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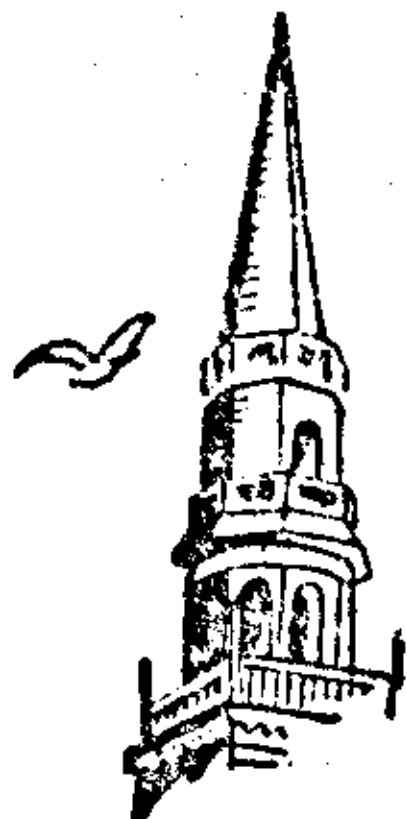
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FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Seventy-Third session of the Little Brown Creek Association convened with Old Pleasant Hill Church August 30, 1963 at 10:00 a.m.

The Association was opened by singing "At The Cross" by Bro. Bert Smith pianist. Miss Woods Asst. Moderator ask for number of churches present. All were represented except Little Brown Church.

The Assistant Moderator appointed the following to the Devotional Committee: Bro. Austin Huddleston, Bro. Milton Arnold, Bro. Noel Lambert.

The Association also voted for the Assistant Moderator to take over when the Moderator was absent.

Bro. Joe Moss sang, "I'll Make It My Home". Pianist was Miss Wood. There was also a song by the Hams Trio with "It Is Wonderful", and a song by Mrs. Prince, "Holy Manna". The pianist was Mrs. Wood. Austin Huddleston sang, "I Want To See Him", with Miss Wood as pianist.

Danny Lambert sang, "The Unclouded Day", pianist was Miss Conway. The Hams Trio also sang, "I Know Its Real."

Song by the Hams' Trio "Is He Satisfied With Me." Eleven o'clock message by Bro. N. C. McCoy. Read Matthew 24, 16 verses, also read 3 chapters in 2nd Peter, verses 10 to 14.

Prayer by Bro. J. W. Prince.

Song by Bro. Arnold, "The Great Reunion Day. Pianist Miss Wood.

Moderator appointed to Revolution Committee: Childers, Bro. Erie Nash, Bro. Arthur Dill.

Bro. R. C. McCoy dismissed with prayer for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association started Friday afternoon with singing.

Song by Bro. Milton Arnold, "Joy". Pianist was Miss Conway. The Hams Trio Sang "Its All Right Now."

Song by Bro. Arnold, "Amazing Grace", pianist, Miss Wood. Prayer, Bro. Arthur Dill.

Moderator declared open association and ready for business. Appointed reading clerks:

Sis. Kate McCoy and Sis. Geneva Lambert.

The letters read, accepted as read. Delegates seated.

1. Antioch Church - Bro. Danny Lambert, Sis. Ida Vee Conway, Sis. Linda Wood.

2. Martin Hill Church - Sis. Aleene Sharp, Sis. Bea Castleberry, Mildred Walden.

3. New Lebanon Church - Bro. W. W. Pinson, Bro. Noel Lambert, Sis. Geneva Lambert, Sis. Gladys Price and Sis. Reberta Hall.

