## Minutes

of the

# FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

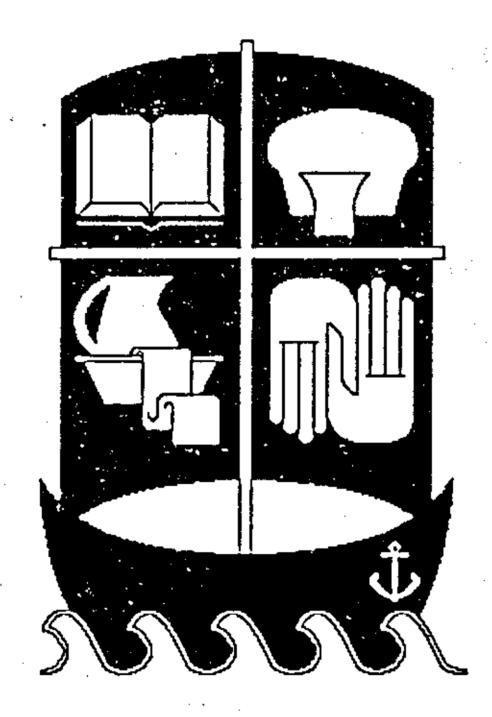
of the

# FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION

of

# FREE WILL BAPTIST

June 28 - 29, 2002



# Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church Atkins, Arkansas

| Moderator           | David Bishop     |
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| Assistant Moderator | Randell Williams |
| Clerk               | Keith Bowden     |
| Assistant Clerk     | Pat Hunnicutt    |

#### Our National Free Will Baptist Logo

The logo of the National Association of Free Will Baptists incorporates four symbols used by the earliest communities in Christendom: the Ship, the Fish, the Anchor, and the Cross.

The SHIP: The SHIP symbolizes the Church and represents all the members pulling in one direction, guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Seeking to fulfill Christ's last command to the Church, Free Will Baptists unite in one purpose with one priority to proclaim the good news of the gospel throughout the world.

The FISH: The FISH, represented in the symbol by the space between the bottom of the sail and the top of the ship's body, is one of the most popular symbols for Jesus Christ. Many believe that it was a secret symbol which identified Christians during periods of persecution. The word "fish" in the first century Greek (ichthus) is an acrostic for Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior.

The ANCHOR: The ANCHOR on the bow of the ship symbolizes the Christian hope of salvation, "the sure, strong and steadfast anchor of the soul."

The CROSS: The mast of the ship in the emblem forms the most familiar symbol in the history of the world, the CROSS – an instrument of execution and death turned into a worldwide symbol of hope and love by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In the four corners of the ship's sail, the symbols of earliest Christianity are enhanced by modern emblems of a vital, living faith – the <u>Holy Bible</u>, the <u>Loaf and Cup</u>, the <u>Basin and Towel</u>, and <u>Clasped Hands</u> – the symbols of Free Will Baptists.

The BIBLE: The BIBLE has always been at the heart of our life as Free Will Baptists, the centrality of the scriptures. Free Will Baptists adopt the Word of God as our only rule of faith and practice. We believe the scriptures to be inspired, inerrant, infallible and immutable.

The LOAF and CUP: The LOAF and CUP represent the Lord's supper, one of the gospel ordinances. This ordinance commemorates the death of Christ for our sins in the use of the bread which He made the emblem of His broken body and the cup the emblem of His shed blood. Participation in this ordinance expresses love for Christ, faith and hope in Him, and serves as a pledge of perpetual fidelity and faithfulness to Him.

The BASIN and TOWEL: The BASIN and TOWEL historically symbolize the service and outreach of the church, but for us it has an added significance of representing our practice of washing the saints' feet.

The CLASPED HANDS: The CLASPED HANDS symbolize many things to us; fellowship, brotherhood and the warmth of our faith. Perhaps the most important thing symbolized by the clasped hands is our commitment to reach out to people around the world with the good news.

