

MINUTES
OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

Antioch Association of Free Will Baptists

Held with Atkins
Pope County, Arkansas
August 1-3, 1991

NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD WITH

Cherry Hill
Perry County, Arkansas

BEGINNING ON THURSDAY NIGHT
BEFORE THE FIRST SUNDAY IN AUGUST, 1992

Bob Rackley Moderator
Atkins, AR

Jimmy Lee Chronister Assistant Moderator
Russellville, AR

Lila Webb Clerk
Atkins, AR

Theresa Burris Assistant Clerk
Russellville, AR

MINUTES OF THE ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The One Hundreth Annual Session met in regular session with Atkins 1st Free Will Baptist Church, August 1-3, 1991.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

| | | |
|----------------------------|---|-------|
| Bro. Jimmy Hallum | 5 | Years |
| Bro. Taft Standridge | 4 | Years |
| Bro. Emery Crossland | 3 | Years |
| Bro. Leon Hill | 2 | Years |
| Bro. Jimmy Williams | 1 | Year |

EXAMINING COMMITTEE FOR ORDINATION

Same as Executive Board.

HOME MISSION BOARD

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|------------------------------------|---|-------|
| Bro. Herbert Tilly | 5 | Years |
| Bro. Robert Williams | 4 | Years |
| Bro. James (Cowboy) Henderson..... | 3 | Years |
| Bro. Earl Stapleton..... | 2 | Years |
| Bro. James Freeman | 1 | Year |

Please note the following breakdown in the amount of fees to be sent to the Antioch Association in 1992:

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| For Antioch Minutes | \$40.00 |
| For Exeuctive Board Expenses | \$10.00 |
| For State and National Fees | \$35.00 |
| TOTAL | \$85.00 |

THURSDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 1, 1991

The service was called to order by Moderator Bro. Jimmy Williams. The Moderator led the congregation in singing "The Old Time Religion." Bro. Bob Rackley offered the opening prayer. The Moderator reminded everyone to register when they came in. Sis. Amy Brashears led the congregation in singing "When I See The Blood," "At The Cross," "I Feel Like Traveling On," and "I Want To Know About My Lord."

Bro. Emery Crossland led us in prayer. Bro. Terry and Sis. Margaret Latham were made welcomed. They were visiting from the Wilson Church at Bellville. Specials included Becky Williams singing "Green Pastures," Sis. Amy Brashears singing "Bring My Children Home," Bro. Jimmy and Sis. Mary Ann Chronister singing "Am Willing Lord," Bro. Freddy and Sis. Irene Goates singing "The Light of

Home" and Bro. Darwin and Sis. Mary Kelton singing "Come Morning." Altar prayer was led by Bro. Leon Hill.

Bro. Jimmy Williams turned the service over to Bro. Bobby Joe Chronister for the message. The text was taken from St. Matthew, 16:13-18, Psalms 39:4, 12, on the "Traveling Church."

The service was then turned back to the Moderator. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Reece Webb until 9:30, Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 2, 1991

The Moderator welcomed everyone to the One Hundreth birthday of the Antioch Association. Bro. Clifford West led the congregation in singing "There Is Power In the Blood." Bro. Herb Tilly led our hearts and minds in prayer.

Bro. Emery Crossland led the devotional. He used Psalms 40:1-5 as his text. Bro. Leon Hill was asked to be the assistant moderator until Bro. Reece could return. The "Rules of Order" was read by Bro. Leon Hill.

Bro. Lonnie and Sis. Alene Coffman was welcomed as visitors.