4. Mt. Pisgah - Bro. Arby Livingston, Sister Juanita Livingston, Sis. Lizzie Lytal, Sis. Mattie Bill Huddleston.

5. Little Brown Church - Sis. Delta Smith, Sis. Beatrice Holley, Sis. Lodena Boggs, Sis. Myrtis Mayo.

6. Smith Chapel Church - Sis. Lonna Bell Sherfield, Sis. Blanche Stevees, Sis. Sophia Thompson.

7. Macedonia Church - Bro. Ernie Nash, Sis. Litha Nash, Bro. Oscar Childers, Sis. Childers.

8. Jones Chapel Church - Sis. Asrelia Strickland, Bro. Pat Strickland, Sis. Emeline Jones.

9. Burgess Church - Sis. Rosie Lambert, Sis. Hazel Gentles, Sister Arnell Nichols.

10. Old Pleasant Hill - Bro. Arthur Dill, Sis. Lorene Arnold.

Moderator appointed committee Obituary — Sis. Genevda Lambert, Sis. Lorene Arnold, Sis. Gladys Prince.

Committee Finance — Bro. Danny Lambert, Bro. Orby Livingston, Bro. Whittemore.

Sunday School Committee — Sis. Aleene Sharp, Sis. Annie Stevens.

Moderator welcomed any visitors that might be present from any other associations. Bro. Bert Smith from Tenn. River Association was present.

Report read by clerk written by secretary of Home Mission Board.

Balance from last year.	\$113.50
Collected	\$625.93
Total	\$839.43
Cost of Radio Program	\$784.00
Balance	\$ 55.43

Moderator dismissed for few minutes recess.

Ensemble Singing By Bro. Prince, "The Beautiful Land."
Pianist Miss Wood.

Devotional Service conducted by Bro. Arthur Dill. 2 o'clock message by Bro. G. W. Prince. Read Revelation, chapter 3, verse 15 through rest of chapter. Jeremiah, chapter 8, verse 20.

Song by Bro. Milton Arnold, "Who At My Door Is Standing".
Pianist, Miss Wood.

Adjourned until Saturday morning.

Prayer by Bro. Milton Arnold.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Association opened with Song by Bro. Milton Arnold, "Holy Manna", pianist, Miss Wood.

The Moderator, Bro. Champion asked for any business wanted to be taken up at this time.

Had discussion of radio program.

Bro. Jones made statement that program be under association instead of Home Mission Board.

Bro. Jones withdrew statement which came through Resolution Committee.

Motion was made and approved to leave government and rules as they are in the new minutes.

Song by Bro. Joe Moss "I Want To Love Him More". Message by Bro. Sidney Whitehead. — 11 o'clock. Read Jeremiah, Chapter 3, verses, 1 through 3.

Song led by Bro. G. G. Whittemore, "Kneel At The Cross". Pianist, Miss Conway.

Held altar of prayer, Bro. Junior Jones.

Dismissed for lunch prayer by Bro. Junior Jones.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

The opening song by Bro. Bert Smith, "I Want To Love Him More." Pianist, Miss Conway.

Song, "Heavenly Sunlight by Bro. Johnson. Pianist, Miss Wood.

Song by Bro. Donny Lambert "Old Time Power". Pianist, Miss Wood.

Prayer, Bro. Grady Johnson.

Moderator declared association ready for business.

1. Resolution Committee — We, your committee of resolution, beg leave to report as fellows, we ask that you except resolution, that we elect assistant moderator each year and let him become moderator for next insuring year.

Committee: Bro. O. L. Childers, Bro. E. R. Nash, Bro. A. R. Dill.

2. Be it resolved that this association meet one Sunday each year for an all day singing and fellowship meeting.

Committee: Bro. E. R. Nash O. L. Childers, Bro. A. R. Dill. Resolution voted and passed by association.

Voted have 1st singing & fellowship with Mt. Pisgah Church 5th Sunday, September.

3. Be it resolved that the Home Mission Board be releaved of Radio Program and the association take full charge of program.

Committee: O. L. Childers, Bro. E. R. Nash, Bro. A. R. Dill Motion made for association vote to sponser the radio program. — The program was voted down.

Nomination for Home Mission Board members:

Bro. Arthur Dill, 1 year.

Laymen Donny Lambert for 2 years.