## **2002 – 2003 STANDING BOARDS**

## **Executive Board**

| EXECUTIVE DUALU  |
|--|
| David Bishop5 Years  |
| Terry Latham4 Years *  |
| Rick Hearn3 Years *  |
| Grady Hunnicutt2 Years   |
| Randell Williams1 Year   |
|  |
| Parliamentarian  |
| Lawnie Coffman   |
|  |
| Christian Education Board  |
| Louise Hubbard3 Years  |
| Rhonda Johnson2 Years  |
| James Chronister1 Year   |
|  |
| Mission Board  |
| Betty Hambright3 Years   |
| Barbara Taylor2 Years  |
| Martha Bowden1 Year  |
| Martia Dowdell   |
| Youth Board  |
| Jackie Duvall3 Years   |
| Jim Haralson2 Years *  |
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| Lisa Bowden1 Year  |
| Finance Board  |
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| Leon Taylor3 Years   |
| Jeff Small   |
| Freddy Bowden1 Year  |
| <ul> <li>Indicates one who is completing the unexpired term of another and can be<br/>reelected for another full term.</li> </ul>  |
| Times and Places of Meetings for 2002-03   |
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| September 25-26, 2002 Welcome Home   |
| January 22-23, 2003  |
| March 26-27 Dardanelle   |
| June 27-28, 2003 Harmony   |
| September 24-25, 2003 Oak Grove  |
| The Preachers and Deacons meeting will be the first Tuesday night of the month of the Quarterly Meeting at the church that will host the Quarterly   |

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It is recommended that the pastor appoint one of his deacons to bring the

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#### Fellowship Association Friday Night – June 28, 2002 Union Grove FWB

The meeting was opened by Rick Hearn leading the congregation in singing "This World Is Not My Home."

Matt Slaughter led in prayer.

Bro. Bo Coffman gave the devotion from Genesis 12...'The Good Things of God's Blessings.'

The Church letters were read and the Delegates were seated.

The minutes and financial reports were read and approved.

Bo Coffman, Terry Latham and Bill Haralson were appointed to the Resolutions Committee.

Shirley Johnson, Brenda Housley and Freddy Bowden were appointed to the Obituary Committee.

Jarvis Reed shared information about his mission work in The Woodlands, Texas.

Grady Hunnicutt gave the Executive Board Report. He stated:

The Executive Board does not have a report. But I was handed a letter earlier from the Union Grove FWB Church requesting that B.J. Duvall be examined by the Board. We have decided to meet with Bro. B.J. after tonight's service and present a recommendation in tomorrow mornings business session.

David Bishop was elected to a 5 year term on the Executive Board to fill the seat vacated by the expired term of Bo Coffman.

Rhonda Johnson gave the Christian Education Board Report. Her report:

The CE Board has planned a seminar on the Prayer of Jabez for October 5, 2002 at Woodlawn FWB Church. The seminar will be given by Bro. Mike Phillips. The seminar will be from 9 am to 1 pm and lunch will be provided.

Louise Hubbard was elected to a 3 year term on the Christian Education Board to fill the seat vacated by the expired term of Brenda Housley.

There was no report from the Mission Board, but they expressed their thanks to the Association for the support of Missions over the past year.

Betty Hambright was elected to a 3 year term on the Mission Board to fill the seat vacated by the expired term of Marty Hambright.

Jackie Duvall gave the Youth Board Report. Her report:

The Youth Board met at Union Grove at 7:00 on January 17, 2002. We decided to serve food to the Fellowship District Youth and Youth Workers at 6:00 pm before the Wednesday night service on April 3, 2002. Hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks will be served. We also discussed youth outreach and service ministries around the Pope County area. September 21, 2002 was set for a fall Youth Rally.

The Youth Board met at 9:30 on June 26, 2002 at Oak Grove Church. We discussed having a youth social before school begins called "Last Blast." We will be serving hamburgers and homemade ice cream. The date is Saturday, August 10, 2002 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Woodlawn FWB Church. We will be sending out flyers to each church as reminders. We would like each church to provide 4 to 5 freezers of ice cream. We will be having outside activities along with singing.