The letters were read by Sis. Lila Webb. The delegates representing the churches were as follows:

Antioch—Bro. Jake Dildy, Bro. Bill Bowman

Atkins First—Sis. Lillian Pearce, Sis. Lela Brown, Sis. Mary McMasters

Ben Hur—Bro. John Collins

Centerville—Sis. Gwen Mans, Sis. Helen Wells

Cherry Hill—Sis. Pat Bird, Sis. Iona Bull

Clarksville—By Letter

Dublin—By Letter

Faith—Bro. Charles Hill, Bro. Mike Hill

Hector—Sis. Opal Patton, Bro. Donald Brown

Holman—Sis. Louise Zachary, Sis. Alma Hankins

Johnson—Sis. Rita Stovall, Bro. Chris Stovall

Kilgore—By Letter

Maple Springs—Bro. David Downum, Sis. Carla Downum, Sis. Delora Heflin

Morrilton First—Sis. Dora Hendricks, Sis. Lorene Martin

Mt. Vernon—Sis. Mechele Palmer, Sis. Rhonda McCuin, Bro. Don Burris

Phoenix—None Present

Pine Ridge—Sis. Clara Standridge, Sis. Minnie Tucker

Slaty Crossing—Sis. Sylvia Crow, Bro. LaVan Robinson, Sis. Janice Moore

Smith Springs—Bro. Bob Renfrow, Sis. Sally Renfrow, Sis. Leigh Sigler

South Mountain—None Present

St. Joe—Sis. Ann Virden, Bro. Bill Virden
Sweet Home—By Letter
Wayton—None Present

A motion was made and seconded to elect from the body, a delegate from Faith, Bro. Clifford West, and a delegate from Johnson, Bro. Aaron Stovall. Bro. Robert Williams led "Victory In Jesus" while the delegates were seated by the "Right Hand of Fellowship."

The following committees were appointed by the moderator and acting assistant moderator:

Pulpit—Bro. Bud Pratt, Bro. Clifford West, Bro. Arthur Harrell
Resolution—Sis. Diane Williams, Bro. Junior Stovall, Sis. Betty Tilly

Temperance—Bro. Emery Crossland, Bro. Jimmy Hallum, Bro. Bill Williams

Non-represented and Union of Churches—Bro. LaVan Robinson, Bro. Don Burris, Bro. Robert Williams

Obituary—Sis. Vivian Hill, Sis. Vergie Chapman, Sis. Mary Ann Chronister

Finance—Bro. Earl Stapleton, Bro. Herb Tilly and Bro. Owen Jones

Sunday School—Bro. Jimmy Chronister, Sis. Melba Williams, Sis. Leigh Siegler

The following officers were elected for the new church year:

Clerk/Treasurer Sis. Lila Webb
Assistant Clerk Sis. Theresa Burris

Sis. Lila Webb read a card from Cherry Hill thanking everyone for their love offerings. She also read a letter requesting that Bro. LaVan Robinson be examined by the Executive Board for ordination as a minister.

Motion was made and seconded to be dismissed for a ten minute break.

The meeting was called back to order by the Moderator. Prayer was led by Bro. Jimmy Hallum. The pulpit committee gave it's report: Bro. Darwin Kelton wouldbring the evening message and Bro. Jerry Burris would lead the devotional.

Bro. Robert Williams led the congregation in singing "Tell It To Jesus," and "The Old Rugged Cross." Bro. Jerry Burris led "His Grace Is Sufficient" and "I'll Fly Away."

Specials included Bro. Jeffery Burris singing "Let Me Live My Life For Jesus," Bro. David Downum singing "Wait By the River," Bro. Jerry, Sis. Theresa and Bro. Jeffery Burris singing "God On the Mountain."

Altar prayer by all was led by Bro. Mike Hill. The moderator turned the service to Bro. Jimmy Chronister for

the message. Bro. Jimmy spoke of the ribbons we were wearing in remembrance of the 100th celebration.

The text was taken from Joshua 1:1-9, "Wht Am I Doing With the Word of God?" Invitation was led by Sis. Mary Ann Chronister playing "Just As I Am."

The service was turned back to the Moderator. We were dismissed and asked the blessing on the meal by Bro. Pete Manyard.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 1:00 p.m.

The Moderator, Bro. Jimmy Williams called the service to order. Bro. Clifford West led us in prayer. The Executive Board gave their report on their meeting with Bro. LaVan Robinson. They recommended him for ordination. Motion was made and seconded to accept this. Motion carried.

