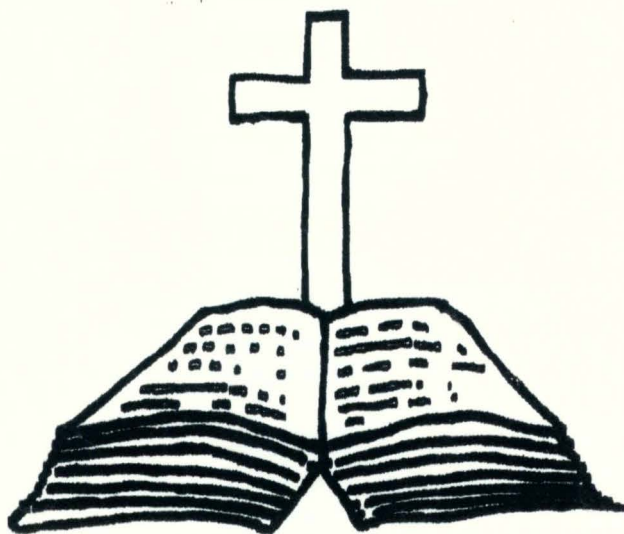
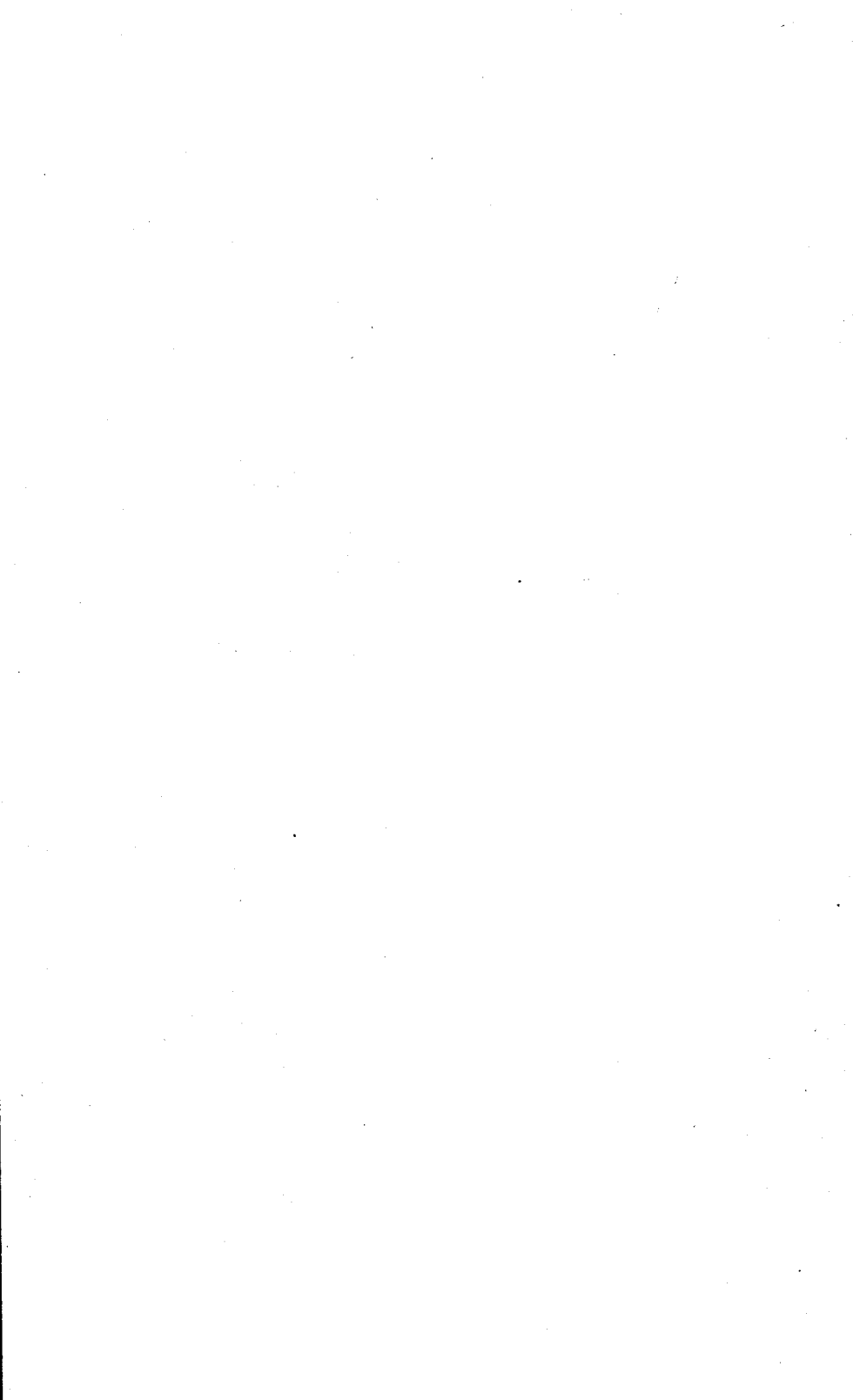


