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The Seventy-First Session of the Little Brown Association convened with Macedonia Church on September 1, 1961, beginning at 10:30 a. m. and transacted the church matters.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Moderator absent, Bro. E. E. Champion called the Association to order and asked if all churches were present. They were.

The Association was opened by the choir singing, "Won't It Be Wonderful There," directed by Bro. Erie Nash, pianist Sis. Eunell Lambert; prayer by Bro. Grover Price. Moderator, Bro. McCoy comes in.

Moderator appointed Reading Clerk, Sis. Flora Champion.

Bro. Earnest Hopkins asked for all letters from churches. Each letter was read.

Bro. Grover Price of the Northeast Association was a welcomed visitor. Delegates from all churches: Jones Chapel—Sis. Alma Jackson, Sis. Elzie Jones, Sis. Kate Lambert.

Smith Chapel—Sis. Lona Bell Sherfield, Sis. Sophia Thompson, Sis. Annie Stevens, Sis. Kate McCoy. Antioch Church—Bro. Danny Lambert, Bro. Michael Lambert, Bro. Wallace Conway.

Burgess Creek—Sis. Rosie Lambert, Sis. Edith Nichols, Sis. Hazel Gentle. Little Brown—Sis. Mary White, Sis. Lula Strickland, Sis. Lodenia Boggs, Sis. Delta Smith. Macedonia—Bro. Oscar Childers, Bro. Erie Nash, Sis. Lula Childers.

Martin Hill—Sis. Audie King, Sis. Hattie Peek, Bro. Earnest Hopkins, Sis. Dillard Fay Pierce. Mt. Pisgah—Bro. Willie Livingston, Sis. Arby Livingston, Sis. Alta Walker, Sis. Flora Champion.

New Lebanon—Bro. Allis Jordan, Sis. Julia Lambert, Sis. Lowerstin Wright.

Moderator appointed a committee on Devotion: Bro. Earnest Hopkins, Bro. Oscar Childers, Bro. Fate Lambert, Bro. Erie Nash, directed the song, "When All God's Singers Get Home." Introductory sermon was given by Bro. Junior Jones at 11 o'clock. Message, Ephesians, Chapter 5-33.

The choir sang "An Empty Mansion," directed by Bro. Erie Nash; pianist, Sis. Eunell Lambert.

Dismissed for lunch hour, prayer by Bro. R. C. McCoy.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Moderator reassembled by the choir singing "You Never Mentioned Him To Me," directed by Bro. Erie Nash; pianist, Sis. Letha Nash; prayer by Bro. Grover Price.

Moderator appointed an Obituary committee — Sis. Annie Stevens, Sis. Kate Lambert, Sis. Flora Champion.

Sunday School committee—Sis. Elzie Jones, Sis. Oscar Childers, Sis. Alma Jackson.

Finance committee—Bro. Erie Nash, Bro. Clinton Sharp, Bro. E. E. Champion; Resolution committee—Bro. Oscar Childers, Bro. Milton Rhoads, Bro. Lonnie Stevens.

Song, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes," directed by Bro. Oscar Childers; pianist, Sis. Letha Nash.

Devotional service at 1:30 p. m., Bro. Milton Rhoads. Scripture reading was taken from Acts, chapter 9:1-6 verses.

The two o'clock message was given by Bro. Grover Price, reading Psalms 65-9. Wonderful message, "God's Visitation to Earth." Song, "No Not One," directed by Bro. Erie Nash; pianist, Sis. Letha Nash. All ministers were asked to stand at front of

shake hands with them, pray for them in their ministry: Bro. Grover Price, Bro. Earnest Hopkins, Bro. Milton Rhoads, Bro. Junior Jones. Song, "Blessed Assurance," directed by Bro. Erie Nash; pianist, Letha Nash.

Reconvene at 10 a. m. Saturday.

The moderator asked for help to pay the expenses of Bro. Grover Price, making trip here for the association.

Dismissal prayer was given by Bro. Junior Jones.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

10 a. m. started opening song, "An Empty Mansion," directed by Bro. Erie Nash; pianist, Sis. Letha Nash; prayer by Bro. Burlon Jones. Song, directed by Bro. Oscar Childers, "Halleluiah, We Shall Rise"; pianist, Michael Lambert; directed by Bro. Whittemore, "Where The Soul Never Dies." The choir sang "Some Day," directed by Bro. Danny Lambert; pianist, Michael Lambert.

