

MINUTES
—OF THE—
LITTLE BROWN CREEK
ASSOCIATION

—OF—
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD WITH THE MACEDONIA
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

ON FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY BEFORE THE
FIRST LORD'S DAY IN SEPTEMBER, 1972

*Next meeting will be held with the Antioch Free Will Baptist
Church, on Friday Night and Saturday, before the First
Lord's Day in September, 1973.*

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MINUTES OF THE EIGHTY SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOCIATION OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

The eighty-second session of the Little Brown Creek Association of Free Will Baptist convened with the Macedonia Church Sept. 1, 1972.

The services were opened with Bro. Whitehead directing "Just Over in the Promised Land" and Sonja Jones accompanying at the piano. Bro. Malcom Garrett led in prayer.

Several good congregational numbers were sung, "Oh the Glory Did Roll", "Victory in Jesus", and "Power in the Blood". Bro. J. S. Whitehead gave the welcome, admonishing everyone to "be led by God's Spirit."

The moderator, Bro. J. S. Whitehead called the association officially

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into session. A committee on committees was appointed as follows: Bro. Charles Walden, Bro. Billy Garvin, and Bro. Jack Jones.

Bro. Malcom Garrett delivered the evening message, taking his text from Duet. 20:1-18 and Heb. 12:1,2,12,13. Bro. Gore led in prayer before the message. His sermon, "Unfit Soldiers to Fight in the Service of God," was a real challenge.

The committee on committees gave its report as follows:

(1) OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

Sis. Brenda Crabb, Bro. Robert Reeves, and Bro. David MacAnally.

(2) SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Bro. Gerdest Walker, Sis. Jewel Nixon, and Sis. Laura Booker.

(3) FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Sis. Letha Nash, Sis. Elizabeth Gibson, and Bro. Ricky Booker.

The committee's report was accepted and committee dismissed.

Ten o'clock was set as the time to meet back on Saturday morning. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Jack Jones.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The association began the Saturday morning session by singing a congregational number which was led by Bro. J. S. Whitehead. Bro. Jack Jones led the group in singing "The Rainbow of Love" with Sonja Jones at the piano. Bro. Al Hamm led in prayer.

Church letters were read by Bro. Jack Jones and Ruth McCoy, followed by a seating of the delegates.

"Mansion over The Hill Top" was directed by Bro. Erick Nash. Bro. Buford Pierce led in prayer. Bro. Jack Jones led the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace," Bro. Ewell Wright led "I'll Meet You in the Morning," and Bro. Gerdest Walker led "Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All."

An offering was taken for the expense of the association. Bro. Luther Gibson prayed the offertory prayer.

Bro. Luther Gibson introduced Bro. Al Hamm, who was to bring the 11:00 o'clock message. Since Bro. Hamm is with the new building program of the Bible College, he gave a short report on the progress of this endeavor which was a real praise item. Bro. Hamm took the scriptures for his message from Heb. 3:2, I Peter 1:3, and I Peter 2:22-25. The main thought of the message was "Consider Christ as Peter Preached Him." Bro. Gibson prayed the dismissal prayer before lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The association reconvened with Bro. J. L. Gore directing "Mansion Over the Hill Top."

Bro. Gibson brought a short devotion on "Christian Growth," taking his scripture from II Peter 1:1-10.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE — We, the Sunday School Committee are pleased to report that all churches in our association have active Sunday Schools.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE — We, the Obituary Committee submit the following report: Eleven of our beloved members have gone to be with the Lord; from Antioch, Bro. Alford Lambert; Little Brown, Bro. John Inman and Sis. Gertrude Barnes; Macedonia, Sis. Ruby Reece and Bro. Vick Brown; Martin Hill, Sis. Emma Ashcraft and Bro. Lester Chase; Mt. Pisgah, Bro. Steve Mack Hisaw; New Lebanon, Bro. G. W. Engle; Burgess Creek, Sis. Emma Nichols; and Jones Chapel, Bro. Fate Lambert.

FINANCE COMMITTEE — Beginning September 4, 1971 and ending August 31, 1972.

