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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bro. James Williams	5 years
Bro. Denver Robinson	4 years
Bro. Terry Latham	3 years
Bro. John David Keeling	2 years
Bro. Fred Goates	1 year

With the Moderator and Clerk

EXAMINING COMMITTEE FOR ORDINATION

Bro. James Williams	5 years
Bro. Denver Robinson	4 years
Bro. Terry Latham	3 years
Bro. John David Keeling	2 years
Bro. Fred Goates	1 year

HOME MISSION BOARD

Bro. Kirk McConnell	5 years
Bro. Jeffery Burris	4 years
Bro. Arthur Harrell	3 years
Bro. Charles King	2 years
Bro. David Mason	1 year

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Sis. Tina Urie	3 years
Sis. Melody Williams	3 years
Sis. Lisa Russell	2 years
Sis. Melba Williams	2 years
Sis. Maize Pyburn	1 year
Sis. Linda Mashburn	1 year
Bro. Randy Chronister	CTS Director
Bro. Koy Williams	Assistant CTS Director
Sis. Melba Williams	Sword Drill

Association Song Director	Sis. Maize Pyburn
Assistant Song Director	Bro. Kirk McConnell

Please note the following break down of fees to be sent to Antioch Association.

Antioch Minutes	\$40.00
Executive Board Expenses	\$10.00
State and National Fees	<u>\$180.00</u>
	\$230.00

NOTE: Quarterly Meeting times are the last Friday night and Saturday of January, July, and October.

NOTE: The Association Revival begins the Monday night following the second Sunday in April.

NOTE: All meetings of the Antioch Association except Youth Rallies will begin at 7:00 for night services and 10:00 for morning services. The Youth Rallies begin at 6:30 P.M.

NOTE: In order to host the upcoming Association or Quarterly Meeting, the church should request it in their letter.

NOTE: At the Association Meeting, the body will choose where the Association Revival will meet.

NOTE: For the Annual Association Meeting

Host Church Receives\$95.00

For the Quarterly Meetings

Host Church Receives\$75.00

NOTE: Clerk Receives.....\$225.00

Assistant Clerk Receives\$150.00

2014 Treasurer's Report

General Fund\$965.49 (minutes not paid for yet)

Home Mission Fund\$15,742.08

CTS Fund\$951.85

Revival Fund\$500.13

THURSDAY NIGHT, APRIL 24, 2014

The 123rd session of the Antioch Association was called to order by the moderator, Bro. Johnny McCoy, with prayer by Bro. Arthur Harrell.

Bro. Robert Williams read letters and delegates were seated with the right-hand of fellowship. The following delegates and churches were present:

Antioch..... By Letter

Atkins First..... Bro. Raymond Pearce, Bro. Ed Housley,
Sis. Ernestine Housley

Bakers Creek..... By Letter

Ben Hur..... By Letter

Benton First..... By Letter

Cherry Hill..... None Present

Clarksville First..... Sis. Deborah Roberts, Sis. Patsy Warren,
Sis. Geni Cordes

Dover..... Sis. Sharon Barnett

Faith..... By Letter

Hector..... None Present

Hickory Grove..... Bro. Malcolm Stover, Sis. Terri George

Holman.....	Bro. Kenneth Crotts, Sis. Christine Carter, Sis. Judy Terry
Morrilton First.....	Sis. Loretta Jones, Sis. Mary Dixon, Sis. Becky Uptigrové
New Life	Bro. Doug Parker, Sis. Kelli Parker, Sis. Tina Urie
Ola.....	Sis. Maize Pyburn, Sis. Tracie Tucker, Sis. Amber Ward
Pine Ridge	Sis. Gloria Maxwell, Bro. Bill May, Sis. Reba May
Saint Joe	By Letter
Slaty Crossing	Sis. Kala Small, Sis. Gayle Faulkner
Smith Springs.....	Sis. Janice Wilson, Bro. Mike Wilson
South Mountain.....	By Letter
Sweet Home	By Letter

Motion made, seconded, and approved to keep Bro. Robert Williams as the Clerk/Treasurer and Sis. Melody Williams as the Assistant Clerk.