Bro. Hopkins read Mark 8:34-38—cause sacrifice we pay as christians. Choir sang "Sweet By and By." Prayer was given by Bro. Burlon Jones. The 11 o'clock message was given by Bro. Jones, reading John 4:6-15. Bro. Erie Nash directed "Amazing Grace," christian hand shake, "How Firm A Foundation" directed by Bro. Erie Nash; pianist, Bro. Wallace Conway.

Prayer by Bro. Grady Johnson. Dismissed for lunch hour.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening song, "Look For Me At Gate," directed by Bro. J. J. Whittemore; pianist, Bro. Wallace Conway.

Now ready for the business of the association. Moderator asked for reports on Home Mission Board, read by Bro. Ciphus Jones. Collected \$669.86. Spent for Radio Time, \$614.20, Bulb and wire for tent, \$32.25, Electric Power and Service, \$7.50. Balance in Treasury, \$15.91.

Devotion — we, on the devotional committee, are glad to report to the best of our ability. The stand filled Friday morning by Bro. Junior Jones, Burnsville, Miss. Friday evening, Bro. Milton Rhoads, devotional, New Site, Miss. Friday evening, Bro. Grover Price, Pontotoc, Miss.; Friday night, Bro. R. C. McCoy, Corinth, Miss.; Saturday morning, Bro. Burlon Jones, Paden, Miss. Committee—Bro. Earnest Hopkins, Bro. Fate Lambert, Bro. Oscar Childers.

Obituary — We, the committee, by leave, report as follows. We find that death has taken 12 of our beloved members. Mt. Pisgah, Bro. J. R. Walker, Sis. Albert Tolar; Jones Chapel, Sis. Lula King; Martin Hill, Sis. Minnie Ashcraft, Sis. Hattie Hollaway, Sis. Banner Martin, Sis. Zula Turville, Bro. Robert Ashcraft; Antioch, Bro. Gober Lester, Bro. Frank Woodruff, Sis. Pauline Bray; Smith Chapel, Sis. Lonnie Stevens.

We count our loss, Heaven's gain, committee: Sis. Kate Lambert, Sis. Annie Stevens, Sis. Flora Champion.

Sunday School — We, the committee on Sunday School, are glad to report that we have Sunday School in all nine of our churches of the association. We thank the Lord for an excellent report and pray it will grow and continue in faithful teaching of God's word. Committee—Sis. Alma Johnson, Sis. Elzie Jones, Sis. Oscar Childers.

Resolution—Be it resolved that an ordained council be elected at this meeting of the Association and each meeting of the Associa-

tion hereafter. We recommend that 3 to 5 be elected to the council. Committee—Bro. A. W. Stevens, Bro. O. L. Childers, Bro. E. M. Rhoads.

Finance—We, the Finance committee, beg leave to report that we have on hand \$68.15 for the Minutes and Clerk salary and have \$30.00 in treasury. Committee—Bro. Clinton Sharp, Bro. E. E. Champion, Bro. E. M. Rhoads.

All the reports were read and all the committees were discharged. Resolution for ordained council association voted for. Ordained Council elected for year, three on the committee: Bro. Junior Jones, Bro. Sidney Whitehead, Bro. R. C. McCoy. Song, Bro. Erie Nash, pianist, Bro. Wallace Conway.

Home Mission Board be retained by the Association voted for. Bro. Whitehead asked to be released from the Home Mission Board. Association refused to accept he serve another year; Bro. Earnest Hopkins for three years, Bro. Junior Jones elected for two years. Evangelist elected was Bro. R. C. McCoy to serve one year on the Home Mission Board.

Moderator for 5th Sunday meeting, Bro. R. C. McCoy; assistant moderator, Bro. Junior Jones.

First meeting, Smith Chapel, October 29, 1961; Macedonia, December 31, 1961; Mt. Pisgah, April 29, 1962; Antioch, July 29, 1962. Elected Clerk for Association, Bro. Clinton Sharp. Moderator for Association, Bro. R. C. McCoy. assistant moderator, Bro. E. E. Champion. Introductory sermon, 11 o'clock service, August 31, 1962, Bro. Earnest Hopkins. Close business session of Association. Song, "God Be With You Til We Meet Again." Christian handshake. Dismissed.