Balance brought forward	\$184.36
Offering	44.83
Minutes Fees	150.00
Total Income	\$379.19

EXPENSES —

Moderator	15.00
Speaker (Bro. Stanley Outlaw)	20.00
Clerk	15.00
Assistant Clerk	15.00
State Association	20.00
Hodges Printing Minutes	88.75
Total Expenses	\$175.11
Balance in Treasury	\$204.08

The finance report was submitted by Sis. Letha Nash, Bro. Johnny Booker, and Sis. Elizabeth Gibson.

HOME MISSION BOARD

Stipulations for the Home Missions Board are, that it have two ministers and three laymen with one minister and one layman being replaced each year. For the Associational year 1972 - 73 the board is as follows: Laymen, Bro. Willard Wood (3 yr.), Bro. Charles Walden (2 yr.), and Bro. Earl Jones (1 yr.) : Ministers, Bro. D.W. Jones, Jr. (2 yr.) and Bro. Malcom Garrett (1 yr).

The letter was read from Jones Chapel requesting ordination of Bro. Earl Jones for the office of a deacon. Bro. J. S. Whitehead read the scrip'ture for the ordination and Bro. Gore prayed the prayer of dedication. "Farther Along" was sung by the congregation as they gave Bro. Earl Jones and his wife the Christian handshake.

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DELEGATES TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION —

Sis. Jan Pierce, Bro. Johnny Booker, Sis. Laura Booker, and Sis. Elizabeth Gibson.

At the request of Bro. J. S. Whitehead, Bro. Luther Gibson appointed Bro. Jack Jones, Bro. J. L. Gore, and Sis. Elizabeth Gibson to the Sunday School Teacher Training Committee. Bro. Gibson asked for support and commitment of all preachers, teachers, and concerned people. The congregational response was tremendous. Bro Charles Walden moved that the committee be authorized to use up to \$75.00 of associational funds. Seconded by Bro. Buford Pierce. Motion carried.

Bro. Gore made the motion that all boards and committees meet September 17, 1972 at Martin Hill to formulate a plan of action for the coming year. Seconded by Bro. Gibson. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS —

Sis. Elizabeth Gibson announced the Emphasis program being conducted by the Woman's Auxiliary in the First Church in Booneville on September 10, the retreat being held at Morganwood Camp in Tupelo on September 22-23, and the District Convention being held in the New Lebanon Church on October 9. She requested that the Woman's Auxiliary might have a part on the program in 1973.

The association adjourned with prayer.

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 1972-73

Moderator Bro. Luther Gibson
Assistant Moderator Bro. Hollis Southerland
Clerk Sis. Ruth McCoy
Assistant Clerk Sis. Laura Booker
Devotional Committee The Executive Committee (Bro. Luther Gibson, Bro. Hollis Southerland, Sis. Laura Booker, and Sis. Ruth McCoy)
Sunday School Committee Bro. Jack Jones, Bro. J. L. Gore, and Sis. Elizabeth Gibson
Home Missions Board Laymen, Bro. Willard Wood (3yr.) Bro. Charles Walden (2yr.) Bro. Earl Jones (1yr.) Ministers, Bro. D. W. Jones (2yr.) Bro. Malcom Garrett (1yr.)