The following committees were appointed:

RESOLUTION

Bro. Raymond Pearce, Bro. Malcom Stover, Sis. Kala Small

PULPIT

Bro. Bill May, Bro. Doug Parker, Sis. Terri George

The Pulpit Committee reported Bro. Johnny McCoy for Friday night and Bro. Charles King for Saturday afternoon.

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Bro. Kirk McConnell led "Heaven's Jubilee", "He Set Me Free", and "What a Day That Will Be". Bro. John David Keeling, Bro. Kirk McConnell, and Bro. Johnny McCoy sang "Because He Lives". Bro. Robert, Sis. Melba, Sis. Melody, and Bro. Koy Williams sang "I Know a Man Who Can". Sis. Sharon Barnett sang "God On the Mountain", Sis. Kelli and Bro. Shooter Parker sang "I'll Fly Away".

Bro. Johnny McCoy took prayer requests, and Bro. Herb Tilley led altar prayer.

Service was turned to Bro. Robert Williams for the message. His thought from James 4:17 was "It is Sin". Other scriptures referenced were Genesis 3:1-8, Genesis 4:3-7, 2 Samuel 11:1, Jonah 1:1-3, and Acts 5:1-11 to show where people chose the wrong plan or action. In closing, he used Romans 10:8-13 and reminded everyone to call on the Lord.

After announcements, we were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Charles King.

FRIDAY NIGHT, APRIL 25, 2014

Bro. Johnny McCoy, the moderator, reminded us that this was the 123rd annual session of the Antioch Association. He then called the service to order with prayer by Bro. Robert Deal.

Bro. Robert Williams read the Rules of Order.

The following late delegates were seated: Bro. Kenneth Crotts from Holman, Sis. Becky Uptigrove from Morrilton First, Sis. Gayle Faulkner from Slaty Crossing. The body approved seating Sis. Christine Carter from Holman.

A treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The following reports were given by the clerk:

FINANCE

Twenty-one churches sent \$230 each for a total of \$4,830.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

All churches reported Sunday School.

TEMPERANCE

There were no reported cases.

NON-REPRESENTED AND UNION OF CHURCHES

Twenty-one churches reported, 10 with delegates, eight by letter, and three with delegates listed but none present.

OBITUARY

There were 15 deaths reported since our last Association. We pay our last respects by listing them below along with their home church:

Antioch	Sis. Lola Duvall
Atkins First	Sis. Norma Pratt, Sis. Naomi Matchett
Ben Hur	Sis. Pam Proctor
Dover	Bro. Johnny Ennis
Hector	Bro. Willard Crow, Sis. Opal Patton
Morrilton First	Sis. Evelyn Singleton, Sis. Juanita Martin Maxwell, Sis. Lee Robertson
New Life	Bro. Buddy Barker
Saint Joe	Sis. Wanda Haney, Sis. Lorene May
Slaty Crossing	Sis. Reba Standridge
Smith Springs	Sis. Barbara Cooper

These reports were accepted as read.

Bro. John David Keeling gave the Association Revival Report. He stated it was a great revival with good crowds, good Spirit and altar service each night. The messengers were Bro. Koy Williams, Bro. Kirk McConnell, Bro. Jeffery Burris, Bro. Randy Chronister, and Bro. John David Keeling. The 2015 Revival will meet at Hickory Grove. The revival committee was selected as follows: Bro. Herb Tilley, Bro. Kirk McConnell, and Bro. David Russell.

Bro. Terry Latham reported that the Executive Board had not met since the last association meeting. Bro. James Williams was elected to the five-year position on the Executive Board.

There was no Home Mission Board report. Bro. Kirk McConnell was elected to the five-year position on the Home Mission Board.

