

Minutes
of the
Hopewell No. 1 Association
of
Church Of God Denominated
Free Will Baptist

When Convened With

Folsom Free Will Baptist Church

August 16, 17 and 18, 1979

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Next Association to be held with Hopewell Church, beginning on
Thursday night before the 3rd Sunday in August, 1980.

PROCEEDINGS

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Singing
2. Prayer
3. Reading of Letters
4. Seating of Delegates
5. Invitation of visiting Brethren to seat in council
6. Election of Officers
7. Appointment of Committees
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Call for Reports of Committees
11. Election of place of next association and quarterly meetings
12. Election of Minister to Preach Introductory Message at Association
13. Discussion

COMMITTEES TO BE APPOINTED

1. Divine Service
2. Resolution
3. Obituary
4. Finance
5. Education
6. Sunday School
7. Temperance

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the Moderator or whomsoever he may request.
2. Ministers and deacons present are invited to seats, allowed to take part in debate in all subjects and vote.
3. The officers of Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk will be elected to take office at the first quarterly meeting after the Association.
4. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator, Personal reflection shall be avoided in all debates.
5. No motion shall be discussed without a second.

6. When a motion has been made and seconded, and a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question: "Shall it be discussed?". If the body votes negative, the question will not be discussed.

7. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be decided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.

8. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded.

9. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.

10. All questions shall be decided by a majority of all members present.

11. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.

12. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected, if necessary, before the close of the Association.

13. At the future sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made to insure two sermons or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto, during each day of the session and the chair shall announce just before adjournment who shall preach.

14. These rules of order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after organization of the Association.

15. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

DIVINE SERVICE:

Sis. Sylvia Patterson
Sis. Vickie Kirkpatrick
Sis. Sandy Smith

RESOLUTION:

Sis. Ruby Creasman
Sis. Vivian Zachrey
Sis. Rita Schrier

OBITUARY:

Sis. Brenda Workman
Sis. Pat Gabbart
Sis. Allie Webb

FINANCE:

Sis Dessie Lawson
Bro. Roy Owens
Sis. Thelma Richardson

EDUCATION:

Sis. Arnold
Sis. Estlee Daniel
Sis. Mary Noe

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Sis. Becky Gabbart
Sis. Bessie Umsted
Sis. Joyce Strickland

TEMPERANCE:

Bro. J.W. Tignor
Bro. Leonard Cook
Bro. Clerence Dodson

THURSDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 16, 1979

The Hopewell No. 1 Association of Free Will Baptist convened for worship at the Folsom Church.

Services opened with congregation singing "The Blood That Stained The Old Rugged Cross."

Bro. Harvey White led the Association in prayer.

Congregation singing "I Walk In The New Jerusalem Way", "I Want To Walk Just As Close As I Can", "Heaven's Really Gonna Shine", and "Jesus Is Coming Soon".

Altar prayer led by Bro. Lewis Lawson.

Special Music: Hopewell Church — "Take Him Down"; Folsom Church — "The Rainbow of Love"; and Sis. Annette Stanely — organ solo "When We All Get To Heaven".

Bro. Wayne Smith delivered the message from I Corinthians 11:1-2,17,19,29; I Corinthians 1:1-10; John 13:1-17; Matthew 23:12.

Lord's Supper was served. Bro. J.W. Tignor asked the blessing on the wine. Bro. Leonard Cook asked the blessing on the bread.

They began the washing of the feet.

A very humble and spiritual service.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 17, 1979

The Friday Morning session opened with Bro. Lewis Lawson leading the congregation singing "Take Him Down, "I'll Live In Glory", followed by prayer led by Bro. A.D. Merchant.

Motion made by Bro. Alvin Webb, seconded by Bro. J.W. Tignor that the Hopewell No. 1 Association of Free Will Baptist be declared in session. Vote taken — carried.

Reading of the Church letters by clerk.

Motion made by Bro. Henry Weathers, seconded by Bro. Clarence Dodson that we accept the letters as read and seat the delegates. Vote taken — carried.

Roll call of delegates.

Righthand of fellowship given to delegates while singing "When We All Get To Heaven".

Rules of order read by moderator.

Moderator invited our visiting brethren to sit in council with us.