THE NEXT ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING WILL BE WITH ANTIOCH CHURCH. IN 1974 THE ASSOCIATION WILL MEET WITH LITTLE BROWN CHURCH.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Be it resolved that we require each church in the Association to take up a free will offering at each monthly service, said offering to be kept in the respective church and to be expended by the deacons of said church for the purpose of paying ministers, repairing churches, and helping destitute members as the deacons see fit. 1927
2. Be it resolved that each church donate its pastor \$25.00 or more to enable him to devote more of his time to the studies of the Scriptures. 1927
3. Be it resolved that any minister of this Association who is guilty of any act or acts of misconduct which is liable to destroy said minister's influence or impair the influence of the Free Will Baptist faith and order, shall be deemed guilty of a disciplinary offense and after discipline has been used if he has not shown penitence he shall be excommunicated from the Association. 1927
4. Be it resolved that the clerk enroll ministers and delegates comprising each association and that he (the clerk) call the roll each session. 1932
5. Be it resolved that we now, and henceforth, pay the clerk of our Association \$10.00 each year for the writing of the minutes. 1949
6. Be it resolved that the Fifth Sunday Meeting be continued. 1955
7. Be it resolved that the church clerks inquire of members being received by letter, and that the clerk write for a letter of recommendation from the church they are leaving. The purpose of this procedure is to keep our church records straight. It is also recommended that they not be received into full fellowship until their letter or recommendation be received. 1956
8. Be it resolved that the Little Brown Creek Association unite with the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist in order that we may further the cause of our Association, our Denomination, and our Lord. 1966
9. Be it resolved that it become a standard practice for the introductory speaker for the association to be left to the moderator and the assistant moderator. 1966
10. Be it resolved that the Little Brown Creek Association endorse and support, with prayers and attendance, the Christian Youth Rally for the training and encouragement of our youth. 1966

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11. Be it resolved that the Little Brown Creek reactivate the Home Mission Board with a total of 5 members (2 ministers and 3 laymen) to be elected from the floor to serve annual terms and to be re-elected or replaced each year. Further resolve that this Board be charged with the training of laborers from our Association, and to receive voluntary support for worthwhile projects from member churches. 1966
 12. Be it resolved that the Little Brown Creek Association prepare and present to each ordained and accepted minister an annual ministerial certificate denoting good standing, to be presented during the Association of each year. 1966
 13. Be it resolved that it be written into the Constitution that the assistant moderator be moderator for the following year as has been previously voted on by the Association. 1966
 14. Be it resolved that a free will offering be taken on Friday and Saturday morning of each association in order to support the general fund. 1967
 15. That there be a form drafted and included in the church letters for each church to certify ministers who are members of that church and have proven to be sound in the faith and in good standing before the Association grants the annual ministers certification card. 1968
 16. Be it resolved that a church that fails to report at two consecutive associations be automatically removed from the rolls of this Association. 1968
 17. Be it resolved that the Association require that all new ministers pastoring churches in this Association come before the examining committee of the Ordination Council to have their credentials certified. The moderator of the Ordination Council, the clerk, and three elected members of the Ordination Council will serve as the examining committee. 1968
 18. Be it resolved that we change the Fifth Sunday Meeting to a Quarterly Meeting to meet at a stated time each calendar quarter, and that officers be elected to plan and promote this meeting. 1969
 19. Be it resolved that Minister Certification be examined by the Ordination Council and recommendations be made to the Association accordingly. 1969
 20. Be it resolved that a visiting speaker be given \$20.00 instead of \$10.00 if he is selected by the Devotional Committee to bring a message at our Associational worship service, but only one guest

speaker from outside the Association be invited by this committee.
1969

21. Be it resolved that we have two sessions in our Associational Meetings which would be Friday night and all day Saturday. 1970
22. Be it resolved that we print in the minutes the churches and their pastors with addresses and phone numbers of pastors. 1970
23. Be it resolved that we have a C. T. S. Committee to report at future meetings of the Association. 1971
24. Be it resolved that a Nominating Committee be appointed in the beginning of the association to nominate all officers and members of standing boards and committees for each association. 1971
25. Be it resolved that our Association use the standard Association report form that has been prepared by the National Association of Free Will Baptist. 1971
26. Be it resolved that Scripture for Doctrinal Statements be included in the minutes. 1971
27. Be it resolved that all Committees and Boards be recorded in the minutes each year. 1971
28. Be it resolved that the Association have a Sunday School Teacher Training course, and that a committee of three be appointed (two ministers and one layman) to be responsible. 1972
29. Be it resolved that a program committee be responsible for a printed schedule of the 1973 program. 1972



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.

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GOVERNMENT AND RULES OF THE 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. The speaker should not cast a 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.

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.

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

9c All questions coming before the association shall be determined by majority vote, except exclusion of churches which shall require two-thirds (2/3) majority.

The minutes of the association shall be read before the body just prior to 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'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.