Bro. Koy Williams reported that youth rallies were still going well. He reported on the last rally and encouraged other churches to get involved. The next rally will be at New Life in June. The 2015 officers are listed in the front of the minute.

Sis. Vicki Downum gave the WAC report. In 2013, they gave over \$4,000 and have given \$800 so far this year. This money goes to missions and special projects.

Two people volunteered to attend the Arkansas State Meeting as delegates from the Antioch Association. They were Sis. Melissa Haralson and Sis. Melody Williams.

Sis. Maize Pyburn was elected as the Association Song Leader, and Bro. Kirk McConnell was elected as the Assistant Song Leader.

The 2015 Annual Meeting will be at New Life.

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Sis. Maize Pyburn, Association Song Leader, led "Are You Washed in the Blood?", "Just Over in the Gloryland", and "He Set Me Free". Special singing was Bro. Kirk McConnell singing "Beulah Land", Bro. Josh and Bro. Justin Uptigrove singing "I Been Walkin' in a Brand New Way", and New Life Singers singing "I Will Meet You in the Morning". The youth from Atkins First performed their skit from Easter using Sign Language to "Redeemer".

Bro. Johnny McCoy took prayer requests and altar prayer was led by Bro. Jerry Burris.

Bro. Johnny then took the stand and asked us to turn to Job 19:23-29 with prayer. His thought "How Do You Know God is Alive?". Other thoughts stressed during the message were "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose"-Romans 8:28, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building not made with hands, eternal in heaven"-2 Corinthians 5:1, and 1 John 3:2 "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is". In closing, he asked the question, "Does He Really Live in You?". An invitation was given.

After announcements, Bro. Derek Webb prayed the dismissal prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 26, 2014

The moderator, Bro. Johnny McCoy, called the service to order with prayer by Bro. Brian Cooper.

The memorial service was as follows:

Bro. Fred Goates spoke in memory of Sis. Wanda Haney from Saint Joe and Sis. Lola Duvall from Antioch.

Bro. Johnny McCoy spoke in memory of Sis. Norma Pratt and Sis. Naomi Matchett from Atkins First.

Bro. Glendon Garrison spoke in memory of Sis. Pam Proctor from Ben Hur.

Bro. Herb Tilley spoke in memory of Bro. Johnny Ennis, a deacon, from Dover.

Bro. Terry Latham spoke in memory of Bro. Willard Crow from Hector.

Bro. Charles King spoke in memory of Sis. Opal Patton from Hector and Bro. Buddy Barker from New Life.

Bro. Robert Williams spoke in memory of Sis. Lorene May from Saint Joe in the absence of Bro. Jim Chronister, Sis. Juanita Martin Maxwell and Sis. Evelyn Singleton from Morrilton First.

Bro. James Williams spoke in memory of Sis. Lee Robertson from Morrilton First.

Bro. Denver Robinson spoke in memory of Sis. Reba Standridge from Slaty Crossing.

Bro. Kirk McConnell spoke in memory of Sis. Barbara Cooper from Smith Springs and sang "Look What I'm Leaving Behind".

Bro. Johnny concluded the service with a time of special prayer for those in attendance as well as those unable to attend and blessing on the meal.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Bro. Johnny McCoy, the moderator, called the service to order with prayer by Bro. Herb Tilley.

Sis. Judy Terry was seated as a late delegate from Holman.

The updated report for Non-Represented and Union of Churches was given and accepted.

Bro. Denver Robinson was elected as the moderator for 2014-2015 with Bro. Kevin Haralson as his assistant.

It was reported that the CTS group was **work** on some special events or changes. Bro. Randy Chronister is trying to organize a choir of the Association's young people to sing during Youth Rallies. Sis. Melba Williams is trying to set up a time to host the Rejoice singers from Welch College.

The updates to the Minister's Diary were read, discussed, and approved.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church.

