

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

Held with First Church of Atkins
Pope County, Arkansas

July 31-August 2, 1986

NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD WITH

Welcome Home Church
Pope County, Arkansas

BEGINNING ON THURSDAY NIGHT
BEFORE THE FIRST SUNDAY IN AUGUST 1987

Denver Robinson Moderator
Casa, Arkansas

Reece Webb Assistant Moderator
Atkins, Arkansas

David Bishop Clerk
Atkins, Arkansas

Lila Webb Assistant Clerk
Atkins, Arkansas

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Ninety-Fifth Annual Session which met in regular session with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Atkins July 31 thru August 2, 1986.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Johnny McCoy	5	Years
Rev. Lawnie Coffman	4	Years
Rev. Reece Webb	3	Years
Rev. George Latham	2	Years
Rev. A. E. (Bo) Coffman	1	Year

EXAMINING COMMITTEE FOR ORDINATION

Same as Executive Board.

HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. Denver Robinson	5	Years
Rev. Fred Scott	4	Years
Rev. David Bishop	3	Years
Rev. Frank Matchett	2	Years
Rev. Gary Huett	1	Year

Pleas note the following break down in the amount of fees to be sent to the Antioch Association in 1987:

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

THURSDAY NIGHT, JULY 31, 1986

Service opened with the moderator, Bro. George Latham, asking Bro. Herb Tilley to lead in prayer. Bro. Lavan Hubbard was asked to lead the congregational singing. He led the body in singing "Send the Light," "Come Unto Me," "Never Alone," and "Land Where Living Waters Flow." Bro. Reece Webb led in prayer. Bro. Jimmy Lee Chronister gave a devotional from Psalms 26 and an Altar Prayer by all the ordained following the devotional.

Order of service was changed to special music with Bro. and Sis. George Latham and Bro. and Sis. Jimmy Lee Chronister singing "I Can Hear My Savior Calling" and Bro. and Sis. Lavan Hubbard singing "Like Spoken Words Could Never Do."

Order of service changed to a testimony service led by Bro. David Bishop. Then turned to Bro. Fred Scott for the message. His message, entitled "What Satan Wants to Do to the Church," was taken from Neh. 4:6-11. Closed in prayer by Bro. Bonner Tyler until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 1st. 1986

The Ninety-fifth session of the Antioch Association was called to order by the moderator, Bro. George Latham, and prayer offered by Bro. Arvel Condley. Bro. Johnny McCoy led the congregation in singing "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder." Bro. Reece Webb gave a devotional from Ps. 82. The Church Letters were read and delegates were seated by the body. The body then granted the request of the Antioch Free Will Baptist Church for acceptance into the Association and their delegates were seated with the body. The following delegates and churches were present at that time:

ANTIOCH — Bro. James Applegate
ATKINS FIRST — Bro. Dolan Travis, Sis. Betty Maxwell, Sis. Lillian Pearce.
BEN HUR — Bro. Vernon Rosemond, Sis. Velma Rosemond
CENTER VALLEY — By Letter
CENTERVILLE — Sis. Angie Poole, Sis. Vaughciele Eubanks, Sis. Lois Robison
CHERRY HILL — None present
CLARKSVILLE — By Letter
DARDANELLE 1st — Sis. Dot Couch, Sis. Artie Farnum, Sis. Wanda Crow
DOVER — Sis. Euletta Craig, Bro. Cecil Craig
FAITH — By Letter
HARMONY — Sis. Ellen Price, Sis. Beatrice Summerfelt, Sis. Betty Duvall
HECTOR — Bro. Donald Brown, Sis. Eulean Brown, Sis. Pearl Bowers
HOLMAN — Sis. Mary Palmer
JERUSALEM — Sis. Betty Adams
JOHNSON — Sis. Tammy King, Sis. Rita Stovall, Sis. Janet Stovall
KILGORE — Sis. Annette Crowder, Sis. Kim Williams
MAPLE SPRINGS — None Present
MORELAND — By Letter
MORRILTON 1st — Sis. Dora Hendrick, Sis. Alene Brents
MT. VERNON — Sis. Wilma Burris, Sis. Jamie Burris

