





### MINUTES OF THE SESSION of 1934.

The Big Springs Association of Freewill Baptist met with State Line Church on Thursday night before the third Sunday in September, 1934, was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. H. Griffith. Rev. Delbert Davis preached the introductory sermon. Lesson: Psalms 138. Subject: Trouble, Peace, and Comfort. A continuation of the revival meeting.

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 o'clock Friday morning.

#### Friday Morning Session.

Was called to order by Moderator, by song, Scripture lesson, and prayer. The constitution and rules of decorum were read by the Clerk.

The letters from the Churches were called for and the following reported.

Union Hill Church letter presented by Sister Minnie Hand and Bro. Leslie Hand.

Bay Creek Church letter presented by Sisters Georgia Kenslow and Martha Davis.

Pleasant Flat Church letter presented by Rev. J. H. Griffith.

Center Point Church letter presented by Bros. Tom Davis and Thurman Shelton.

Little Flock Church letter presented by Rev. Noah Miller.

New Home Church letter presented by Sister Leona King.

State Line Church letter presented by Bros. Otto Barnette and Cecil Basham.

Pleasant View Church letter presented by Bros. E. J. Austin and B. F. Keeling.

Red Oak Church letter presented by Rev. J. E. Phillips.

Valley View Church letter presented by letter.

Pleasant Flat Church letter presented by Rev. J. H. Griffith.

Maple Grove Church letter presented by Rev. J. E. Phillips.

The letters were received and delegates seated and the right hand of fellowship extended to delegates.

The devine service committee was appointed as follows: Bros. G. L. Bell, E. B. Adams, and Walter Kenslow.

New churches were called for and the following letters were presented:

The Zion Church, Clark Ridge, Ark., presented itself for membership. Was accepted and its delegates were seated. Bros. Jesse Dover and B. F. Alsup.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator.

Literature Committee: Bro. Tom Davis, Rev. Noah Miller and Sister Emma Hargrave.

Obituary Committee: Bros. Archie Holloway, E. J. Austin and Thurman Shelton.

Temperance Committee: Bros. H. L. Berry, Watter Roberts, and Sister Georgia Kenslow.

Sunday School Committee: Sisters Minnie Hand, Martha Davis and Bro. B. F. Keeling.

Resolutions Committee: Revs. Delbert Davis, J. E. Phillips, and Bro. Jesse Dover.

Credentials Committee: Bros. G. Hardy Hand, Walter Kenslow, and Guy Hargrave.

Motion made to adjourn and meet at 2 p.m.

Divine Service at 11 a. m. Friday by Rev. Noah Miller. Lesson: Second Timothy 2. Text: Isaiah 6:16. Subject: Seek The Old Paths.

### Friday Evening Session.

Opened by song, Scripture lesson by Moderator, and prayer by Bro. H. L. Berry.

The Literature Committee reported as follows:

We find the world is supplied with all kinds of literature. Therefore the selection of wholesome literature is vitally important as most of our knowledge is acquired by reading. It is necessary that what we read should be clean and wholesome. We condemn the reading of such unclean lteraure as promote the growth of infidelity and books teaching evolution, and those that are peddled by men who are not interested in the welfare of our children should be let alone as deadly poison. Ministers should study to show the inconsistencies of such works. The Bible is our best literature. Committee: Rev. Noah Miller, Bro. Tom Davis and Sister Emma Hargrave. The report was received and the committee released.

The Obituary Committee reports as follows:

We find that the Lord has dealt graciously with us, yet has taken from us our beloved Sister, Minnie Dodd, and Bro. T. N. Keeling of Plain View Church, and Sister Lillian McCormack of Bay View Church. We assure their kindred and friends the sympathy and prayers of the Association. Committee: Bros. E. J. Austin, Thurman Shelton and Archie Holloway. The report was received and the committee released.

Motion made to adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Friday night service conducted by Rev. J. E. Phillips. Subject: If Sinners Go to Torment Who Cares?

### Saturday Morning Session.

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Past minutes were read and received.

The reports of committees called for and the following reported: Rev. J. H. Griffith, Rev. Delbert Davis, Rev. Carl Davis, Rev. J. E. Phillips, Rev. R. W. Roberts, Rev. Noah Miller and Rev. R. W. Partee. and the second state of the second state of the second state of the second state of the second states and the second states and the second states are second states and the second states are second states and the second states are second states

The reports were received.

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We, the Committee on Sunday School, submit our report as follows: Realizing the importance of Sunday School and that it is in keeping with Christ's teachings, also Solomon said, (Prov. 22:6), "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." We therefore urge ministers to encourage Sunday School work, urging parents to maintain Sunday School in every community and to take their children every Sunday to same. Statistics shoow that a large majority of crime committed is by people who were not reared in Sunday School. Committee: Sisiters Minnie Hand, Martha Davis, and Bro. B. F. Keeling. The report

was received and the committee released. 