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Service was turned to song leader Sis. Maize Pyburn who led “When the Roll is Called Up Yonder”, “Farther Along”, and “Victory in Jesus”. Special music was Bro. Josh Uptigrove singing “That Same Sweet Spirit”, Bro. Justin Uptigrove singing “If You Believe”, Bro. James Williams singing “The Unclouded Day”, Bro. Bryan and Sis. Tina Urie’s children with Bro. Bryan and Sis. Melody Williams singing “I’ll Fly Away”, and Bro. Kirk McConnell singing “Where We’ll Never Grow Old”.

Bro. Denver Robinson, the moderator, turned the service to Bro. Charles King for the message. His text Psalm 116:15 was followed by prayer. He stressed the following points: 1. We all have had losses, 2. The power of prayer, 3. Pillars of the church, 4. A witnessing church is a working church, and 5. Good ole Godly Saints. He stressed that those enduring servants have a reward waiting and that we must bring up workers to take their places. He concluded with through it all, He is there, all I can do is be thankful. He challenged us to be loving like God. An invitation was given.

We were reminded that New Life would host the next youth rally, quarterly meeting, and next year’s association meeting.

After announcements, we were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Fred Goates.

Church	Moderator This Year	Moderator Last Year	Clerk and Address
Antioch	Fred Goates	Fred Goates	Carolyn Finley, 907 McHenry, Russellville
Atkins First	Johnny McCoy	Johnny McCoy	Dola Henderson, 403 NW 16 th St., Atkins,
Bakers Creek			Donna Eubanks, 114 Jackson Lane, Rsvl., A
Ben Hur	Glendon Garrison	Glendon Garrison	Carolyn Cooper, HC 30 Box 130A, Pelsor,
Benton First	Wayne Douthit	Wayne Douthit	Kevin Douthit, 10220 E Kildeer Rd, Mabel
Cherry Hill	Ronny Morris	Ronny Morris	Shelby Bull, 3449 Hwy 60 W, Perryville, A
Clarksville First	Robert Williams	Robert Williams	Gloria Mason, 819 CR 3701, Lamar, AR 72
Dover First	Herb Tilley	Herb Tilley	Anna Mitchell, P.O. Box 1045, Dover, AR
Faith	Emery Crossland	Emery Crossland	Frances Crossland, 7011 Reece Drive, Hens
Hector	Terry Latham	Terry Latham	Pearl Gregory, 12695 SR 27, Hector, AR 7
Hickory Grove	Kirk McConnell	Kirk McConell	Dean Robinson, 433 Highway 324N, Casa,
Holman	Geno Johnston/ Jeffery Burris		Barbara Pearson, 3090 CR 3867, Lamar, AL
Morrilton First	Jimmy Williams	Jimmy Williams	Becky Ward, 19 Housley Drive, Plumerville
New Life	Charles King	Charles King	Marianne Smart, P.O. Box 92, Solgohachia
Ola First	J.D. Keeling	J.D. Keeling	Sue Pyburn, #2 Pyburn Lane, Casa, AR 72
Pine Ridge	Hank Duvall	Hank Duvall	Donna Davis, 3514 Pine Ridge Road, Atkin
St. Joe	Jim McNutt	Jim McNutt	Judy Virden, 150 South Fox Run, Pottsville
Slaty Crossing	Randy Chronister	Randy Chronister	Kelli Jones, 495 Highway 247, Casa, AR 7
Smith Springs		Greg McCuin	Johnnie Sue Harrell, 1001 Kentucky, Morri
South Mountain			Darlene Kelley, 3323 South Mtn. Rd., Mars
Sweet Home	Jimmy Chronister	Jimmy Chronister	Tim Whittenburg, 2540 St Highway 247, A

