

# *MINUTES*

OF THE

**Fifty-third Annual Session**

OF THE

**JASPER FREEWILL BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION**

**Held With Shady Grove Church  
September 30; October 1-2, 1939**

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## OFFICERS

Rev. J. A. Godsey, Moderator  
Brandon Estes, Clerk



The next Session of this Association will convene with Union Hill Church, 3 miles South of Hackleburg, Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1940. Rev. J. O. Jones to preach the Introductory Sermon.





## FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented by*

Rev. Bill Atkinson

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#### PROCEEDINGS

of the Fifty-third Annual Session of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association, which convened with Shady Grove Church, Franklin County, Alabama, October 1-2, 1939.

The meeting opened with singing by the choir and prayer by Rev. O. S. Gardner. After which Rev. H. A. Pitts preached an able sermon from the 8th chapter and 32 verse of John.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER THIRTY

Afternoon Session—1 After song by choir and prayer by the moderator Rev. A. L. Warren. The Moderator and clerk being present, the body was called to business.

2. Names of churches were called, Letters read and contents noted as per statistical table. Moderator appointed Brandon Estes and W. M. Fowler reading clerks.

#### NAMES OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Mt. Olive—A. G. May, W. M. Whitman, Sister J. H. Potts.  
Mt. Pleasant—Sister W. C. Raburn.  
Gum Springs—Foster Holcomb and wife, Noah Harbin.  
Union Chapel—Elbert Hendrick, Stewart Buckfield, Pearl Barnes.  
Union Hill—O. Langston, Cliff Kenedy, F. Lacy.  
Free Waters—Loyd Franks, Felix Crow, Grady Pollard.  
Liberty—Represented by letter and contribution.  
Red Bay—Represented by letter and contribution.  
Shady Grove—S. M. Nix, W. F. Freeman.  
Pearces Chapel—Not represented.  
Poplar Log—Dobson Harris, Earl Harris, Booker Wiginton.  
Bethlehem—J. E. Tidwell, Rufus Evans, Henry Cagle.  
Brilliant-Boston—Sister Joe Hosmer, Sister A. P. Linard, Bro. Dewey Burleson.  
Bear Creek—S. M. Lindsey, Lon Gunion, J. T. Heathcock.  
New Oak Grove—Pomp Martin, Vergie Kilgore, Claud Noles.  
Good Springs—E. C. Humphress, Hewet Humphress, Arlon Humphress.  
Pochantas—Represented by letter and contribution.  
Hopewell—Verlie Barton, A. B. Bell, T. J. Wakefield.  
Piny Ridge—Represented by letter and contribution.  
Lone Star—Burble Keeton, Wendell Bronson.  
Calumet—W. M. Fowler and wife, J. C. Williams.  
Spring Hill—Burt Nuckals and Sister Burt Nuckals.  
Holly Spring—  
New Pleasant Hill—Not represented.  
Pleasant View—Not represented.

3. Moved, seconded and carried that the body be organized which was done by electing Rev. J. A. Godsey Moderator and Brandon Estes Clerk.

4. Call for correspondents from sister associations. Bro. John Smith and T. L. Fowler from Morning Star association. Rev. Thomas H. Dixon, Grand River Association, Oklahoma. Bro. Calvin Benton and wife, Locust Grove, Okla.; Rev. J. M. Haas, Tupelo, Miss.; F. S. Peoples and wife from Missionary Baptist at Boston; Rev. I. K. Boyett and wife from State Line



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Association.

5. Moved and seconded that the moderator appoint all committees.

On Preaching, J. A. Underwood, Dobson Harris, Grady May, with Deacons of Shady Grove Church.

On Documents and Order of Business—O. S. Gardiner, J. O. Jones, A. L. Warren, with Moderator and Clerk.

Sabbath School—Ira Nix, J. H. Pitts, H. A. Pitts.

On Literature—J. O. Jones, Foster Holcomb, Dewey Burleson.

On Deceased Members—W. M. Whitman, James Kenedy, Claud Noles.