PHOENIX — Bro. Ross Davis
 PINE RIDGE — Sis. Jane Duvall, Sis. Ruby Rondinone
 SLATY CROSSING — Sis. Joyce Robinson, Sis. Sylvia Crow
 SMITH SPRINGS — None Present
 SOUTH MOUNTAIN — Sis. Mae Treat, Sis. Alice Kelley
 ST. JOE — Sis. Georgia Crites, Sis. Edith Manning, Bro. Reece Crites
 SWEETHOME — None Present
 UNION GROVE — Sis. Burmell Crawford, Sis. Marie Hern, Sis. Charlotte Haralson
 WALNUT GROVE — None Present
 WAYTON — None Present
 WELCOME HOME — Bro. Arvel Condley, Sis. Ruth Condley
 WOODLAWN — Sis. Sandra Keaster, Bro. Richard Keaster, Bro. Elbert Hinchcliff

The following officers were elected for this new church year:
 Moderator Bro. Denver Robinson
 Assistant Moderator Bro. Reece Webb
 Clerk/Treasurer Bro. David Bishop
 Assistant Clerk Sis. Lila Webb

The new moderator and his assistant appointed the following committees:

PULPIT — Bro. Bonner Tyler, Bro. Jim Moore, Sis. Sylvia Crow
 RESOLUTION — Bro. Jimmy Williams, Bro. James Freeman, Bro. Johnny McCoy
 TEMPERANCE — Bro. Herb Tilley, Bro. Leon Garrison, Bro. Roy Williams
 NON-REPRESENTED AND UNION OF CHURCHES — Bro. Leon Hill, Bro. J. A. Davis, Sis. Joyce Robinson
 SUNDAY SCHOOL — Bro. Don Parr, Bro. Cecil Craig, Sis. Betty Tilley
 OBITUARY — Bro. Arvel Condley, Sis. Euleta Craig, Sis. Ellen Price
 FINANCE — Bro. Newt Hice, Sis. Vera Taylor, Bro. Hearly Reeves

Bro. and Sis. Johnny McCoy sang specials of "The Dream" and the "Small Lonely Hill". The pulpit committee selected Bro. A. E. (Bo) Coffman for the 11:00 o'clock message; Bro. Johnny McCoy for the afternoon devotional; and Bro. George Latham for the evening message with Bro. Jimmy Williams to lead the devotional.

Sis. Vicky Chronister sang "He Broke the Chains." Bro. Johnny McCoy led the congregation in singing "Land Where Living Waters Flow," "Never Alone," and then the service was turned to Bro. Coffman for the message. His message came from Mark 2:1-9 and his thought was "Raising the Roof for Jesus." Dismissed until 1:00 p.m. by Bro. Bobby Joe Chronister.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 1:00 P.M.

Order of service opened with a song by Bro. Johnny McCoy leading the congregation in singing "Down On My Knees," and a devotional from John 14:1-3. Prayer was given by Bro. Leon Garrison. The following business was conducted:

There were two vacancies on the Executive Board to be filled; Bro. Reece Webb was elected to finish the unexpired term of Bro. David Copeland (3 years) and Bro. Johnny McCoy was elected to a 5 year term.

Bro. Denver Robinson was elected to a 5 year term on the Home Mission Board.