**MINUTES OF THE
FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE**

**HARMONY,
ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**



**HELD WITH THE
CENTERVILLE
FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCH
OCTOBER 22, 2020**



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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Steve Downum (5 years)
Bro. Nathan Bishop (4 years)
Rev. Charles Lewis (3 years)
Rev. Ricky White (2 years)
Rev. Mark King (1 year)

MISSION BOARD

Bro. Isaac Jones (3 years)
Bro. Corky McConnell (2 years)
Sis. Michelle Bishop (1 year)

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Bro. Billy Harelson (3 years)
Sis. Tanya White (2 years)
Sis. Marlene Bishop (1 year)

C.T.S. BOARD

Sis. Lou King (7 years)
Sis. Vicki Downum (6 years)
Sis. Edith Martin (5 years)
Sis. Sherry Allred (4 years)
Sis. Christy Chancellor (3 years)
Sis. Caltlynn Miller (2 years)
Sis. Leslie Spears (1 year)

HARMONY ASSOCIATION
Centerville FWB Church
October 22, 2020 7:00 PM

Regular meetings of the Harmony Association of Free Will Baptists scheduled for April 23, 2020, July 23, 2020, and October 29, 2020, were cancelled by order of the Executive Board due to the prevalence of COVID-19 cases in this area.

The members of the Executive Board opened their meeting on October 22, 2020, to include other pastors of this Association. Attendance at this meeting was 6 members.

Minutes of their meeting as forwarded to the clerk by Rev. Steve Downum, chairman, follow:

Opening prayer, led by Rev. Ricky White was followed by prayer requests.

Rev. Loyd Miller gave the devotional from John 11:25, "Jesus Wept."

Motion was made by Rev. Ricky White and seconded by Rev. Charles Lewis to give a one-time gift of \$330.20, to both Family Ministries and Harvest Mexico, This motion passed.

Motion to pay fees for pastors' wives retreat from the General Fund was made by Rev. Ricky White, seconded by Rev. Mark King, and passed.

Recommendation was made by those present to reduce the number of yearly minute books printed to reduce waste. The final count was left to the discretion of the clerk.

Motion was made by Rev. Ricky White and seconded by Rev. Loyd Miller that all persons currently serving on boards and in elected positions retain those positions for another year. This motion passed.

Discussion was made concerning art. 3 of the Constitution. Recommendation was made to reword the final passage to read, "...all ordained ministers, ministers wives, deacons, deacons wives, unwed widows of ministers or deacons, and church clerks..."

The meeting was closed in prayer led by Rev. Mark King.

Annual Ministers' Reports were received for the period of January, 2020, through December 31, 2020, as follows:

Centerville FWB Church – Rev. Charles Lewis, pastor, reported 0 conversions, 1 baptism, 2 new members, 2 weddings, 1 funeral, and 0 members dismissed.