Details were also discussed for our next Youth Rally at Union Grove on September 21, 2002 at 6:00 pm. We will be serving pizza and cookies. Our speakers will be announced at a later date. Flyers will be sent to the churches to promote the Youth Rally also.

Jackie Duvall was elected to a 3 year term on the Youth Board. Having served a 1 year term to complete the unexpired term of Anita Deal, Jackie Duvall was reelectable.

Pat Hunnicutt gave the WAC Report. Her report:

The Fellowship District Women Active For Christ has five locals with 56 members. Our total giving for the period of January 1, 2001 thru December 31, 2001 was \$10,579.50. Meetings were held January 6<sup>th</sup> at Woodlawn FWB Church with 30 present; April 28<sup>th</sup> at Harmony FWB Church with 24 in attendance; July 28<sup>th</sup> at Oak Grove FWB Church with 38 in attendance; October 27<sup>th</sup> at Union Grove FWB Church with 36 in attendance.

Officers for 2002 were elected as follows:

Sis. Pat Hunnicutt - President

Sis. Glenda Anderson - Vice President

Sis. Brenda Housley - Secretary

Sis. Pat Isom - Treasurer

Sis. Debbie Canada - Mission Chairperson

Sis. Vicki Downum – Study Chairperson

Sis. Joyce George – Prayer Chairperson

Sis. Nina Loveless – Service Chairperson

Leon Taylor was elected to a 3 year term on the Finance Board to fill the seat vacated by the expired term of Jim Rye.

The service was changed to a time of worship and Rick Hearn led the congregation is singing "He Set Me Free" and "Heaven's Jubilee."

Lonnie Coffman led in prayer.

The Union Grove Quartet sang "He May Be On The Next Cloud" and "The First Look."

Bro. David Bishop brought the message from II Corinthians 5:20... 'The Very Best Work For The Church Is Still Yet To Come.'

Dismissed in prayer by B. J. Duvall.

#### Fellowship Association Saturday, June 29, 2002 Union Grove FWB

The meeting was opened by Freddy Bowden leading the congregation in singing "The Gloryland Way."

J.L. Austin led in prayer.

Jerad Higginbotham gave the devotion from Revelation 4: 8-10... 'The Coming Gathering Of The Saints Before God.'

Lisa Bowden gave the Acts1:8 Task Force Report. Her report: The Acts 1:8 Task Force met in Conway on May 30, 2002.

Shane Davison completes a two-year assignment in July 2002. He will be getting married this summer. They have definite plans to return to the Ivory Coast as career missionaries. They will begin language school in the fall of 2004.

Stan and Brenda Bunch, of Panama, have requested a one-year leave of absence to begin September 1, 2002. No funding will be needed from 9/1/02 to 8/31/03.

Our goal for 2002 was \$521,000.00. Our new goal for 2002 is now \$492,222.24. The decrease in required funds is due to the leave of absence by the Bunches in Panama.

As of May 30, 2002 we have a shortage of \$50,865.84. The Task Force would like all local churches to reevaluate their giving. Since Acts 1:8 started we have doubled our budget, and some churches are still paying the same amount.

Pastors, please promote the Acts 1:8 plan in your churches, and give out the new Acts 1:8 Missionary Flyers.

Bo Coffman gave a report from the Executive Board Meeting with Bro. B.J. Duvall. His report:

The Executive Board met with Bro. B.J. for the purpose of examination, and recommend that he be accepted into the Fellowship Association pending receipt of a letter from the Antioch Association.

The Moderator accepted that recommendation as a motion, and the recommendation passed.

The Association Singing was set for October 6, 2002 at Oak Grove FWB Church. Dalton Johnson expressed his desire to invite the Mt. Vernon FWB Church of the Antioch Association to join us at this years singing, which was approved.