On Resolutions—W. D. Martin, Booker Wiginton, Cliff Kennedy.

On Education—Henry Cagle, Sister A. P. Linard, O. C. Langston.

On Home Mission—Sister Joe Hosmer, Sister J. H. Potts, Babe Nix.

On Temperance—A. L. Warren, Wallace Freeman, G. W. Flippo.

On Finance—W. F. Fowler, B. B. Pounders, Earl Harris.

Next in order was the call for the report of committee on preaching as follows: Rev. J. H. Potts to preach Saturday night; Rev. Calvin Benton to Prech Sunday at 9:00 o'clock. Rev. Thomas H. Dixon to preach Sunday at 11:00 o'clock; J. A. Godsey to preach Sunday night, and W. D. Martin Monday at 11:00 o'clock.

Next in order was to call names of churches and consign delegates to their places of stay while the body was in session. Moved and seconded that the body adjourn until 8:00 o'clock Monday a. m.

### SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

After singing by choir and prayer, Rev. J. H. Potts preached an able discourse to a large audience. Text, First Cor. 1 chap. 18 verse.

### SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday morning at 9:00 o'clock Rev. C. D. Benton, Locust Grove, Okla., preached to a large audience. Text used 1 Com. 13 chapter, 13 verse.

Sunday at 11:00 o'clock Rev. Thomas Dixon of Checotah, Okla. preached an able discourse to a large concourse of people. Text Isa. 28th Chapter, 16 verse.

### SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE

After singing by the choir and several good prayers Rev. J. A. Godsey preached a wonderful message, text, Mark 14 Chapter and 24 verse. After which 76 people took part in the footwashing service.

### MONDAY MORNING SERVICE

After singing by choir and prayer by Rev. J. R. Ford the moderator declared a quorum present and called the body together ready for business. By a move and second Bro. W. S. Flippo was appointed clerk protem. By a move and second the calling of the roll was omitted. By a move and second we adjourned one hour while Rev. W. D. Martin delivered an able discourse, text, Can these Bones Live. After which we dismissed one hour for refreshments.

### MONDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

After singing by the choir and prayer by Rev. I. K. Boyett the moderator called the session to order and appointed Rev. J. O. Jones assistant Moderator.

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### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

On documents and order of business—We your committee on Documents and order of Business report as follows:

Sec. 1. We recommend that this association meet on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1940.

Sec. 2. We recommend that secretary-treasurer be paid \$10.00 out of the minute fund.

Sec. 3. We recommend that the moderator be paid \$5.00 from the associational fund.

Sec. 4. We recommend that J. A. Godsey be appointed Evangelist of this association for the year 1940 and that the churches pay him a reasonable amount for his service.

Sec. 5. We recommend that Bro. J. A. Underwood be appointed on the committee on ministerial character.

Sec. 6. We recommend that Bro. J. O. Jones preach the introductory sermon.

Sec. 7. We find that three churches are asking for the association. We recommend that this body decide which shall have it.

Sec. 8. We recommend that each church appoint a finance committee to raise associational funds each year.

Sec. 9. We recommend that the clerk send each church a type written blank for their associational letter. This to be filled out and sent back to the clerk before the association closes.

Sec. 10. The body voted down a move to re-enter Sec. 7, 9 and 10 of the 1937 minute.

Rev. O. S. Gardner, Chairman; W. S. Flippo, Sect. Protem.

Report received and adopted by sections committee. Discharged.

On deceased ministers and members—We your committee on deceased ministers and members report as follows: Shady Grove Church, A. M. Clark died Jan. 4, 1939, age 78 years, 6 mo. and 22 days; Bithie Bankston, died May 30, 1939, age 20 years, 2 mo., 5 days; Lucy Ann McMurray, died Aug. 28, 1939, age 70 years. New Oak Grove Church: George Bell, age 77. Pocahontas church: Sister Sarah Roberts, age 84; Archie Hall, age 31. Brilliant-Boston Church: Sister Will Strickland; G. W. Burleson, age 86. Spring Hill Church: Sister Anne Yeats. Mt. Olive Church: Bro. J. W. Burleson, age 76 years, 11 mo., 19 days; Br. H. L. Franks, age 71 years. Red Bay Church: Miss Volice Keeton. Holly Springs: Sister Lizzie Mitchell, died March 4, 1939, age 29 years. Claud Noles, Chairman. Report received and committee discharged.

