke 23:44-48; three thoughts were presented 1. The Supernatural, 2. The Natural, and 3. The Response; these all were centering around the cross. A Good Stirring Message.

Dismissed until 1:00 PM by Bro. David Joslin.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 1:00 PM

Moderator called the session back to order and asked Bro. Roy McCuin to lead in prayer.

Bro. Ronnie Brashear led "It Won't Be Long."

Bro. David Copeland gave a devotional from Gen. 12:1-5.

Bro. Jimmy Lee Chronister gave the Executive Board Report.

He restated that the board had dropped Hickory Grove from the Association and granted their request for a Letter of Recommendation. Motion made and seconded to accept their report. So Carried.

Motion made and seconded to adopt a resolution to raise the Host Church Fee from \$100 to \$200; and that the amount of \$20 for Antioch Minutes be raised to \$25 in order to pay this new amount for hosting the Antioch Association. So Carried.

Bro. Ronnie Brashear read the new proposed Church Letter Form to the voting body. Motion made and seconded to accept it for use. So Carried.

Attention was turned to the election of new board members. Bro. Denver Robinson was elected to complete the unexpired term of Bro. Jerry Shinn who has taken a church in another Association; this was for two years. Bro. David Copeland was elected to serve the five year term.

Bro. David Bishop was elected to the five-year term on the Home Mission Board.

The Body elected this year's Associational Revival Committee to be the following: Bro. Herb Tilley, Bro. Ronnie Brashear, Bro. Gary Huett, Bro. David Copeland, and Bro. Reece Webb.



Home Mission Board report: Bro. Denver Robinson stated that he has started a church just south of the Russellville Airport and had borrowed \$5,695.96 from the Home Mission fund; with another loan from the bank they had a total indebtedness of just over \$20,000 and an appraised value of about \$40,000. Their first service is scheduled for this coming Sunday.

A resolution was made to change the constitution to read that "No person may serve on more than one board of the Association at the same time; but he may, however, serve on a board and a committee or an office at the same time." Motion made and seconded to lay this matter on the table until tomorrow. So Carried.

A partial Examining Committee report was given stating that Bro. R. H. McCuin has been accepted into the Association.

Since no one had asked for the next Association, Slaty Crossing pastor invited the body to come to Slaty. Motion made and seconded to go to Slaty Crossing in 1985. So Carried.

It was noted that the Quarterly Meetings have been changed to the last Saturdays of January/April/October starting on the Friday before each of these Saturdays.

The following delegates and alternates were selected for the State Association from the Antioch:

Delegate	Alternate
Sis. Myra Hill	Sis. Patsy Bishop
Sis Mary Ruth Wright	Sis. Sylvia McCuin
Sis. Ann Virden	Sis. Sylvia Crow
Sis. Thelma English	Sis. Mary McMaster
Sis. Ruby Eakes	Sis. Terry Scott

Business Adjourned; dismissed until 7:30 PM by Bro. Reece Webb.

#### FRIDAY EVENING, 7:30 PM

Bro. David Copeland called the service to order and asked Bro. Tommy Brashear to lead in prayer.

Bro. Jimmy Lee Chronister led the congregation in "I Am Thine O Lord," "Land Where Living Waters Flow," "Heaven's Jubilee."

Order of service changed to Special Music:

Bro. & Sis. Jimmy Lee Chronister and Bro. & Sis. George Latham sang "I'll Wake Up in Glory Some Day." Bro. R. H. McCuin sang "That Old Time Preacher Man."

Altar prayer led by Bro. A. E. Coffman.

Devotional service led by Bro. Jimmy Lee Chronister.

Bro. & Sis. Jimmy Lee Chronister and Bro. & Sis. George Latham sang a medley of songs dear to our hearts.

Service turned to Bro. Fred Scott for the message. His Scripture came from Gen. 18:9-15; with the thought being "Is Anything Too Hard for the Lord?" Very timely and needful.

Dismissed until 9:30 AM Saturday by Bro. Lonnie Coffman.

## SATURDAY MORNING, 9:30 AM

The moderator called the service to order and Bro. Jimmy Williams led in prayer.

Bro. Frank Matchett led the congregation in "The Gloryland Way," and "When Our Lord Shall Come Again." Bro. Ronnie Brashear led "He Lives," and "There's a Great Day Coming."

