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1978 Session

The one hundred and tenth annual session of Arkansas District Association of Free Will Baptists will convene with the Brooklyn Free Will Baptist Church, Logan County, Ratcliff, Arkansas. Beginning at 9:30 a.m. Friday, May 26, 1978. The speaker for the memorial service May 27, 1978 will be Rev. C. L. Minnie.

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OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Moderator	Bethel Garner
Assistant Moderator	L. D. Carlile
Clerk and Treasurer	Sandra K. Kanady
Assistant Clerk	Frank A. Moore

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Buddy Smith	1982
Odis Hunt	1981
Luther Flewellen	1980
Obie Vaughn	1979
Roy Yandell	1978

MISSION BOARD

Pat Millard	1980
Charles L. Minnie	1979
Bethel Garner	1978

CREDENTIAL AND GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Sid Loyd	1980
Frank A. Moore	1979
Roy Lemarr	1978

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Jerrell Willingham	1980
Roy Yandell	1979
Frank A. Moore	1978

(Terms expire in year indicated)

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Act. III—The EXECUTIVE BOARD shall consist of five members elected from the standing members of the Association; one for five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year, then one each year hereafter to take the place of the outgoing members.

The duties of the Executive Board will be:

(1) To fill any vacancy that may occur in the standing officers of the ASSOCIATION caused by, either a member deceased or a member moved out of the ASSOCIATION and united with another sister association, between the sessions of the Annual meeting. Such appointee will serve until his successor is duly elected.

(2) The BOARD will have power to receive property or grants given for the Association: They also will have power to sell property or dispose of same

according to the wish of THE GRANTOR, or ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF THE ASSOCIATION. All funds so received must be placed in the TREASURY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

(3) The Board will have power to discuss and settle difference of dispute that might arise between OUR ASSOCIATION, and the State or National Association of Free Will Baptists, or between our Association and a sister Association of THE CHURCH OF GOD DENOMINATED THE FREE WILL BAPTISTS.

(4) The Board can call a special session of the Association if it becomes necessary. Each church must be given a ten day notice before the meeting day.

(5) A written report of the ACTIVITIES OF THIS BOARD must be given to each ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

THE MISSION BOARD

Act II—The Board of Mission was accepted September 4, 1954. It will consist of three ordained ministers, or two ordained ministers and one ordained deacon; one elected for three years, one elected for two years, and one elected for one year, then one each year hereafter to take the place of the outgoing member.

The working bases and duties of the Mission Board:

(A) The revenue for the Mission work may be derived from gifts sent in by the churches marked "Home Missions"; gifts and grants made by individuals for the use of Home Mission work; also by a part of the General Revenue of the Association sent into the Quarterly Meetings for the Budget of the Association, as may be granted by the Association. Also by any special collection taken up by the Mission Board in their field of labor.

(B) The members of the Board visit the churches to organize Mission Societies and to inform them of the need of their activities in the Mission work of the Association. They will endeavor to answer the call of the weaker churches for help and do all that is in their power to revive them and to supply them with a pastor. They will do their best to see that each minister that is idle finds a place where he may be useful in the service of his vocation. They will visit prospective new fields where we have no organization, and survey same as to the prospect of opening a Mission in same. They may secure evangelist for needed work in the Mission work.

(C) This Board will cooperate with the State and National Mission Boards in the promotion of mission work at home or abroad.

(C) The said Board will have no authority to involve the said Association in debt for their operation. All expenditures must be confined to the available revenue.

(E) They shall report their activities and expenditures in writing to each yearly meeting of the Association. Also to make a verbal report to each Quarterly Meeting of their activities.

(F) All Home Missions money shall be left only for Home Missions.

THE CREDENTIAL AND GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Art. I—THE CREDENTIAL AND GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE is a

permanent COMMITTEE accepted September 2, 1951. It consists of three ordained ministers: one elected for three years; one for two years and one for one year, then one each year hereafter to take the place of the outgoing member.

The duties of the committee will be: (a) To examine each candidate for license to preach and each candidate for ordination as a minister within our Association. Either must be a member of a church within the Association and recommended by their church for the office of a minister. If a minister coming from another denomination desires to unite with a church in our fellowship and hopes to retain his ordination he must pass the examination of this committee and be recognized on their recommendation.

(b) All petitionary letters from a church desiring to unite within our fellowship must be examined and recommended by this committee.

(c) If a church in our fellowship request, a deacon they have chosen for their church may be examined and if found sound in Doctrine, the committee may recommend same to be ordained by the Associational council, or if so desired they may recommend same to be ordained by the requesting church.

(d) In case of a GRIEVANCE from any church in our fellowship, and such has been made in writing, this committee must hear both sides and set each witness testimony in writing, then their decision so rendered must be accepted in their written report. In case either party is not satisfied, this committee may request a joint review of the case from the written evidence, with the Executive Board. Their joint decision will be final and acted upon without argument.

THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The duties of the audit committee. The committee shall audit the book at each setting of the Association to see that the Association's books are well kept and agree with the bank book or bank balance.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

NAME	AGE	PHONE	ADDRESS
Jackie Allen	44	632-2747	Danville, Ar
Norman Barnard	70	635-4102	Paris, Ar
Roy Boggs	39	928-5786	Huntington, Ar
L. A. Bradley		965-2942	Charleston, Ar
L. D. Carlile	59	577-2633	Parks, Ar
Robert Carter			Dexter, Mo
Willie Copeland	78	237-2500	Waldron, Ar
Bethel Garner	54	637-2261	Danville, Ar
William Grantham	20	387-7296	Vandervort, Ar
W. M. Guinn	92	675-2857	Booneville, Ar
Roy Lemarr	68	637-3937	Waldron, Ar
Sid Loyd		464-0006	Van Buren, Ar
Henry Millard			Danville, Ar
Pat Millard	34	637-2849	Danville, Ar
Lacey Minnie		299-4607	Gravelly, Ar
Floyd Moore	28		Plainview, Ar
Frank A. Moore	60	577-2368	Waldron, Ar
Elmer Turner	92		Branch, Ar
Jerrell Willingham	40	968-5558	Russellville, Ar

LICENSED MINISTERS

J. L. Bonds	Booneville, Ar
Stephen Hearrell	Bluffton, Ar
Charlie Jones	Gravelly, Ar
Terry Sherrill	Bluffton, Ar
Thomas Smith	Mansfield, Ar

ORDAINED DEACONS

CHURCH		ADDRESS
BOLES	Loyd Harberson	Boles, Ar
	Toish Miller	Boles, Ar
	Troy House	Boles, Ar
	Ralph Johnson	Boles, Ar
BRANCH	Shorty Storey	Charleston, Ar
	Doe Caselman	Cecil, Ar
	Manford Robertson	Charleston, Ar
	Donald Cook	Charleston, Ar
BROOKLYN	Hermon Kanady	Ratcliff, Ar
	Larry Kanady	Ratcliff, Ar
	Bill Randolph	Ratcliff, Ar
	Jim Millard	Danville, Ar
EGYPT	Roy Wilkins	Danville, Ar
	B. W. Williams	Waldron, Ar
FREEDOM	Joe Carnahan	Waldron, Ar
	Chester Boatright	Booneville, Ar
	J. L. Bonds	Booneville, Ar
	Arvil C. Smith	Booneville, Ar
HARMONY	Jim Burnett	Waldron, Ar
	Lonnie Brewer	Waldron, Ar
	Clark Bailey	Waldron, Ar
	Neil Cherry	Parks, Ar
KEENER	Dwayne Hawkins	Parks, Ar
	Thurman Atchley	Parks, Ar
	Clarence Wilson	Waldron, Ar
	Earnest Wagner	Waldron, Ar
LAMB	Amos Zimmer	Waldron, Ar
	E. L. Oglesbee	Gravelly, Ar
	Odis Hunt	Gravelly, Ar
	Ray Rhoades	Gravelly, Ar
MULBERRY	Jack Hearrell	Bluffton, Ar
	Jim Robinson	Bluffton, Ar
	Luther Flewellen	Plainview, Ar
	Delano Robberson	Plainview, Ar
OLA PLAINVIEW	Loyd Millwood	Plainview, Ar
	Osbern Harkey	Plainview, Ar
	A. E. Sharpe	Charleston, Ar
	Homer Robinson	Branch, Ar
PLEASANT GROVE	Roy Yandell	Danville, Ar
	Obie Vaughn	Waldron, Ar
UNION HILL		

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCHES BOLES

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Danville, Ar 72833

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Freta Storey
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PROCEEDINGS

The 109th annual session of the Arkansas District Association of Free Will Baptists met May 27 and 28, 1977 with the Lamb Free Will Baptist Church, Waldron, Arkansas.

The association was called to order by the Moderator, Norman Barnard. Roy Lemarr led the congregation in singing "Heavenly Sunlight," and the pianist was Syble Copeland. Frank A. Moore led in prayer.

The "Rules of Order" were read by the Assistant Moderator, Frank Moore. Willie Copeland led in prayer.

The church letters were read by the clerk, Sandra Kanady. Motion made and seconded to receive each letter.

The treasurer report was given by the clerk. Motion made and seconded to receive this report.

Frank Moore and Norman Barnard gave the "right hand of fellowship" to each delegate. "I Want To Be A Worker" led by Roy Lemarr.

The moderator, after a few remarks appointed the following committees: The Divine Committee consists of D. A. Martin, Luther Flewellen and Roy Yandell.

