

M I N U T E S
of the
NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION
of the
CHURCH OF GOD
Denominated The
FREEWILL BAPTIST
Held With The
UPPER SPRING CREEK
FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
At Belleville, Yell County, Arkansas
August 30-31, 1963

The next annual session will convene with the Pleasant Hill Freewill Baptist Church, Hackett, Sebastian County, Arkansas, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Friday, September 4, before the first Sunday in September, 1964, and continuing through Saturday, September 5 until 3 p.m. Rev. Robert Ashmore to preach the Memorial Sermon on Saturday at 11 a.m.

OFFICERS

Moderator: Rev. Robert Ashmore
Assistant Moderator: Rev. Bob Sanders
Clerk: Bro. Clyde Bull
Assistant Clerk: Bro. Fred Bowden
Treasurer: Sister Emma Bull

EXECUTIVE BOARD—

Rev. Gene Bishop—5 years
Bro. Forrest Sharpe—4 years
Rev. Bob Sanders—3 years
Rev. Ben F. Black—2 years
Rev. Bob Rackley—1 year

MISSION BOARD—

Rev. Robert Ashmore—3 years
Rev. J. T. Burnett—2 years
Rev. Elmer Turner—1 year

CREDENTIAL & GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE—

Rev. Bob Sanders—3 years
Bro. Buddy Smith—2 years
Bro. Amos Hook—1 year

PROCEEDINGS

The ninety-fifth annual session of the Arkansas Association of the Church of God, denominated the Freewill Baptist, convened with the Upper Spring Creek Freewill Baptist Church, north of Belleville, Yell County, Arkansas, August 30-31, 1963.

FRIDAY MORNING

August 30, 1963—The ninety-fifth annual session of the Arkansas Association of the Freewill Baptist was called to order by the Moderator. Opening song, "When We All Get To Heaven", led by Rev. Gene Bishop, Sister Bishop at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Bob King.

Moderator asked for roll call of ordained Reverends and Deacons. They were read by the Clerk, Bro. Clyde Bull. Reverends present: W. M. Guinn, Elmer Turner, Gene Bishop, Bob Rackley, Bob Sanders, Bob King and Ben Black.

Scripture reading by Rev. Ben Black—Ecc. 8.

Prayer led by Rev. Elmer Turner.

The Moderator called for the church letters to be read. Letter read and approved.

All delegates were seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

Song led by Rev. W. M. Guinn—"Are You Washed In The Blood of the Lamb", Sister Bishop at piano.

Divine Committee appointed—Sister Smith, Rev. Turner and Sister Phillips.

Visiting minister—Rev. Vanmeeter.

Rules of Order read by Bro. Clyde Bull.

Ranger Church presented a letter requesting withdrawal from the Arkansas Association. Motion made and carried.

Motion made and carried to give Rev. B. O. Stahl and Rev. O. F. Moody a letter of recommendation from the Arkansas Association.

Dismissed with prayer for 15-minute recess.

11:00 called to order—Song led by Rev. Bob Rackley, "When The Saints Go Marching In", Sister Bishop at piano.

Special song by the Reverends W. M. Guinn, Bob King, B. O. Stahl and Gene Bishop.

Rev. Bob King takes the stand. Prayer by Rev. King. Scripture reading—II Peter, 1st chapter.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. W. M. Guinn.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 p.m.—Called to order by Moderator. Scripture reading by Bro. Moore—Psalms, 13th chapter.

Song, "I Want To Know More About My Lord", directed by Anna Dale Bull and Rhonda Dixon; Sister Bishop at the piano.

Prayer by Bro. Odell Elmore.

Rev. Earnest Page requested a letter from the Association. Motion made and carried to give him a letter.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

AUDITING—Rev. Turner, Sister Joyce Smith, Sister Rose Dixon.

RESOLUTION—Rev. Ben Black, Rev. Gene Bishop, Rev. Bob Sanders.

FINANCE—David Robbins, Bro. Moore, Sister Metcalf.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Rev. Guinn, Sister Phillips, Sister Mary King.

OBITUARY—Ethrid Elmore, David Robbins and Clifford King.