Motion made to have 5th Sunday meetings.

Moderator for 5th Sunday meetings.

Bro. Sidney Whitehead, Assistant Moderator, Bro. R. C. McCoy.

5TH SUNDAY MEETINGS

1. Mt. Pisgah Church - Singing and Fellowship Day — September 29, 1963.

2. Macedonia Church — December 29, 1963.

3. Smith Chapel — March 30, 1964.

4. Antioch — May 31, 1964.

5. Burgess Creek — August 30, 1964.

We, the Devotional Committee, beg to be relieved, having filled our obligation of getting ministers to fill the stand in this term of the association.

Bro. J. W. Prince brought message at 2:00 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Bro. J. W. Prince brought the message Friday night.

Bro. Sidney Whitehead preached at 11 o'clock Saturday.

Committee: Bro. Milton Arnold, Bro. Nash Lambert, Bro. Austin Huddleston.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We, the committee on Sunday School, are glad to report that we have Sunday School in all ten of our churches in 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. Aleene Sharp, Sis. Rosie Lambert, Sis. Annie Stevens.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the committee on obituaries, submit the following report — We find that death has taken 12 of our beloved members.

Antioch Church — Bro. Jim Powers, Sis. Mary Smith.

Martin Hill Church — Bro. Clovis (Buster) Cole, Sis. Columbus Carpenter.

New Lebanon Church — Sis. Maud Williams, Sis. Pearl Nixon, Sis. Minnie Robertson, Sis. Bertha Moss.

Little Brown Church — Sis. Tina McCoy, Bro. Andrew Horn.

Macedonia Church — Bro. Pete Bocheers.

Committee: Sis. Genevda Lambert, Sis. Gladys Prince, Sis. Lorene Arnold.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Finance Committee, beg leave to report that we have on hand \$74.31 for minutes and clerk salary.

We have \$49.00 in treasury.

Committee: Bro. J. J. Whittemore, Bro. Arby Livingston, Bro. Donny Lambert.

Committees all turned in reports as read and beg to be discharged.

All committees accepted as read and discharged.

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

Moderators of Association:

Bro. R. C. McCoy, Assistant Moderator. (2) Bro. Junior Jones.

Clerk for association, Bro. Clinton H. Sharp.

All Business taken care of. Association ready to adjourn.
Dismissed with singing by Bro. Joe Moss, "Sweet By And By".
Miss Conway, pianist.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Sidney Whitehead. If it is the Lord's will, we will meet with Little Brown Church on Friday and Saturday before the First Lord's Day in September, 1964.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CHURCHES

ANTIOCH CHURCH — Amount given pastor \$1075.18. Amount given assistant pastor - none. — Visiting minister - none. Evangelist - \$200.00. Amount given charity - none. Amount given Home Mission \$120.00, Amount given Foreign Mission \$49.24, Flowers \$21.00, Church expenses \$1290.52, Amount in treasury \$100.00, value of church property \$9000.00.

MARTIN HILL CHURCH — Amount given pastor \$2,105.00, Amount given visiting ministers \$110.00, amount given evangelist \$88.38, amount given charity \$17.70, church expenses \$261.86, repair \$30.28, piano \$150.00, Home Mission \$150.00, Foreign Mission \$47.35, Bible College \$30.00, Lifeline Radio program - Radio Program \$87.27, Flowers \$52.00, Student Loan Fund \$9.00, amount in Treasury \$42.98. Value of church property \$6,000.00.

New Lebanon Church — Value of church property \$8,500.00. Amount given pastor \$1,162.00, amount given assistant or visiting minister, none.

Amount given evangelist \$145.00, amount given charity \$60.00, amount for flowers \$42.25.

Amount in Treasury \$243.70.

Total expenses of church \$2,384.03.

Amount in Sunday School Treasury \$102.07.

Mt. Pisgah Church — Amount spent for flowers \$20.00, amount for literature \$48.00, church expenses \$1,030.35.

Amount in Treasury \$49.50.