The Resolution Committee consists of Roy Lemarr, L. D. Carlile and Bethel Garner.

The Finance Committee consists of Frank Moore, L. D. Carlile and Syble Copeland.

The Temperance Committee consists of Willie Copeland, Dwayne Hawkins and Roy Lemarr.

The Sunday School Committee consists of Hawkins Hawkins, Mildred Lemarr and Virgie Ray.

The Obituary Committee consists of Rose Zimmer, Robbie Garner and Frank A. Moore.

Lewis Campbell made a few remarks concerning the bookstore at Conway.

Motion was made and seconded to seat these committees as appointed. Dismissed in prayer by Roy Lemarr.

Friday Morning Worship Service

Norman Barnard led in singing "When We All Get To Heaven." Our pianist was Rose Zimmer. Bethel Garner led in prayer. The congregation also sang "Just A Little Talk With Jesus."

After volunteer altar prayer from members of the congregation, Roy Lemarr brought the morning message. Revelation 1:3 "which is, and which was and which is to come." The congregation sang "I'll Be Somewhere Listening." Prayer by Lewis Campbell.

Friday Afternoon

The service began by Clarence Wilson leading "Mansion Over The Hill Top." Prayer led by Roy Lemarr. The congregation also sang "Come Unto Me."

The Lamb Free Will Baptist Church honored the association with two specials "What A Beautiful Day" and "How Great Thou Art."

The business session began with the reading of a letter from the Egypt Free Will Baptist Church. Motion made and seconded to accept this letter.

The report from the Sunday School Committee was read by the clerk. Motion made and seconded to accept this report.

The Finance Committee report was read. Motion made and seconded to receive this report.

The Credential and Grievance Committee report (incomplete) was read. Motion made and seconded to receive this report.

The Temperance Committee report was read and accepted.

The Executive Committee report was read by Willie Copeland. Motion made to accept the report.

The Resolution Committee report was read and received.

Motion was made to leave the date of the annual meeting as is. Motion carried. (see Enactments 1976)

Motion made and seconded that the Credential and Grievance Committee go to the Courthouse in Waldron, Arkansas and have the credentials of Harold Hall annulled.

Motion was made to dismiss the business session.

The afternoon speaker was L. D. Carlile. His text was Genesis 13:1. His subject was "Have we got what we started with?" The congregation sang "I'll Be Somewhere Listening" and "When We All Get To Heaven." Dismissed in prayer by L. D. Carlile.

Saturday Morning

The Saturday morning session was opened with the congregation singing "In The Sweet Forever" led by Pat Millard with Pattie Millard at the piano. Jim Burnett led in prayer.

The moderator read the "Rules of Order." The clerk read a summary of the proceedings of May 27.

Lacey Minnie led in prayer. The moderator called for all ten ministers to stand, those present were: Norman Barnard, Jerrell Willingham, Sid Loyd, Pat Millard, Roy Lemarr, William Grantham, J. L. Bonds, Stephen Hearrell, Terry Sherrill, Thomas Smith, L. D. Carlile, Willie Copeland, Bethel Garner, Lacey Minnie, Frank Moore.

The congregation sang "O How I Love Jesus" while the moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to all the delegates who were not present on Friday.

Motion made and seconded to send the next quarterly meeting to Keener. Motion made and seconded to send the next annual meeting to Brooklyn.

The speaker for the 1978 Memorial service will be Charles L. Minnie. The alternate will be Frank A. Moore.

Frank and Fern Moore were nominated to represent the Arkansas Association at the state meeting in Conway.

The election of officers for the coming year were as follows: 5 year man on the Executive Committee, Buddy Smith; Pat Millard was elected 3 year man on the Mission Board. Sid Loyd was elected 3 year man on the Credential and Grievance Committee. Jerrell Willingham was elected to fill the 3 year position on the Audit Committee.

Motion was made and seconded to leave Lacey Minnie on the Mission

Board, pending his ordination service.

Bethel Garner was elected to serve the association as moderator. L. D. Carlile is the assistant moderator.

Motion made and seconded to re-elect Sandra Kanady as clerk. Frank Moore is the assistant clerk.

The Obituary Committee report was read. Motion made to receive the report. Dismissed in prayer by Frank Moore.

Saturday Morning Worship Service

The Saturday morning service opened with Veta Frost singing "God's Gentle People." The congregation sang "Heaven's Jubille" and "When We All Get To Heaven" led by Clarence Wilson with Veta Frost at the piano. Prayer was led by J. L. Bonds.

Pat Millard read the names of thoses who has passed away from our association in the year 1976-1977. The congregation then sang "Blest Be The Tie" to honor our deceased.

The Memorial service speaker was Pat Millard. His text was taken from Revelation 14:13, "Blessed are the dead, that die in the Lord." The congregation sang "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms." Dismissed in prayer by the clerk.