TEMPERANCE—Sister Combs, Sister Spiller, Sister Jackson.

Song led by Bro. Odell Elmore—Sister Rackley at piano.

Song led by Bro. Clyde Bull—"Closer Walk With Thee".

Song led by Rev. Earnest Page—"Down On My Knees".

Temperance Committee Report read and accepted.

Song led by Rev. Guinn and Rev. Bob King; Sister Rackley at piano. Song led by Rev. Gene Bishop, "I Shall Not Be Moved", Sister Bishop at the piano.

Report from the Sunday School Committee read and accepted.

Special song by Rev. Gene Bishop; Sister Bishop at the piano.

Bro. Billie Van Meter took the stand to bring the message. Scripture reading St. Luke 11:33. Bro. David Robbins takes the stand to bring last half of the message. His scripture reading was Rev. 3:19 and St. John 10:37.

Songs led by Bro. Clyde Bull—"Just As I Am" and "Glad Reunion"—Sister Bishop at piano.

Another good old fashioned handshake with Bro. Van Meter, Bro. Robbins and Rev. King.

Motion made and carried to adjourn until Saturday morning. Dismissed by Rev. Elmer Turner.

FRIDAY NIGHT

7:30 p.m.—Opening song led by Sister Myrtle Stroud with Phyllis Garner at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Bob Sanders.

Song—"Amazing Grace", by Bro. Odell Elmore.

Song—"Come Unto Me", directed by Sister Stahl.

Song—"The Blood That Stained The Old Rugged Cross", led by Bro. Clyde Bull.

Song—"Power In The Blood", directed by Rev. Bob King.

Specials by Rev. and Sister Bishop and Rev. and Sister Rackley—"I'm Satisfied With Jesus" and "I'll Steal Away and Pray".

Devotional service led by Bro. Clyde Bull.

Specials by Rev. and Sister Bishop—"I Am His and He Is Mine" and "Jesus Will See".

Song—"He Set Me Free", led by Rev. Gene Bishop.

Prayer by Rev. Bob King.

Message brought by Rev. Gene Bishop. Scripture reading Ex. 4:2. Theme of message—"What Have You and What Are You Doing With It?".

Invitation song—"Only Trust Him"—led by Bro. Odell Elmore; Sister Bishop at the piano.

Dismissed by Rev. Bob King.

SATURDAY MORNING

Opening services at 9:40 with song "Come Unto Me", directed by Rev. Robert Ashmore; Sister Bishop at the piano.

Prayer by Sister Joyce Smith. Scripture reading James 1:1-14. Prayer by Bro. Bob Black.

Good report given by Rev. J. T. Burnett on Keener Church. Motion made and carried to accept the Keener Church in the Arkansas Association.

Quarterly Clerk Bro. Bob Black reported everything is fine.

Motion made and carried to elect two men to the Mission Board—Rev. Robert Ashmore (3 years) and Rev. J. T. Burnett (2 years).

Motion made and carried to elect Rev. Bob Sanders to Credential and Grievance Committee.

Song—"My God Is Real", directed by Bro. Bob Black.

Motion made and carried to seat visitors as Honorary Delegates.

Song—"I'll Fly Away", led by Bro. Clyde Bull.

Special—"It's Different Now"—by Bro. and Sister Bob Black.

Recessed for a few minutes by prayer.

11:00—Song—"I Want To Be Ready", directed by Bro. Odell Elmore; Sister Bob Black at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Davis.

Names of deceased read by Bro. Clyde Bull.

Special by Bro. Bob Black and Rev. Robert Ashmore—"What A Day That Will Be"—Sister Black at the piano.

Memorial Message by Rev. Robert Ashmore—Alternate Rev. Bob Sanders. Scripture reading Matt. 18.

Song—"I Want To Be A Worker", led by Bro. Clyde Bull. A good oldfashioned handshake with Rev. Robert Ashmore and Rev. Bob Sanders.

Song—"Shake Hands With Mother Again", led by Rev. Bernie Stahl. Dismissed for the lunch hour with Rev. Elmer Turner saying grace.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:15—Opening song led by Bro. Hubert Hall; Sister Bishop at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Bob Rackley.