A resolution was made that would combine the Quarterly and Annual bodies into one body with the same officers for both. Motion made and seconded to consider and adopt this resolution. Motion made and seconded to table this item until the next session as this is a constitutional change. So carried. Since no church asked for the next Associational meeting by letter, it will go to Welcome Home who asked for it from the floor. Motion made and seconded to have another Antioch Associational Revival. So carried. Motion made and seconded to have it at the new Antioch Free Will Baptist Church of Russellville. So carried. The following are to be the Revival Committee for this year: Bro. Herb Tilley, Bro. Leon Hill, Bro. Fred Scott, Bro. David Bishop, and Bro. Johnny McCoy. The body then selected the following state delegates and alternates:

(ALTERNATES)

Sis. Barbara Pearce	Bro. Richard Keaster
Sis. Helen Wells	Sis. Jeanett Wright
Bro. Elbert Hinchcliff	Bro. Jim Moore
Sis. Vickie Chronister	Bro. Jerry Tanner
Sis. Vivian Hill	Sis. Janie Burris

Body was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. by Bro. Leon Hill leading in prayer.

FRIDAY NIGHT, 7:30 P.M.

Moderator, Bro. Denver Robinson, called service to order and Bro. Jimmy Lee Chronister led the congregation in singing "Just A

Little Talk With Jesus"; Bro. Bill Williams led "The Glory Land Way"; Bro. James Freeman led "I'll Fly Away"; Bro. Jimmy Williams led "What A Savior"; and Sis. Sybil Teague led "I'm Bound For That City."

Order of service changed to special music: Bro. and Sis. Donnie Haralson sang "Then I'll Have Everything," then they were joined by Sis. Norma Pratt in singing "I Want To Stroll Over Heaven With You." Sis. Vickie Chronister sang "I Claim the Blood Stains." Bro. and Sis. George Latham and Bro. and Sis. Jimmy Lee Chronister sang, "I'll Wake Up in Glory."

Order of service changed to an altar prayer, then turned over to Bro. Jimmy Williams to lead the devotional service. Bro. George Latham was introduced for the message which was taken from Rm. 13:10-14. The thought for his message was "Knowing the Time." Dismissed in prayer until 9:30 a.m. in the morning by Bro. Lawnie Coffman.

SATURDAY MORNING 9:30 A.M.

The moderator called the service to order by asking Bro. Jimmy Williams to lead the congregation in singing "Precious Memories." Bro. James Freeman led "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"; Bro. Bo Coffman led "Farther Along"; Bro. Fred Scott led "Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All."

Order of service changed to special music as follows: Bro. Lawnie Coffman sang "Deliverance Will Come"; Bro. Richard Brown sang "The Old Ship of Zion"; Bro. Johnny McCoy sang "That Small Lonely Hill"; and Bro. and Sis. Leon Hill sang "Come Home It's Supper Time."

The following is a list of members who passed away and the minister who spoke in memory of them:

Bro. Bob Rackley spoke in memory of Sis. Bertha Patterson.

Bro. Herb Tilley spoke in memory of Sis. Nancy Standridge and Lottie Sparks.

Bro. Don Parr spoke in memory of Bro. David Weir and Horace Epperson.

Bro. Vernon (Bud) Nordin spoke in memory of Sis. Bobbie Barber.

Bro. Johnny McCoy spoke in memory of Bro. Buford (Boots) Needham.

Bro. Lawnie Coffman spoke in memory of Clytie Coffman.

Bro. Bo Coffman spoke in memory of Ada Hill and Boyd Spalding.

Bro. Frank Matchett spoke in memory of Bonnie Williams.

Bro. Joseph Hubbard spoke in memory of Rack Kelley.

Bro. Reece Webb spoke in memory of Sarah Farmer.

Bro. David Bishop spoke in memory of Bessie Jetton, Ed Hern and Frank English.

Bro. Denver Robinson spoke in memory of Norman Henderson, Susie Standridge and Roy Tillman.

Dismissed in prayer until 1:00 p.m. by Bro. Jimmy Lee Chronister.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 1:00 P.M.