Bro. Frank Matchett family sang "Meet Me in Heaven," and "When I Receive My Robe and Crown."

Order of service changed to speaking in memory of those who have died and gone on to be with the Lord. The following is a list of church members who passed away and the minister who spoke in memory of them:

Bro. Fred Scott spoke in memory of Sis. Erma Haralson and Sis. Lottie Travis.

Bro. George Latham spoke in memory of Bro. John Willis and Sis. Violet Williams.

Bro. Bob Chronister spoke in memory of Sis. Dennie Witherspoon, Sis. Willie Weir, Sis. Pearl Harris DuVall, Bro. W. J. Duncan, and Bro. Carl Steele.

Bro. T. A. Miller spoke in memory of Bro. Harrison Black, Sis. Clara Johnson.

Bro. Leon Hill spoke in memory of Sis. Ethel Myers.

Bro. David Copeland spoke in memory of Bro. L. A. Roberts.

Bro. Bill Williams spoke in memory of Sis. Lucy Ennis, Sis. Viola Ennis, Sis. Ezzie Clayton, and Sis. Cindy Johnston from Oak Grove.

Bro. A. E. Coffman spoke in memory of Bro. Ernest (Pete) Fryer, Bro. Elmo McCoy, Sis. Oma Lee Cothorn, Sis. Hazel Marable, and Sis. Margie Crouch.

Bro. Frank Matchett spoke in memory of Sis. Kimberly Dawn Dixon, and Bro. Ed Hubbard.

Bro. David Bishop spoke in memory of Bro. Seth Farnam, Sis. Zettie McVey, and Sis. Jewel Scott.

Memorial service was concluded with a hand shake to all the ministers present as the congregation sang "I'll Meet You in the Morning," "Won't It Be Wonderful There," and "Amazing Grace" all led by Bro. Ronnie Brashear.

Dismissed in prayer until 1:00 PM by Bro. Jimmy Williams.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 1:00 PM

Moderator called the session into order and Bro. Frank Matchett led in prayer.

Bro. Ronnie Brashear led "Living By Faith."

Bro. Bill Williams gave a devotional from II Cor. 5:1 and it was at this time that he spoke in memory of Sis. Ezzie Clayton as already noted.

Bro. Lonnie Coffman was noted as a visiting minister. He spoke concerning the Board of Retirement from our National Offices.

The tabled constitutional change was brought from the table and adopted to be placed in the minutes.



2. Letters from the different churches shall be prepared, read to and approved by each church conferences assembled, signed by the 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 churches reserving the right of withdrawing from any church acting disorderly.

4. The Association shall have a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and treasurer, and assistant clerk, to be chosen by the suffrage of members present. No person may serve on more than one board of the Association at the same time; but he may, however, serve on a board and a committee or an office at the same time.

5. New churches may be admitted into the Association by letter or by delegates, if found to be orthodox in faith of 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 number of members in each church, the distribution being made at the discretion of the Association. All churches will pay \$25.00 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 \$100.00 for his services, and urge that the minutes be printed and mailed within 60 days after the Association.