Saturday Afternoon

The congregation sang "When All Of God's Singers Get Home," "That's Why I Love Him So" and "Shelter From The Storms." Prayer was led by Bethel Garner.

Motion was made and seconded that part 2 of the resolution made on Friday be annulled. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that William Grantham be accepted into the association.

The worship service began with the congregation singing "Victory In Jesus" led by Pat Millard with Patti at the piano.

Terry Sherrill brought his message from St. John 3:3. His subject was "Ye must be born again." Terry is from the Mulberry Free Will Baptist Church at Gravelly.

Thomas Smith from the Freedom Free Will Baptist Church brought his message from 2 Timothy 3:16. His subject was "We have God's Word."

All the ministers gathered in front of the altar for an "old-fashioned handshake" while we all sang "God Be With You." Dismissed in prayer by Pat Millard.

Moderator, Norman Barnard
Clerk, Sandra Kanady

PERMANENT BOARD REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Executive Board, have no new business to report.

Luther M. Flewellen
Roy Yandell
Rev. Willie Copeland

CREDENTIAL AND GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Credential and Grievance Committee, met at the Mulberry Free Will Baptist Church on April 13, 1977, and accepted the letter of resignation and credentials of Harold Hall. These credentials were voluntarily submitted to us. We will turn these credentials over to the association clerk for safekeeping.

We also examined Charles Jones at the request of the Mulberry Church and find him sound in the doctrine, and recommend him back to the church for license.

We examined Terry Sherrill, a member in good standing of the Mulberry Church, and recommended him back to the Mulberry Church for license.

We examined Stephen Hearrell and recommend him back to the Mulberry Church for license.

We examined J. L. Bonds on May 28 and recommend him back to the Freedom Church for license.

We also examined William Grantham and find him sound in doctrine and recommend him to the Arkansas Association for membership, pending a letter of recommendation from the Rich Mountain Association.

Roy Lemar
Frank Moore
Bethel Garner

MISSION BOARD REPORT

We plan to set up a tent or perhaps build a brush arbor in the community of Rover, Arkansas. Hoping we are received and the conditions are right to start a work there.

Pat Millard
Bethel Garner
Lacey Minnie

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Audit Committee, have examined the clerk's books and find them to be in order.

Rev. Frank A. Moore
Rev. L. D. Carlile
Sister Syble Copeland

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Beginning balance	\$340.74
Receipts from July 2, 3, 1976	179.07
Receipts from August 28, 1976	319.17
Receipts from October 30, 1976	256.44
Receipts from January 29, 1977	<u>347.14</u>
TOTAL	\$1,442.56

DISBURSEMENTS

Arkansas State Association	80.00
Arkansas Free Will Baptists (cooperative plan)	439.45
Mission Board	98.99
Booneville Democrat (500 minutes)	300.00
Annual clerk fee	50.00
Quarterly clerk fee	45.00
Post Office	10.82
Free Will Baptist Bookstore (license credentials)	3.00
Ebie Flower Shop (gift for clerk)	20.00
Trophies Unlimited (gift for former moderator)	23.43
Subtotal	878.42
Designated scholarship	100.00
Current balance	<u>464.14</u>
TOTAL	\$1,442.56

TEMPORARY BOARD REPORTS

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Be it resolved that any man coming before the Credential and Grievance Committee for examination, to be ordained to preach the gospel or to be a deacon in the church, must qualify for the office according to 1 Timothy 3:1-12.

L. D. Carlile
Roy Lemarr
Bethel Garner

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Temperance Committee, believe that we should be partakers of the Divine Nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. Besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge.

Roy Lemarr
Dwayne Hawkins
Willie Copeland

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Sunday School Committee, ask each church to encourage more people to come to Sunday school.

Mildred Lemarr
Hawkins Hawkins
Virgie Ray

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Obituary Committee, find that God has called from our association and added to His kingdom the following:

Orville Flynn
T. R. Jones
Eloise Owens
George W. Ray
Mable Southerland
Mae Holman
Retha Padgett
Gethrude Michaelec
John L. Herndon

Branch
Freedom
Egypt
Harmony
Ola
Plainview
Plainview
Mulberry
Mulberry

Signed: Rose Ann Zimmer
Robbie Garner
Rev. Frank Moore

INDIVIDUAL DISBURSEMENTS OF FUNDS

Churches	Repairs	Pastor's Salary	Lit.	Others	Coop	F. Mission	H. Mission	Evangelist
Boles		2,400.00						
Branch		2,400.00						
Brooklyn	545.00	1,820.00	70.00	731.00	80.00	100.00	320.00	200.00
Egypt	3,470.00	1,149.00	127.00	164.00				
Freedom	525.00	1,695.00	305.00	235.00	135.00			350.00
Harmony	140.00	1,365.00	187.00		147.00		70.00	
Keener	85.00	2,400.00	325.00	886.00				325.00
Lamb	347.00	540.00	176.00					
Mulberry	10,046.00	1,560.00	210.00		449.00		45.00	150.00
Ola		291.00	31.00			10.00	5.00	
Plainview	289.00	2,690.00	94.00		225.00	355.00		215.00
Pott's		1,700.00	107.00	710.00			300.00	190.00
Union Hill			33.00				5.00	
Total value of all church property					242,000.00			