Auditing Report and Finance Report read by the Clerk—Motion made and accepted on both reports.

Home Mission Report read by Rev. Elmer Turner. Motion made and accepted to receive this report as read.

Motion made and carried to send \$50.00 to the new Keener Church. Funds to come from the Arkansas Association.

The next annual associational meeting to be held with Pleasant Hill.

Rev. Gene Bishop elected for five years to the Executive Board.

Rev. Robert Ashmore elected Moderator; Rev. Bob Sanders, Assistant Moderator; Bro. Clyde Bull, Clerk; Bro. Fred Bowden, Assistant Clerk, and Sister Emma Jane Bull, Treasurer.

Dismissed for recess.

2:00 p.m.—Song led by Sister Joyce Smith; Sister Bishop at piano. Prayer by Rev. Gene Bishop.

Special by Terry Smith—Sister Smith at the piano.

Special by Bro. Bob Black and Rev. and Sister Gene Bishop—Sister Black at the piano.

Rev. J. T. Burnett takes the stand to bring the message. Scripture reading I Kings 19:4 and Acts 21.

Officers installed by Rev. Elmer Turner.

Resolution of Thanks read by the Clerk. Dismissed by Rev. David Robbins.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TEMPERANCE—We find that Satan has many ways in which to draw our minds away from God and to destroy the souls of men—namely, worldly amusements, Sunday recreation, alcoholic beverages, narcotics and too many other things to mention.

We pray that the children of God stay with Paul, who said—"Taste not, touch not, handle not".

We also pray that each pastor preach more on temperance in the future.

Sister Combs
Sister Spiller
Sister Jackson

SUNDAY SCHOOL—We, the committee, urge all our Sunday Schools to use Freewill Baptist literature. That the teachers be Christians and members of Freewill Baptist Church; capable and able to teach, and that we get behind our young people in the Sunday School Rally.

Rev. W. M. Guinn
Sister Mary King
Sister Mary Phillips

OBITUARY—We find that God has subtracted from our Association to His grand and glorious union these brethren and sisters—Sister A. M. Ingram, Sister Martha Wilson, Bro. Joe Taylor, Bro. Pele Swift, Rev. Albert Remley, Bro. Frank Robinson.

We thank God for the privilege of serving Him—together with these—for this short time and look forward to seeing them again when we see Him face to face.

Ethrid Elmore

David Robbins

Clifford King

FINANCE—We recommend that the Association pay fees of the churches of \$3.00 to the State Youth Camp for the host church. We further recommend \$90.00 for printing of the minutes and \$25.00 clerk fee.

There is in the State Fund collected, according to our budget, \$105.00, which the Clerk should send in to the State Association for the State Budget as soon as possible. We recommend the budget system as a great success for each church.

Rev. Frank A. Moore

Rev. David Robbins

HOME MISSION BOARD—We, the Mission Board, do hereby make a report of our year's work: Rev. B. O. Stahl has devoted his full time to the Mission Work in Danville. Through his untiring effort in his labor the Mission was organized into a church early in the year. They have bought the land and built a beautiful church building. Their spiritual progress has been to the glory of God under the leadership of their shepherd, Bro. Stahl.

We wish to commend Bro. J. T. Burnett in his work on the Mission field at Keener.

Bro. Elmer Turner has given his time and aid to the Paris Mission, helping Rev. Robert King in his untiring efforts for this work. This work has been greatly blessed by our Lord and Saviour, also. Under the leadership of Bro. King, the Mission has been duly organized into a church. They have purchased a home and remodeled it for a place of worship. It is growing each week in number and spiritual life. We trust that we all will remember that these two newly organized churches need our prayers and support.

We wish to state that the board members have answered all calls on them to visit our weaker churches and to supply for pastors who needed their help.

We wish to thank each church in our Association for its support of the Mission work and humbly beg that they will remember this work in their special prayers.

We are as ever your humble servants in the Lord.