	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Members Died	Active Members	Total Members	Sunday School	Worship Service	Association Fees	Paid Pastor	Days of Meeting
AR 72802	5		1	36	36	15	40	230	\$10,400	FT
AR 72823	32	2	2	230	252	76	180	230	\$36,400	FT
AR 72802				14	28	13	15	230		FT
AR 72856	0	0	1	15	38	17	18	230	\$6,000	FT
ale, AR 72103	0	0	0	15	16	15	23	230	\$5,200	FT
AR 72126				48	130	20	22	230	\$10,050	FT
846	0	0	0	14	52	12	22	230	\$10,600	FT
2837	5	1	1	35	35	21	50	230	\$18,200	FT
ey, AR 72065	2			15	15	15	19	230	\$1,200	FT
2843	0		2	40	90	25	30	230	\$16,200	FT
AR 72025	5	3	0	60	130	48	52	230	\$16,175	FT
AR 72846	4			20		15	25	230	\$8,350	FT
, AR 72127	6		3	38	41	20	48	230	\$10,200	FT
AR 72156	4		1	75	75	45	55	230	\$0	FT
25	2	0	0	79	100	35	68	230	\$15,600	FT
s, AR 72823	1	9	0	40	157	30	45	230	\$1,430	FT
AR 72858	0	2	3	20	75	21	28	230	\$14,100	FT
2025	2	0	1	36	100	40	55	230	\$16,750	FT
ton, AR 72110	7	3	1	48	104	27	43	230	\$5,240	FT
hall, AR 72650	0	0	0	20	26	20	23	230		FT
kins, AR 72823	3	4	0	44	90	37	65	230	\$13,000	FT

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the word of God as our rule and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise, by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and special worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition 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, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end, we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experience we, the Churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union and a communion among us, and to preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other, we therefore propose to keep orders and rules of our Association, according to the following plan of government:

1. A. We are Amillennial in belief and wish to discourage churches in the Association from preaching those of different beliefs.
- B. We do not, and will not, allow those who have more than one living wife, (or their wives have more than one living husband), to pastor in this Association.
- C. We believe in, and practice, the ordinances of the gospel, Baptism (by immersion), the Lords Supper (open to all), and the Washing of the saints' feet.

- D. We do not practice, so called evidences of the Holy Ghost, such as speaking in tongues or being slain in the spirit.
2. 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.
 3. New churches may be admitted into the Association by letter or by delegates, if found to be orthodox in the faith of Free Will Baptists, the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.
 4. The Association shall have a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and treasurer, and assistant clerk, also an executive board, and a home mission board (composed of five members each, with one position on each board filled each year), to be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. No elected officer may succeed himself with the exception of clerk and treasurer and the 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.

Duties:

- Moderator – To conduct all services and business sessions of the district association
- Assistant Moderator – To assist the moderator and to serve in his absence
- Clerk/Treasurer – To keep minutes of all meetings of the Association, publish the yearly minute, make all records of the Association available upon request, conduct official correspondence for the Association, and to keep an accurate account of all Association funds
- Assistant Clerk – To assist the clerk and to serve in their absence
- Executive Board – To serve (along with the moderator and clerk) as the Association, when the association is not in session; to discipline, along with the church of which he is a member, a minister belonging to the Association, should the need arise
- Home Mission Board – To gather information on churches requesting aid from the Home Mission Fund, report to the Association, and make a recommendation to the Association
5. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep minutes of all meetings, be paid for his services, and have the Annual Minutes printed in a timely manner. Any church hosting the Association Meeting shall be paid by the clerk \$200 to help defray the cost of hosting the Annual Association.
 6. This Association shall maintain a committee of five to be elected by the body, which shall be known as the Examining Council for Ordination.
 - A. This committee shall be comprised of the members of the Executive Board.
 - B. No one can serve on the committee unless he fully believes in this plan of work.