STATISTICAL REPORT

	Membership	Received	Baptized	Dismissed	Deceased	S. S. Enrolment	Deacons	Ministers	Mid-week Service	CTS Service
Boles						75	4	1		
Branch	28	3			1	25	4	2	15	35
Brooklyn	28	6				36	3	2	20	18
Egypt	32	3	1	3	1	35	2	1		
Freedom	111	6	1	1	1	55	5	2	23	
Harmony	72			1	1	72	3	3		
Keener	70	7	5			75	3	2	35	45
Lamb	43	6	2			30	3	2		
Mulberry	97	30	34	1	2	50	4	2	40	
Ola	41			1	1	1	1	1	20	
Plainview	67	8	1		2	60	3	1	23	26
Pott's	55		3			45	2	1		
Union Hill	28	3	2			35	2	1		

SUMMARY OF THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS

August 27, 1976

The Arkansas Association met with the Ola Free Will Baptist Church. Their pastor is Thomas Morris.

A letter from the Ola Church was read asking for the name of Charles Scott to be taken off the deacons list, since he had returned his papers to the church. Motion carried.

L. D. Payne ask the association to help his church to hang a new door on one of the cottages at the Youth Camp.

Motion made to send the quarterly meeting to the Egypt Church. Motion carried.

The Fellowship meeting was suggested by Rev. Payne and he ask to host the first of these meetings at the Plainview Church. Motion made and seconded to grant this request.

The morning speaker was Stephen Hearrell; the afternoon speaker was L. D. Payne.

Moderator, Frank A. Moore
Clerk, Sandra Kanady

October 30, 1976

The Arkansas Association met with the Egypt Free Will Baptist Church. Their pastor is Jerald Willingham.

The clerk read letters of recommendation concerning Thomas Morris, Jerald Willingham and Raymond Dees. Motion made to accept these letters.

The fellowship meeting will be at the Union Hill Church.

The following resolution was made: That the Divine Committee not preach the same preacher over one time in 12 months except the speaker for the memorial service. Motion carried.

The Mission Board reported that they had sent \$25.00 to Brother Payne to help with his work in McGhee, Arkansas.

Roy Lemarr was elected to replace L. D. Payne as the 2 year man on the Credential and Grievance Committee

The morning speaker was Stephen Hearrell and the afternoon speaker was Jearld Willingham.

Moderator, Norman Barnard
Clerk, Sandra Kanady

January 29, 1977

The Arkansas Association met with the Harmony Free Will Baptist Church. Their pastor is Willie Copeland.

Thomas Smith was examined and recommended to the association to be licensed to preach the gospel.

The morning speaker was Charlie Jones and the afternoon speaker was Pat Millard.

Moderator, Norman Barnard
Clerk, Sandra Kanady

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 uncomformity 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 Savior 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 Sundays 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.

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; 1 Corinthians 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.—Isaiah 9:6; St. John 1:14; Luke 1:26; Matthew 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; Ephesians 4:30; Acts 8:7-20; Ezekiel 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.—2 Peter 1:19-21, 2 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.—Genesis 1:27; 2:16-17; Psalms 51:5; Genesis 3:5, 6; Romans 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.—Hebrews 9:12; Galatians 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; Matthew 19:13-22; 2 Corinthians 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.—1 Peter 1:5-25; 2:9-25; Revelation 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.—Matthew 3; Peter 3:21; St. John 3:23; Acts 10:45; Matthew 28:19.

10. COMMUNION AND FEETWASHING—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 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; St. John 13:1-17; 1 Corinthians 11:20-29; Matthew 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 employments—works of mercy and piety excepted.—Exodus 20:11; 31:12-17; Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Ezekiel 20:12; Matthew 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; Matthew 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.—Ephesians 3:16-21; Hebrews 12:22-23; 1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:20-22; Acts 2:47; Matthew 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.—2 Thessalonians 1:1; Acts 16:5; 3 John 9:10; Matthew 18:17; Acts 20:28; Revelation 1:4-20.

15. PERSEVERANCE—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 willfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty, they would backslide if persistently continued, would be eternally lost.—2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Peter 2:2; Romans 8:35; Apostasy: 2 Peter 1:8-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Hebrews 12:15-17; 1 John 5:16; Hebrews 6:1-6; 1

Timothy 4:1-2; Hebrews 3:12; St. John 15:1-7; Matthew 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.—Colossians 1:18-19; Matthew 16:18; Hebrews 12:23; Matthew 21:42; Ephesians 1:22.