Corley FWB Church – Rev. Ricky White, pastor, reported 1 conversion, 0 baptisms, 0 new members, 0 weddings, 0 funerals, and 0 members dismissed.

Danville FWB Church – Rev. Gary Stelner, Interim pastor, reported 0 conversions, 0 baptisms, 1 new member, 0 weddings, 1 funeral and 1 member dismissed.

Plainview FWB Church – Rev. Loyd Miller, pastor, reported 0 conversions, 0 baptisms, 0 new members, 1 wedding, 2 funerals, and 5 members dismissed.

Ranger FWB Church – Rev. Shane Chancellor, pastor, reported 0 conversions, 0 baptisms, 0 new members 0 weddings, 1 funeral, and 0 members dismissed.

Upper Spring Creek FWB Church – Rev. Steve Downjm, pastor, reported 0 conversions, 0 baptisms, 0 new members, 1 wedding, 2 funerals, and 1 member dismissed.

Wilson FWB Church – Re v. Mark Kling, pastor, reported 2 conversions, 0 baptisms, 0 new members, 2 weddings, 0 funerals, and 0 members dismissed.

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Members of this association who were called to be with the Lord during 2020 were: Sis. Charlotte Ann Robertson and Bro. Carl (Buck) Duncan of the Plainview church and Sis. Jane Thomas of the Upper Spring Creek church.
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CHURCHES BELONGING TO THE HARMONY ASSOCIATION

**Centerville FWB Church
Corley FWB Church
Danville FWB Church
Plainview FWB Church
Ranger FWB Church
Upper Spring Creek FWB Church
Wilson FWB Church**

PLEASE NOTE: MEETINGS ARE ROTATED FOLLOWING THE LIST ABOVE.

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE – From long experience, we the members of Free Will Baptist Churches of this district, having been baptized by Immersion upon profession of our faith in Christ as Savior and Lord, 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 associational government.

Art. 1 – Name – This organization shall be called the **Harmony 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.

Art. 2 – Purpose – The object and purpose of the organization shall be to promote fellowship and to unify the work of the churches composing this association, to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Gospel of Christ in connection with the various boards, auxiliaries, and churches of those that may hereafter be represented therein, and to awaken and stimulate among the churches the greatest possible activity in Evangelism, Christian Education and Missions.

Art. 3 – Composition – This association shall be composed of such well-regulated Free Will Baptist Churches as subscribe to (agree with) the doctrine and practices as stipulated in the **Treaties of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists** (favoring the various enterprises as endorsed by this association, the state association and the denomination proper) by its general officers, standing boards, the duly appointed delegates of the local churches, all ordained ministers, ministers wives, deacons, deacons wives, unmarried widows of ministers and/or deacons,, and church clerks who are in good standing with the local church.

Art. 4 – Representation – Section A – Each local church shall be represented by five elected delegates plus one additional delegate for each 50 resident members, not to exceed 10 elected delegates from any said church. A letter from each church shall accompany any said delegates as requested by this body.

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

Section C – New churches desiring membership in this body shall send delegates bearing a letter of petition. Churches coming from another association, quarterly meeting, or denomination shall send delegates bearing a letter of petition. If the above churches, upon examination by the

Credentials committee, are found to be properly organized and willing to adhere to the faith and practices of Free Will Baptists as specified in the treaties, they shall by vote of this body be received into full fellowship.

Art. 5 – Discipline – This association shall act only in an advisory capacity. Should there arise in the local church any question on doctrine, practices of discipline, the Bible and the **Treaties of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists** shall be considered the final authorities. However, if said church or churches fail to comply with the same, this body when in session may by majority vote of members present withdraw the hand of fellowship from said church or churches until such a time as they have set their houses in order. This association shall never exercise any authority, whether legislative, judicial or ecclesiastical, over any church or interfere with the internal regulations and absolute independency of the churches.

Art. 6- Finance – This association shall receive its support from 50 percent of the cooperative receipts that come from the churches composing said body; the other 50 percent to be sent to the state association. This association recommends that each church belonging to said body give one-tenth (10%) of its tithes and offerings to this body for its support and the support of the state and national programs. We urge each church to acknowledge the tithes and offerings as God's financial plan of support.