Rev. B. O. Stahl

Rev. Elmer Turner

Bro. Forrest Sharp

RESOLUTION OF THANKS—Having been brought together once more by the goodness and mercies of God in another Arkansas Association, be it resolved that, we thank our Heavenly Father for this

wonderful privilege and that we also thank the good people of Upper Spring Creek Church for their kindness and hospitality shown us while in their midst.

Rev. Ben Black
Rev. Bob Sanders
Rev. Gene Bishop

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Auditing Committee of the Arkansas Association of the Freewill Baptist, have examined the books of the treasurer and according to the budget of receipts and debits of each account we find the treasurer's books in complete accord with the balance tables given below:

Table No. 1—

Received from the Quarterly Meetings—

1st Quarter	\$ 47.50	
2nd Quarter	47.50	
3rd Quarter	60.50	
4th Quarter	54.51	
Total Receipts for four quarters		\$210.01

Budget Disbursements—

Associational Acc.	\$147.51	
Home Mission Acc.	52.50	
Total Disbursements		\$210.01

Table No. 2—

Balance in Association Fund, 1961	\$240.53	
Credit from Table 1	157.51	
Total Receipts		\$398.04

Debits—

State Budget, 1962	\$ 97.87	
Youth Camp, 1962	45.00	
Minutes, 1962	88.07	
Clerk Fee, 1962	25.00	255.94
Balance In Account		\$142.10

Table No. 3—

Balance in Mission Account, 1962	\$310.54	
Credit from Table 1	52.50	
Total Receipts		\$363.04

Debits—

Ola Church	\$ 25.00	
Danville Church	100.00	
Freedom Church	25.00	
Paris Mission	100.00	255.00
Balance in Account		\$108.04

Table No. 4—

Balance in Bank September 1, 1963	\$250.14	
Credit to Associational Fund	\$142.10	
Credit to Home Mission Fund	108.04	250.14

Sister Joyce Smith
Sister Rose Dixon
Rev. Elmer Turner

DIARY OF ORDAINED

MINISTERS

(All Arkansas residents, unless otherwise indicated.)

Robert Ashmore, Russellville
Gene Bishop, Belleville
B. F. Black, Hackett
Lester Bradley, Charleston
J. T. Burnett, Waldron
Bethel Garner, Waltreak
W. M. Guinn, Booneville
Arlie Holly, Ola
Hubert Hutchins, Booneville

C. C. Kitchens, Graveley
M. A. Melton, Fort Smith
Henry Millard, Waltreak
J. R. Roper, Howe, Okla.
Bob Rackley, Atkins
Bob Sanders, Atkins
Ben Self, Fort Smith
Elmer Turner, Branch
I. J. Wilson, Charleston

DEACONS

(All Arkansas residents, unless otherwise indicated.)

Sammy Black, Hackett
Robert Black, Hackett
Jim Black, Fort Smith
Chester Boatright, California
William C. Brown, Boles
Clyde Bull, Belleville
B. F. Case, Branch
Jim Drewery, Mansfield
Odell Elmore, Belleville
Ethrid Elmore, Belleville
Udell Fryar, Painview
Frank Francis, Charleston
Alex Gibson, Charleston
Emmett Grubbs, Charleston
J. R. Huckaby, Heavener, Okla.

Osbern Harkey, Plainview
Amos Hook, Ratcliff
J. T. Hudson, Waltreak
Hermon Kanady, Ratcliff
Loyd Millwood, Plainview
Darrell Newton, Hackett
Homer Roberson, Branch
J. F. Roberson, Graveley
Forrest Sharpe, Charleston
A. E. Sharpe, Charleston
Arvil Smith, Rt. 1, Barber
W. A. Vanderpool, Mansfield
Obie Vaughan, Waldron
Clarence Wilson, Waldron
Charles Diedrich, Heavener, Okla.

ENACTMENTS (Revised in 1954)

1940—Be it resolved that we shall devote the 11 a.m. service of each session of the Association to a Memorial Service. The one to preach the Memorial Service shall be elected by the Association each year before the close of the session of the ensuing session.