Election of Officers:

Nomination for Moderator — Bro. Leonard Cook nominated Bro. Owen Gore. Motion made by Bro. Weathers, seconded by Bro. Webb that nomination cease and elect by acclamation. Vote taken — carried.

Assistant Moderator — Bro. Henry Weathers nominated Bro. Leonard Cook. Motion made by Bro. Henry, seconded by Bro. Clarence Dodson that nomination cease and elect by acclamation. Vote taken — carried.

Association Clerk — Bro. Roy Owens nominated Sis. Erma Stanley. Motion made by Bro. Webb, seconded by Bro. Tignor that nomination cease and elect by acclamation. Vote taken — carried.

Assistant Clerk — Bro. Henry Capshaw nominated Sis. Estlee Daniel. Motion made by Bro. Webb, seconded by Bro. Dodson that nomination cease and elect by acclamation. Vote taken — carried.

Motion made by Bro. Weathers, seconded by Bro. Dodson that Bro. Gore appoint the committees. Vote taken — carried.

Committees recorded on page 2.

Old Business: none

Dismissed for recess. Bro. Henry Capshaw led in prayer.

Congregation singing "Keep On The Firing Line", "Standing On The Promises", and "Old Camp-meeting Days".

Special Music: Sis. Becky Gabbart — "Plenty of Time"; Folsom Group — "He Stayed On The Cross For Me".

Bro. A.D. Merchant delivered the message from Luke 1:1. Bro. Merchant sang "He'll Understand and Say Well Done".

A very good sermon enjoyed by all.

The benedictory prayer was led by Bro. Alvin Webb.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 19, 1979

The congregation sang "When We All Get To Heaven" and "On The Wings Of A Dove" to open the afternoon session. Bro. J.W. Tignor led in prayer.

Congregation singing "Standing By The River" and "What A Saviour".

Standing ovation given to the ladies for a wonderful meal.

Report given by Bro. Webb that the Examining Council found Bro. Orval Phillips sound in doctrine and faith and recommend that he be ordained as a deacon.

Bro. Robert Earl Umsted delivered the Ordination Service from I Timothy 3.

Bro. Robert asked Bro. and Sis. Orval Phillips to come forward and laying on of hands at the altar. All preachers and deacons came forward and prayer was led by Bro. Gore. Handshake given to Bro. and Sis. Phillips.

New Business:

Motion made by Bro. Leonard Cook, seconded by Bro. Buck White that we table this matter of business permanently (The Caney Free Will Baptist Church asked that the Hopewell No. 1 Association drop from the State Association).

Discussion: Bro. Leonard Cook, Bro. Alvin Webb, Bro. Harvey White, Bro. J.W. Tignor, Bro. A.D. Merchant. Vote taken — carried.

Congregation singing "What A Day That Will Be".

Recess for ten minutes.

The congregation singing "I'll Have a New Life" and "Just a Little Talk With Jesus".

Bro. Robert Earl presented the Ordination Paper to Bro. Phillips.

Special Music: Sis. Brenda Hill — "I Need No Mansion Here"; Bro. Gore and Group — "I'm Bound For That City"; Sis. Becky Gabbart — "I Wonder How I Felt".

Report was given by Bro. Webb that the Examining Council would accept Bro. Wayne Smith back into the Hopewell No. 1 Association on conditions a letter of recommendation from Little Missouri River Association was received.

Motion made by Bro. Henry Weathers, seconded by Bro. Leonard Cook that we accept Bro. Wayne back into the Hopewell No. 1 Association. Vote taken — carried.

Bro. Clerence Dodson delivered the message from Luke 21:34.

Bro. and Sis. Lewis Lawson, Sylvia Patterson, Murray Pritchard and Erma Stanley sang "I Want To Stroll Over Heaven With You".

Bro. Dodson led the congregation in prayer.

A very good message enjoyed by all.

Motion made by Bro. Webb, seconded by Bro. Lawson that we adjourn. Vote taken — carried.

Congregation standing for prayer led by Bro. Murray Pritchard.

FRIDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 19, 1979

Services opened with congregation singing led by Bro. Pete Daniel, Sis. Annette Stanley at the piano. "My Soul Is In My Saviour's Hand", "They Will Know Me In Heaven", followed by prayer led by Bro. Clerence Dodson. "There Is Someone Watching O'er Me", "Touch and Cleanse Me" and "From Death to Endless Life".

Special Music: Bro. and Sis. Lawson, Sylvia Patterson, J.W. Tadlock and Erma Stanley — "Just Tell Them When You Saw Me"; Pete Daniel, Annette Stanley, Randy, Ada, and J.W. Tadlock — "I Saw A Vision", "Waiting For The Boatman"; Hopewell Church — "My Lord Keeps A Record", "Everybody Will Be Happy."

Bro. Leonard Cook delivered a wonderful message from Acts 2:41-47.
The meeting was dismissed in prayer led by Bro. Elbert Owens.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 18, 1979

The Saturday Morning session opened with congregation singing "Will You Meet Me Over Yonder", "Take Him Down", followed by prayer led by Bro. Bill Schrier.

Motion made by Bro. Buck White, seconded by Bro. Lewis Lawson the Association be set in order. Vote taken — carried.

Motion made by Bro. Henry, seconded by Bro. Rose that we seat the Murray Hill delegates. Vote taken — carried.

Nomination for State Delegate: Bro. Leonard Cook nominated Bro. Billy Culbreth, Bro. Robert Umsted nominated Bro. Alvin Webb. Motion made by Bro. Lawson, seconded by Bro. Henry Weathers that nominations cease and proceed to elect. Vote taken. Bro. Alvin Webb 23 — Bro. Billy Culbreth 13.

Introductory Service for Association 1980.

Sis. Mary Noe nominated Bro. Owen Gore. Motion made by Bro. Henry, seconded by Bro. Leonard that nomination cease and elect by acclamation. Vote taken — carried.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

September 28, 29, 1979	Murray Hill
December 28, 29, 1979	Caney
March 28, 29, 1980	Folsom
June 27, 28, 1980	Pleasant View
Association — August 14, 15, 16, 1980	Hopewell

Discussion on Association Revival: Bro. Buck White, Bro. Leonard Cook, Bro. Robert Umsted. Motion made by Bro. Robert Umsted, seconded by Bro. Buck White to continue the Association revival. Vote taken: 17 for — none opposed. Date set for the Association revival July 14, 1980. Sis. Mary Noe asked for the Association Revival at Durant First Church. Motion made by Bro. Henry, seconded by Bro. Roy Owens that we grant the Association Revival to Durant First Church. Vote taken — carried.

Motion made by Bro. Buck White, seconded by Bro. Billy Robinson that we use the pastor from each church and have the revival for 10 nights. Table till afternoon session.

Dismissed for a ten minute recess.

The Saturday morning worship service opened with congregation singing "When We All Get To Heaven", followed by prayer led by Bro. Buck White.

Congregation singing "An Empty Mansion", and "Will There Be Any Stars".

Special Music: Bro. Ed Strickland & family — "Keep Me Ready To Go", "Jesus Is Right"; Bro. Pete and Annette — "Work For The Master", and "When I Get To The End of The Way".

Bro. Lewis Lawson delivered a wonderful message from Hebrews 1:1-6.

The service was dismissed with prayer led by Bro. Preston Rose.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 18, 1979

The afternoon session opened with congregation singing "I Want To Know More About My Lord", followed by prayer led by Bro. Henry Weathers. Congregation singing "I'm Going That Way", and "What A Day That Will Be".

Standing ovation given to the ladies for the wonderful lunch.

Discussion on Associational Revival.

Motion made by Sis. Dessie Lawson, seconded by Bro. White that we have 6 nights, dismiss on Sunday night (go to your own church) and come back on Monday night and go 4 more nights. Vote taken — carried.

Motion made by Bro. Roy Owens, seconded by Bro. Leonard that Bro. Gore appoint the preachers for the Association Revival. Vote taken — carried. (Pastors from each church)

July 14, 1980	Pleasant View
July 15, 1980	Mt. Zion
July 16, 1980	Folsom
July 17, 1980	Murray Hill
July 18, 1980	Pirtle
July 19, 1980	Durant First
July 21, 1980	Caney
July 22, 1980	Atoka First
July 23, 1980	Hopewell
July 24, 1980	Association Revival Evangelist

Nomination for Association Evangelist: Bro. Leonard nominated Bro. J.W. Tignor, Bro. Buck White nominated Bro. Billy Culbreth. Motion made by Bro. Weathers, seconded by Bro. Buck White that nominations cease and elect. Vote taken: Tignor 17 — Culbreth 12.