Art. 7 – Officers – The officers of this association shall be a **Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer.** These officers shall be elected annually on the last day of the associational meeting at the end of the business period. This election shall be at the last conference preceding the first of the fiscal year.

Art. 8 – Boards and Committees – The standing boards of this association shall be the **Executive Board, Mission Board, Sunday School Board and C.T.S. Board.** The **District Women's Auxiliary Convention, the District League Convention and the District Master's Men Chapter** shall be considered as auxiliaries of this body. Each of the above named boards and auxiliaries are requested to report to each annual meeting of this conference. The **Credentials Committee**, as well as other committees deemed necessary, shall be appointed by the moderator, or by the body if it so desires. The **Executive Board** shall be composed of 5 members who shall serve terms of 5,4,3,2 and 1 year. The **C.T.S. Board** shall be composed of 7 members (one from each of the 7 member churches). They shall serve terms of 7,6,5,4,3,2 and 1 year. The **Mission Board and the Sunday School Board** shall each be composed of 3 members who shall serve terms of 3,2 and 1 year.

Art. 9 – Duties and Rules of Boards – All boards and committees are to organize when elected or appointed at the

beginning of each associational year. They shall have a chairman, assistant chairman, secretary, and a treasurer when funds are entrusted to a board. Each board or committee shall keep a written report of each meeting, the receiving and disbursements of its funds, etc., and shall make a written report to the body of work done during the year or as requested by the body. Each standing board shall have its own by-laws, which shall govern its activities, only when otherwise stated by this Constitution. All by-laws are to conform to the principles and tenets of this association. It is recommended by this association that each elected board meet at least one (1) time during the three-month period preceding each associational meeting.

Section A – The Executive Board – Is delegated the power to act on behalf of and for the Harmony Association when the body is not in session. It shall have power to fill vacancies (pro-term) that may occur on any of the standing boards or among the officers of the association. This board shall be responsible for all legal matters that might claim the attention of this body. It shall hold in trust and supervise all properties that belong to, or have been purchased by, said body unless otherwise ordered by the body. It shall oversee distribution of monies held in the College Scholarship Fund.

Section B – Mission Board – It shall be the duty of this board to work in connection with the State and National Home and Foreign Missions Boards in arranging an

active missionary program. The activities of this board shall be governed by its by-laws as approved by this body, and it shall be answerable to this body for all of its activities.

Section C – Sunday School Board – This board shall work in cooperation with the State and National Sunday School Boards. It shall assist the churches of this association in teaching and training programs, in workshops, and by recommending methods and materials for the betterment of the Sunday School. It shall be responsible for a yearly Sunday School Convention.

Section D – It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to examine all candidates (ministers and deacons) at the request of the local church. Such candidates shall be members in good standing with the local church, having been a Christian for at least one year. All licensed ministers seeking ordination shall be given a written examination (questionnaire to be furnished by this board). Ministers coming from other states, associations or denominations shall be examined according to the scriptures and practices of Free Will Baptists (see treaties). We recommend no prospective minister or deacon shall be recommended for ordination by this board who refuses to prove himself by abstaining from the use of alcoholic beverages in any form, and who does not practice and teach tithing.

Art. 10 – Meeting – This association shall meet quarterly on the fourth Wednesday and following Thursday

nights of January, April, July and October of each year. The fiscal year will end December 31, where practicable. The meeting place will alternate according to alphabetical order of the churches.

This association shall also sponsor a week-long revival each year to be held at alternating churches according to alphabetical order. The ministers of this association shall speak on alternating nights of the revival, or according to the will of the body, call in an outside speaker. The ministers of this association shall together determine the dates for this revival to be held each year, and they shall inform the various churches of their decision.

Art. 11 – Rules for Conducting Business – Robert's Rules of Order shall be used as a guide for all business transactions, parliamentary usage, etc.