17. SANCTIFICATION—Sanctification 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.—1 Corinthians 6:11; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; Hebrews 12:14; Philippians 3:21; 2 Thessalonians 5:19-23; St. John 17:17-19; 2 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. Matthew 28:5; John 5:28-29; 1 Corinthians 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.—Philippians 1:23; Luke 23:43; Revelation 6:9; Luke 16:19-25; Matthew 10:28.

20. JUDGMENT—We believe that there will be a general universal judgment—which 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.—2 Thessalonians 1:4-9; Revelation 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Revelation 21:8; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Matthew 12:36-37; Revelation 20:12-13; Acts 17:31; Matthew 25:32; Romans 2:1-16; Mark 9:43-48.

THE LAW OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(by Rev. Wm. Mankin)

The Lord's Supper was instituted for God's people. They all have equal rights to the Supper, and the right is a birthright. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body." 1 Corinthians 12:13. This is not water baptism, but spiritual baptism. Again Christ says: "I am the door, by me if any man enter in he shall be saved" (John 10:9). "He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber" (John 10:1). Christ is not water baptism, yet He is "the door." There is but one door, and Christ says He is that door, and he that cometh in at that door shall have full fellowship and equal rights with all other Christians. "Let a man examine himself, and let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup; for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation to himself," not to the church, but to himself. It is a personal matter in judging and eating. The church that does judge and exclude any of God's people is not in keeping with the instructions given by the church of Corinth. To thus judge and exclude one of the children of God is to offend the child so judged and excluded. Now, listen to Christ: "He that offends one of these little ones that believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matthew 18:6; 1 Corinthians 10:30; 13:32). It is contended that they of the same faith and order should be entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper. I admit that Christ is the true faith, and that His church is true order, and that faith is the means by which men belong to the true order. If this is meant by the same faith, we shall not object; we are agreed. But if sect is referred to, we object. As to order, if nothing but Gospel order is meant, very well; but we do not believe that one child of God should dictate just what another should believe or what church he should belong to in order that he may be in the right church, for the visible church is but an organic body of Christians, and placing your name on the church book of the best church on earth does not make you a Christian. The eunuch that believed and was baptized, what church did he join? Here is faith and here is order. Now we ask if the eunuch were to wish to commune with some of the churches, would he be allowed the right? No, he is not the same faith and order, yet he is admitted in heaven, but could not be admitted to a sectarian table. At the Lord's table all of His people have a perfect right, be he who he may, and when the supper is set and all of God's people are not invited, it is not the Lord's but a sectarian supper. "So we, being many, are one body in Christ and everyone members one of another" (Romans 12:5). And the way we become one body is by being baptized into that body, and, of course, this is spiritual baptism. He that gets in by water baptism, the same is a thief and a robber, and when any one gets into that body in a legal way he has a right to all the benefits and privileges of that body. "For we, being many, are one bread and one body, for we are partakers of that one bread" (1 Corinthians 10:17). By partaking we exhibit a oneness of that body. Who is meant by "we?" It certainly means all Christians of all ages. "When you come together, tarry one for another, be of one mind." But let the word of God control that mind. If it had ever been intended by the Savior that the Supper should be guarded, as some attempt to guard it, God would have endowed judges with power to discern the pure from the impure. But the standpoint from which to judge is water baptism, and a legal administration of the same. So, if baptism by immersion, and a legal administration, this settles the matter, and Christian

character is left out, by which some make a woeful mistake; for, after all this precaution, some have been found unworthy of the least of the privileges of the church. To admit immersion to be the only mode of baptism, and a true believer receiving it, is this not all right? Some would answer, "If by a legal administrator, this is all that is wanting." Is it not purely a personal matter? So it is the duty of the preacher to baptize and the applicant to be baptized. When this is done, each has performed a personal duty. If I had never been baptized and had to wait until I found one whom I knew to be a legal administrator, I would never be baptized at all, as I cannot know the heart of man. Two acting in concert, one acting in good faith and the other not. Every Christian is responsible for his own acts, and not for another. Simon the sorcerer "believed and was baptized" and that by a legal administrator, and yet it was discovered that he was not a Christian. So we see that baptism by legal administration does not confer any claim to Christian rights, as this proves to be a personal matter for we clearly see that the apostle, inspired as he was did not discover the evil of Simon's heart; neither can we know the heart of man. When we do our duty, it is ours; when an applicant, it is his. So we find that in repentance, faith, baptism, and Christian duties, all are personally accountable to God and not to man. Various are the opinions of men and the way we account to God and not to man. Various are the opinions of men and the way we account for them in the capacity of men; and if we use the capacity God has given us we do not think that we should be eternally condemned for what we cannot help. The church of Christ is divided into many members, but is one spiritual body and Christ the head; and they should have the same care for each other that the fleshly body has for its members. Should Christians commune together at the Lord's table? "What God has joined together let no man put asunder." Christians do not feel alike if they do not think alike. They can preach together, sing and love together and should they not commune together? Then a union and free communion is forced upon us. Christ said He would drink no more of the fruit of the vine until He should drink it anew in His kingdom. So as assembled at God's table in Heaven, so should we be on earth.