New Year's Eve Service: Bro. Leonard asked for the New Year's Eve Service at Folsom. Motion made by Bro. Buck White, seconded by Bro. Billy Robinson that we grant Folsom the New Year's Eve Service. Vote taken — carried.

Reports of the committee read by the clerk. Motion made by Bro. Henry, seconded by Bro. Buck that we accept the reports as read and release the committees. Vote taken — carried.

Congregation standing for silent prayer for those who have gone on to be with the Lord, followed by prayer led by Bro. Leonard Cook.

Discussion on Association Board Members: Bro. Alvin Webb, Bro. Wayne Smith, Bro. Leonard Cook, Bro. Jerry Brown, Bro. J.W. Tignor, Bro. Lewis Lawson, Bro. Clerence Dodson. Motion made by Sis Joyce Stickland, seconded by Sis. Sandy Smith that we keep the Association Board. Vote taken: 10 for — 6 against.

Congregation singing "I'm Bound For That City" and "Come Unto Me".

Special Music: Folsom Group — "When I Looked Up and He Looked Down".

Bro. J.W. Tignor delivered a very inspiring message from Genesis 5:21, Hebrews 11, and Jude 14:15.

Motion made by Bro. Lewis Lawson, seconded by Bro. Clerence Dodson that we adjourn. Vote taken — carried.

Sis. Estlee Daniel thanked everyone for bringing food and the fellowship that we enjoyed.

Our closing prayer was led by Bro. Pete Daniel.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TEMPERANCE: We, your committee on Temperance, recommend temperance in all things and total abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages. We also recommend that all members shun the appearance of evil and that we control our speech, being careful of one another's feelings and obey the ordinance that God has laid out before us.

OBITUARY: We, your Obituary Committee, sadly report the passing of our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ: Sis. Fern Isenberg, Bro. Chapman Williams from Hopewell; Bro. Henry Wilson from Pirtle; Sis. Ruth Winnett from Murray Hill; Bro. Earl Umsted, A.L. Workman from Caney; Sis. Faye White from Durant First; and Bro. Kenneth Cannon from Pleasant View. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

FINANCE: We, your committee on finance, have examined the records and found them to be in order.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We, your Sunday School committee, recommend that all members attend Sunday School and church each Sunday and bring their children and encourage them to stay for church. Also to visit friends and neighbors that are not attending church and invite them to church.

EDUCATION: We, your committee on education, recommend that each church have a Vacation Bible School for a week or ten days and a training program for young people. We also recommend that parents devote time in educating and helping their children understand the Bible. That we have a deeper desire for each church to follow closer and devote more time to our young people.

RESOLUTION: We, your Resolution Committee of 1979, believe that:

1. Each officer, delegate and alternate should be present at each meeting if at all possible.
2. That all delegates be seated together.
3. We also believe that all churches should get together at least every six months for Communion (Foot Washing).
4. Each church should make a special effort to visit the sick, aged and needy people in their community.

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CANEY

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EXAMINING COUNCIL

Folsom	Lewis Lawson
First Church	Jackie Lewis
Pleasant View	Robert Earl Umsted
Caney	Harvey White
Mt. Zion	J.W. Tignor
Pirtle	Alvin Webb
Murray Hill	J.C. McDowell
Atoka	Clerence Dodson
Hopewell	Owen Gore

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Caney	
Folsom	Billy Culbreth
Hopewell	Eddie Whitmire
First Church, Durant	George Rose
Pleasant View	
First Church, Atoka	
Mt. Zion	Wayne Smith
Pirtle	
Murray Hill	

FREE WILL BAPTIST 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 the amusements and unholy conformity of the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverage 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 Scripture, secret prayer, family devotion, and public worship and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ".