1943—Be it resolved that we, the Freewill Baptists, in speaking of our CHURCH, speak of it as, "THE CHURCH OF GOD, OR CHRIST, denominated the FREEWILL BAPTIST".

1948—Be it resolved that the several churches give our Deacons credentials and that they shall be required to record same.

1951—Be it resolved that the Association mention in its Minutes the different pianists that serve so faithfully during the Association.

1952—No. 1. Be it resolved that our Credentials Committee also shall act as our GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE as long as we have a Credentials Committee.

No. 2. Be it resolved that our Association shall instruct our Secretary to drop from our roster or diary the name of any ordained minister or deacon who is not a member of a church in good standing in our union and reported in the letter of the church to our Association as an ordained member in good standing.

Be it further resolved that the ordained minister or deacon, who is past the active age, though their church cease to exist, and they are living a Christian life and of good report, we shall retain the name of such on the roster as a member of our Association.

1953—No. 1. Be it resolved that each church in the Association organize, if possible, a league for the training of our young people, and the general welfare of the church.

No. 3. Be it resolved that we, The Arkansas Association of Free-will Baptists, shall hereafter this date, September 4, 1953, A. D., recognize the BOARD OF MISSIONS, as established by the Quarterly Conference of the said Association of Freewill Baptists, as the authorized BOARD OF MISSIONS of the said Association. Furthermore, we do hereby sanction the Constitution, as adopted by the said Quarterly Conference, as the working base of the Board of Missions.

1954—Be it resolved that this Association hereafter convene on Friday morning at 9:30 before the first Sunday in September and continue through Sunday; the Sunday services to be used in a Sunday School Rally and Religious Services.

1957—No. 1. Be it resolved that the Mission Board consult each other before arranging any revivals or spending any mission money for any cause.

No. 2. Be it resolved that this Association elect a treasurer to receive all money collected by the Association and the Quarterly Meetings.

No. 3. Be it resolved that in choosing our delegates to the State Association that we consider choosing five junior members of the church to serve in connection with the senior delegates—elected from the Freewill Baptist Church, if possible.

No. 4. Be it resolved that this Association pay our Clerk \$25.00 for his service rendered in this Association and for the time it will take to compile the Minutes of this Association.

1958—No. 1. We, your committee on resolutions, request that the Association receive or accept the resolution passed by the Third Quarterly Meeting at the Branch Freewill Baptist Church in electing an Executive Board, which reads as follows:

“The Quarterly Meeting, while in session in the third quarter, set up and selected an Executive Board, which shall be empowered to enter or decide any question concerning the welfare of our Association, either from the churches within or the neighboring Associations without, of the State or National Association’s relation in our Association, in church piety, and the piety of the ordained. Passed unanimously for this board to act proteen until the sitting of the annual session at which its permittance will be decided.”

No. 3. First—All Deacons ought to be chosen and set aside in accordance to I Timothy 2:10-16; Acts 6:1-6.

Second—In case a brother Deacon, whom has served faithfully the church where he is a member, now feels the call of God to preach, the church should grant him the privilege of a trial for eldership, and, after due trial (not less than one year), if proven according to I Timothy 3, he may be ordained to the eldership according to Titus 1:4-9 (having passed the Credentials Board).

Third—If a Deacon or a Minister has offended the Church (in deed or heresy), and such offense has not been satisfied according to Matthew 18:15-18 and I Timothy 5:19, such cannot continue with such official authority in his church or another church of like faith, until such charges have been satisfied.

Fourth—That in case a brother Deacon, or Minister, withdraws his membership or fellowship from a church, his official authority ceases in the said church, if the same has been granted without charges; but, if the said Deacon or Minister reunites with the said church or another of like faith, his official authority is automatically restored (Hebrews 6:1-2).

Fifth—If a brother goes to law with a brother, and that before the unbeliever, rather than to do what Christ set forth in Matthew 18:15-18, he doeth wrong, and defraud his brethren (I Corinthians 6:1-12) and should be dealt with as Paul stated in I Timothy 1:20.

1960—Be it resolved that: (a) the Executive Board shall consist

of five elected ordained—one to be elected each year hereafter, and (b) that Clause A be written as Act 2 of Constitution of the Executive Board, as given on Page 7, 1958, Clause 2.