If it is the Lord's will, we will meet with Antioch Church on Friday and Saturday before the First Lord's Day in September, 1962.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CHURCHES

Antioch—Amount given Pastor, \$1074.82, plus \$36.95 Christmas gift; Amount in Treasury beginning of year, \$542.75; Amount given Evangelist, \$150.00; Amount given Free Will Baptist College, \$30.50; Amount given Home Mission Board, \$63.00; Total expenses, \$789.69; Total amount collected, \$1345.30; Amount paid for flowers, deaths, \$40.00; Total amount in Treasury, \$1097.36. Value of church property, \$5000.00

Martin Hill—Pastor's salary, \$2,114.33; Amount given Evangelist \$230.00; Visiting speakers, \$154.50; Amount for flowers, \$93.10; Missions, \$254.00; Repairs and improvements, \$106.27; Supplies, \$423.65; Bible College, \$65.00; "Lifeline Program," \$5.00; Charity, \$19.43; In Treasury, \$382.26; Value of church property, \$600.00.

New Lebanon—Amount given Pastor, \$1175.00; Amount given assistant pastor, none; Visiting Ministers, \$10.00; Amount given Evangelist, \$175.00; Amount given Home Mission, \$163.52; Amount given Charity, Children's Home, \$60.00; Amount given for flowers, \$7.50; Amount given Sunday School Literature, \$69.28; Amount in Sunday School Treasury, \$164.35; Value of church property, \$7,500.

Macedonia—Amount given Pastor, \$250.00; Amount given Evangelist, \$45.80; Literature and Publications, \$91.00; Amount for miscellaneous and incidental expenses, \$137.40; Total year,

\$301.39; Total paid out year, \$228.40; Value of church property, \$4000.00.

Little Brown—Amount given Pastor, \$349.56; Amount given visiting ministers, \$10.25; Amount given Evangelist, \$120.65; Charity, \$3.00; Bible College, \$37.61; Church expenses, \$153.93; Amount given Home Mission, \$45.41; Radio broadcast, \$128.00; Amount in church Treasury, \$25.31; Amount in Sunday School Treasury, \$116.45; Value of church property, \$5,000.

Mt. Pisgah—Amount given Pastor, \$965.00; Amount given visiting Minister, \$83.25; Amount spent for flowers, \$49.00; Amount spent for Literature and Helps, \$107.35; Amount spent on Building, \$1554.00; Home Mission Board, \$25.00; Amount in Treasury, \$278.00; Value of church property, \$4000.00.

Smith Chapel—Amount given Pastor, \$354.00; Visiting Ministers, none; Amount given Evangelist, none; Charity, None; Amount in church Treasury, \$149.67; Amount in Sunday School Treasury, \$25.25; Amount spent on flowers, \$10.00; Value of church property, \$3,000.

Jones Chapel—Amount given Pastor, \$230.00; Amount given Evangelist, none; Amount given Charity, \$30.50; Amount given Home Missions, \$120.00; Amount for expenses, \$58.61; Amount for flowers, \$25.82; Amount in Treasury, \$9.17.

Burgess Creek—Amount given Pastor, \$228.00; Amount given visiting Ministers, \$15.00; Church expenses, \$87.00; Amount in Treasury, \$47.00; Value of church property, \$3,500.

ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Antioch—Mrs. Reba Wood, Route 4, Iuka, Miss.

Martin Hill—Mrs. William Walden, Route 5, Booneville, Miss.

New Lebanon—Mrs. Eunice Searcy, Route 6, Booneville, Miss.

Macedonia—Miss Mary Glenn Nash, Route 6, Corinth, Miss.

Smith Chapel—Mrs. Annie Stevens, Route 1, Booneville, Miss.

Little Brown—Miss Janie Gale Smith, Route 5, Booneville, Miss.

Mt. Pisgah—Mrs. E. E. Champion, Marietta, Miss.

Jones Chapel—Mrs. Guy Jones, Route 6, Booneville, Miss.

Burgess Creek—Mrs. Marie Wright, Route 1, Paden, Miss.

ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Rev. R. C. McCoy, Route 6, Corinth, Miss., Active

Rev. J. L. Gore, 113 Smith Drive, Booneville, Miss., Active

Rev. Sidney Whitehead, Route 1, Paden, Miss., Active

Rev. Junior Jones, Box 74, Burnsville, Miss., Active

Rev. J. W. Prince, Route 1, Paden, Miss., Active

Rev. Grady Johnson, Route 4, Iuka, Miss., Active

Rev. D. W. Jones, Route 1, Corinth, Miss., Inactive

Rev. C. P. Bray, Glen, Miss., Inactive

Rev. Pitt Reynolds, Route 1, Burnsville, Miss., Inactive

Rev. Gorden Carpenter, Route 5, Booneville, Miss., Inactive

LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST GOVERNMENT AND CONSTITUTION

Be it known that we, the Free Will Baptist Church, being in Alcorn, Tishomingo and Prentiss Counties, in Mississippi, do believe in the doctrines of the General Atonement, we have been baptized upon profession of faith in Christ, we are desirous of bringing about 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, that congregational form of government should be inviolably preserved, yet we are being convinced of the unity 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 principals with regards to the duty of the Association.

ARTICLE I The name of the organization shall be called the Little Brown Creek Association of Free Will Baptist.

ARTICLE II Membership—Section I—Newly organized Free Will Baptist churches petition the Association for membership shall be granted by a majority vote of the Association.

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

ARTICLE III Representatives—Section I—Not more than delegates. Section II—All ordained members of the Association shall be standing delegates. Each delegate shall be entitled to cast one vote on all business transactions.

ARTICLE IV Officers—The officers of this organization shall be a moderator, Assistant moderator, clerk, and treasurer. Their duties shall be those usually devolving upon such officers, and they shall serve until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE V Boards and Committees. Section I—The general officers and one elected member from the body will compose an executive board to see to such items that may arise during the year. The moderator shall be the chairman of the board.

Section II The Home Mission Board shall consist of two (2) ministers and three (3) lay members elected from the body. The ministers shall be elected for terms of one (1) and two (2) and three (3) years. One minister and one lay member shall be elected each year when the association is in regular session. It shall be the duty of this board to help in the organization of new churches and to promote the work of Free Will Baptists in general. An evangelist shall be elected from the body to serve with this board.

Section III The following committees shall be appointed at the start of each association: Committee on Devotion, Committee on Finance, Committee on Obituaries, Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Sunday Schools. These committees shall serve until dismissed by the association.

Section IV Each board and committee shall make a report to the association before the close of the association.

Section V Temporary committees may be appointed by the moderator ever the body sees the need of such committees.

ARTICLE VI Meetings—The time and place of meeting of this organization shall be determined at each preceeding regular meeting. On the occasion of no meeting place being provided at the regular preceeding meeting, the matter will fall into the hands of the executive board.

ARTICLE VII Finances—Each church holding membership in this organization shall be asked to send as much as ten dollars (\$10.00) to each meeting. Expenditures of money to be by the direction of this body.

ARTICLE VIII Reports of churches—Each church holding membership in this organization shall send a written report to each regular meeting. This report to include such information as it is indicated by form of letter provided.

ARTICLE IX Quorum.—Representatives from five (5) churches shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and no business shall be transacted without quorum.

ARTICLE X Amendments.—This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote of the delegates present voting in behalf of the amendment.

ARTICLE XI The Minister.—Section 1—For the purpose of ordaining ministers of the gospel and for trying all ordained members for un-Christian conduct, there shall be a council, which shall convene at a stated time during the association, and at any time during the associational year, if called by the Moderator or his assistant or any five (5) members of said council who deem it necessary to make such a call. This council shall consist of all ordained membership present who are in good standing. They shall elect a moderator and clerk from among themselves who shall hold office until their successors are elected. It shall be the duty of this council to examine all applications for ordination and if found competent to ordain and set them apart for the work of the ministry by the laying on of hands. This council will examine ministers that wish to come into this association from other associations or denominations and will ordain those that are sound in faith and practice according to the Articles of Faith of Free Will Baptists. This council shall have full power to try all ordained members for un-Christian conduct, and on testimony their decision shall be final.

Section II This association may exclude from its body any minister who teaches hearsay, or any church that follows him in said teaching or that may be disloyal to the Faith as held by the association and expressed in our Articles of Faith.

Section III This association having watch-care over all the churches within its bounds, shall withdraw fellowship from any church which calls a minister for a pastor who has been excluded by the Ordaining Council for un-Christian conduct of false teaching according to Free Will Baptist Articles of Faith.