On Resolutions: We your committee on resolutions report as follows: We tender our thanks to Shady Grove Church and community for their kind hospitality and cooperation in attendance, prayer and fellowship. We heartily thank the officers of this association for the faithful manner in which they have served. We further tender our thanks to the choir for their good singing. It made our hearts rejoice to hear these inspiring songs. We thank Bro. Monroe Whitman and others for services rendered at the piano.

Be it resolved that each church in this association go to God in prayer



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for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom.—W. D. Martin, Chairman. Report received and convention discharged.

On Sabbath Schools—We your committee on Sabbath Schools report as follows: We recommend that each church have an organized Sunday School as it is a good way to teach the children as well as adults more about God's word. We recommend the use of the bible in connection with the Free Will Baptist Literature.—S. D. Nix, Chairman. Report received and committee discharged.

On Education—We your committee on Education report as follows: Christ says in his word to search the scriptures. We understand the scriptures to be the Holy Bible. We call your attention to 2nd Timothy, 15 verse as Paul instructed Timothy he said "Show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth. We recommend that we read and teach our children to study our church paper and church literature, and not to read love story magazines. We recommend that we give our children a bible education along with their literary education.—Mrs. A. P. Lenard, Chairman. Report received and committee discharged.

On Home Mission—We your committee on home mission recommend that we do all in our power to get the children of our power, each community in Sunday School. That each church elect a visiting committee which should consist of Sunday School teachers to call on people who are absent from Sunday School. That each church provide transportation for those living far from church. That the church and pastors cooperate in this matter.—Mrs. Joe Hosmer, Chairman. Report received and committee discharged.

On Literature—We your committee on Literature report as follows: We recommend that our churches use the Bible with a prayerful study in our homes and Sunday Schools. Also use the Free Will Baptist Literature printed at Ayden, North Carolina. We recommend that the Free Will Baptist paper be read instead of magazines in our homes.—W. C. Raburn, Chairman. Report received and committee discharged.

On Temperance—Be it resolved that this body begin today fighting for the repeal of this wet liquor law that has been forced upon us. Surely we realize that liquor is carrying thousands of our boys and girls into the quick sands of the devil. This leads them not only to drink but to prostitution, to murder, to stealnig, to lying and to fornications of all kinds. Let us resolve in our hearts that we will not set the least example by being drinkers. Let us be total abstainers in thism atter.

We make the following resolutions:

1. That our Sunday School teachers teach temperance in their classes.
2. That our preachers preach special sermons on the lives of intemperance.
3. That our church members practice temperance in their habits, their actions and their voting.

Be it resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the national Voice, (a temperance paper.) Los Angeles, Cal.—G. W. Flippo, Chairman. Report received and committee discharged.

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### SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT

Minute funds .....	\$37.00
Associational funds .....	\$8.00
Collected for W. S. Flippo Bible .....	\$3.00
For J. A. Ford .....	\$5.68
For W. D. Martin .....	\$2.36

Total paid in October 2, 1939 .....

\$56.04

Paid out October 2, 1939.

Bible, W. S. Flippo .....	\$3.00
To J. R. Ford .....	\$5.68
To W. D. Martin .....	\$2.36
To J. A. Godsey .....	\$5.00
To Brandon Estes .....	\$10.00

Total Paid out October 2, 1939 .....

\$26.04

Left in my hand for printing minutes and other expenses .....

\$30.00

Brandon Estes, Sec.-Treas.