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 the association is to withdraw from the church, which they look upon as unsound in principles, and disorderly conduct of practice, until they be reclaimed.

The association is not to take a case of any kind, within the union, without the consent of the majority of the churches, and then only to give advice.

PETITIONARY LETTER

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of God, at _____ send this petitionary letter to the ministers and messengers, composing the Little Brown Creek Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with _____ Church, asking admittance to 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 in your deliberations and to help your honorable body.

The statistics of our church are as follows: Received by experience _____; by resolution _____; discontinued by letter _____; expelled _____; died _____. Total membership _____. Contributions \$ _____. We have elected Elder _____ to the pastoral care of our church for the ensuing year. Number of deacons _____; Number of ministers _____ Clerks name and address _____ Moderator's name and address _____.

GOVERNMENT & CONSTITUTION OF LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

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 forms of government should be invariably 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 1. Newly organized Free Will Baptist churches petition the Association for membership, which shall be granted by a majority vote of the Association.

Section 2. 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

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ARTICLE III. - Representatives

Section 1. Each church should have not more than four delegates.

Section 2. 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

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, and treasurer.

Section 2. Their duties shall be those usually involving such officers, and they shall serve until their successors are elected except the assistant moderator. The assistant moderator shall become the moderator for the following year.

ARTICLE V - Boards and Committees

Section 1. 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 2. 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) years. The lay members shall be elected for terms of one (1), 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 3. The following committees shall be appointed at the start of each association: Devotional, Finance, Obituary, Resolution, and Sunday School. These committees shall serve until dismissed by the Association.

Section 4. Each board and committee shall make a report to the association before the close of the association.

Section 5. Temporary committees may be appointed by the moderator if the body sees need of such committees.

ARTICLE VI - Meetings. The time and place of meeting of this organization shall be determined at each preceding regular meeting. On the occasion of no meeting place being provided at the regular preceding 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, if possible, as much as fifteen

(\$15.00) to each meeting. Expenditures of money to be by the direction of this body.

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

ARTICLE IX - Quorum. Representatives from five (5) churches shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE X - 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 a 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 members 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 who wish to come into this association from other associations or denominations and will ordain those who are sound in faith and practice according to 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 decisions shall be final.

Section 2. This association may exclude from its body any minister who teaches heresy, or any church who follows him in said teaching, or who is disloyal to the Faith as held by the association and expressed in our Articles of Faith.

Section 3. 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 or false teachings according to Free Will Baptist Articles of Faith.

Section 4. 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 with other organizations which may have proved helpful to the work of the church.

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THE BIBLE. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and our infallible rule of faith and practice. (II Peter 1:18-21; II Timothy 3:16,17.)

GOD. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in Scriptures 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. (Deut. 6:4; I Cor. 8:4; Jer. 10:10; John 4:24; Eph. 4:6)

CHRIST. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in 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 Saviour and Lord. (I Tim. 3:16; John 1:1,2; Matt 1:23; Rom. 3:25, 26; Matt. 26:28; Matt. 28:5,6)

THE HOLY SPIRIT. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. (I John 16:13; John 16:8; II Peter 1:21)

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, not otherwise provided for as the high best welfare of men requires. (Acts 17:28; Matt. 10:30; Job 14:5; Isa. 9:6)

THE SINFULNESS OF MAN. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of 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. (John 3:3; Rom. 3:23; Isa. 64:6)

THE WORK OF CHRIST. The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection, effected for all redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith. (Heb. 2:9; Rom. 5:18; Rom. 8:1; Rom. 4:25.)

THE TERMS OF SALVATION. The conditions of salvation are: (a) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. (b) 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, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God. (c) Continuance in faith and obedience until death. (Acts 17:20; Luke 13:3; Acts 16:31; Eph. 2:8,9; Rev. 2:10)

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. (Rom. 8:28-30; Rom. 10:9,10; I Peter 1:2)

FREEDOM OF 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. (Rev. 22:17; II Chro. 7:14; Rev. 3:20.)

