Minutes

of the

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

of the

LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOCIATION

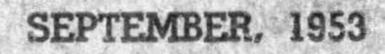
of the

FREEWILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH

ANTIOCH CHURCH

on Thursday and Friday before the First Lord's Day in



REV. J. W. PRINCE, Moderato MRS. JACK LAMBERT, Clerk

Next meeting will be held with Little Brown Creek Church on Thursday and Friday before the First Lord's Day in September, 1954

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PROCEEDINGS:

The 63rd Annual Session of the Little Brown Creek Association convened with Antioch Church on September 3-4, 1953, and transacted the following church matters:

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association was opened by the choir singing "Revive Us Again" directed by Bro. Ted Finley. Pianist, Miss Eunell Lambert. Prayer was offered by Rev. Grover Price.

Association was called to order by Moderator, Rev. J. W. Prince.

Devotional service was conducted by Rev. R. C. McCoy.

The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11:00 o'clock by Rev. G. P. Mayo. The text for his inspiring message was taken from 1st Corinthians 3rd Chapter and 10th verse.

Song—"Amazing Grace." In connection with this song was a Christian handshake.

Dismissal prayer for lunch hour by Rev. Sidney Whitehead.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

| The Association re-assembled by singing "Some Day." Moderator declared Association ready for business. | • مىلەر مىلەر |
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| Prayer by Rev. Herbert Stalnaker from Northeast Mississippi Associ | a- |
| tion. Followed by a union handshake. | .' |
| The Association proceeded with its work as follows: | , k r |
| First—Reading Clerks were appointed as follows: Bro. Alfred Joh | n- |
| son and Sister Cerez Allen. | |
| Second—In response to a call for letters the following were receive | d |
| by letter and delegation: | · - |
| 1. Martin Hill—Willie Penna, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Martin and Mr. and | ıd |
| Mrs. Walter Penna. | |
| 2. New Lebanon-A. M. Harris, Harley Moss, Houston McCoy and Sist | er |
| Eutha Lambert. | . |
| 3. Mt. Pisgah—Jeff Walker, Gertest Walker, Mrs. George Murphy a | ıd |
| Mrs. Velma Garvin. | |
| 4. Macedonia—Mrs. Gladys Searcey and Mrs. Cerez Allen. | ` z |
| 5. Jones Chapel—Guy Jones, B. C. Laster and Sister Elsie Jones. | |
| 6: Little Brown—Sister Lula Stricklin, Sister Myrtis Mayo, W. J. Rhoad | ls, |
| Sister Mary White and Freddie Rhoads. | |
| 7. Antioch—Alfred Johnson, Oscar Blakney, C. L. Blakney, Jim Barne | s, |
| J. H. Lambert, Oscar Jones, and Jack Lambert. | |
| 8. Burgess Creek—Charles Haney, Sister Lona Johnson, Sister Rosie La | n- |
| bert and Thomas Wilson. | - |
| Letters were accepted with amendments and delegates seated. | |
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Third—Called for letters from Sister Associations and received none. Fourth-Invited visiting brethren to sit with us and received three-Rev. Grover Price, Rev. Ted Finley and Rev. Herbert Stalnaker, from Northeast Mississippi Association.

Fifth—The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

- 1. On Arrangements of Business—Ervin Searcey, Jeff Walker and J. J. Whittemore.
 - On Devotion—A. M. Harris, Fate Lambert and George Martin. 2.
 - On Obituary—Sister Marie Wright, Sister Elzie Jones and Mrs. Walter 3. Penna.
 - On Finance—D. C. Lambert, J. H. Lambert and Guy Jones. 4.
 - On Resolutions-Buster Honeycutt, J. D. Jones and Walter Penna. 5.
 - On Sunday Schools-Sister Rosia Lambert, Sister Lona Johnson and 6. Sister Mary White.

Song—"Anywhere Is Home" directed by Bro. Joe Moss, followed by a brief, but inspirational message on Prayer by Rev. J. W. Phillips of The Tennessee River Association.

After a brief, but enjoyable song service by the choir, the Devotional Committee was called on for a report. The report stated that Rev. Grover Price was to fill the stand Thursday night.

Homes were declared available to any delegates or ministers who were not returning to their homes for the night.