### NAMES OF DECEASED MINISTERS

Rev. W. A. Nelson, Rev. R. C. Flippo, Rev. L. L. Nichols, Rev. S. G. Elliott, Rev. W. H. Ingram, Rev. M. R. Martin, Rev. G. E. Cochran, Rev J. A. Grace, Rev. E. C. Thomas, Rev. W. B. Benson, Rev. H. B. Fowler, Rev. W. M. Buzbee, Rev. J. M. Buzbee, Rev. R. A. Nix, Rev. S. W. Brook, Rev. T. M. Chanup.

### NAMES OF MINISTERS

G. O. Parker, Rt. 4, Fulton, Miss.  
 O. S. Gardiner, Hackleburg, Alabama.  
 J. H. Potts, Rt. 2, Guin, Alabama.  
 J. L. Conner, California.  
 J. J. Wesley, Guin, Alabama.  
 G. W. Flippo, Rt. 2, Guin, Alabama.  
 J. R. Ford, Rt. 2, Hackleburg, Alabama.  
 W. D. Martin, Rt. 2, Guin, Alabama.  
 J. L. Brasseal, Rt. 3, Winfield, Alabama.  
 T. D. Nix, Rt. 1, Nauvoo, Alabama.  
 E. R. Franks, Guin, Alabama.  
 P. J. Keeton, Belmont, Miss.  
 B. M. Atkins, Winfield, Alabama.  
 A. L. Warren, Brilliant, Alabama.  
 J. A. Flippo, Haleyville, Alabama.  
 J. A. Godsey, Hamilton, Alabama.  
 J. O. Jones, Phil Campbell, Alabama.  
 J. R. Benson, Nauvoo, Ala.  
 J. R. Williams, Brilliant, Alabama.  
 G. W. Turner, Townley, Alabama.  
 R. S. Brooks, Hackleburg, Alabama.  
 Grady Hudson, Hackleburg, Alabama.  
 E. B. Springfield, Guin, Alabama.



# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE	NAMES OF DELEGATES	Received by Experience	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Expelled	Deceased	No. of Members	Days of Meeting	Churches Reporting Sunday Schools	Paid Pastor	Paid Helper	Minute Fund	Association Fund	Value of Church P.
Bethlehem	J. A. Godsey	J. R. Franks, Hamilton, Rt. 3	J. E. Tidwell, R. Evans, H. Cagle	19	1				66	3				\$1.85		\$2.00
Bear Creek	J. O. Jones	J. F. Heathcock, Hackleburg	S. M. Lindsey, L. Gunion, J. F. Heathcock						48	2				\$1.00		
Brilliant-Boston	A. J. Lambert	Vester Hawkins, Brilliant, Ala.	Sis. J. Hosmer, Sis. A. P. Lenard, D. Burleson	26	4			2	203			\$180.00	\$175.	\$1.75		\$1000
Calumet	T. D. Nix	W. M. Fowler, Bankhead	W. M. Fowler and wife, J. C. Williams						63					\$1.00		
Free Waters	O. S. Gardner	Brandon Estes, Guin, Ala.	L. Franks, T. Crow and wife	6	6	1			156	1		\$28.10		\$2.20	.25	\$1000
Good Springs	W. C. Raburn	E. C. Humphress, Vina, Ala.	E. C. Humphress, H. Humphress, A. Humphress			2			32	2		\$27.75	\$8.50	\$1.00	.50	\$300
Gum Springs	H. A. Pitts	J. H. Moore	F. Holcomb and wife, N. Harbin	34		2				1		\$59.45	38.00	\$3.00		\$800
Holly Springs	W. D. Martin	Lillie Mae Champlee		3	2	1		1	60			\$9.00		\$1.10		
Hopewell	J. S. Frederick	J. T. Henson, Nauvoo, Ala.	V. Barton, A. B. Bell, T. J. Wakefield	17	4		1		48			\$20.00		\$1.50	.65	\$600
Lone Star	H. A. Pitts	M. D. Parker, Treemont, Miss.	B. Keeton, W. Brown	2		1			88	3				\$2.35		
Liberty	L. Woodan	Ernest Marlin, Guin, Ala.	G. M. Smith, M. Vaughn, A. Lucas	4		4	1		63	2				\$1.00		\$500
Mt. Pleasant	A. L. Warren	W. M. Burleson	Sis. W. C. Raburn						55	3						\$500
Mt. Olive	A. L. Warren	W. S. Flippo, Guin, Ala.	A. G. May, W. M. Whitman, Sis. A. Potts	17	9			2	275	3		\$32.04	16.38	\$2.85		\$1000
New Pleasant Hill		Not Represented														
New Oak Grove	A. L. Warren	Andy Bell	P. Martin, V. Kilgore, C. Noles	42	0	1		1	211	4		\$85.00		\$3.45		\$1000
Piney Ridge	J. R. Benson	D. A. Farley	J. Benson	5					50	4				.75		
Pocohontas	J. H. Potts	A. R. Shed, Carbon Hill, Ala., Rt. 2	F. Hinds, A. Swindle, Sis. C. Hall			4		2	45	4		\$32.92		\$1.00		\$800
Pleasant View		Not Represented														
Poplar Log	H. A. Pitts	Dobson Harris	D. Harris, E. Harris, B. Wiginton	3	2				61	4				\$1.30		\$1000
Pearces Mills		Not Represented														
Shady Grove	J. O. Jones	E. R. McDuffa, Phil Campbell	W. F. Freeman, T. M. Nix, G. E. Nix			1	3	3	230			\$19.80		\$1.20	.85	\$1800
Spring Hill	J. S. Frederick	Mary Thomas, Nauvoo, Ala.	B. Nuckal and sister	1									21.55	\$1.00	.50	
Red Bay	M. L. Holice	Marvin E. Gray, Red Bay, Ala.	J. Yielding, H. Johnson, T. M. Keeton	7	1				281	1&3		\$420.00	1.00		\$1.50	\$5000
Union Chapel	H. A. Pitts	Gus Eads, Winfield, Ala., Rt. 3	E. Hendrick, S. Birchfield, P. Barnes	8				2	110			\$25.00			\$1.30	
Union Hill	O. S. Gardner	J. H. Kennedy, Hackleburg, Ala.	O. Langston, C. Kennedy, F. Lacey	13	1				270			\$32.00		\$1.80		\$1000
Total				198	30	17	5	12	2365		14					



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E. L. Page, Pocahontas, Alabama.  
W. C. Raburn, Hackleburg, Alabama.  
H. A. Pitts.  
J. F. Broaderck.

J. Daniels, Jasper, Alabama.

Next in order by a motion and second the moderator appointed delegates to sister associations, to-wit:

To Vernon—Rev. A. L. Warren, Rev. Grady Hudson.

To Mt. Moriah—Rev. S. D. Nix, Rev. W. D. Martin.

To State Line—Rev. Grady Hudson, Rev. O. S. Gardiner.

East Tupelo—Rev. J. A. Godsey, Rev. J. H. Potts.

To Morning Star—Rev. W. D. Martin, Rev. G. W. Flipppo.

### EVANGELIST'S REPORT

As an evangelist of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association I am glad to report that the Lord has wonderfully blessed me with several good revivals this year, with several additions to the church and a good many conversations. Some of them joined other churches. I have had the pastoral care of one church this year. I have organized several Sunday Schools, one Epworth League and one Lady's Aid Society. I do not know how many burials I have conducted this year, have helped ordain four deacons. I have held two meetings out of the state. I expect to go back and organize a church at one of the places. I have traveled 2,000 miles this year.—Respectfully submitted, Rev. W. D. Martin.

By a unanimous consent the next session of the Jasper Association will convene with Union Hill Church, three miles south of Hackleburg. The same to convene on Saturday before the first Sunday in Oct. 1940.

1. Be it resolved, that any minister of the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association who desires to set forth the full functions of the Gospel, the same shall be made known to the Association by recommendation from the church or churches to which they belong. If upon examination they are found worthy the Association may ordain them, but all ordinations must be done at the annual Association.