Section IV It shall be the duty of each member who shall organize a church to ordain deacons for the same who have been duly elected by the church body. It is his duty, also, to ordain deacons where a vacancy occurs within his church or churches. It shall be the duty of each pastor to encourage the organization and support of a Sunday School in the church or churches where he is pastor, as well as other organizations that may have proved helpful to the work of the church.

GOVERNMENT AND RULES OF THIS ASSOCIATION

This association shall be opened by singing and prayer. Only one person may speak at a time. All addresses by the members shall be made to the moderator, and the person thus speaking shall confine himself to the subject in debate. No speaker should cast any personal reflection toward any member of this body who has spoken previously.

No person should speak more than three times on any one subject without the permission of a majority of the association.

The speaker should not be interrupted during his speech by anyone except the moderator unless he violates the rules of order.

No delegate should absent himself without permission from the moderator.

No member should speak longer than fifteen (15) minutes at any time without permission from the moderator.

Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association except when withdrawn by consent.

This association shall furnish each church with minutes of their proceedings, in proportion to the membership of the church.

All questions coming before this association shall be determined by majority vote, except exclusion of churches which shall require two-thirds (2/3) majority.

The minutes of this association shall be read before the body just before the close of the association, corrected if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk.

The body shall have no conceived power to word it over God heritage, or infringe on any of the internal privileges or rights of the churches in our union, but shall be considered on advisory council in all things pertaining to the internal concern of the churches.

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 break and use its endeavors to remove the difficulty. If the break cannot be removed to withdraw from the church which they look upon as unsound in principals, and disorderly conduct of practice, until they be reclaimed.

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 advise.



CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ, at _____
send greetings to the ministers and messengers composing the Little Brown Creek Association of Free Will Baptist 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 _____; Active _____; Inactive _____; death _____; total membership _____; contribution \$_____. We have elected Elder _____ to the pastoral care of church for the ensuing year. Number of Deacons _____; Number of Ministers _____; Value of Church Property \$_____; Amount given pastor \$_____; Amount given assistant pastor or visiting ministers \$_____; Amount given evangelist \$_____; Amount given charity \$_____; Amount in Treasury \$_____; We petition for the Association to meet with us by order of the Church in conference. (Date) _____. Clerks address _____ Moderator's Address _____.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

Members Transfer Letter—We, the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ, at _____ hereby certify that Brother (or Sister) _____ is a member with us in full fellowship and good standing and is hereby dismissed from us.

Petitionary Letter—We, the Free Will Baptist Church of God, at _____ send this petitionary Letter, to the ministers and messengers, composing of the Little Brown Creek Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with _____ Church, asking admittance into your honorable body. We were organized with _____ members. We send this Petitionary Letter by the hands of our beloved brethren, to-wit; _____. If received to sit with you on your deliberations and to help your honorable body.

The statistics of your church are as follows: Received by experienced _____; by resolution _____; discontinued by letter; expelled _____; died _____. Total membership _____. Contribution \$_____. We have elected Elder _____ to the pastoral care of our church the ensueing year. Number of Deacons _____; Number of Ministers _____; Clerk's Address _____; Moderator's Address _____.



PROGRAM FOR HOLDING CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call the church to order.
2. Reading of minutes of proceeding meeting.
3. Is the church at peace?
4. Inviting visiting brethren.
5. Any unfinished business?
6. Any new business?
7. Reading of minutes.
8. Invitation for members.
9. Motion to adjourn.



ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **THE BIBLE**—The scripture of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. **GOD**—There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the 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 glorified. He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour 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 law 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 disobedience into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

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

8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION**—The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow of sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour 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 soul dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance 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 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 Holy Spirit strives with all, and whoever will may come and take of the water freely.

12. **PRESERVANCE**—All believers in Christ, who, through grace preserve 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 believers.

14. **THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH**—The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employment and amusement, 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 Free Will Baptist Church at _____ agree:

1. 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 persecute or expose the faults of the weak members of our church, but we will endeavor to be governed by Paul's instruction 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 meeting of our church unless we are providentially hindered or uncontrollable circumstances prevent us. And we will contribute of our means as the Lord has proposed 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 doing so, 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 yourself together as the manner of some is."

7. We will not neglect secret and public prayer, and those of who are heads of families will strive to dedicate our household to 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."

STATISTICAL TABLE — LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOCIATION

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