Moderator called the body to order and Bro. Jimmie Lee Chronister led the congregation in singing "Land Where Living Waters Flow." Bro. Richard Brown led in prayer. The following business session was then conducted:

Motion made and seconded to remove from the table the Resolution that would combine the Antioch and the Quarterly conferences into one body with one set of officers. So carried. After discussion the question was called for and the resolution carried.

A resolution was made for the Executive Board to take the responsibility of uniting the work of the Association and Quarterly into one body. So carried.

Motion made and seconded to give the Host Church a standing vote of thanks. So carried.

The Executive Board gave the following report: Bro. George Latham was selected as board chairman and Bro. Johnny McCoy as secretary. They examined and recommended the receiving of Bro. Vernon Rosemond into the Antioch pending a letter of recommendation from Arkansas Valley Association in Oklahoma. And they recommended the receiving of Bro. Jimmy Lee Chronister back into the Antioch pending a letter of recommendation from the Little Missouri River Association in Arkansas. Motion made and seconded to accept this report. So carried.

The following reports were given from the committees and the body accepted their reports and dismissed the committees:

Temperance Committee: We, the committee on temperance, wish to continue to keep the beliefs of the Free Will Baptists by being temperate in all things; James 1:12 says "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation, for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

Sunday School: We have found all churches have Sunday School and we encourage each church member to attend Sunday School this coming year. We also encourage each church to prayer-

fully consider having good qualified teachers for Sunday School. II Tim. 2:15 "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Finance: We your committee on finance find all 32 churches of our association have reported with \$70 each making a total of \$2240. There was a previous balance of \$294.31 brought forward making a grand total of \$2,534.31. We also find sufficient funds to pay all expenses and to print the minutes.

Non-Represented and Union of Churches: There were 28 churches who wanted to be represented by delegates and 4 by letter only (Center Valley, Clarksville, Faith, and Moreland).

Obituary: This committee finds that 20 saints have departed from this walk of life and have gone to a better place. This past church year we are reminded of the importance of living a Christian Life.

The Resolution gave their final report.

The Pulpit committee was also dismissed.

Bro. Fred Scott gave a report from the Home Mission Board.

The body heard the reading of the minister's diary and made corrections. The minutes of this meeting were read and approved as read.

Sis. Lila Webb gave a report on the past Associational Revival. The body voted to send all revival monies to the Assistant Clerk. So carried.

The body elected Bro. Bobby Joe Chronister to preach the Thursday night message and Bro. Jimmy Lee Chronister to be the back up speaker.

The body then voted to select the speaker for the Friday 11:00 a.m. service. Bro. Jimmy Lee Chronister was elected and Bro. Johnny McCoy is to be his alternate.

Bro. Benny Mahan spoke in reference to our CTS program.

The meeting was adjourned in prayer by Bro. Bill Williams.

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 all 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 its 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 in us as in Heaven.

6. To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprise, the support of missions, the success of Sunday School and evangelistic effort of 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 reunion and a communion among us, and to preserve and maintain a correspondence and 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. In 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 recommended others for said vacancies.

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 elected officer may succeed himself with the exception of the clerk and treasurer and assistant clerk. 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 shall have a fund for its support and obligations which shall be supplied by fees from the different churches. The money shall be deposited into the hands of the Associational Clerk/Treasurer and he shall be accountable to the Association for all money received by him until it is paid out as directed by the Association. The current fee to be sent with the church letter to the Association is \$70.00 which shall be broken down as follows:

A. \$25.00 of each church's fee is to go to the Antioch Association fund for minutes and expenses of the Association.

B. \$10.00 of each church's fee is to go to the Executive Board for expenses which they incur as a board.

C. \$35.00 of each church's fee is to be sent to the State

CHURCH	MODERATOR THIS YEAR	MODERATOR LAST YEAR	CLERK AND ADDRESS	MEMBERS RECEIVED	MEMBERS DISMISSED	MEMBERS DIED	ACTIVE MEMBERS	TOTAL MEMBERS	SUNDAY SCHOOL	MINUTE FUND	PAID PASTOR	DAYS OF MEETING
Antioch	George Latham	Denver Robinson	Vickie Chronister, Rt. 4 Box 280, Russellville, AR 72801				13	19	28	\$70		FT
Atkins	Fred Scott	Fred Scott	Mary Ruth Wright, Rt. 1 Box 30, Atkins, AR 72823		1	1	30	50	30	70	10,650	FT
Ben Hur	Leon Garrison	Leon Garrison	Linda Garrison, Rt. 1 Box 194, Hector, AR 72843	2		1	30	46	27	70	1,500	FT
Center Valley	J. D. Henderson	J. D. Henderson	Donna Eubanks, Rt. 2 Box 532, Russellville, AR 72801	1			12	20	16	70	1,425	FT
Centerville	Bob Chronister	Bob Chronister	Lisa Eubanks, Rt 2, Dardanelle, AR 72834	5			27	31	44	70	7,500	FT
Cherry Hill	Jimmy Williams	Jimmy Williams	Shelby Bull, Rt 1 Box 122, Perryville, AR 72126				57	157	30	70	4,858	FT
Clarksville			Glory Mason, Rt. 2 Box 220, Lamar, AR 72846		2		15	43	18	70	2,180	FT
Dardanelle 1st	Kent Tallent	David Bishop	Linda Fink, Rt. 2, Dardanelle, AR 72834	2	2	1	77	130	73	70	12,040	FT
Dover	Glen Matchett	Reece Webb	Charlene Summers, P. O. Box 18, Dover, AR 72837	4			20	62	40	70	5,200	FT
Faith	Emery Crossland	Emery Crossland	Jewel Crawford, 8319 Wooten Rd. N. Little Rock, AR 72117	15			37	47	17	70	3,600	FT
Harmony	Don Parr	Don Parr	Benny Mahan, Rt 1 Box 343, Russellville, AR 72801	6	8	3	194	290	114	70	10,400	FT
Hector	Lawnie Coffman	Lawnie Coffman	Pearl Gregory, Rt. 1 Box 43, Hector, AR 72843	7			50	85	56	70	7,650	FT
Holman	Herb Tilley	Herb Tilley	Barbara Pearson, Rt. 1, Lamar, AR 72846	7		1	27	93	25	70	3,225	FT
Jerusalem		Robert Darter	Geraldine Massey, P. O. Box 34, Jerusalem, AR 72080	4	8		35	96	30	70		FT
Johnson	Johnny McCoy	Johnny McCoy	Betty Stovall, Rt. 1 Box 251, Scranton, AR 72863			1	22	30	37	70	3,300	FT
Kilgore	Bill Moody	Bill Moody	Debbie Williams, Rt. 1 Box 124, Solgohachia, AR 72156	5	5		23	42	40	70	5,245	FT
Maple Springs	Leon Hill	Leon Hill	Billie Evants, Rt. 1 Box 438, Russellville, AR 72801	5			20	39	30	70	3,653	FT
Moreland	Vernon Nordin	Vernon Nordin	Dana Hudson, Rt. 4 Box 571, Russellville, AR 72801				15	56	15	70	2,600	FT
Morrilton 1st	Gary Huett	Jimmy Hallum	Evelyn Singleton, 816 E. Burrow, Morrilton, AR 72110			1	60	68	30	70	3,325	FT
Mt. Vernon	Ellis McCuin	Ellis McCuin	Evelyn Helton, Rt. 4 Box 411, Russellville, AR 72801	1	2	1		91	57	70		FT
Phoenix			Nancy Yancy, Rt. 7 Box 238, Russellville, AR 72801	3	3		24	59	33	70	3,353	FT
Pine Ridge	Taft Standridge	Taft Standridge	Hazel King, Rt. 1 Box 495, Atkins, AR 72823			1	25	99	18	70	2,650	FT
Slaty Crossing	Jimmy Chronister	Gary Huett	Jean Selvey, Rt. 1, Casa, AR 72025		6	1	50	115	51	70	8,550	FT
Smith Springs	Frank Matchett	Frank Matchett	Louise Hubbard, Rt. 2 Box 790, Morrilton, AR 72110	3	3	2	40	75	45	70	5,795	FT
South Mtn.	Kenny McDaniel		Darlene Kelley, Rt. 1 Box 335, Marshall, AR 72650		1	1	10	43	17	70	1,530	FT
St. Joe	Bill Williams	Bill Williams	Virginia Virden, 1608 N. Church, Atkins, AR 72823	7		1	57	137	40	70	5,100	FT
Sweet Home	James C. Warren	Joey Hanna	Carolyn Trigg, Box 140, Hattiesville, AR 72063	3	2		23	55	35	70	1,220	FT
Union Grove	David Bishop	David Copeland	Thelma English, 6305 Hwy. 64 East, Atkins, AR 72823	2	4	3	88	140	67	70	10,000	FT
Walnut Grove	Owen Jones	Owen Jones	Brenda Henderson, Rt. 1 Box 393, Hector, AR 72843				10	49	20	70	1,800	FT
Wayton	Tony Taylor	Tony Taylor	Lettie Taylor, Rt. 3 Box 72, Deer, AR 72628	1		1	17	68	25	70		FT
Welcome Home	A. E. Coffman	A. E. Coffman	Virginia Hays, Rt. 1 Box 391, Hector, AR 72843	4	3		107	137	79	70	11,250	FT
Woodlawn	Lavan Hubbard	George Latham	Sharon Galloway, 908 E. 11th St. Russellville, AR 72801	8			60	152	57	70	3,900	FT