Bro. Darwin Kelton asked for a letter to be sent to the Unity Association. Motion made and seconded to do this. Motion carried. Bro. Darwin Kelton was given a standing vote of thanks for his support of the association.

A resolution was turned in and read suggesting the church fees to the Antioch Association be raised by \$15, making it a total of \$40 per church instead of \$25. Sis. Lila Webb read the finance report. All churches paid their dues, however the Association is lacking \$4.95 after expenses. A motion was made and seconded to open this resolution for discussion. Motion carried. Since this was a constitutional change, a motion was made and seconded to lay this resolution on the table and vote on it the next day. Motion carried.

Bro. Herb Tilly recommended taking up a love offering. Sis. Mary Kelton seconded this. Bro. Darwin Kelton led the prayer over the love offering. \$185.97 was given during this offering.

The body voted to go to Cherry Hill Free Will Baptist Church for the 1992 Annual Session.

State delegates were then elected as follows:

Sis. Wilma Burris

Sis. Melba Williams

Sis. Vivian Hill

Sis. Gwen Mans

Bro. Darrell Robinson

C. T. S. Youth Director Bro. Clifford West gave the C. T. S. Report. He announced that the next Youth Rally would be at Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Sept. 21, 1991 at 6:30 p.m. He encouraged everyone to attend and to get involved with the C. T. S.

Motion was made and seconded to turn the C. T. S. funds over to the Youth Committee. Motion carried.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

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|----------------------------|---|-------|
| Sis. Rhonda Reece | 3 | Years |
| Sis. Betty Tilly | 3 | Years |
| Bro. Jimmy Williams | 2 | Years |
| Bro. Robert Williams | 2 | Years |
| Bro. Jerry Burris | 1 | Year |
| Bro. Charles Harrel | 1 | Year |

Moderator turned the service to Sis. Mary Ann Chronister to give a report on the Women's Auxiliary. Antioch has seven auxiliaries. They support both foreign and home missions. They had given over \$2,000 to different organizations in the past year.

Bro. Don Burris gave a report on Master's Men. He spoke of how they help build other churches. They do this by sending funds or going and helping with the labor on the churches.

Bro. Emery Crossland gave a report on the Associational Revival.

Bro. Robert Williams gave the Home Missions Board report. There had been no request for funds. The Board did away with having to pay the fund back. Now the church receiving funds may send a love offering to the fund. The balance in the Home Missions Funds is \$1,234.29.

Bro. Jimmy Williams gave the youth committee report. Bro. Jimmy Williams also gave the Executive Board report. They met with the Clarksville Church. Their decision was that Bro. Joey Hanna could finish this church year as pastor, but after he left they recommended that Clarksville Church get a pastor that belonged to the Antioch Association.

On October 27, 1990 they met at Ben Hur to discuss the One Hundreth celebration of the Antioch Association.

On January 26, 1991 they met with Bro. Pete Manyard and recommended we accept him pending a letter from his former association.

A letter of recommendation was sent to Bro. Joey Hanna to the River Valley Association.

Bro. Jimmy Hallum was elected to the 5 years position on the Executive Board. Bro. Taft Standridge was elected to fulfill Bro. Darwin Kelton's unexpired term on the Executive Board.

Bro. Herb Tilly was elected to the 5 year term on the Home Mission Board. Motion was made and seconded to be dismissed. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bob Renfro.

FRIDAY NIGHT, 7:30 p.m. The Moderator called the service to order. He spoke of working in the church. Opening

prayer was led by Bro. Mike Hill. Sis. Amy Brashears led the congregation in singing "Sweet By and By," "Shall We Gather at the River," "Amazing Grace," and "Leaning On the Everlasting Arm."

Specials included the Johnson Family singing "Oh Come Angel Band" and "God's Family," Bro. Emery Crossland singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer," Bro. Herb and Sis. Betty Tilly and Bro. Jimmy and Sis. Mary Ann Chronister singing "I Want to Stroll Over Heaven With You." Sis. Becky Williams singing "I Claim the Blood."