The Choir sang "Just Over In The Glory Land," directed by Junior Honeycutt.

Adjournment was made until 9:00 o'clock Friday morning.

Dismissal prayer was offered by Rev. G. P. Mayo.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opening song—"I'll Be A Friend To Jesus," directed by Bro. Jeff Walker. Pianist Miss Eunell Lambert. Prayer by Rev. Sidney Whitehead.

Song-"Where The Soul of Man Never Dies," in connection with a Christian handshake.

A kind welcome-Rev. Sidney Whitehead.

Association declared open and ready for business.

Roll Call by Moderator. All churches were represented by delegates at the time of roll call except one.

Song—"Amazing Grace." Prayer by Rev. Grover Price.

Rev. R. C. McCoy delivered a wonderful message. Scripture reading taken from 24th Chapter of St. Matthew. His message was followed by an inspirational message by Rev. Herbert Stalnaker, his text was taken from Galatians 6th Chapter and 7th verse.

Rev. Ted Finley made an interesting talk on the effects of sin on a person's life.

Rev. W. E. Armstrong gave an interesting discourse on Moses, Pharoah and the Red Sea. Dismissal prayer for lunch by Rev. G. P. Mayo.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

After re-assembling, a brief song service was directed by Bro. Joe-Moss. Prayer by Rev. Herbert Stalnaker.

Moderator declared the Association ready for business. Then read the Church Covenant.

Bro. Bert Smith made request for delegates to be sent to the Tennessee Association. The following delegates were appointed: Bro. Homer Lambert and Rev. Wesley Prince.

Bro. Ted Finley requested delegates to attend Northeast Mississippi Association on Thursday and Friday, before the 1st Sunday in October. The following delegates were appointed: Rev. R. C. McCoy, Bro. Jeff Walker and Bro. Alfred Johnson.

The Moderator called for reports from the various Committees:

The following reports were read, accepted and the Committees discharged.

(1) On Arrangements of Business:

We, your Committee on Arrangements of Business, have faithfully performed our duties to the best of our ability and beg leave to be discharged. Committee: Jeff Walker, Ervin Searcey and J. J. Whittemore. (2) On Devotion:

We, your Committee on Devotion, beg leave to report as follows: Stand was filled Thursday morning by Rev. G. P. Mayo, Booneville, Miss., Thursday afternoon by Rev. G. W. Phillips, Corinth, Miss., Thursday night by Rev. Grover Price of Pontotoc. Friday morning by Rev. R. C. McCoy of Corinth, Miss., followed by Rev. Herbert E. Stalnaker, Rev. Ted Finley, and Rev. W. E. Armstrong. Committee: A. M. Harris, G. W.

Martin, B. F. Lambert.

(3) On Obituary:

We, your Committee on Obituary beg leave to report as follows: We find that death has visited our body of Christian believers in Christ, and taken nine of our beloved members:

New Lebanon—Bro. Dave Rickard, Sister Kate McCoy, Bro. John McNeil. Martin Hill—Bro. Columbus Carpenter, Bro. Dearl Lambert.

Antioch—Bro. William Pence, Bro. O. O. George, Sister Rebecca Honeycutt, Sister Mollie Blakney.

We count our loss as Heaven's gain.

Committee: Marie Wright, Elzie Jones and Mrs. Walter Penna.

(4) On Finance:

We, your Committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows: We have on hand \$53.72 for Minute Fund.

Committee: D. C. Lambert, J. H. Lambert, Guy Jones

(5) On Resolutions:

We, your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to report as follows: Resolve that we hold our next meeting of the Association with Little Brown Church, and that the Moderator make his own selection as to who preaches the Introductory Sermon, and further be it resolved that we express our thanks to the people of Antioch Community for their friendship and hospitality, and may God's choicest blessings ever rest upon them is our prayer.

Committee: Walter Penna, J. D. Jones, Buster Honeycutt

(6) On Sunday Schools:

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools rejoice to submit the following report:

We still have active Sunday Schools in all eight churches of our Association. We thank the Lord for such an excellent report, and trust that it will be His will for a continued 100 per cent report.