Art. 12 – Amendments – This Constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of this association by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided amendments or alterations be presented in writing at the preceding association meeting.

BY-LAWS

1. The Clerk or Assistant Clerk, or in their absence the senior minister in years, shall call the association into conference, and if a quorum is present*, the Moderator, or in

his absence the Assistant Moderator, shall take charge. If neither of them is present, the senior minister in years shall act as Moderator.

*A quorum shall consist of any number of voting delegates, provided not more than one church belonging to this association fails to have representation at any meeting.

2. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

3. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to enroll the delegates to the association. They shall present themselves with proper credentials of their rights to be seated therein. Those enrolled by the Clerk shall, with other board members and members mentioned in the constitution, compose the association. Should there be questionable representation, the case shall be referred to the Credentials Committee.

4. It shall be the duty of each church, minister, board, committee or auxiliary to report its work and statistics by letter or by prepared form to each session of the association. Ministerial report blanks will be prepared according to the wishes of this body. Ministers are to make annual reports only.

5. This association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

6. This association shall sit with open doors except

when it shall go into a committee as a whole.

7. Any person not a member of this association may be invited to a seat as advisory council, and by receiving permission from the Moderator, speak, but in no case shall he/they be allowed to vote.

8. It shall be the duty of all members of this association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting and worship service. Anyone wishing to retire shall first obtain leave from the Moderator.

9. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any board, committee or office, provided the person nominated is elected.

10. The Moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks they will cause discord or cast reflection upon another person.

11. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator," and shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.

12. A majority of all votes cast shall be final upon subjects, except to reverse the ruling of the Moderator, which shall require a two-thirds majority of members voting.

13. All officers of this association shall be placed in nomination by the nominating committee (with privilege of nomination from the floor given by the Moderator), unless otherwise requested by this body.

14. The Moderator or Assistant Moderator shall not succeed in office more than one term. No person shall serve on more than one standing board or committee at the same time.

15. The distribution of the 50 percent finances held in this association shall be as follows: 20 percent to go for missions, 20 percent to go for support of youth work, 5 percent to go into a college scholarship fund, 55 percent to go to the Treasurer for operational expenses of the association. The other 50 percent is to be sent to the State Association.

16. The association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with the annual minutes of this association in proportion, one copy for each five active members of each church, and that the minutes be printed and distributed by the first conference of the new fiscal year.

17. Be it resolved that all licensed or ordained ministers be required to be active in the ministry of the Free Will Baptists in our association, health permitting, and if any neglects the ministry for a period of one year, it will be considered sufficient reason for discipline.

18. Be it resolved that all ordained deacons be required to be active in the office held, and if any neglects said office for a period of one year, it shall be considered sufficient reason for discipline.

19. Be it resolved that all churches of this association recommend their pastor to be a member of the congregation he serves unless he pastors two or more churches. In this case, he should be a member of at least one of the churches of this association.

20. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular session of this association by a two-thirds vote of members present.

21. The Wednesday evening service shall be set aside for the young people.

22. All business shall be transacted during the Thursday evening service.

23. All meetings of this association shall begin at 7:00 p.m.

24. Any widow of a Minister or deacon shall be afforded standing delegate status to this association until her remarriage.

25. Annual revival shall be held during a week different than the regular associational meeting.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. God – We believe in one true and living Triune God; composed of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost – equal in divine essence, purpose, power and glory. **St. John 1:1, I Cor. 8:6, St. John 18:30.**

2. Christ – We believe that Jesus Christ is the Divine Son of God, was with 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, rose from the dead the third day, completed the great plan of salvation, walked and talked with His disciples, publicly ascended to Heaven, and that He will descend again to gather His jewels home. **Isaiah 9:6, St. John 1:14, Luke 1:26, Matt. 14:13-21, Mark 16:9-19, Luke 24:50-53, Acts 1:9-12, Mark 15:22-47.**