Amount given pastor \$945.29, value of church property \$6,000.00.

Little Brown Church — Value of church property \$10,000. Amount given pastor \$441.25, amount given pastor or visiting ministers \$48.45, amount given evangelist \$75.00.

Amount given charity \$29.23, amount given Home Mission \$46.75, Sunday School Treasury \$121.46, church expenses \$181.47, amount in Treasury \$22.26.

Smith Chapel Church — Value of church property \$30.60. Amount given pastor \$474.53, amount given assistant and visiting ministers none, amount given evangelist none, amount given charity none, amount in Treasury \$54.66.

Sunday School Treasury Literature \$52.18.

Flowers \$28.94, ministers \$10.00, Sunday Treasury \$11.57.

Macedonia Church — Value of church property \$4,000.00, amount given pastor \$316.00, amount given assistant pastor or visiting ministers \$224.50, amount given evangelist none, amount

given charity none, amount in Treasury \$40.84, amount in Sunday School, Treasury \$105.71.

Jones Chapel Church — Value of church property \$4,000.00. Amount given pastor \$238.42, amount given assistant pastor and visiting ministers \$90.00, amount given evangelist none, amount given charity none, amount given for flowers \$14.00, amount given Home Missions \$120.00, amount in Treasury \$22.13.

BURGESS CREEK CHURCH — Value of church property \$4,500.00, amount given pastor \$178.14, amount given visiting ministers \$15.00, amount given evangelist \$48.00, amount given charity \$40.00, amount in Treasury \$66.00, church expenses \$88.00.

Old Pleasant Hill Church — Amount given pastor \$29.00, visiting ministers \$69.10.

Amount in Treasury - \$2.50, charity \$17.50.

ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Antioch — Mrs. Helen Lambert, Rt. 1, Burnsville, Miss.

Martin Hill Church — Mrs. William Walden, Booneville, Rt. 5.

New Lebanon — Mrs. Eunice Searcy, Bonneville, Rt. 6.

Mt. Pisgah — Mrs. E. E. Champion, Marietta, Miss., Rt. 1.

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

Smith Chapel — Mrs. Annie Stevens, Booneville, Rt. 1.

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

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

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

Old Pleasant Hill — Mrs. Lorene Arnold, Iuka, Rt. 4.

ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

(1) Rev. R. C. McCoy, Rt. 6, Corinth, Miss., active.

(2) Rev. Sidney Whitehead, Rt. 1, Paden, Miss., active.

(3) Rev. Junior Jones, Box 83, Burnsville, active.

(4) Rev. J. W. Prince, Rt. 1, Paden, Miss., active.

(5) Rev. Earnest Hopkins 343 Hatchie St., Bonneville, Miss. active.

(6) Rev. Grady Johnson, Rt. 4, Iuka, Miss., active.

(7) Rev. D. W. Jones, Rt. 1, Corinth, Miss., Inactive.

(8) Rev. C. P. Bray, Glen, Miss., Inactive.

(9) Rev. Pitt Reynolds, Rt. 1, Burnsville, 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 purpose 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 an 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 obtain deacons for the same who have been duly elected by the church body. It is his duty, also, to obtain 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.

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 Chur. h asking admittance into your honorable body. We were organized with members. We send this Petitionary Letter by the hands of our beloved brethern, 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 ensuing 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.

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 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 affected 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 preservice 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 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."

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 advice.

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
Number of Ministers; Value of Church Property \$.....;
Amount given pastor \$.....; Amount given assistant pastor or
visting ministers \$.....; Amount given evangelist \$.....;

care of church for the ensuing year. Number of Deacons;
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

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of Christ, at hereby certify that
Brother (or Sister) is a member with
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from us.

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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 Petition-
..... If received to sit with you on your delibera-
tions and to help your honorable body.

The statistics of your church are as follows: Received by ex-
perienced; by resolution; discontinued by let-
ter; 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

STATISTICAL TABLE — LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASS'N

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