CONSTITUTION OF ASSOCIATION

From long experience, we, the members of the Church of God, denominated Freewill Baptist, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union among us, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better church government.

Art. 1. MEMBERSHIP—This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the church or quarterly meetings of our union, not exceeding five messengers from each church or quarterly meeting, and upon producing letters, they shall be entitled to seats. All ordained Ministers and Deacons of said union shall be regular members, and the wife of each ordained, and the Clerk of each church, will be members, when present, by virtue of their office.

Art. 2. NAME—The members thus chosen and assembled with the Ministers and Deacons, to be denominated the Arkansas Association of Freewill Baptists, being composed of the several churches of our union, the Association having no power to lord-it over God's heritage, nor having an ecclesiastical power over the churches, reserving the right of withdrawal from any church becoming disorderly.

Art. 3. LETTERS—Letters from the different churches represented are to express their number in fellowship, including the names and addresses of ordained and licensed Ministers, the number of members received upon profession of faith, by letter or recommendation, by restoration, or denominational choice; the number dismissed by letter, excluded, and those having died since the last Association. Churches, in sending their letters, may send obituaries of our dead.

Art. 4. OFFICERS—The Association shall have a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Credentials Committee or three ordained, elected by the suffrage of the members of the Association at each annual Association. The Credentials Committee shall be elected as follows: one for three years, one for two years, and one for a year. Then, one each year following, for three years, to succeed the outgoing member.

Art. 5. NEW CHURCHES—Newly-constituted churches may be admitted to the Association, which are to petition by letter and delegates, and if upon examination, they are found to be orthodox and orderly, they may be received into the Association, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 6. QUESTIONS—No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has been first considered in its own church.

Art. 7. MOTIONS—Every motion made and seconded shall be under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 8. MINUTES—The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association in proportion to the amount paid by each church—the distribution to be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 9. CLERK—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the Minutes of the Association in a book to be kept by the Association for that purpose.

Art. 10. SIGNATURES—The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the Moderator and the Clerk before the close of the Association.

Art. 11. AMENDMENTS—Amendments to this Constitution may be made, when necessary, by a majority vote of the members present, notice having been given in writing, and recorded at the last previous session.

CONSTITUTION OF MISSIONS

Be it enacted that hereafter the Mission Board as established by the Quarterly Meeting will be recognized as our authorized Board of Missions to promote the mission work of the Arkansas Association of Freewill Baptists.

This Mission Board shall have authority to receive funds from the various churches or individuals in regular gifts, annuities, or free-will offerings for mission work, in the Association, or State, or National.

They will have the authority to appropriate such funds to the mission work as need arises for same. Also, they will have authority to employ tried and proven ministers for the Home Mission work, as EVANGELISTS, or community pastors, or the revival of a weak church. They also may receive and account for all funds to the Quarterly Meeting and the annual Association.

The said Board shall work in cooperation with the State and National Boards in the promotion of the Mission work at HOME and ABROAD.

Furthermore, the said Board will have no authority to involve the said Association in indebtedness. All expenditures must be confined to the available funds of the Board.

The Mission Board will be composed of three elective members.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. GOD—We believe in one true and living triune God; composed of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost—equal in divine essence, purpose, power and glory.—St. John 1:1; I Cor. 8:6; 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 excepted, by being born of the virgin Mary, manifested His power, was crucified, placed in Joseph's tomb, arose from the dead the third day, completed 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.—Isa. 9:6; St. John 1:14; Luke 1:26; Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 16:9-19; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12; Mark 15:22-47.

3. HOLY SPIRIT—We believe that the Holy Spirit has 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 1:8-14; Isaiah 63:10-12; Eph. 4:30; Acts 8:7-20; Ezek. 36:27; Joel 2:28.