Voted to again have the Executive Board get outside speakers for the 3 quarterly meetings. Randell Williams encouraged the churches to come to the quarterly meeting and participate, and asked for help from the CE and Youth Boards for the Youth Meeting.

Voted on speakers for the June 2003 Annual Meeting to be:

Bro. Jerad Higginbotham for the Friday Night Service;

Bro. Bo Coffman for the Saturday Morning Memorial Service;

Bro. Randell Williams to be the Alternate Speaker.

Elected Roy Hale, Alene Coffman, Mary Williams, Jackie Duvall and Geneva Coffman as Delegates to the State Meeting in Conway, Arkansas on August 6 & 7.

There were no resolutions; voted to dismiss the Resolutions Committee.

The following Officers were elected for the coming year: Moderator – David Bishop, Assistant Moderator – Randell Williams, Clerk – Keith Bowden, Assistant Clerk – Pat Hunnicutt, Parliamentarian – Lawnie Coffman.

Shirley Johnson gave the Obituary Report. Her report:

We the Obituary Committee report the following 11 church members have gone home to be with the Lord. They are from Oak Grove Church – Floye Warren, Ray Lee Venable, Joe Canady, Betty Mason and R.G. Hays; Union Grove Church – Dewey Hubbard (Deacon), Ruby Eakes, Edmond 'Red' Kimberlin and Ava Jo Simmons; Woodlawn Church – Charlsey Bradley and Richard Bradley.

Voted to dismiss the Obituary Committee.

The service was changed to a time of worship and Freddy Bowden led the congregation in singing "Everybody Will Be Happy," "When We All Get To Heaven" and "Where The Soul Never Dies."

Joyce Simmons sang "Resting Place" and "Serenaded by Angels."

Jack George led in prayer.

Bro. Terry Latham brought the Memorial Service Message from Ezekial 37... 'Training Others In The Ways of God.'

Dismissed in prayer by William Campbell.

#### **FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS**

- 1. The Moderator or, in his absence, the Assistant Moderator Clerk shall call the Association into conference.
- 2. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer. Each meeting shall be closed with prayer.
- 3. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to enroll the elected delegates to the Association. These delegates shall present themselves with the proper credentials of their right to be seated. These elected delegates and other boards and members mentioned in the Constitution compose the Association and Quarterly Meeting. Should there be a questionable representation, the case will be referred to the Parliamentarian.
- 4. The following committees shall be appointed by the Moderator and/or Assistant Moderator: Obituary and Resolution.
- 5. Any person not a member of this Association may be invited to a seat as advisory council and by permission, from the Moderator, to speak. But in no case shall he, or they, be allowed to vote.
- 6. It shall be the duty of all members of this Association and Quarterly Meeting to be present at the appointed time for each meeting and worship service.
- 7. The Moderator shall not allow discussions that are not carried on in a Christian spirit or when the discussion casts reflection on another person or church.
- 8. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to their feet and address the Moderator by the appellation "Brother Moderator," and shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.
- 9. No one shall speak more than once on the same subject without permission from the Moderator.
- 10. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present except Constitutional questions, which require a two-thirds majority.

- 11. Each church of the association will host the quarterly and/or yearly meeting according to alphabetical order on a rotation basis.
- 12. Desiring to be consistent within the denomination, we will abide by the laws and Constitutions of the State and National Associations, should any question of discipline arise.
- 13. These By-Laws may be altered at any regular meeting of the association by a majority vote of members present.

# CONSTITUTION OF THE FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

PREAMBLE: From long experience, we the members of the Free Will Baptist Churches of this district, having been baptized by immersion upon profession of our faith in Christ as Savior and Lord, and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among our churches do, for the purpose of coordinating our efforts for the extension of the Kingdom of God, ordain this Constitution and its affixed By-Laws for the betterment of our Association.

#### **ARTICLE I**

NAME: This organization shall be called the "Fellowship Association of Free Will Baptists," affiliated with the State Association of Free Will Baptists of Arkansas which is a member of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, with headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee.