Office to pay the Association's fees to the State Association and the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

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. Any church hosting the Association shall be paid by the clerk \$200.00 to help defray the cost of the hosting the Annual Association.

9. 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.

10. The Association, in case of failure of any church to attend, may inquire into the cause.

11. It is the duty of the Association to see after the union of churches.

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

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.

13. 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 an 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.

14. 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; I 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 this earth. Took upon Himself the form of humanity, sin accepted, by being born of the Virgin Mary, manifested His power, was crucified, placed in Joseph's new tomb, arose from the dead and on the third day, completing the great plan of salvation, walked and talked with His disciples, publicly ascended up to Heaven, and that He descended 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 office 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, King James version, 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 their posterity, under the just penalty of the same, and were unable of their own power to extricate or save themselves from the dilemma into which they had fallen. God gave them the hope of salvation through the coming of Christ. (Gen. 1:27; Gen. 2:16-17; Rom. 11:11-35; Psalms 37:24; Rom. 5:15)

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 upon gospel terms; and a law of adoption into the Kingdom of Heaven, and an eternal inheritance into the glorified Kingdom above. (Heb. 9:12; Gal. 3:13; 4:4-5; Titus 2:14; Heb. 1:4; St. John 3:16; Isa. 45:22)

7. CONDITION OF SALVATION — We believe that all persons dying in infancy and all idiots are saved by the atoning merits of the Son of God without any act upon their part; that persons coming the year 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 glory 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. (St. John 3; 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 whosoever 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, the Holy Spirit, in which is represented the burial and resurrection of Christ; also represents our death to sin, and only those who have been ordained are qualified to administer the same (Matt. 3:14-16; 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 for 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 13:1-13; Matt. 26:26-29)

11. THE LORD'S DAY — We believe that the Lord's Day (Sunday) 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 13:42-43; 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, impressed 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 accompanied 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. 10:18)

14. THE INVISIBLE CHURCH — We believe that a visible church of Christ is a 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 16:16; 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. (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; 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 Thes. 2:13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; I Thes. 5:9-23; 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 by a majority vote of members present at a regular or stated meeting. 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 annually. 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 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 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 of 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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