Altar prayer was led by Bro. Ellis McCuin. The devotional service was led by Bro. Jerry Burris. The service was turned over to Bro. Darwin Kelton for the message. Bro. Kelton took his text from II Corthians 4:1-11, 17. Bro. Kelton ended his message with a song, "Happy Journey." Invitation was given.

Everyone that was dressed in long dresses and bonnets were lined up front.

The moderator asked Bro. LaVan Robinson to dismiss us in prayer until 9:30 Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 3, 1991

The Moderator called the service to order. He announced that the flower arrangement was in honor of Bro. Bonner Tyler. Opening prayer was led by Bro. Jimmy Chronister. Bro. Clifford West led the congregaton in singing "Heaven's Jubilee." Bro. George and Sis. Edna Latham and Bro. David Joslin were welcomed as visitors.

Bro. David Joslin gave us a report from the State. He urged us not to remove the "Ancient Landmarks." He announced the State Association was August 13-15, 1991.

Bro. Darwin Kelton and Bro. Jimmy Williams gave reports on the history of the Antioch Association. They also asked for reports from the body.

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

Bro. Jimmy Chronister Spoke in memory of Sis. Verlie McGee, Mt. Vernon; Bro. Bill Fink, Slaty Crossing.

Bro. Earl Stapleton spoke in memory of Sis. Edna Russell, Mt. Vernon.

Bro. Bobby Joe Chronister spoke in memory of Sis. Martha Clark, Holman; Bro. James Cochran, Holman; Bro. Dophis Johnson, St. Joe.

Bro. Bill Williams spoke in memory of Bro. John Norton, St. Joe, Sis. Mae Burris.

Bro. Leon Hill spoke in memory of Bro. Jack Renfro, Smith Springs.

Bro. Reece Webb spoke in memory of Sis. Elsie Palmer,

Clarksville.

Bro. Darwin Kelton spoke in memory of Bro. Frank Pearce, Atkins 1st.

Bro. Jerry Tanner spoke in memory of Sis. Laverne Byrum, Phoenix.

Sis. Sharon Galloway sang "What A Day That Will Be" in memory of Bro. Bonner Tyler. All deacons present were asked to stand during the song.

Sis. Haralson, Sis. Norma Pratt and Sis. Edith Duvall sang "Child Your Home At Last" and "One More Valley".

Altar call was given by Bro. Jimmy Williams and Bro. Reece Webb.

All of the pastors present came to the front and were videoed telling their name and where they are pastors at.

Sis. Lila Webb read a poem "The Little Old Church Back Home."

We were dismissed in prayer and blessing asked on the meal by Bro. Leon Hill until 1:00 p.m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 1:00

The Moderator called the service to order. A standing vote of thanks was given to the host church, Atkins 1st. Prayer was led by Bro. Darwin Kelton.

The various committee reports were read and accepted. They are as follows:

RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that we raise the church fee to the Antioch Association by \$15 making a total of \$40 per church. Motion made and seconded to remove this item from the table. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to vote on this resolution. Motion carried. Resolution was voted on and passed.

In order to be elected to office within our association, you must be present. Motion was made and seconded that we adopt this motion. Motion carried.

TEMPERANCE: We, the committee on temperance had no report of any violation by members concerning temperance. Therefore; we wish to refer to II Peter 1:5-7 as our continued reminder of God's word concerning temperance. "And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith, virtue; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity."

FINANCE: All churches paid their dues. However, the Association is lacking \$4.95 after expenses.

NON-REPRESENTED AND UNION OF CHURCHES: All churches in the Antioch Association were represented either by letter or delegates.

OBITUARY: We the Obituary Committee find that fifteen

(15) saints have departed from this walk of life. "Our lost is Heaven's gain."

Motion made and seconded to accept these reports and to dismiss the committees. Motion carried.

The committee for the Association Revival is Bro. Jimmy Lee Chronister, Bro. Reece Webb, Bro. Earl Stapleton, Bro. Freddy Goates and Bro. Herbert Tilly.