#### **ARTICLE II**

**PURPOSE:** The objective and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of its various boards and churches composing this Association and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Gospel of Christ in connection with the various boards, auxiliaries and churches, or those that may hereafter be represented therein.

#### **ARTICLE III**

composition: This association shall be composed of such well regulated Free Will Baptist Churches within the local area (a suggested 30 mile radius from Russellville, Arkansas) as subscribed (agree) with the doctrine and practices as stipulated in the Treaties of Faith and Practice of Free Will Baptist, (favoring the various enterprises as endorsed by the State Association and denomination proper) by its Association Officers, Standing Boards, the duly appointed delegates of the local churches, all ordained ministers, deacons and church clerks who are in good standing with their local church.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

REPRESENTATION: Section 1. Each local church shall be represented by three (3) elected delegates or their alternates. A letter from each church shall accompany said delegates as requested by this body.

Section 2. In the event only part of the elected delegates is present from a church, they together may, in consultation with their pastor, fill said vacancies with other members who are present from said church. Said delegates to be approved by this body.

Section 3. New churches desiring membership of this body shall send delegates bearing a petitionary letter. If the petitioning church, upon examination by the Executive/Examining Board, is found to be properly organized and willing to adhere to the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptist as specified to the Treaties and are willing to adhere to the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association, they shall, by vote of this body, be received into full fellowship.

#### ATRICLE V

DISCIPLINE: Section 1. Its Churches: This Association shall act only in an advisory capacity. Should there arise in the local church any question on doctrine, practice or discipline, the Bible and the Treaties of the Faith and Practices of the Free Will Baptist shall be considered the final authority. This body, when in session, may by majority vote of members present, withdraw the hand of fellowship from said church or churches until such time they have set their house in order.

Section 2. Its Ministers: Should a minister take his letter from a church in this Association and neglect or refuse to place it in some other church in this Association for a period of one year, his name shall be dropped from the roll of ministers, his credentials revoked, and this Association will not recognize any work that may come under his hands as a minister after such time. Exceptions will be allowed for missionaries and Bible College students. Any minister in good standing in the Association desiring to pastor outside this Association will be granted upon request a letter of recommendation within a year from his leaving this Association.

Section 3. Any minister wishing to unite with the Fellowship Association, who can not provide a letter of recommendation from a recognized Free Will Baptist association or is coming from an association that is not recognized by State or National Free Will Baptist, after being examined and recommended by the Executive Board, must serve a period of probation not less than 12 months with the bounds of the Association. Said minister can not hold an office or serve on any board in the Association during the probationary period. At the conclusion of the probationary period, said

minister will meet with the Examining Board and be considered for acceptance into full fellowship into the Association, and upon their recommendation be presented to the body for ratification of his credentials and be accepted into full fellowship.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

FINANCE: This Association shall receive its support from each church contributing one per cent of its monthly gross income to the Association. This contribution may be sent monthly or quarterly to the Clerk/Treasurer.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

OFFICERS: The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk/Treasurer, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer and Parliamentarian. These officers shall be elected annually on the last day of the Association, at the close of the business period. They shall also serve for each Quarterly Meeting of the Association and may succeed themselves.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

BOARDS: The Standing Boards of this Association shall be: The Executive/Examining Boards, The Christian Education Board, The Mission Board, The Youth Board and The Finance Board. The Executive/Examining Board shall be made up of five (5) members (ministers and deacons). These members will serve terms of 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 year. The other Standing Boards shall be made up of three (3) members each and may include men and women. Terms of these boards will be 3, 2, 1 year. An individual who leaves a Standing Board at the completion of his/her term may not succeed themselves, but may be elected to another board.

The District Women's Auxiliary shall be considered auxiliaries of this body. Each of the above named boards and auxiliaries are requested to report to the yearly meeting of this Association.