RULES OF ORDINATION

The purpose of the following examination is to try the man who believes himself to be called of God to preach the gospel, and wishes to be licensed or ordained by one of the churches of the Arkansas District Association of Free Will Baptists.

Its further purpose is to examine the candidate coming to us from another denomination and wishing to be licensed by one of our churches. If one has been ordained by another denomination and wishes to pastor a church in the Arkansas District Association, he shall be given this examination and if found to be a Free Will Baptist, the Credential Committee shall give credentials.

If deemed necessary it may be used to examine one coming from another Free Will Baptist Association who wishes to pastor a church in the Arkansas Association of Free Will Baptists.

The questionnaire is not intended to qualify or disqualify anyone to preach the gospel but to determine whether or not they who are being examined are Free Will Baptists and sound in the faith.

QUESTIONS

1. Have you studied the Articles of Faith as stated in the minutes of the Arkansas District Association of Free Will Baptist? YES

(If the candidate has not made a careful study of the afore-mentioned articles of faith and is not familiar with them, before proceeding with the examination he is required to become familiar with them and return to the credential committee for further examination.)

2. Do you believe the above mentioned articles of faith are true and correct? YES

3. If at any time in the future you are convinced the articles of faith under consideration are not correct, do you solemnly promise to surrender your credentials to the church that granted them? I DO

4. Do you believe the Revised Edition of the King James Version of the Bible is literally true? I DO

5. Do you believe in a resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust at the last day? I DO

6. Do you believe that speaking in tongues is essential evidence that you have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost? NO

7. Do you believe in the total depravity of the human heart? NO

8. Do you believe that infants are saved while in a state of innocence? I DO

9. Do you believe in a full and free salvation to all who will accept it on the gospel terms? I DO

10. Do you believe the burial in water of a believer in Christ is the true mode of water baptism? I DO

11. Do you believe it necessary to repeat baptism to such a subject? NO

12. Do you consent to the preaching of a trial sermon? (Arrangements for a trial sermon shall be arranged as soon as possible after examination.)

13. Do you believe that only those who persevere in holiness to the end will be saved? I DO

14. Do you believe that communion, feetwashing and baptism are gospel ordinances and are to be practiced until Jesus comes? I DO

15. Do you solemnly pledge yourself to preach and practice the above, God being your helper? I DO

Rev. Pat Millard
Rev. David Robbins
Rev. C. C. Kitchens
Rev. Roy Lemarr
Rev. Jackie Allen

CONSTITUTION OF ASSOCIATION

From the long experience, we, the members of the Church of God, denominated Free Will 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.

Article 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 or each ordained, and the Clerk of each church, will be members, when present, by virtue of their office.

Article 2. NAME—The members thus chosen and assembled with the Ministers and Deacons, to be denominated the Arkansas Association of Free Will Baptists, being composed to the several churches of our union, the Association having no power over the churches, reserving the right of withdrawal from any church becoming disorderly.

Article 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 last association. Churches, in sending their letters, may send obituaries of our dead.

Article 4. 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.

Article 5. QUESTIONS—No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has been first considered in its own church.

Article 6. MOTIONS—Every motion made and seconded shall be under the consideration of the association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Article 7. MINUTES—The association is to endeavor to furnish each church with Minutes of the Association in proportion to the membership of the church. And that 500 copies be printed and distributed by the quarterly meeting following the annual meeting of the association, if possible.

Article 8. 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.

Article 9. 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.

Article 10. 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.

ENACTMENTS

1932—Be it resolved that we, the Free Will Baptist, in speaking of our church, speak of it as "THE CHURCH OF GOD, OR CHRIST, denominated the FREE WILL BAPTIST."

1940—Be it resolved that we shall devote the 11 a.m. service of each session of the Association to a Memorial Service Saturday. 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.

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. 2. Be it resolved that our association shall instruct our secretary to drop from our roster of 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 CTS group for the training of our young people, and the general welfare of the church.

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 Free Will Baptist church.

No. 4. Be it resolved that this association pay our clerk \$50.00 for his service rendered in this association and for the time it will take to compile the minutes of this association.

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.

1966—No. 1. *Removed 1972.*

No. 2. We, the resolution committee, would like to go on record as encouraging the local church to conduct a Vacation Bible School each summer.