The body elected Bro. Jimmy Williams to bring the message Thursday night of our 1992 session, with Bro. Leon Hill as his alternate.

Bro. Pete Maynard was elected for the 11:00 message on Friday, with Bro. Freddy Goates as his alternate.

The Moderator and Assistant Moderator were elected as follows:

Moderator Bro. Bob Rackley

Assistant Moderator Bro. Jimmy Chronister

A standing vote of thanks was given to the executive board's wives.

The delegates then heard the reading of the Minister's Diary and made correctons.

Sis. Becky Williams sang "Lord I Want To Be A Blessing" while the congregation had a handshake.

Bro. Jimmy Williams turned the service over to the new moderator, Bro. Bob Rackley. Bro. Darwin Kelton dismissed us in prayer.

Minister's Diary

Adam Burris, Rt. 4 Russellville, AR 72801—967-4191

L. D. Carlile, 203 S. Muskogee, Russellville, AR 72801—968-1886

Bobby Joe Chronister, Rt. 1 Box 217, Dover, AR 72801—331-2263

Jimmy Lee Chronister, Rt. 4 Box 381, Russellville, AR 72801—284-5551

Emery Crossland, 4901 West 31st Little Rock, AR 72204—666-8848

Thelbert Dixon, Rt. 3 Box 13B, Atkins, AR 72823—641-2475

James Freeman, Rt. 3 Box 339, Atkins, AR 72823—284-5152

Glendon Garrison, Hector, AR 72843—284-5365

Freddy Goates, 304 E. Holly, Russellville, AR 72801—968-4242

Jimmy Hallum, 1001 Ave. 6 S. E. Atkins, AR 72823—641-2696

Leon Hill, Rt. 1 Box 83, Springfield, AR 72157—354-4128

Gary Huett, 608 N. Alston, Morrilton, AR 72110—354-5316

Chester Jones, 9217 Malalin Dr., Little Rock, AR 72209—562-4497

Owen Jones, Rt. 1 Hector, AR 72843—284-2219

A. J. Latham, Rt. 2, Russellville, AR 72801—
 Authur (Pete) Maynard, Rt. 1 Box 112, Dardanelle, AR
 72834—576-4268.
 Ellis McQuin, 168 W. 19th Ter., Russellville, AR 72801—968-
 3365
 Kenny McDaniel, 8076 Box 285, Marshal, AR 72650—448-3770
 Travis Miller, Rt. 1 Lamar, AR 72846—885-3068
 James Morris, 3905 Patrick Henry, Little Rock, AR
 72209—568-6981
 Wilson Mosley, Rt. 1, Clarksville, AR 72830—754-8283
 Bob Rackley, Rt. 1, Atkins, AR 72823—641-7667
 Hearley Reeves, Rt. 1 Atkins, AR 72823—641-2166
 LaVan Robinson, Rt. 1 Box 14B, Casa, AR 72025—233-6291
 Vernon Robinson, Box 66, Pelsor, AR 72856—294-5358
 Taft Standridge, P. O. Box 212, Hector, AR 72843—284-2351
 Earl Stapleton, Rt. 1 Box 590, Danville, AR 72833—495-2410
 Jerry Tanner, Rt. 1 Pottsville, AR 72858—968-4489
 Tony Grant Taylor, HCR, 31, Box 604, Deer, AR 72627—446-
 5792
 Herb Tilly, Rt. 1 Box 669, London, AR 72847—293-4507
 Avaugh Vaughn, Rt. 4, Russellville, AR 72801—331-2488
 Reece Webb, 702 Interstate Blvd., Atkins, AR 72823 — 641-
 2128
 Bobby Wells, Rt. 1 Box 97A, Casa, AR 72025—233-6683
 Bill Williams, Rt. 3 Box 41, Atkins, AR 72823—641-2567
 Jimmy Williams, Rt. 1 Box 133, Solgohachia, AR 72156—354-
 3947
 Robert Williams, Rt. 1 Box 77, Springfield, AR 72157—354-
 4857
 Roy Williams, Rt. 3 Box 173B, Atkins, AR 72834—669-2985