2. By motion the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum were ordered appended to our minutes.

3. By motion the Association adjourned to meet at the above named place, after which there was singing by the choir and the parting hands were taken amid tears and joy.

4. Be it resolved that we will not accept the baptism of any unordained minister.

### ARTICLES OF FAITH

Art. 1. We believe there is one and but one living true God, who is in personality the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection.

Art. 2. We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and that its teachings construe the only infallible doctrine of the government of His church.

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Art. 3. We believe that Adam was created holy, but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity, and consequently involved his posterity in sin.

Art. 4. We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings; that the gospel is the power unto salvation; that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted, regenerated and saved.

Art. 5. We believe that Christian faith is belief in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Redeemer of the world, and in the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

Art. 6. We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which constitutes godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction for sin.

Art. 7. We believe that the human will is free, and that man has ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

Art. 8. We do not believe under the gospel dispensation that any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved; that it is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of faith, turn again to sin and be finally lost.

Art. 9. We believe that good works is the result of faith, and that those who have faith will do works of righteousness, while those who have no faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable to God.

Art. 10. We believe that Christian baptism is in the immersion of a believer in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, that baptism cannot be scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it.

Art. 11. We believe the Supper instituted by our Savior is a commemorative ordinance; that it was instituted for Christians and that all Christians unite in observing the sacred service, regardless of name or denominational distinction.

Art. 12. We believe that man is a living soul; that the body will die, but that the soul is immortal; that death is the separation of the mortal and immortal parts of human beings.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead. When the resurrection shall take place the soul and body will reunite and form an immortal being; that the righteous will be received into a state of everlasting happiness to reign with God forever and ever, but the wicked will be bound hand and foot and cast into outer darkness. The wicked are driven away in their wickedness, but the righteous have hope in their death.

### CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association of Alabama, and being composed of Ministers and Delegates from the different churches forming the same, each church being entitled to three (3) delegates.

2. This body shall be considered an advisory council.

3. All questions of doctrine and matters of general interest shall be decided by two-thirds vote of the Association, and the decision shall be final.

4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Clerk-



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Treasurer, who shall be chosen by a majority vote at each session of the Association.

5. The Association shall meet annually at such time and place as may be agreed upon by a previous Annual Session, and shall not adjourn finally until all business is transacted.

6. Churches wishing to become members of this Association must adopt its Articles of Faith, and conform to its usages.

7. We agree, as Churches of this Association, to use our best influence to promote the interest of all moral and benevolent institutions, such as Temperance Cause, Sunday School, Missionary Work, etc.

### RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be called to order by the Moderator who presided at the last session, the former Clerk also officiating until the body is fully organized.

2. The Association shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.

3. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the Association. A majority of votes by delegates present elects.

4. The names of delegates from the different churches shall be enrolled and called for as often as necessary during the session.

5. A majority of delegates shall rule in all cases except the reception of members; then it shall be unanimous.

6. The Moderator shall not be entitled to vote except in case of a tie, and then he shall give the deciding vote. He shall be entitled to speak on any question after others have spoken, provided he appoints some one to the chair while he is speaking.

7. Only one person shall speak at the time and he shall arise and address the Moderator, and after recognition by the Moderator he shall proceed.

8. No brother shall be interrupted while speaking unless he shall depart from the subject under discussion or use words of personal reflection.

9. No person will be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association—nor more than 15 minutes at a time.

10. No person shall laugh or talk while the debate is going on.

11. No person shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.

J. A. Godsey, Moderator; Brandon Estes, Clerk.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY REPORT

Our last Sunday School Rally was held with Union Hill. The next will be held with Shady Grove Church on Easter Sunday, 1940.

W. D. Martin, Chairman; Brandon Estes, Secretary.

### SUBJECT: JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5: 1. Justification in a theological sense, is either legal or evangelical. It is important that this distinction be observed. Legal justification is justification according to the strict demands of the law: Holy Angels are justified in this way, as mankind might now be; had they never sinned. Every attempt in sinners at justification by law is vain.