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, public worship and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel or fail to give according to our ability for the support of the church 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 unity of Spirit in the bond 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 the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principals and obligations supreme, esteem it our chief business to make Christ known to the world and constantly pray and toil 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 co-operate in the promotion of denominational institutions and enterprises, the support of the work of the local church, and the evangelization of the world.

May the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless into the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are equal in Divine essence, power and glory. — Romans 1:20; 1 John 1:7.

2. We believe that the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are the written and revealed Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice. — Matthew 5:18, 2 Timothy 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 mankind are sinners; not by constraint, but by choice; being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the fall, and that man is unable to save himself with his own power, but we see Jesus for the suffering of death crowned with glory, that He by the Grace of God should taste death for every man. — Genesis 3:7-17; Hebrews 2:9.

4. We believe that Christ, by his death, burial and resurrection, purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all mankind upon the principals of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent, therefore He saith: "Look unto me and be saved all ye ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else." — Matthew 4:7; Isaiah 45:22; Acts 20:20-21; Acts 17:30.

5. We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the Spirit of God if they inherit eternal life. — John 3:3; Romans 5:1-13.

6. We believe that infants and idiots are saved by the merits of the Son of God. — Deuteronomy 1:39; Mark 10:14; Luke 18:16; Matthew 19:13-14, 18:2-10; Mark 10:13-16; II Samuel 12:22.

7. We believe that all Christians should preserve in grace and be faithful to the end if they inherit eternal life for blessed are they that do his commandments that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates of the city. — Matthew 24:13; Revelation 22:14.

8. We believe that Baptism by immersion is the Apostolic mode, even the burial of the believer in water: and that Christ, who is our life, showed this humble example to His Children, and bids us walk therein. — John 3:22; Matthey 3:16; Romans 6:25; Matthew 28:19-20.

9. We believe that God in His goodness displayed His power of grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Ghost, and by the instructions of His blessed Word, to go forth and proclaim life and salvation. He bids us freely to come and nothing prevents the salvation of any but their own stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come. — Cor. 12:13; Ephesians 3:7; Revelation 22:17; Isaiah 55:1.

10. We believe that Baptist and the Lord's Supper and Washing the Saint's Feet are Divine ordinances and should be observed by all His Children. — Mark 14:22; John 13:4-14; Matthew 28:19-20; I Timothy 5:10.

11. We believe that none have a right to Baptism except those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ and none have the right to administer the same

except those who are called of God and have come under the hands of the Presbytery of Elders; and each church ought to have a Pastor, Deacons, and Clerk, chosen by the church and continue in office during good pleasure of the same; and in dealing with disorderly members, reference should be made to the 18th chapter of Matthew and other Scriptures relative to dealing with disorderly members. In all cases a majority shall rule, except in receiving members, which shall be unanimous. — Titus 1:5; Acts 14:23; 2 Corinthians 6:6.

12. We believe it to be the duty of each church to assemble themselves together once a month, and that it is the duty of the Pastor of the church when setting forth the Lord's Supper to "let a man examine himself and so let him eat." — I Corinthians 11:28; Hebrews 10:25.

13. We believe that Sanctification and Holiness is a Bible doctrine, that immortality is God dwelling in the light so when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general and to be singly engaged to promote the honor and glory of God. — Galations 6:10; I John 2:9.

14. We believe in the resurrection of the dead of both the just and the unjust. The resurrection of the just to glory and immortality in the presence of God, the unjust, to everlasting shame and banishment from the presence of God. — Matthew 25:31-34; I Corinthians 15:42-45; II Thessalonians 1:4-11; Revelation 20:12-15.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

1. Do you have a license? _____
2. If you have license, how long have you carried them? _____
3. By what Association were they issued? _____
4. Where are you preaching now? _____
5. Why do you want to be ordained? _____
6. Are you married? _____ How many times? _____
7. If you have been married more than once, is a former companion living? _____
8. How many children do you have? _____
9. Is your wife a member of the Free Will Baptist Church? _____
10. How long have you been a Christian? _____
11. How long have you been a Free Will Baptist? _____
12. Is your wife willing that you be ordained? _____
13. If you have belonged to other denominations, give name of each and length of time with each. _____
14. In your opinion, what is God's plan for financing his work? _____
15. Do you tithe to the church you are a member of? _____
16. Are you willing to make any sacrifice that may be involved in this ministry? _____
17. Are you willing to abstain from any indulgences that might hinder your effective influence in the ministry? _____
18. Will your financial circumstances hinder you in taking the pastoral care of church? _____

19. Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to the ministry? _____
20. Would you be willing to continue preaching under license if this committee felt that it was best? _____

QUESTIONS ON DOCTRINE

1. Do you believe that the Scripture, the Old and New Testament, are the infallible Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice? _____
2. Do you believe in the Trinity? _____
3. Name the God Head _____
4. Is salvation obtained through the Blood of Christ? _____
5. Name the condition of salvation _____
6. Do you believe that speaking in an unknown tongue is evidence of having received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost? _____
7. Do you believe in a second definite work of Grace or Baptism of the Holy Ghost, separate and apart from regeneration? _____
8. What composes the body of Christ? _____
9. Does the Bible teach that God has an organized visible Church on this earth? _____
10. Do you believe that Baptism is a Gospel Ordinance? _____
11. Who are the proper subjects for Baptism? _____
12. Do you believe that Immersion is the proper method of waterbaptism? _____
13. Do you believe that the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are divine ordinances and should be observed repeatedly? _____
14. A. Do you teach and practice these ordinances? _____
B. Do you practice these ordinances at night? _____
15. Do you believe in the possibility of apostasy? _____
16. Do you believe in the resurrection of the bodies of all men? _____
17. Do you believe that there will be a judgment when time and man's probation will close, forever and then all will be judged according to their works? _____
18. Do you believe that immediately after the judgment the righteous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked into a state of endless punishment? _____
19. Do you believe that Christ at His second coming will close the gospel dispensation, glorify his saints and judge the world? _____
20. I pledge myself to teach and defend the Free Will Baptist Doctrine to the best of my ability. If at any future time I preach or teach any doctrine contrary to the Free Will Baptist articles of faith, I will surrender my credentials to the Quarterly Conference of which I am a member.

Signed _____

MINUTE MONEY

Nine Churches each sent	\$ 30.00
TOTAL	\$270.00

STATE FEE

Nine Churches each sent	\$ 20.00
TOTAL	\$180.00

For printing 1978 Minutes	\$240.75
Price's Printing less 10% discount	25.00
Total for 1978 Minutes	\$215.75

Checks and Other Debits	Deposits	Date	Balance
		8-1-78	\$ 229.16
Brief Case \$15.00	\$558.00	8-21-78	\$ 787.16
For Ass'l Checks \$ 1.08			
State Assoc. \$ 180.00			
Price's Printing \$215.75			
T.A. McBride \$108.00			\$ 267.33
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	\$ 450.00	8-24-79	\$ 825.33

ANNUAL FEES

Each Church	\$ 30.00 for Minutes
Each Church	\$ 20.00 for State
Each Church	\$ 12.00 for Board Member
TOTAL	\$ 62.00

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

September 8, 1979	Pleasant View
October 13, 1979	First Church Durant
November 10, 1979	Murray Hill
December 8, 1979	Pirtle
January 12, 1980	Caney
February 9, 1980	Hopewell
March 8, 1980	Mt. Zion
April 12, 1980	Folsom
May 10, 1980	Atoka First Church
June 14, 1980	Pleasant View
July 12, 1980	Durant First Church
August 9, 1980	Murray Hill

THE SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE

I love the Church that Jesus bought,
And I know that it is right;
I go there on Sunday morning,
But not on Sunday night.

I love to sing the songs of God,
Such worship must be right,
This I do on Sunday morning,
But not on Sunday night.

God Bless our preacher, too;
And give him power and might,
To put the sinner in his place;
But I won't be there Sunday night.

I love to hear the Gospel, too;
It gives me pure delight;
I hear it on Sunday morning;
But not on Sunday night.

I know I need more strenght;
To keep me in the fight;
For help I come on Sunday morn,
But not on Sunday night.

I'd go through rain, and sleet and snow,
Do anything that's right,
To be in Church on Sunday morn;
But not on Sunday night.

Yes, I know we all must die;
I hope I will be doing right;
So may I die on Sunday morn,
And not on Sunday night.

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