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 devo-
 tion 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.

| 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 | Freddy Goates | Freddy Goates | Sue Moore, Rt. 1 Box 35, Russellville, AR 72801 | 3 | | | 35 | 61 | 25 | \$ 70 | \$ 3,250.00 | FT |
| Atkins 1st | Darrell Barnes | Darwin Kelton | Mary Ruth Wright, Rt. 1 Box 30, Atkins, AR 72823 | 1 | | 2 | 25 | 50 | 28 | \$ 70 | \$11,960.00 | FT |
| Ben Hur | Leon Garrison | Leon Garrison | Carolyn Cooper, HCR 30, Box 130A, Pelsor, AR 72856 | 1 | 1 | | 23 | 47 | 29 | \$ 80 | \$ 2,400.00 | FT |
| Centerville | Bob Chronister | Bob Chronister | Joyce Roleenson, Rt. 1, Dardanelle, AR 72834 | 3 | 1 | | 17 | 20 | 34 | \$ 70 | \$ 3,640.00 | FT |
| Cherry Hill | James Williams | James Williams | Shelby Bull, Rt. 1 Box 122, Perryville, AR 72126 | 3 | | | 53 | 156 | 25 | \$ 70 | \$ 4,649.00 | FT |
| Clarksville | Taft Standridge | Joey Hanna | Gloria Mason, Rt 2 Box 220, Lamar, AR 72846 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 44 | 24 | \$ 70 | \$ 2,536.00 | FT |
| Dublin | | Herbert Tilly | Ava Snow, P.O. Box 294C, Scranton, AR 72863 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 25 | 60 | 30 | \$ 70 | \$ 4,400.00 | FT |
| Falth | Emery Crossland | Emery Crossland | Jewel Craford, 1100 Wooten Rd., North Little Rock, AR 72117 | 9 | 4 | | 30 | 70 | 31 | \$ 70 | \$ 7,200.00 | FT |
| Hector | Ellis McQuin | Reece Webb | Pearl Gregory, Rt. Box 43, Hector, AR 72843 | 10 | | | 50 | 125 | 48 | \$ 70 | \$ 7,500.00 | FT |
| Holman | Jimmy Hallum | | Jeanette Wright, P.O. Box 353, Lamar, AR 72846 | | | 2 | 25 | 76 | 31 | \$ 70 | \$ 3,000.00 | FT |
| Johnson | Jommy Chronister | Jimmy Chronister | Betty Stovall, Rt. 1 Box 251, Scranton, AR 72863 | 5 | | | 29 | 37 | 30 | \$100 | \$ 8,900.00 | FT |
| Kilgore | Gary Huett | | Jannette Williams, Rt. 1 Box 124, Solgohachia, AR 72156 | 3 | 7 | | 10 | 32 | 22 | \$ 70 | \$ 3,690.00 | FT |
| Maple Springs | Bill Williams | Bill Williams | Billie Evants, Rt. 2 Box 438, Russellville, AR 72801 | 6 | 2 | | 21 | 45 | 25 | \$ 70 | \$ 6,210.00 | FT |
| Morrilton 1st | Robert Williams | Robert Williams | Evelyn Singleton, 816 E. Burrow, Morrilton, AR 72110 | 2 | | | 30 | 69 | 35 | \$ 80 | \$ 3,300.00 | FT |
| Mt. Vernon | Earl Stapleton | Earl Stapleton | Evelyn Helton, Rt. 4 Box 411, Russellville, AR 72801 | 6 | 1 | 2 | | 116 | 54 | \$100 | \$ 7,200.00 | FT |
| Phoenix | Jerry Tanner | Jerry Tanner | Ollie English, Rt. 2 Box 206, Russellville, AR 72801 | | 3 | 1 | 20 | 46 | 26 | \$ 70 | \$ 4,764.00 | FT |
| Pine Ridge | Glendon Garrison | Glendon Garrison | Hazal King, Rt. 1 Box 495, Atkins, AR 72823 | | | | 23 | 96 | 20 | \$ 70 | \$ 3,580.00 | FT |
| Slaty Crossing | Pete Maynard | Pete Maynard | Belinda Adaire, Rt. 1 Box 265, Dardanelle, AR 72834 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 41 | 111 | 46 | \$100 | \$ 6,600.00 | FT |
| Smith Springs | Leon Hill | Leon Hill | Margaret Sigler, P.O. Box 84, Plumerville, AR 72127 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 60 | 104 | 48 | \$ 70 | \$ 5,200.00 | FT |
| South Mtn. | Kenny McDaniel | Kenny McDaniel | Darlene Kelly, HC 79 Box 335, Marshall, AR 72865 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 38 | 24 | \$ 70 | \$ 1,870.00 | FT |
| St. Joe | Herbert Tilly | Bobby Wells | Virginia Virden, 1608 N. Church, Atkins, AR 72823 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 30 | 137 | 15 | \$ 70 | \$ 5,150.00 | FT |
| Sweet Home | Owen Jones | | Cathryn McNutt, Rt. 3 Box 821, Atkins, AR 72823 | | | | 15 | 46 | 20 | \$ 70 | | FT |
| Wayton | Tony Taylor | Tony Taylor | Lettie Taylor, HCR 31 Box 608, Deer, AR 72838 | | | | 15 | 65 | 25 | \$ 70 | | FT |