10. The Association shall have a fund for its 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 churches.

13. This Association shall have the right to discipline its ministers concerning the following:



CHURCH	MODERATOR THIS YEAR	MODERATOR LAST YEAR	CHURCH CLERK	MEMBERS RECEIVED	DISMISSED	DIED	RES. MEMBERS	NON-RES. MEMBERS	SUNDAY SCHOOL	MINUTE FUND	PAID PASTOR	PAID OTHERS	DAYS OF MEETING	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP
Atkins 1st	Fred Scott	Fred Scott	Mary Ruth Wright, Rt. 1 Box 208, Atkins 72823	8	8	2	52	9	34	\$65	\$10,300	\$ 300	FT	61
Ben Hur	Leon Garrison	Leon Garrison	Linda Garrison, Rt. 1 Box 194, Hector 72843	0	0	0	18	28	27	65	1,500	275	FT	61
Center Valley	J.D. Henderson	James C. Warren	Donna Eubanks, Rt. 2 Box 372, Russellville 72801	0	2	0	17	2		65	2,300	120	50	19
Centerville	Bob Chronister	Bob Chronister	Gwen Mans, Rt. 1 Box 139, Dardanelle 72834	0	0	0	21	2	36	65	6,200	400	FT	23
Cherry Hill	Jimmy Williams	Denver Robinson	Shelby Bull, Rt. 1 Box 122, Perryville 72126	0	0	1	58	104	30	65	4,868	556	FT	162
Clarksville	Richard Falbo	Richard Falbo	Gloria Mason, Rt. 2 Box 220, Lamar 72846	0	0	1	41	6	25	65	3,315	75	FT	47
Dardanelle	David Bishop	David Bishop	Eula Dacus, 107 Yelco Dr., Dardanelle 72834	7	2	1	112	22	85	65	11,365	650	FT	134
Dover	Bill Moody	Bill Moody	Charlene Summers, Box 18, Dover 72837	6	2	0	66	1	55	65	4,000	125	FT	67
Dublin	Herb Tilley	Herb Tilley	Ava Snow, Box 294C, Scranton 72863	10	0	0	45	17	50	65	5,000	375		62
Faith	E.J. Crossland	Carlton Williams	Jewel Crawford, 8319 Wooten Rd., N.L.R., 72117	7	2	0	35	3	13	65	2,350	2,254		38
Harmony	R.H. McCuin	Bob Rackley	Benny Mahan, Rt. 1 Box 449, Russellville 72801	14	0	3	190	96	131	65	8,950	825	FT	286
Hector		Taft Standridge	Pearl Gregory, Rt. 1 Box 43, Hector 72843	2	1	1	48	20	65	65	4,100	500	FT	68
Holman	T.A. Miller	Luther Wilkerson	Barbara Pearson, Rt. 1, Lamar 72846	2	0	2			35	65	2,640	400	FT	41
Jerusalem		Johnny McCoy	Claudia Vaughan, Rt. 3 Box 556, Atkins 72823	15	0	3	73	36	39	65	2,500	25	FT	109
Johnson	Johnny McCoy	Jimmy Chronister	Betty Stovall, Rt. 1 Box 251, Scranton 72863	7	0	0			35	65	5,200	800	FT	30
Kilgore	Glenn Matchett	Jimmy Williams	Debbie Williams, Rt. 1 Box 99, Solgohachia 72156	0	0	1			32	65	4,760	200	FT	37
Maple Springs	Leon Hill	Leon Hill	Lila Webb, 702 Interstate Dr., Atkins 72823	0	0	0	27	8	30	65	3,849	983		35
Moreland	Vernon Nordin	Vernon Nordin	Dana Hudson, Rt. 4 Box 452, Russellville 72801	0	0	0	34	24	24	65	2,600	75	FT	58
Morrilton 1st	Jimmy Hallum	Bob Alexander	Evelyn Singleton, 816 E. Burrow, Morrilton 72110	3	10	0	69	8	50	65	3,975	150	FT	77
Mt. Vernon	Ellis McCuin	Ellis McCuin	Ruth Burris, Rt. 4 Box 308, Russellville 72801	0	1	2			63	65		450	FT	100
Phoenix	Bob Alexander	Terry Latham	Wanda Demoret, Rt. 1, Dover 72837	2	0	1	48	5	29	65	2,333	160	FT	53
Pine Ridge	Hearley Reeves	Hearley Reeves	Hazel King, Rt. 1 Box 68, Atkins 72823	0	0	0	38	60	20	65	1,350	25	FT	98
Slaty Crossing	Gary Huett	Gary Huett	Vickie Chronister, Rt. 4 Box 327, Russellville 72801	5	2	0	67		69	65	6,800	425		
Smith Springs	Frank Matchett	Frank Matchett	Louise Hubbard, Rt. 2, Morrilton 72110	8	1	2	73	6	35	65	4,075	321	FT	79
South Mtn.	Jimmy Middleton	Jimmy Middleton	Darlene Kelley, Rt. 1 Box 335, Marshall 72650	0	1	0	29	21	20	65	1,535		FT	50
St. Joe	Bill Williams	Jerry Shinn	Virginia Virden, 1608 N Church, Atkins 72823	5	2	0	64	62	45	65	6,250	150	FT	126
Sweet Home		Bill Williams	Cathryn McNutt, Rt. 3 Box 821, Atkins 72823	6	0	0	50	2	35	65	1,400	590	48	52
Union Grove	David Copeland	David Copeland	Thelma English, Rt. 2 Box 204, Atkins 72823	4	9	2	102	59	73	65	10,400	80	FT	161
Walnut Grove	Owen Jones	Owen Jones	Janis Reno, Rt. 1 Box 127, Hector 72843	0	0	0	26	11	25	65	1,250	300	FT	37
Wayton	Tony Taylor	Tony Taylor	Lettie Taylor, Rt. 3 Box 72, Deer 72628	0	0	0	17	51	25	65		100	24	68
Welcome Home	A.E. Coffman	A.E. Coffman	Virginia Hays, Rt. 1, Hector 72843	7	0	2	113	34	116	65	10,400	255	FT	141
Woodlawn	George Latham	George Latham	Ronnie Brashear, Rt. 5 No. 10 Wedgewood, Russellville 72801	3	0	1	60	80	62	65	4,475	1,742	FT	140