Motion made to adjourn and meet at 1:30 o'clock.

Saturday morning service conducted by Rev. Noah Miller, followed by Rev. J. H. Griffith. Lesson: Gal. 5. Subject: Second Coming of Christ.

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Opened by song, Scripture lesson by Moderator, and prayer by Bro. T. F. Gillian. 11 11

Reports called for and the following committees reported:

Credentials Committee reports as follows: We find that we have ten ordained ministers in the Association. Bro. C. T. Davis is not physically able to do any preaching as he is 77 years old. Also we find that the other ministers are in good work and in good standing, except Bro. Robert Yarbrough, who has stepped aside and we recommend that a committee be appointed to intercede Bro. Yarbrough and see if we can't win him back. Committee: Bros. Guy Hargrave, Walter Kenslow, and G. Hardy Hand. Report was received and committee released. Committee appointed is as follows: Bros. J. E. Phillips, B. F. Keeling, and E. B. Adams.

The Executive Committe reports no business and the committee stands as follows: Rev. C. T. Davis, Rev. Carl Davis and Bro. Guy Hargrave.

The Ordaining Council was appointed as follows: Rev. C. T. Davis, Rev. Delbert Davis, and Rev. J. E. Phillips.

The Temperance Committee reported as follows: As our government has legalized the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks, we, your committee beg to submit the following report: We recommend that the pastors of the various churches urge their membership to support candidates whom they know to be dry for all our offices and whom they believe will enforce the laws we now have and all other laws that may be enacted against drunkenness and the sale of all intoxicating drinks. Committee: Rev. Walter Roberts, Bro. H. L. Berry, and Sister Georgia Kenslow. Report was received and the committee released.

The Resolutions Committee reports as follows:

Resolved, that ministers and Sunday School teachers warn people against Sunday baseball, pointing out its many evils, together with its many hinderances to good.

Resolved, that no able bodied minister's credentials shall be approved for more than two years who does not pastor a church if said minister has been called or has an opportunity.

Resolved, that Association elect an evangelist for the Associational year.

Resolved, that this Association meet with the Plain View Church on Thursday night before the third Sunday in September, 1935.

Resolved, that each minister report to the Association annually the amount received from each church in his charge, number of sermons preached to each church, also amount received and number of sermons preached at other places.

Statistical Report for 1934.											
Ohurches	Members Received Baptized Baptized Died Menthership Meeting Days 1033	Name of pastor 1934									
Center Point New Home Little Flock Plensant Grove Bay Creek Hill Top, Union <sup>®</sup> Hill Plensant Flat Valley View Maple Grove Plain View State Line Red Oak	6 69 3 J L Davis J H Griffith	Carl Davis Carl Davis Delbert Davis Carl Davis R W Partee Carl Davis J E Phillips J E Phillips Delbert Davis J E Phillips J E Phillips J H Griffith									

# Ministerial Report for 1934. And the state of the second s

J. E. Phillips         J. H. Griffith         Delbert Davis         Carl Davis         Noah Miller         R. W. Partee         R. W. Roberts		Exhortations Preached Exhortations	Sunday School Lectures	bers Received 12 10 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20	14	6 15	2		881 994 1258	From Churches 800 2000 800 2000 8000 8	19.26 11.40
Names and Addresses of Ministers.											
J. E. Phillips,R. 1. Leslie, Ark. J. H. Griffith,Gassville, Ark. Delbert Davis,Salem, Ark. Carl Davis,Salem, Ark. Noah MillerBakersfield, Mo. R. W. Partee,Amos, Ark. R. W. Roberts,Mountain Home, Ark. C. T. Davis,Elizabeth, Ark. Marvin Davis,Elizabeth, Ark.											

## CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be composed of ordained and licensed Ministers, Deacons and the Clerks of the different Churches and Delegates who shall be members of the Churches of this Association and shall have power, when quorum it present, to transact all business that comes before it.

ARTICLE 2. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday night before the third Sunday in September.

ARTICLE 3. Each Church shall be entitled to two delegates in the Association; the Association shall act as advisory, but shall have no ecclesiastic authority over the Churches.

ARTICLE 4. The officers of the Association shall consist of a Moderator and Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be members of the Association, who shall be elected annually.

ARTICLE 5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over and lead the transaction of the meetings, to appoint all committees, and to see that order and decorum are preserved by all the members; it shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep an impartial record of the business transacted during the session and to take charge of the Permanent Records of the Association; the officers of the Association shall continue in office until succeeded by a new election.

ARTICLE 6. It shall be the duty of each church of this Association to send to each annual meeting a letter by its appointed messengers containing a brief account of its changes during the year and its present condition.