No. 3. We, the committee, encourage the reading of our Articles of Faith and Church Covenant by our pastors to their churches, often.

No. 4. Be it resolved that we again have placed in our minutes the law of the Lord's Supper as written by Rev. W. M. Mankin ninety-three years ago.

1967—No. 1. Be it resolved that this association in its regular meeting shall adopt the cooperation plan as was referred to the churches concerning the state and national plan. This plan being 10% of incomes of each church in the association. The said 10% to be allocated in this fashion: 3% of total church

income being retained by the association for furthering its work, 7% to be forwarded to state treasurer for disbursement as aforesaid plan states. Any funds for any special purpose should be so earmarked.

1968—No. 1. Be it resolved that this association go on record as approving Article 10 and Article 15 of our articles of faith as they are presently written in our minutes and that we are against any changes in the wording of above articles. And that we instruct our delegates to the State Association to disapprove of any attempts to change the wording of the above articles.

1969—No. 1. Be it resolved the wording used in the amendments concerning the Credential and Grievance Committee be changed by leaving off the words of the Deacon order.

No. 2. Be it resolved that a candidate for the ministry be required to carry license for 1 year before ordination.

1970—No. 1. Be it resolved that we recommend that the treasurer give either oral or written report of the financial standing of the association at every setting of the association (This was voted and passed at quarterly meeting at Pleasant Hill on March 30, 1970.)

No. 2. That ministers coming to us from other denominations submit to an examination as to faith and practice according to our rules of ordination.

1971—Resolution No. 1. We recommend that any committee or board that is chosen by the association, other than the mission board, shall be reimbursed for any expenses incurred in the process of conducting the association's business. Mileage to be paid at the rate of .09¢ per mile one way. The aforesaid reimbursement is to be subject to the approval of the association.

No. 2. Be it resolved that any association resolution that is presented to be considered by the Arkansas District Association or quarterly meeting must be in written form and given to the clerk of aforesaid association, before it be acted upon. Under no circumstances will a resolution be considered in any other form except a resolution given from the floor and then only after being clearly stated and giving the clerk time to record the resolution as stated.

No. 3. Be it resolved that a minister coming from another association, state or denomination be required to furnish names of the church and association from which he comes. That letters of recommendation may be obtained for our association through our clerk.

1974—Be it resolved that a summary of each quarterly meeting be printed in the minutes of the association.

1975—Be it resolved that this association sponsor a \$100.00 scholarship to each student from our association that will attend one of our Free Will Baptist Bible Colleges their freshman year. This resolution was approved.

Resolution No. 1. We, your resolution committee, wish to submit that each church get minutes of the association in proportion to the membership of the church. And that we have 500 copies of the minutes printed. We also recommend that the minutes be out by the next quarterly meeting if possible.

Resolution No. 2. We also recommend that alphabetical preaching be dissolved and speakers are selected by a committee appointed by the moderator.

Resolution No. 3. Whereas the lack of wording has caused confusion regarding the disbursement of money, the following plan is offered as a corrective measure:

1. All money sent to the association earmarked "minutes" can only be spent on the expenses of printing or clerk's fee.

2. The Cooperative plan of this association subscribes to shall be as follows:

A. The local church sends 10% of its offerings to the district association.
B. The district association sends 70% of its total receipts to the state association.

C. The 30% that is retained shall be divided as follows:

30% shall be given to the Home Mission Board for operational expenses. This is to be used within our association.

70% shall be retained in the General Fund to be used for printing minutes, paying clerk's fee, scholarship and any emergency that may arise. This money can only be spent by a majority of the members present at a quarterly meeting or association.

1976—Be it resolved that the annual association will convene on the last Friday and Saturday of the month of May, and if it falls within 30 days of a quarterly meeting these two meetings shall be combined.

No. 2. Be it resolved that the Divine Committee not preach the same preacher over one time in 12 months except for the Memorial Service.

1977—Be it resolved that any man coming before the Credential and Grievance Committee for examination, to be ordained to preach the gospel or to be a deacon in the church, must qualify for the office according to 1 Timothy 3:1-12.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Association called to order by the moderator, in his absence by the Assistant Moderator.
2. Reading of rules of order by chair or clerk.
3. Letters from churches called for, received and delegates seated. Given right hand of fellowship.
4. Call for petitionary churches.
5. Treasurer report.
6. Appointment of following committees: (a) Arrangements for preaching; (b) Resolutions; (c) Finance; (d) Temperance; (e) Sunday schools; (f) Obituary; (g) Condition of non-represented churches.
7. Reports of committees appointed at last association and other unfinished business.
8. Reports of new committees.
9. New Business.
10. Election of permanent officers.
11. Adjournment.

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of the association, business shall be opened and concluded with 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 exercise 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.