Committee: Sister Rosie Lambert, Sister G. W. Martin, Sister Lona Johnson

The Association resolved to continue the 5th Sunday meeting program, and elected Rev. Wesley Prince as Moderator of the 5th Sunday meetings for the ensuing year.

The 5th Sunday meetings are to be held in the following order:

(1) New Lebanon-November 29, 1953

- (2) Burgess Creek—January 31, 1954
- (3) Jones Chapel—May 30, 1954

(4) Macedonia-August 29, 1954

The Assocation entered into the election of its officers, which resulted in the election of Rev. R. C. McCoy, Moderator; Retained Mrs. Jack Lambert, Clerk. The Ordaining Council re-elected Rev. Sidney Whitehead for another year.

Rev. Sidney Whitehead delivered an awakening and inspiring message on "The Unity Among Christians" Scripture reading taken from the 4th Chapter of Ephesians.

After announcements, the choir and congregation sang, "God Be With You," and took the parting hand as a symbol of love.

Dismissal prayer was offered by Rev. G. P. Mayo.

We earnestly pray that it will be the Lord's will for us to meet with Little Brown Creek Church on Thursday and Friday before the 1st Lord's Day in September, 1954.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CHURCHES

- MARTIN HILL: Amount given pastor \$299.45; Amount given Assistant Pastor and Visiting Ministers \$213.39; Church expenses \$108.85; Amount in church treasury, \$245.45; Value of church property \$5,000.00.
- MT. PISGAH: Amount given pastor \$134.34; Amount given assistant pastor or visiting ministers \$93.58; Amount given charity \$90.00; Church expenses \$95.00; Amount in church treasury \$7.10; Value of church property \$3,000.00.

MACEDONIA: Amount given pastor \$244.40; Amount given assistant pastor \$34.65; Amount given visiting ministers \$41.40; Amount given charity \$10.00; Church expenses \$30.00; Sunday School expenses \$58.60; Amount in Sunday School treasury \$14.60; Amount church gave for flowers \$14.00; Value of church property \$1,500.00.

NEW LEBANON: Amount given pastor \$475.00; Amount given assistant pastor \$135.00; Amount given visiting ministers \$35.00; Amount given Evangelist \$102.00; Amount given Charity \$30.00; Church expenses \$140.65; Amount for flowers \$38.00; Amount in treasury \$44.47; Value of Church property \$4,000.00.

JONES CHAPEL: Amount given pastor \$36.00; Amount given assistant pastor \$53.25; Amount given Evangelist \$17.74; Amount given charity \$10.00; Church expenses \$16.00; Amount in treasury \$14.30; Value of church property \$2,500.00.

LITTLE BROWN: Amount given pastor \$36.18; Amount given visiting ministers \$28.10.

ANTIOCH: Amount given pastor \$128.94; Amount given assistant pastors or visiting ministers \$268.38; Amount given Evangelist \$104.13; Church expenses \$7.00; Amount in Church treasury \$193.90; Sunday School expenses \$49.07; Amount in Sunday School treasury \$86.05; Value of church property \$3,000.00.

BURGESS CREEK: Amount given pastor \$71.40; Amount given Evangelist \$33.88; Church expenses \$55.48; Amount in treasury \$38.00; Value of church property \$3,500.00.

ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Antioch—Miss Ruby Blakney, Burnsville, Miss.
Little Brown—Lula Denson, New Site, Miss:
Jones Chapel—Mrs. Earl Jones, Booneville, Miss., Rt.
New Lebanon—Mrs. Jewel Nixon, Holcut, Miss.
Macedonia—Mrs. Audie Rowsey, Rienzi, Miss., Rt. 4

5 Mt. Pisgah—Mrs. Arbié Livingston, Booneville, Miss., Star Rt. 2 Martin Hill—Mrs. William Walden, Booneville, Miss., Rt. 5 S 3 Burgess Creek—Mrs. Marie Wright, Holcut, Miss., S

ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

M. Rev. G. P. Mayo, Booneville, Miss., Rt. 5
2. Rev. D. W. Jones, Corinth, Miss., Rt. 1
3. Rev. L. M. Wigginton, Paden, Miss., Rt. 1
4. Rev. W. E. Armstrong, Booneville, Miss.
5. Rev. Calvin Bray, Paden, Miss.
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6. Rev. Pitt Reynolds, Burnsville, Miss., Rt. 1
57. Rev. H. C. Stacey, Booneville, Miss., Rt. 4
58. Rev. Sidney Whitehead, Paden, Miss.
9. Rev. M. Luther Newcomb, Easternet, Booneville, Miss., Rt. 55
10. Rev. Gordon Carpenter, Booneville, Miss., Rt. 55
11. Rev. R. C. McCoy, Corinth, Miss. 5
12. Rev. J. W. Prince, 5
13. Rev. Clint Wigginton, Paden, Miss.