ARTICLE 7. Any church may be received into this Association on application for admission by its appointed messengers with a letter of correspondence, provided it is sound in doctrine and orderly in practice, and in token of such reception the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to its delegates present.

ARTICLE 8. This Association shall at each annual meeting appoint the time and place for the next annual meeting and the brethren to preach the introductory.

ARTICLE 9. All business shall be done by the members.

ARTICLE 10. The Association shall appoint an Ordaining Council from year to year; provided that in the absence of the Ordaining Council any two Ministers or one Ordained Minister and one Ordained Deacon may act as Ordaining Council, and no person shall be ordained without first examining him upon his moral and efficient character to teach or preach the Gospel. ARTICLE 11. This Constitution may be altered or changed at any of the annual meetings of the Association.

ARTICLE 12. The Association may expel any Church from its deliberations and withdraw its fellowship from the same for heresy or irregularity in practice.

ARTICLE 13. The Churches composing this Association shall contribute to their Pastors sufficient to reward them for their expenses and time spent with them.

ARTICLE 14. This Association shall take care of old and worn-out Ministers and their wives or widows, the Association shall have a treasurer who shall pay out of money received to the order of the Association for the purpose contributed.

ARTICLE 15. All Ministers shall make a written report of all their labors during the year.

ARTICLE 16. A committee of three shall be appointed each year to inquire into the standing of our Ministers.

ARTICLE 17. Each pastor shall impress upon each church in his charge the need of taking sacrament and washing of feet at least once a year.

ARTICLE 18. This Association shall take the sacrament and wash feet with the church it meets with Sunday night after the Association each year.

# RULES OF DECORUM

SECTION 1. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer by the Moderator or any person he may designate.

SECTION 2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise and address the Moderator.

SECTION 3. All visiting brethren invited to take seats with us may debate on all questions, but shall not vote on any.

SECTION 4. No discussion shall be except on motion and second.

SECTION 5. The person speaking shall adhere to the subject in debate and in no wise cast personal reflection on any one who may have previously spoken.

SECTION 6. The person speaking shall not be interrupted by any one except the Moderator. Nor shall the Moderator interrupt him unless he breaks order.

SECTION 7. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

SECTION 8. Members shall address each other by the appellation of "Brother" or "Brethren." SECTION 9. If any member objects to the discussion of a motion made and seconded, the Moderator shall immediately put the question: "Shall the question be discussed?" If negative, the question shall not be discussed.

SECTION 10. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded on Minutes unless so ordered by a vote at the time.

SECTION 11. If any motion or proposition under discussion contain two or more parts it shall, at the request of any member, be divided and the vote on each part taken separately.

SECTION 12. No member shall laugh or whisper during speaking.

SECTION 13. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave.

SECTION 14. The names of members shall be enrolled and called when necessary.

SECTION 15. No member shall speak over ten minutes without leave of the Moderator.

SECTION 16. The minutes shall be read and corrected before final adjournment.

SECTION 17. Any member who shall break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator according to the direction of the

Association.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

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1. We believe in one true and living God—the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost—and these three are equal in divine essence. power and glory. John 1:1; I John 5:7; I Cor. 8:6; John 10:30.

2. We believe that the Scriptures in the Old and New Testament are the words of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 4:2; 2 Tim. 3:16.

3. We believe that God created man and gave him holy commandments, whereby he should live holy, but man voluntarily disobeyed the commandments of God, transgressed the law and fell under the just condemnation of the same, whereby all men are sinners, not by constraint, but by choice, being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the fall. But we see Jesus, who was made a litle lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; then He by the grace of God should taste death for every man. Gen. 1:27; Gen. 2:16-17; Gen. 3:6; John 3:16-17; Heb. 2:9.

4. We believe that Christ, by His death, burial and resurrection purchased our pardon and offers it freely to all men upon the condition of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent, therefore look unto me and be ye saved all the ends of the earth, for I am God, and beside me there is none else. Rom. 5:6-21; Matt. 4:17; Isaiah 45:22; Heb. 11:16.

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5. We believe that all adult persons must be regenerated and born of the spirit of God if they inherit eternal life. John 1:6-14: Titus 3:5; John 3:1-13; Rom. 8:9.

6. We believe that regeneration is an instantaneous renewal of the heart by the Holy Ghost whereby the penitent sinner receives a new life, becomes a child of God and is disposed to serve Him. As babies require constant food for bodily development, the new born babe in Christ requires constant food that he may develop by a gradual growth into full stature of Christian manhood. John 3:5; Ez. 36:26-27; Titus 3:5; Gal. 5:1-21; Eph. 2:10; Rom 8:16; John 1:12-13; Matt. 13:31; Mark 4:26; I Peter 2:3.