A. Should a minister take his letter from a church in this Association and neglect or refuse to place it in some other church in this Association 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 minister after such time.

B. Any minister in good standing in the Association desiring to pastor a church outside of this Association will be granted upon request a letter of recommendation within a year from his leaving this Association.

C. Any disciplined minister who wishes to be reinstated must be united with some church in this association; have an endorsement from that church; and receive an endorsement from the examining committee. At such time the clerk shall be authorized to restore said credentials.

D. This Association will not consider for ordination or accept into the Association any minister who is divorced and remarried or any minister who is married to a woman who is divorced and remarried. We believe this is in keeping with I Timothy 3:2, 12 and Titus 1:6.

E. When the need arises for a minister to be disciplined, the church of which he is a member shall be responsible along with the Executive Board of the Association.

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—

A. Have preached at least one year in the bounds of the Association.

B. Must be set apart and have an endorsement for ordination by the church of which they are a member.

C. Must have the endorsement of the Ordaining Council, or majority of a legally called meeting of the Council.

D. Lack of endorsement by either of the above authorities will hold up ordination.

E. No one can serve on the committee unless he fully believes in this plan of work.

F. 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.

G. Any minister coming into the Association to pastor a church of the Association is required to come before the Examining Committee. It shall be the duty of the churches to comply with this resolution.

15. Amendments to this plan of government may be made at any time when a majority may deem it necessary.



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 16:16; III John 1:10; Matt. 18:17; Acts 20:28; Rev. 1:4-11-20)

15. PERSEVERANCE—We believe that all true believers in Christ should persevere in divine grace, and in knowledge of the truth and that God's grace is sufficient to help them to overcome all the obstacles of life and that of all the combined forces of the great enemy of souls on earth and in Hell (or in his eternal abode) aren't 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. (I Cor. 9:10; I 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; Eph. 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 The. 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 the 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. 14:31; Acts 17:31; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; II Cor. 6:10; 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



where said church is being organized by authority here invested, shall examine the applicants, as to faith and doctrine of the Free Will Baptists and if found to be orthodox, will proceed as follows:

- (1) The Bible is presented as the only rule of faith and practice.
- (2) The Church Covenant is read.
- (3) A prayer of consecration is offered.
- (4) The hand of fellowship is given.
- (5) The church then proceeds to elect its officers: A clerk, a treasurer, a pastor, and two deacons. Other deacons may be elected and ordained as the church grows or when a vacancy occurs.

**Pastor**—The pastor is to be elected for the period of one year, by a majority vote of members present at a regular or stated meeting. His time will expire at the setting of each annual Association. He is to be moderator at all church meetings when present and exercise 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. 3:8-13 gives some of the qualifications pertaining to deacons that should be heeded. They are elected by a majority vote of the church and ordained to office by a committee of three ordained, 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 Receive**—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 their letter only when in good standing with the church; and they cease to be members of the church when the conference by a majority vote grants the request and authorizes the clerk to write a letter, signed by the moderator and clerk. Request for letters of dismissal should be made at a conference meeting or a 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.

A church may be disbanded for the same rules under which they were organized, when they cease to function properly as churches, failing to hold a conference meeting for the period of one year and by



consent of the majority of the members living near the church at one time.

Quarterly meetings and annual associations are organized and disbanded by the same rules of authority as the local church, except when a majority of the churches vote to unite with another quarterly meeting or association.

#### RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and closed 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) Sunday 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.

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