- C. 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.
7. Any minister considered for ordination into this Association must:
 - A. Have preached one year in the bounds of the Association.
 - B. Be set apart and have an endorsement for obligation by the church of which they are a member.
 - C. Have the endorsement of the Ordaining Council, or the 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. Be Amillennial in belief and doctrine.
 - F. Be single, or the husband of one living wife, (no previous marriages), and his wife has only one living husband (no previous marriages).
 - G. Have completed a questionnaire from the Association.
8. Any minister (new or returning) coming into the Association to pastor a church must:
 - A. Come before the examining committee. Prior to or at the next meeting of the Association, (Quarterly or Annual) from the time called to the church.
 - B. Complete a questionnaire from the Association.
 - C. Be Amillennial in belief and doctrine.
 - D. Be single, or the husband of one living wife, (no previous marriages, and his wife has no previous marriages).
 - E. 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.
9. 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 a church, recognized by this Association as a legitimate Free Will Baptist Church, for a period of one year, his name shall be dropped from the roll of ministers, his credentials revoked, and this Association will not recognize any work that may come under his hands as a 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

in keeping with I 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.

10. The Association shall have a fund for its support and obligation, 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.

11. 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 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.

12. 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, that said vacancy may be filled, providing some official or delegate from said church recommended others for said vacancies.

13. Letters from different churches shall be prepared, read to and approved by each church conference 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, and amount paid pastor.

14. Every motion made and seconded shall become under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by the members making it.

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

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

17. This Association cannot recognize or otherwise sanction any union between two individuals as marriage, other than that between a man and woman.

18. 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 earth. Took upon himself the form of humanity, sin excepted, by being

born of the Virgin Mary, manifested His power, was crucified, placed in Joseph's new tomb, arose from the dead the third day completing the great plan of salvation, walked and talked with His disciples, publicly ascended up to Heaven, and that He will descend again to gather His jewels home. (Isaiah 9:6; St. John 1:14; Luke 1:26-28; Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 16:9-19; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12; Mark 15:22-41)

3. **HOLY SPIRIT** — We believe that the Holy Spirit visited true believers in all ages and especially since the ascension of the Son back to the Father, and His coming on the day of Pentecost. Has taken up its 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 punishments for disobedience. Gave man power of free moral agency to choose the right and reject the wrong. But our first parents heeded the voice of the great enemy of souls, voluntarily transgressed the law of God, fell with all their posterity, under the just penalty of the same, and were unable of their own power to extricate or save themselves from the dilemma into which they had fallen. God gave to them the hope of salvation through the coming of Christ. (Gen. 1:27; Gen. 2:16-17; Rom. 11:11-35; Psalms 37:23,24; Rom. 5:18)

6. **REDEMPTION, SALVATION, ADOPTION** — We believe that Jesus Christ by His birth, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension, paid the purchase price of the redemption of the whole human race, arranged a pardon for all who come to Him 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 to 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 by the Holy Spirit they pass through an ordeal of regeneration, are washed in the blood of the Lamb and are planted in the Kingdom of Christ. (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 1:9,13,25; 2:9,24,25; 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

ordained ministers 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 was instituted by our Savior to commemorate His broken body and shed blood for the sins of the world and to show our remembrance of Him till He comes. All Christians have a right to the Lord's Supper and should be invited: "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat."

The washing of feet was instituted by our Lord at the same time that the supper was instituted as an act of Humility to show our love for each other and both ordinances should be perpetuated by all Christians until His second coming. (Luke 22:19-20; I Cor. 11:20-29; St. John 13:1-18; Matt. 26:26-29)

11. THE 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. (Matt. 28:1; Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:1-2; Rev. 1:10)

12. CALL TO THE MINISTRY – We believe in a divine call of the ministry; that God in His goodness and power of grace, impresses His ministers with the burden of lost souls to the extent that the call becomes irresistible with personal contentment; that when they yield to the call and exercise their native gifts according to the scriptures with full reliance upon Him, He accompanies them in the person of the Holy Spirit to guide them in the way of truth, and to bless their labors according to His purpose. (Jonah 1:1; Jer. 1:5; Mark 3:14; Acts 1:22-26; Matt. 28:19)

13. THE INVISIBLE CHURCH – We believe that the Invisible or Spiritual Church is the redeemed in the aggregate, is the family of God, is composed of all true Christians of every congregation from righteous Abel to the restitution of all things, from every kindred nation, tongue, and people. (Eph. 3:16-21; Heb. 12:22-23; I Peter 2:5; Eph. 2:20-22; Acts 2:47; Matt. 16:18)