7. We believe that the doctrine of Santification or Holiness as taught in the Bible applies to the soul or inner man; and to it alone and that the santification of the body will not take place until the resurrection of the dead, when this mortal shall put on immortality and this corruptible shall put on incorruption. I Cor. 6:11; Rom 7:17-25; Phil. 3:21; I Cor. 35:54.

8. We believe that all Chrustians should persevere in grace, and be faithful to the end if they inherit eternal life, for blessed are they that do His commandments that they have a right to the tree of life and enter in through the gates of the city. Cor. 10:12-13; Rev. 22:14; Rom. 11:20-21; Heb. 10:26; John 15:2-6.

9. We believe in the justification of infants by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ in a passive state, thereby adopting them heirs of His kingdom. Matt. 19:13-14; 8:10:

10. We believe that the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful followers who have obtained fellowship with each other and have given themselves to the Lord and one another, having agreed to keep up good discipline according to the rules of the Gospel. Matt. 18:15-20.

11. We believe that the church is the family of God, the redeemed in the aggregate of Adam's race from righteous Abel to the restitution of all things of every nation, kindred, tongue and people. Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:47; Heb. 12:23; Eph. 1:22-23; Rom. 12:5; 10:17.
12. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church and the government is with the body. Eph. 5:23; Col. 1:18-21; Matt. 18:17-18.

13. We believe that baptism by immersion is the apostolic mode. even the burial of a believer in water, and that Christ, who is our life, showed this humble example to His children and bade them walk therein. Matt. 3:15-16; Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 1:8; Acts 8:38 Rom. 6:16.

14. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the Saint's feet are ordinances of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and are to be continued until His second coming. Matt 28:19; Luke 22:19-20; John 13:5. 

15. We believe that only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ have a right to baptism, and those only who have been called of God and have come under the Presbytery of Elders have a right to administer the same. Titus 1:1-16; Mark 16:16; Matt. 3:8-9; Acts 10:47; I Tim. 4:16.

16. The soul is immortal, 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. ▲ 小学校、小学、● 茶店, 前方100 元時, 時間等, 市民学校、株式学校、 1:23; Luke 23:43; Rev. 6:9.

17. We believe that there will be a general universal judgment when all men shall be judged according to the deeds done in the

body, whether good or bad, and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment and the righteous into eternal happiness. Eccl. 3:17; 11:9; Matt. 12:36-37; 2 Thes. 1:8-9; Rev. 6:12-17; 20:12; 21:8; 14:11; Luke 16:23; 2 Cor. 5:10.

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18. We believe that God in His goodness displays power of grace in a greater degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Ghost and by the instructions of His blessed words to go forth and proclaim life and salvation without price. He bids us freely to come and nothing prevents the salvation of any but their own stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come. Acts 9:15; I Tim. 4:16; I Cor. 1:23; I Tim 1:15-16.

and the second secon 19. We believe in a divine call to the ministry, that the minister should heed the admonition of Paul to Timothy to study the Scriptures, that the church donate of their substance as the Lord prospers them to the support of their pastors, and that ministers may have better opportunities to store their minds with that spiritual food so necessary to Christian development. To this end we recommend that each church have a finance committee of three to consist of two deacons and a clerk to collect and store such funds. 2 Tim 2:15; I Cor. . . 16:1-2.

## CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God through Jesus Christ, and adopted the foregoing articles as our confession of faith, we now give ourselves to each other by the will of God, and agree to the following Church Covenant.

1. We solemnly covenant before God, that we will strive by His assisting grace to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice. We covenant and agree as members of the church and as Christians, to watch over each other in love for mutual upbuilding in Gospel faith, endeavoring to keep the unity of Spirit in the bond of peace, to be careful of each other's reputation, to confess our faults to one another, to strengthen the feeble and kindly admonish the erring, and to labor together for the upbuilding of the church and the denomination, and the salvation of sinners.

2. We promise that we will faithfully and constantly maintain secret and family prayer, and religiously instruct those under our care.

3. We covenant and agree to use our influence to sustain the regular public worship of God, contributing according to our ability and circumstances for the support of the ministry and other expenses among us, that we will be benevolent to the needy, and especially to the poor of our own church.

4. We also promise, that so far as we are able, we will attend upon public worship, the social meetings of the church, and report ourselves regularly at the monthly conferences, and that we will walk in all the ordinances of the Lord's house.

5. We covenant and agree that we will abstain from all vain amusements and sinful conformity to the world; that we will not traffic in, use, nor furnish others, intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and that we will sustain the benevolent enterprises of our denomination and church—as missions, education, Sabbath School, moral reforms, and all others which tend to the glory of God and welfare of men.

And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may join the glorified around the throne of God, in ascribing blessings and honor and glory and power to Him who sitteth on the throne and unto the Lamb forever. Amen.