#### ARTICLE IX

DUTIES AND RULES OF BOARDS: All boards are to organize when elected at the beginning of each associational year. They shall have a Chairman, Assistant Chairman, and when funds are entrusted to the Board, a Secretary/Treasurer. Each Board shall keep a written report at each meeting, the receiving and disbursement of its funds, etc., and shall make a written report to this body of its work done during the year, or as requested by the body.

- Section 1. The Executive/Examining Board is delegated the power to act in behalf of and for the Fellowship Association or its Quarterly Meeting, when either of these bodies are not in session.
- Section 2. It shall be the duties of the Executive/Examining Board to examine all ministers for license and/or ordination at the request of the local church. If the candidate is approved, he will be licensed for at least one (1) year and not ordained until a full-time work or a field of work is accepted.
- Section 3. The Executive/Examining Board will use "The Doctrinal Questionnaire for Ministers" provided by the Arkansas State Association to examine new ministers. Ministers coming from other states, associations or denominations shall be examined by the same document. It is the duty of the local church to request this examination.
- Section 4. The millennium view-point of the minister being examined, ordained, or accepted into the fellowship of the Fellowship Association will not be a test of fellowship among us, thereby granting every minister or pastor the liberty to preach his convictions and views concerning the Second Coming of Christ, as long as those convictions and views are in total agreement with the aforementioned doctrinal statements contained in the Free Will Baptist Treaties and the Free Will Baptist Articles of Faith.
- Section 5. Missions Board: It shall be the duty of this board to work in conjunction with the State and National Home and Foreign Missions Boards in arranging an active Missionary Program for this Association.
- Section 6. The Christian Education Board: It will be the duty of this board to work in cooperation with the State and National Sunday School Departments in arranging Sunday School conferences and workshops, teacher's training courses, Bible/Preaching conferences and/or Revivals, and in recommending methods and materials for the Sunday Schools of this Association.
- Section 7. The Youth Board: The Youth Board shall work in cooperation with the State and National C.T.S. Boards to assist churches in this Association with youth oriented teaching and training workshops and programs. This board shall sponsor associational youth activities as it deems advisable.
- Section 8. The Finance Board: The Finance Board shall recommend to the Association the disbursement of Associational funds. The Board shall recommend the percentage of the gross income of the Association that each Standing Board will receive to carry out its work. It will be the responsibility of the Finance Board to insure that funds are available to meet our State Association requirements and to print the Association Minutes.

#### **ARTICLE X**

RULES FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS: Roberts Rules of Order shall be used as a guide in all business transactions, parliamentary usage, etc.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

MEETINGS: Section 1. The church year of this Association will be from July 1 through June 30.

- Section 2. The yearly meeting will be on Friday night before the last Saturday in June and the following Saturday morning. The elected delegates will be seated at the Friday night service.
- Section 3. The quarterly meetings will be on a Thursday / Friday night before the last Saturday in September, January and March. The elected delegates will be seated at the Thursday night service.
  - Section 4. The times of all evening services will be 7:30 p.m.

Section 5. Each church will use the National Association of Free Will Baptist form of reporting to the quarterly and yearly meetings. The Clerk / Treasurer will use the same form to report to the Arkansas State Association.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

The Constitution may be amended or altered at any yearly session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided amendments or alterations are presented in writing with the proposed change or alteration to be placed on the table no later than Friday night and to be taken up no earlier than Saturday morning.

#### **AMENDMENT I**

Article XI, Section 3 was amended to read: The quarterly meetings will be on a Wednesday / Thursday night before the last Saturday in September, January and March. The elected delegates will be seated at the Wednesday night service.

#### **ARTICLES OF FAITH**

- 1. THE BIBLE The scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.
- 2. GOD There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, and adore, and obey.
- 3. CHRIST Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, and His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and gloried and is our ever present Savior and Lord.
- 4. THE HOLY SPIRIT The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit the attributes of God.
- 5. THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.
- 6. THE SINFULNESS OF MAN Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God.
- 7. THE WORK OF CHRIST The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and ground of salvation by faith.
  - 8. THE TERMS OF SALVATION The conditions of salvation are:
    - A. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it.
- B. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and become a child of God.