14. THE VISIBLE CHURCH – We believe that the 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 16:5; 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 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) are not able to pluck them from His hand so long as they walk in the path of duty; but those who sidestep and willfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty; they would backslide and if persistently continued would be eternally lost. (II Cor. 9:10; II Peter 1:4-8; I Peter 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39; Apostasy; II Peter 1:8-9; I Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17; I John 5:16; Heb. 3:12; St. John 15:1-7; Matt. 12:31-32; Heb. 6:16; I Tim. 4:1-2)

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; II 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. (Matthew 28:6; 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. 14:9-13; Acts 17:31; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; II Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36-37; Rev. 20:12-13)

CHURCHES DISCIPLINE

When seven or more Christians wish to be united into a Free Will Baptist 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 the faith and doctrine of the Free Will Baptist 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 exercises 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 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 baptisms, the Lord's Supper, and Feet Washing, conduct religious meetings, moderate church when the conference by a majority vote grants the request, support the church in its benevolence, look after the spiritual interest of the church.

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 letters 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 in writing through the church clerk, stating the cause for the request.

Members dismissed, dropped, excluded, or severed in any other way, from the church, it should be for a 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 a 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 opened 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 vote of members present.
8. No member shall absent himself without leave of the moderator.
9. 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 are 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 clerk and assistant clerk.
8. Reading of rules of order by the chair or clerk.
9. Appointment of the following committees: Resolution and Pulpit
10. Report of committees appointed at last Association and other unfinished business.
11. Report of new committees.
12. New business.
13. Election of Moderator and Assistant Moderator for next church year.
14. Adjournment.

PASSED RESOLUTIONS

"Be it resolved that each and every resolution that is passed be recorded permanently in our minutes, by year date." 1995

"Be it resolved that any new minister coming into the Association (a newly surrendered preacher or one from another Association) bring a questionnaire filled out (available from a member church) when they appear before the Executive board." 1996

"Be it resolved that it shall be the duty of the Association clerk to write to the clerk of the Association of each church or minister, desiring to unite with the Antioch Association for a letter of good standing." AMENDMENT: The church or minister should supply the clerk with an address and phone number." 1996

"Be it resolved that Article 12, section A of our Constitution be amended." (See Constitution) 1999

"Be it resolved that we ask the "Home Mission Board" to forgive \$6000.00 debt owed to them by "The New Life Free Will Baptist Church"." 2002

"Be it resolved that we elect three for the Association Revival Committee." 2002

"Be it resolved that the letter from the churches to the Association be revised to include: Would you like to host the next Annual Association?." 2002

"Be it resolved that this article 14 be added to Constitution" (See Constitution) 2003

"Be it resolved that the Revival Committee through prayer and thought reach a decision by the January Quarterly Meeting." 2004

“Be it resolved that the Constitution and the Articles of Faith #9 and #11 be revised as printed.” (See Constitution and Articles of Faith) 2006

“Be it resolved that we omit the appointment of committees, except the Resolution Committee. If needed, the moderator will appoint the needed committees.” 2009

“Be it resolved that the Antioch Association’s Ministers’ Directory be expanded to request and include the minister’s cell phone number and e-mail address.” 2009

“Be it resolved that the Constitution #4 & #5 be revised as printed.” (See Constitution) 2012

Notes

"Be it resolved that the Constitution and the Articles of Union 1707 and 1711 be revised as printed." (See Constitution and Articles of Union 1707)

"Be it resolved that we do hereby appoint a committee to prepare the resolution Committee. It received the resolution - It appoints the resolution committee." 2009

"Be it resolved that the Articles of Union 1707 and 1711 be expanded to request and include the minister's call (some copies and some others)." 2009

"Be it resolved that the Constitution of 1707 be revised as printed." (See Constitution) 2013

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