3. Holy Spirit – We believe that the Holy Spirit has visited true believers in all ages; and especially since the ascension of the Son back to the Father, and His coming on the day of Pentecost. We believe He 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, Eph. 4:30, Acts 8:7-20, Ezek. 36:27, Joel 2:28.**

4. The Bible – We believe the Bible, which is composed of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament,

was given by inspiration of God, is our way-bill from earth to Heaven, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. **II Peter 1:19-21, II Tim. 3:14-17, Daniel 10:21, Acts 1:16-17, Matt. 21:42.**

5. The Fall Of Man – We believe that God created man good, gave him a just law by which he should be governed; with promise of reward for faithfulness, and with penalties of punishment for disobedience, and gave man power of free moral agency to choose the right and reject the wrong. Our first parents heeded the voice of the great enemy of souls, voluntarily transgressed the law of God, fell with their posterity under the just penalty of the same, and were unable of their own power to extricate or save themselves from the great dilemma into which they had fallen. God gave them the hope of salvation through the coming Christ. **Gen. 1:27, 2:15-17; 3:1-24, 6:5, Psalm 51:5, Rom. 5:12-19, Eph. 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, a law of adoption into the Kingdom of Heaven, and an eternal inheritance into the glorified Kingdom above. **Heb. 9-12, Gal. 3:13, 4:4-5, Titus 2:14, Heb. 1:4, St. John 3:16, 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 on their part, exercise faith in Jesus Christ through repentance toward God, at the completion of which pardon takes place in the mind of the Father, and by the Holy Spirit they pass through the ordeal of regeneration, are washed in the Blood of the Lamb, and are planted in the Kingdom of Christ. St. John 3, Matt. 19:13-22, II Cor. 7:10, Luke 18:16-17, St. John 4:11-26, Eph. 2.

8. Salvation Free – We believe that God desires the salvation of all; Christ dies for us, 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, 2:2-25, Rev. 22:17.

9 Baptism – We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, by which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ; also this represents our death to sin, and only those who have come under the presidency of the elders are qualified to administer same. Matt. 3, Peter 3:21, St. John 3:23, Acts 10:45, Matt. 28:19.

10. Communion And Feet Washing – We believe that the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of the Gospel of Christ. The Lord's Supper was instituted by our 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, I Cor. 11:20-29, Matt. 26:26-29.

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

12. Call To The Ministry – We believe in a divine call to the ministry; that God in His goodness, power and grace impresses His ministers with the burden of lost souls to the extent that the call becomes irresistible with personal contentment, and 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, Jer. 1:5, Mark 3:14, Acts 1:22-26, Matt. 28:19.

13. The Invisible Church – We believe that the

Invisible or spiritual church is the redeemed in the aggregate; is the family of God, composed of all true Christians of every congregation from righteous Abel to the restitution of all things, from every kindred, nation, tongue, and people. Eph. 3:16-21, Heb. 12:22-23, I Peter 2:5, Eph. 2:20-22, Acts 2:47, Matt. 16:18.

14. The Visible Church – We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women, having obtained fellowship with the Lord and with each other, agreeing to keep up a good discipline and doctrine according to the rules of the Gospel. II Thess. 1:1, Acts 16:5, III John 9:10, Matt. 18:17, Acts 20:28, Rev. 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 of the obstacles of life. We believe 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 pathway of duty, but those who side-step and willfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty would backslide if they persistently continued, and would be eternally lost. II Cor. 5:10, I Peter 2:2, Rom. 3:25, Apostasy – II Peter 1:8-9, I Cor. 10:1-13, Heb. 12:15-17, I John 5:16, Heb. 6:1-6, I Tim. 4:1-2, Heb. 3:12, St. John 15: 1-7, Matt. 12:31-32.

16. Christ The Head Of The Church – We believe

that Christ is the Head of the church, and that the government of the local church is with the body. Col. 1:18-19, Matt. 16:18, Heb. 12:33, Matt. 21:42, Eph. 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. I Cor. 6:11, II Thess. 2:13, Heb. 12:14, Phil. 3:21, I Thess. 5:19-23, St. John 17:17-29, II Tim. 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 reunited, the righteous shall be received into everlasting happiness to reign with God forever, but the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment. Matt. 28:5, St. John 5:28-29, I Cor. 15:51-58.