- C. Continuance in faith and obedience unto death.
- 9. ELECTION God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.
- 10. FREEDOM OF THE WILL The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.
- 11. SALVATION FREE God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.
- 12. PERSERVERANCE All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.
- 13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES: Baptism: or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility, is of universal obligation, and is to be ministered to all true believers.
- 14. TITHING God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the Apostle Paul said, "upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" (I Cor. 16:2a).
- 15. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.
- 16. RESURRECTION, JUDGEMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

|      | CHURCH       | PASTOR  | CLERK  | MEMBERS<br>ADDED | MEMBERS<br>LOST | TOTAL<br>MEMBERSHIP | SUNDAY<br>SCHOOL<br>ATTENDANCE | CHURCH | BAPTISMS |
|------|--------------|---|--|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------|----------|
|      | Dardanelle   | Jared Higginbotham<br>104 Welcome Lane<br>Dardanelle, AR 72834<br>(479)229-2888   | Michelle Hettel<br>3425 Riverview Road<br>Russellville,AR 72802<br>(479) 968-1640    | 11               | 6               | 294                 | 65                             | 110    | 9        |
|      | Harmony      | Terry Latham<br>305 Latham Lane<br>Russellville,AR 72801<br>(479) 641-2393        | Nancy Yancy<br>114 Mils Way<br>Russellville,AR 72802<br>(479) 967-4534               | 6                | 4               | 175                 | 44                             | 84     | 2        |
| -14- | Oak Grove    | James O. Chronister<br>705 Welcome Home Rd.<br>Hector, AR 72843<br>(479) 284-8900 | Kathryn Maston<br>647 Isabell Creek Road<br>Russellville, AR 72802<br>(479) 641-2307 | 8                | 7               | 266                 | 99                             | 270    | 10       |
|      | Union Grove  | David Bishop<br>403 Ave Two NE<br>Atkins, AR 72823<br>(479) 641-7520              | Gary Simmons<br>770 Hopewell Road<br>Atkins, AR 72823<br>(479) 641-2234              | 8                | 8               | 225                 | 51                             | 186    | 30       |
|      | Welcome Home | Randell Williams<br>127 Welcome Home Road<br>Hector, AR 72843<br>(479) 284-2238   | Virginia Hays<br>6568 Pine Street<br>Hector, AR 72843<br>(479) 284-4300              | 3                | 3               | 97                  | 52                             | 75     | 3        |
|      | Woodlawn     | Mike Phillips<br>1000 South Laredo<br>Russellville, AR 72801<br>(479) 967-4021    | Pat Hunnicutt<br>712 South Tulsa<br>Russellville, AR 72801<br>(479) 968-7414         | 5                | 2               | 169                 | 48                             | 80     | 1        |

## **FINANCIAL PAGE**

## Beginning balance on June 29, 2002

\$ 6,639.79

| Received:    | Fellowship | Соор      | Acts 1:8  | Missions | Other    | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| Dardanelle   | 557.97     | 3,330.82  | 1,500.00  |          | 400.00   | 5,788.79     |
| Harmony      | 790.00     | 3,159.00  | 2,018.00  | 2,019.00 | 531.00   | 8,517.00     |
| Oak Grove    | 863.00     | 3,448.00  | 1,440.00  | •        | 600.00   | 6,351.00     |
| Union Grove  | 2,879.00   | 11,524.00 | 8,040.00  | 178.00   | 800.00   | 23,421.00    |
| Welcome Home | 932.00     | 3,715.00  | 1,853.00  | 1,020.00 | 500.00   | 8,020.00     |
| Woodlawn     | 731.00     | 4,385.00  | 2,660.96  | 2,515.00 | 760.00   | 11,051.96    |
| Totals       | 6,752.97   | 29,561.82 | 17,511.96 | 5,732.00 | 3,591.00 | 63,149.75    |