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Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight; for by the law is the knowledge of sin. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. Rom. 3: 20-28.

That justification about which the Scriptures principally treat, and which reaches the case of the sinner, is called evangelical justification, by which is meant the acceptance of one, by God, who is, and who confesses himself to be guilty, and who repents and believes in Jesus Christ for what saith the Scripture. Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Saying, Blessed are they whose sins are covered. Rom. 4: 3-7. As to the method of justification, three things are to be considered; the originating, the meritorious and the instrumental causes. Hence is said to be by grace through faith. The originating cause is the grace of God, which disposed him when we were exposed to death, as the penalty of our offence, to provide a substitute in his Son. For grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. Titus 2: 11. But after that the kindness and love of God our savior toward man appeared, Titus 3: 4. But for us, also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe in him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead. Rom. 3: 24.

This substitute is the meritorious cause of our justification. What Jesus Christ did in obedience to the precepts of the law, and what he suffered in satisfaction of its penalty, constitutes the ground of our acceptance or justification before God. As to the instrumental cause of our justification, the merit of Christ does not operate so as to produce pardon as a necessary and unavailable effect, but through the instrumentality of faith. The faith by which we are justified is present faith; faith actually existing and exercised.

We are not justified by tomorrow's faith foreseen, for that would imply justification from eternity; a notion which, to mention, is to confute, neither are we justified by yesterday's faith recorded and remembered; for that would imply justification that is irreversible. The acts of faith are three. They are distinct, yet constituent exercises of the mind.

1. The assent of the understanding to the truth of God in the gospel, especially that part of it which relates to the death of Christ as a sacrifice for sin.

2. The consent of the will and the affections to this plan of salvation. Such an approbation and choice of it as employs a renunciation of every other refuge.

3. From this assent of the enlightened understanding and consent of the recitized will, result actual trust in the savior, and personal apprehension of his merits. Evangelical repentance must precede this faith. Now when they heard this they were pricked in their hearts and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, men and brethren, what shall we do? Acts 2: 37. And they said believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. Acts 16: 31.

Repentance, according to the original word used in scripture, means change of mind; and earnest wishing that something were undone that has been done. When repentance has respect only to the consequence of sin, as when a malefactor, who still loves his sins, repents because it exposes him



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to punishment, it is sometimes called a worldly or legal repentance. Evangelical repentance is called a repentance toward God, because it consists in turning from sin to holiness, implying a sense and hatred of sin, and a sense and love of holiness.

The evidences of true saving repentance are, 1 Consciousness of guilt. What shall we say? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law, for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. Romans 7: 7. 2 Sorrow for sin. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, before the cock crow thou shalt deny me twice, and he went out and wept bitterly. Matt. 26: 75. 3 Renunciation of sin. Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold thou art made whole; sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. St. John 5: 14. (4) Confession of sins. For it is written, as I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. Romans, 14: 11.

5. Restitution see Luke 18: 22. The great motives to repentance are commands, promises, and threatenings of God.

1. Commands. And the times of this ignorance God winked at, but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent, Acts. 17: 30.

2. Promises, see Isa. 55: 7.

3. Threatenings, Matt. 11: 20; 12: 41.

4. The joy it occasions in heaven. I say unto you, that likewise, joy be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth more than over ninety and nine just persons which need no repentance, St. Luke 15: 7.

5. As sin is a violation of the divine law, repentance is seasonable. Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long suffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance. Romans, 2: 4.

Repentance alone however genuine, cannot atone for past sins, nor merit present or future favors. Hence justification or pardon is promised solely on the condition of true faith. Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5: 1.

Neither are we justified by works, or partly by works and partly by faith, but wholly by faith. Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ even we have believed in Jesus Christ that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. Gal. 2: 16. The only time for repentance is limited to the present life, and without repentance we will perish.—Rev. W. D. Martin.