DECEASED MINISTER

Rev. J. B. Moss, Booneville, Miss.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

| and on, with members. | |
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| We send this Petitionary Letter by the hands of our beloved brethren, to- | |
| wit: If received to sit with you in your | |
| deliberations and to help to transact any legal business that may come | |
| before your honorable body. | |
| The statistics of our Church are as follows: Received by experience | |
| ; by resolution discontinued by letter; | ı |
| expelled; dead Total membership | |
| Contributions \$ We have elected Elder, to the pastoral care of our Church the ensuing year. No. of deacons | |
| No. of ministers; Clerk's address,; | |
| Moderator's address, Oterk's duaress,, | |
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| PROGRAM FOR HOLDING CHURCH CONFERENCE | |
| 1. Call the church to order. | |
| 2. Reading of minutes of preceeding meeting. | |
| 3. Is the church at peace? | |
| 4. Inviting visiting brethren. | |
| 5. Any unfinished business? | 1 |
| 6. Any new business? 7. Reading of minutes. | |
| Reading of minutes. Invitation for members. | |
| 9. Motion to adjourn. | |
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CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ at ______ send greetings to the ministers and messengers composing the Little Brown Creek Association of Freewill Baptists when convened with Church. We send our beloved brothers, to-wit: to sit with you in your deliberations, and help transact any business that may come before your honorable body. The statistics of our church are as follows: Received by experience _____; by letter _____; by recommendation _____; dismissed by letter _____; expelled _____; death____; total membership _____; contribution \$_____. We have elected Elder______ to the pastoral care of our church for the ensuing year. No. of deacons_____; No. of ministers _____; Value of Church property \$_____; Amount given pastor \$_____; Amount given assistant pastor or visiting ministers \$_____; Amount given evangelist \$_____; Amount given charity \$_____; Church expenses \$_____ Amount in treasury \$_____. We petition for the Association to meet with us at _____Church. This, done by order of the Church in conference (Date)_____ Clerk's address _____. Moderator's address _____

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. THE BIBLE. The Scripture of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallable rule of faith and practice.

2. GOD. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scripture as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

3. CHRIST. Christ is God manifested in flesh; His divine nature truly - God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified. He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT. The Scripture assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.

5. THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. THE SINFULNESS OF MAN. Man was created innocent, but by disobedeince fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. THE WORK OF CHRIST. The Son of God by His incarnation, life sufferings, death and resurrection affected for all a redemption from sinthat is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. THE TERMS OF SALVATION. The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit free from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuence in faith and obedience until death.

9. ELECTION. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. FREEDOM OF THE WILL. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. SALVATION FREE. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water freely.

12. PERSEVERANCE. All believers in Christ, who, through grace perseverance in holiness to the end of life have promise of eternal salvation.

13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES. Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communications with God.

15. RESURRECTION JUDGEMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION. The Scripture teaches the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we humbly trust, by Divine Grace to embrace the Lord Jesus as our Saviour and having obtained justification by faith in His Name, as members of the Freewill Baptist Church at______ agree:

il. To watch over each other in love, and to pray for each other as members of a common faith ever striving to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace.