## **Balance After Deposits**

\$ 69,789.54

#### Disbursements For The Year

| Ck# | Written To             | For                              | Amount   |
|-----|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| 945 | Arkansas FWB           | Association Fees \$              | 480.00   |
| 946 | Arkansas FWB           | Coop & Missions                  | 3,484.00 |
| 947 | Arkansas FWB           | David Joslin Retirement          | 500.00   |
| 948 | Clerk                  | June                             | 25.00    |
| 949 | Burris Inc.            | Copy Paper                       | 9.53     |
| 950 | Clerk                  | July                             | 25.00    |
| 951 | Arkansas FWB           | Coop & Missions                  | 3,960.00 |
| 952 | Clerk                  | August                           | 25.00    |
| 953 | Posey Printing         | Annual Minutes                   | 247.54   |
| 954 | Wal-Mart               | Paper Goods - Youth Rally        | 49.13    |
| 955 | Price Cutter           | Food - Youth Rally               | 78.80    |
| 956 | Aaron Beam             | Speaker - Youth Rally            | 50.00    |
| 957 | Mike Stahl             | Speaker – Youth Rally            | 50.00    |
| 958 | John Lafarie           | Speaker - Youth Rally            | 50.00    |
| 959 | Arkansas FWB           | Coop & Missions                  | 5,566.00 |
| 960 | Arkansas FWB           | State Missions                   | 204.00   |
| 961 | Clerk                  | September                        | 25.00    |
| 962 | David Bishop           | Reimb. Paul Park Expenses        | 280.00   |
| 963 | National Home Missions | Paul Park Account                | 500.00   |
| 964 | Arkansas FWB           | Coop & Missions                  | 4,237.39 |
| 965 | Clerk                  | October                          | 25.00    |
| 966 | Paul Park              | 14 Missionary Families Christmas | 2,800.00 |
| 967 | Arkansas FWB           | Coop & Missions                  | 3,649.38 |
| 968 | Clerk                  | November                         | 25.00    |
| 969 | Clerk                  | December                         | 25.00    |
| 970 | Arkansas FWB           | Coop & Missions                  | 4,040.42 |
| 971 | Clerk                  | January                          | 25.00    |
| 972 | Arkansas FWB           | Coop & Missions                  | 6,464.07 |
| 973 | Arkansas FWB           | State Missions                   | 301.00   |
| 974 | Void                   | Void                             | 0.00     |
| 975 | David Joslin           | Speaker - Quarterly Meeting      | 150.00   |
| 976 | Fred Warner            | Speaker - Quarterly Meeting      | 150.00   |
| 977 | Arkansas FWB           | Coop & Missions                  | 3,788.68 |

| 978 | Clerk                   | February                          | 25.00              |
|-----|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 979 | Price Chopper           | Food – Youth Quarterly Meeting    | 173.81             |
| 980 | Void                    | Void                              | 0.00               |
| 981 | Arkansas FWB            | Coop & Missions                   | 4,699.48           |
| 982 | Arkansas FWB            | State Missions                    | 125.00             |
| 983 | Clerk                   | March                             | 25.00              |
| 984 | Arkansas FWB            | FWBBC - Milissa Moore Account     | 526.19             |
| 985 | Mark Roberts            | Speaker – Youth Quarterly Meeting |                    |
| 986 | Camp Beaverfork         | Partial Expenses – Mark Roberts   | 275.00             |
| 987 | Arkansas FWB            | Coop & Missions                   | 5,003.63           |
| 988 | Clerk                   | April                             | 25.00              |
| 989 | Arkansas FWB            | Coop & Missions                   | 3,819.75           |
| 990 | Clerk                   | May                               | 25.00              |
| 991 | Arkansas FWB            | Coop & Missions                   | 6,342.98           |
| 992 | Clerk                   | June                              | 25.00              |
|     | Total Disbursements     |                                   | 63,080.78          |
|     | Ending Balance June 28, | 2002                              | <u>\$ 6,708.76</u> |
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#### 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 conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and 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 the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the Church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unit of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

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

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of education 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.