4. THE BIBLE—We believe the Bible, which is composed of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, was given by inspiration of God, is our way-bill from earth to heaven, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.—II Peter 1:19-21; II Timothy 3:14-17; Acts 1:16-17; Daniel 10:21; Matthew 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 promise of reward for faithfulness and with penalties of 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 great dilemma into which they had fallen. God gave them the hope of salvation through the coming Christ.—Gen. 1:27; 2:16-17; Psalms 51:5; Gen. 3; 6:5; Rom. 5:12-19; Ephesians 2:3.

6. REDEMPTION, SALVATION, ADOPTION—We believe that Jesus Christ by His birth, death, burial, resurrection and ascension, paid the purchase price for the redemption of the whole human race, arranged a pardon for all who come 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; Hebrews 1:4; St. John 3:16; Isaiah 15:22.

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 on their part; that persons coming to the years of accountability, transgressing the law of God, must upon their part, exercise faith in Jesus Christ through repentance toward God, at the completion of which pardon takes place in the mind of the Father and by the Holy Spirit they pass through the 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 4:11-26; Ephesians 2.

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 1:5-25; 2:9-25; 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, and the Holy Spirit, in which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ; also, represents our death to sin, and only those who have come under the Presbytery of the Elders are qualified to administer same.—Matt. 3; Peter 3:21; St. John 3:23; Acts 10:45; Matt. 28:19.

10. COMMUNION AND FEET WASHING—We believe that the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of the Gospel of Christ; the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Saviour 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; St. John 13:1-17; I Cor. 11:20-29; Matt. 26:26-29.

11. THE SABBATH—We believe that the Christian Sabbath should be observed as a day of rest and for the worship of God; that we should abstain from all sinful amusements and secular employment—works of mercy and piety excepted.—Exodus 20:11; 31:12-17; Deut. 5:12-15; Ezek. 20:12; Matt. 28:1; Luke 23:56; Acts 13:32-48; Mark 2:27.

12. CALL TO THE MINISTRY—We believe in a divine call of the ministry; that God in His goodness and power and 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 the native gift according to the Scriptures, with a full reliance upon Him, He accompanies them in the person of the Holy Spirit to guide them in the way of truth and to bless their labors according to His purpose.—Jonah 1:1; Jeremiah 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, 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 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 Thess. 1:1; Acts 16:5; III John 9:10; Matt. 18:17; Acts 20:28; Revelation 1:4-20.

15. **PERSEVERENCE**—We believe that all true believers in Christ should persevere in divine grace, and in the 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) are not able to pluck them from His hand so long as they walk in the path of duty; but, those who sidestep and wilfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty, they would backslide if persistently continued, would be eternally lost.—II Cor. 5:10; I Peter 2:2; Rom. 8:35; Apostasy; II Pet. 1:8-9; I Cor. 1:13; Heb. 12:15-17; I John 5:16; Heb. 6:1-6; 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 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.

17. **SANTIFICATION**—Santification is a work of God's grace, by which the soul is cleansed from all sin and wholly consecrated to Christ. It takes place in regeneration, and the Christian can and should abide in this state to the end of life; constantly growing in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.—I Cor. 6:11; II Thess. 2:13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; II Thess. 5:19-23; St. John 17:17-19; II Timothy 2:20-21.

18. **THE RESURRECTION**—We believe in the resurrection of the dead—both of the righteous and the wicked. When the resurrection shall take place, the soul and the body shall be united, the righteous shall be received into everlasting happiness to reign with God forever; but, the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment.—Matt. 28:5; John 5:28-29; I Cor. 15:51-58.

19. **THE SOUL**—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.

20. **JUDGMENT**—We believe that there will be a general universal judgment—when all men shall be judged according to their works, whether they be good or bad; that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into eternal happiness.—II Thess. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; II Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36-37; Rev. 20:12-13; Acts 17:31; Matt. 25:32; Romans 2:1-16; Mark 9:43-48.

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.

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 unconformity 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 social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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

RULES OF ORDINATION

1. Do you believe in the Total Depravity of the human heart?

Answer—No.

2. Do you believe that infants are saved while in a state of innocence? Answer—I do.

3. Do you believe in a Full and Free Salvation to all who will accept it on the Gospel terms? Answer—I do.

4. Do you believe in a burial of a believer in Christ with water after he has been baptized into Christ by the Holy Ghost is the only baptism? Answer—I do.