19. The Soul – The soul is endless, hence it does not unite with the body, but immediately after death it enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery according to the spiritual character here possessed. Phil. 1:23, Luke 23:43, Rev. 6:9, Luke 16:19-25, Matt. 10:28.

20. Judgment – We believe that there will be a general universal judgment, when all men shall be judged

according to their works, whether they be good or bad, and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into eternal happiness. II Thess. 1:4-9, Rev. 14:9-13, Luke 16:23, Rev. 21:8, II Cor. 5:10, Matt. 12:36-37, Rev. 20:12-13, Acts 17:31, Matt. 25:32, Rom. 2:1-16, Mark 9:43-48.

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WHEREAS, the phenomena of "speaking in tongues" is a spreading movement which usually causes confusion, contenton and division within the church, and
WHEREAS, speaking in tongues over emphasizes an emotional experience out of proportion to a life of service, soul winning and ethical living, and
WHEREAS, tongues have never made any significant contribution to church growth, and there is no evidence that contemporary charismatic movement is any different, and
WHEREAS, advocates of tongues-speaking misinterpret the scriptures in order to justify their position about this supposed gift of grace, and
WHEREAS, there is a need to clarify the position of the National Association of Free Will Baptists...
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That this body adopt the following statements as expressing the position of our denomination concerning the charismatic movement:

**FREE WILL BAPTISTS UNDERSTAND THAT THE BIBLE
TEACHES THE FOLLOWING FACTS:**

A. On the Day of Pentecost believers spoke in distinct foreign languages which were readily understood by the nationalities present. Acts 2:6,8,11.

B. Tongues were given as a special gift to the early church as only one sign which confirmed the witness of the Gospel to unbelievers. I Cor. 14:1-40, Heb. 2:4.

C. Although practiced by some believers, it was the least significant gift which is not to be sought after. I Cor. 12:7-11.

D. When the gift was abused, it became a source of disturbance in public gatherings. To eliminate confusion and correct the error, Paul set specific guidelines for the Corinthian church to follow. I Cor. 14:18,19,23,28,33.

E. The gift of tongues is not the evidence of the baptism of the Spirit, and neither does it bring about sanctification. I Cor. 12:13.

F. Tongues were bestowed by the sovereign will of God in some believers, but all did not speak with tongues. I Cor. 12:10-30.

Therefore, the National Association of Free Will Baptists holds the following position on glossolalia:

A. We reject the doctrine of speaking in tongues as being a valid gift for the church today because of the complete revelation of God given in the Bible

B. We reject the erroneous teachings that speaking in tongues is a visible sign of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Any implication of a, "second work of grace," has never been tolerated in our fellowship of churches.

C. We refuse to embrace this doctrine. Even though some individuals may profess to speak in tongues, this practice is not to be encouraged or promoted in a local church, nor do we find any reason to advocate, "Neo-pentecostalism." Churches affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists are not to be considered fertile ground to sow the seed of tongues speaking.

D. We believe the church, as God's instrument of redemption, has been advanced by the preaching of the Gospel in a, "known tongue," rather than by magnifying some particular gift.

E. We encourage all churches to preach the fullness of the Holy Spirit, the whole counsel of God, and to take heed to

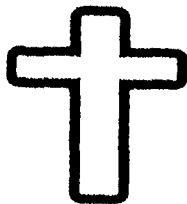
the Scripture admonition in Eph. 5:18b-20, "But be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

NOTE: The above resolution was adopted by the National Association of Free Will Baptists in 1973.

HARMONY ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS



Now I beseech you, Brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

I Corinthians 1:10

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 will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, public worship and the observance of the ordinance of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all benevolent works.

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 agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "help the unity of the spirit" in the bonds of

peace; to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and its Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligation and enterprise supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

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

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