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 unit 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 toiling 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, recom-

mendation 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 an 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 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 at the same time; but he may, however, serve on a board and a committee or an office at the same time.

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 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. \$40.00 of each church's fee is to go to the Antioch Association fund for minutes and expenses of the Association.

B. \$10 of each church's fee is to go 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 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 \$150.00 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 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 1 Timothy 3:3-12 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 obligation 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 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. A church knowingly calling a man to pastor in the Association, that does not meet the qualifications, will be set aside until it gets its house in order.

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 as the same 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 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 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 by law of God, fell with their proserity, under the just penalty of the same, and were unable of their own power to extricate or save themselves from the delimma 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 ressur-
rection, and ascension, paid the purchase price of the redemption of the whole human race, arranged a pardon for all who come to him upon his 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 aton-
ing merits of the Son of God without any act upon their part; that persons coming to the year of accountability transgress-
ing the law of God, must upon their part exercise faith in Jesus Christ through acceptance toward

God, at the completion of which pardon takes place in the mind of the Father and glory of 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 invited 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 ad-
minister 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 ordinance 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 redemption 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 22:19-29; 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 MINISTRY — We believe in a divine call of the ministry; that God in His goodness and power and 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 the 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 resurrection 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 VISIBLE 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. PERSERVERANCE — We believe that 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 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 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 generation. 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 17:17-29; 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 the 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 Bap-

tists 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 selecting of deacons. I Tim. 3:8-13 gives some of the qualifications pertaining to deacons that should be heeded. They are elected by 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. Requests for letters of dismissal should be made at a 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 organiz-

ed 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 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 of 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 leave from the body.

7. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.

8. No member shall absent himself without leave of the moderator.

9. At the future sessions of the Associations, arrangements shall be made so as to insure two sermons, or other devotional exercises which shall be equivalent thereto; and the chair shall announce just before adjournment who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.

10. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular meeting of the Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Introductory Sermon

Association called to order by moderator, in his absence the assistant moderator or clerk.

Letters from the churches of this Association called for, read, and messengers invited to seats.

Right hand of fellowship.

Call for letters from newly-organized churches.

Corresponding associations.

Election of clerk and assistant clerk.

Reading of rules of order by the chair or clerk.

Appointment of the following committees: (a) Resolution (b) Finance (c) Pulpit (d) Temperance (e) Sunday School (f) Obituary (g) Non-represented and Union of Churches.

Report of committees appointed at last Association and other unfinished business.

Report of new committees.

New business.

Election of Moderator and Assistant Moderator for next church year.

Adjournment.