5. Do you believe that any man has a right in the Gospel to repeat baptism to such a subject? Answer—No.

6. Do you believe that Communion, Feet Washing and Baptism are Gospel ordinances and are to be taught and practiced until He comes again? Answer—I do.

7. Will you solemnly pledge yourself to preach and practice the same, God being your helper? Answer—I will by the help of God.

8. Do you believe that none will finally be saved but those who persevere in Holiness to the end? Answer—I do.

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded with a prayer.
2. Those who speak shall rise, address the Moderator, and all personal reflections 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. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded in the annual 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. Arrangements shall be made so as to insure two sermons or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto in addition to the business session each day, and the Moderator announces at the adjournment of each business session who is to have charge of said service.
10. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular meeting of the Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Association called to order by the Moderator—in his absence, the Clerk.
2. Letters from the churches called for, received, and delegates invited to seats.
3. Right hand of fellowship.
4. Election of permanent officers.
5. Call for petitionary churches.
6. Reading of Rules of Order by Chair or Clerk.
7. Appointment of following committees—(a) Arrangements for Preaching; (b) Resolutions; (c) Finance; (d) Temperance; (e) Sunday School; (f) Obituary; (g) Condition of Non-Represented Churches.
8. Reports of Committees appointed at last Association and other unfinished business.
9. Reports of new Committees.
10. New business.
11. Adjournment.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH	CLERK	PASTOR
Branch	Mrs. Frank Case, Branch, Ark.	W. M. Guinn, Booneville, Ark.
Brooklyn	Mrs. Addie Hook, Ratcliff, Ark.	Ben Storey, Fort Smith, Ark.
Charleston	Mrs. Forrest Sharpe, Charleston, Ark.	L. A. Bradley, Charleston, Ark.
Coledale	Mable McClain, Heavener, Okla.	Roy Roper, Howe, Okla.
Freedom	Joyce Smith, Barber, Ark.	Ben F. Black, Hackett, Ark. Bob Ashmore, Russellville
Harmony	Mrs. Melba Henry, Waldron, Ark.	Frank Moore, Waldron, Ark.
Mulberry	E. L. Oglesbee, Graveley, Ark.	C. C. Kitchens, Nola, Ark.
Plainview	Osbern Harkey, Plainview, Ark.	Robert Ashmore, Atkins, Ark.
Pleasant Hill	Mildred Black, Hackett, Ark.	Bob Sanders, Atkins, Ark.
Pleasant Grove	Lorene Loony, Charleston, Ark.	Hubert Hutchins, Booneville, Ark.
Union Hill	Mrs. Obie Vaughn, Waldron, Ark.	Henry Millard, Waltreak, Ark.
Upper Spring Creek ..	Mary King, Belleville, Ark.	Bob Rackley, Atkins, Ark.
Boles	Inez Specks, Boles, Ark.	David Robbins - Charleston
Ola	Myrtle Lewis, Ola, Ark.	Bob Rackley, Atkins, Ark.

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STATISTICAL TABLE CHURCHES	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Members Deceased	Members Enrollment	League Enrollment	S. S. Enrollment	Master's Men	Church Budget	Church Property
Boles -----								\$	\$
Branch -----		1		24		16		389.19	
Brooklyn -----		1	1	11		22		446.25	
Charleston -----	12	1		109	50	90	14	5,686.89	18,000.00
Coledale -----	1			28		23		834.86	3,000.00
Freedom -----		1	2	100		50		1,246.99	
Harmony -----	3	3	1	60		45		1,274.21	12,000.00
Mulberry -----	2	2		50	40	45		360.00	2,000.00
Plainview -----	5	2		54	30	54		1,516.20	7,500.00
Pleasant Hill -----		2	1	41	29	48		2,435.24	
Pleasant Grove -----	1	2	1	68		45		2,380.78	7,000.00
Union Hill -----				38		17		160.00	
Spring Creek -----	1	4	1	80		70		1,278.25	
Ola -----	19			44		38		490.73	3,000.00