2. We will not speak evil of another nor will we prosecute or expose the faults of the weak members of our church, but we will endeavor to be governed by Paul's instructions to Timothy: "That we will reprove, rebuke and exhort each other as members of a common brotherhood." 3. We are commanded to do good unto all men, especially to those. who are of the household of faith. But we should remember that our relations to each other are closer and the obligations more binding that we become as a family and assume in a Christian sense the care and responsibility that members of a family should feel for each other. 4. We will attend that stated meetings of our church unless we are providentially hindered or uncontrollable circumstances prevent us. And we will contribute of our means as the Lord has prospered us for the support of our pastor and other necessary expenses of our church. And we will prefer the services of our church to that of any other, and will pray for our pastor while he is preaching the Word to us. 5. We will not injure our influence in the house of our Lord by accepting seats among the ungodly and sinners, but will occupy seats near the pulpit and use the natural powers which the Lord has given us to praise His Holy Name. We will sing with those who sing and pray with those who pray. 6. We will not be guilty of the sin of Sabbath breaking by making Sunday visits to our neighbors which is double sin against the law of God, for in so doing we fail to attend the house of the Lord and hinder others who might wish to do so. Let us remember the laws of Moses which condemns Sabbath breaking and the words of the inspired Apostle which says, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is."

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7. We will not neglect secret and public prayers, and those of us who are heads of families will strive to dedicate our household to the service of God by teaching our children the great necessity of the Christian religion as the only hope of happiness after death. We will adopt the Covenant of Joshua, the servant of the Lord, and say: "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

CONSTITUTION

Be it known that we, the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ, being in Alcorn, Tishomingo and Prentiss counties, in Mississippi, do believe in the doctrines of the General Atonement. We have been baptized upon a profession of faith in Christ, we are desirous of bringing about a reciprocal union. We propose, therefore, to maintain the order and rule of our Association according to the following plan:

We believe the Churches of Christ are mutually independent of each other; that congregational form of government should be invariably preserved; yet, we are being convinced of the utility of friendly intercourse and pious council on the principal of union advantages and Christian love, we hold it a duty of the churches to pay respect to these principles with regard to the duty of the Association.

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who on producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

2. The letter so produced shall express the condition of these churches respectively; that is, the members in the fellowship, the members received, and dead, since the last Association.

3. The body shall have no conceived power to lord it over God's heritage, or infringe on any of the internal privileges or rights of the churches in our union, but shall be considered an advisory council in all things pertaining to the internal concern of the churches. 4. The Association is to give the best advice it can on all matters of difficulty. If the union should be broken between any of the churches, the Association shall inquire into the cause of the breach and use its endeavors to remove the difficulty; if the breach cannot be removed to withdraw from the church which they look upon as unsound in principles, and disorderly conduct or practice, until they be reclaimed. 5. To take up no case of any kind in the union without the consent of the majority of the churches, and then only to give advice. 6. All newly constituted churches may be received into the union by their representatives presenting a letter from their respective churches if found orderly and orthodox; such a reception shall be manifested by , the right hand of fellowship.

STATISTICAL TABLE - LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOCIATION

| CHURCHES | NAMES OF DELEGATES | Domone | 81.5 | Ordained Ministers | Days of Meeting | Rec. by Rec'm. | Rec. by Letter | Rec. by Exp. & Bapt. | elled | Dismissed by Letter | 1 | Total Membership | Contributions |
|---------------|---|--------|------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|-------|---------------------|---|------------------|---------------|
| Martin Hill | Willie Penna, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Penna | | 8 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 277 | \$ 5.00 |
| Mt. Pisgah | Jeff Walker, Gertest Walker, Mr. and Mrs. George Murphy, Mrs. Velma Garvin | | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 86 | 5.45 |
| Macedonia | Mrs. Gladys Searcy and Mrs. Cerez Allen | | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 7.90 |
| New Lebanon | Harley Moss, A. M. Harris, Huston McCoy and Sister Eutha Lambert | | 5 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 297 | 7.00 |
| Jones Chapel | Guy Jones, B. C. Laster and Sister Elzie Jones | | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 39 | 4.25 |
| Little Brown | Lula Stricklin, Myrtis Mayo, W. J. Rhoads, Mary White and Freddie Rhoads | | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 69 | 4.25 |
| Antioch | Alfred Johnson, Oscar Blakney, Charlie Blakney, Jack Lambert, J. H. Lambert, Oscar Jones, Jim Barnes | | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 236 | 10.12 |
| Burgess Creek | Charles Haney, Sister Lonnie Johnson, Sister Rosie Lambert and Thomas Wilson | | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 37 | 3.50 |
| | TOTAL | 3 | 2 | 13 | | 0 | 4 | 11 | 0 | 8 | 9 | 1078 | \$47.47 |