SALVATION FREE. God desires the salvation of all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely. (Mark 16:15; Isa. 55:1; Gal. 2:20)

PERSERVANCE. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation. (II Peter 1:10; Heb. 6:4-6; Rev. 2:10)

GOSPEL ORDINANCES. Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. Feet Washing, an ordinance, teaching humility of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers. (Matt. 28:19,20; Col. 2:12; Rom. 6:4; I Cor. 11:23-29; John 13:4-14)

TITHING. God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matthew 23:23), and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." (I Cor. 16:2; Gen. 14:20; Mal. 3:8-10)

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 communion with God. (Gen. 2:3; Ex. 20:8-11; Luke 24:1-6)

RESURRECTION, JUDGEMENT, AND FINAL RETRIBUTION. The Scriptures teach 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." (I Cor. 15:1-58; Acts 17:31; Heb. 9:27; II Cor. 5:10; Matt. 25:46)

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CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by his grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social workship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

9c We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PLAN	FOREIGN MISSIONS	HOME MISSIONS	EDUCATION	ORPHANAGE	ASSOCIATIONAL PROJECTS	STATE AND NATIONAL PROJECTS	ASSOCIATIONAL FEES
ANTIOCH	\$350.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 35.00	\$	\$155.00	\$130.00	\$ 15.00	\$15.00
BURGESS CREEK								15.00
FIRST CHURCH		424.50		470.00	390.00		201.00	15.00
JONES CHAPEL			215.00		200.00		100.00	15.00
LITTLE BROWN		60.00	199.25	30.00				15.00
MACEDONIA								15.00
MARTIN HILL		272.35	210.00	45.00	5.00	45.00		15.00
MT. PISGAH								15.00
NEW LEBANON		10.00	169.00	140.00	60.00	5.00	41.50	15.00
SMITH CHAPEL						20.00		15.00
TOTALS	\$350.00	\$780.85	\$828.85	\$685.00	\$810.00	\$200.00	\$357.50	\$150.00

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CHURCHES	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	PARSONAGE	PASTOR	EVANGELIST	BUILDING AND REPAIR	LITERATURE	OTHER
ANTIOCH	\$25,000.00		\$2,728.67	\$ 616.00	\$ 7,170.35	\$336.75	\$1,402.66
BURGESS CREEK				829.09			273.05
FIRST CHURCH	40,000.00	\$30,000.00	5,200.00	315.47	130.83	225.00	856.00
JONES CHAPEL	8,800.00		1,690.00	250.00	861.03	89.48	517.56
LITTLE BROWN	15,800.00		2,154.22	250.00	1,263.37	171.28	359.83
MACEDONIA	8,000.00		1,003.50	200.00	1,777.78	509.89	6,829.59
MARTIN HILL	80,000.00	20,000.00	4,000.00	1,263.37	23,314.40	583.80	2,613.01
MT. PISGAH	20,000.00		2,316.45	200.00	1,264.39	273.27	427.24
NEW LEBANON	30,000.00		2,140.00	200.00	1,347.43	260.00	3,209.96
SMITH CHAPEL	6,000.00		815.00	60.00	69.00	60.00	40.00
TOTAL	\$233,600.00	50,000.00	22,876.93	3,504.84	37,198.58	2,509.47	16,528.90

CHURCHES	DELEGATES	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	PROFESSION OF FAITH	RECEIVED BY LETTER	BY STATEMENT OF FAITH	DISMISSED BY LETTER	EXCLUDED	DECEASED
ANTIOCH	Sis. Sallie Robinson, Sis. Lara Booker, Bro. Rickey Booker Bro. Myron Broadway	150	163	313	22	5		2		1
BURGESS CREEK	Bro. Billy Messerner, Sis. Hazel Gentles, Sis. Earline Messerner, Sis. Charlotte Haney			42						
FIRST CHURCH	Sis. Faye Pierce, Sis. Elizabeth Gibson Sis. Captola Lawrence, Sis. Judy McCoy	97	20	117	9	6			1	
JONES CHAPEL	Bro. David Macanally, Sis. Alma Jackson, Sis. Linda Mcanally, Sis. Emiline Jones			88	2	5				
LITTLE BROWN	Sis. Myrtis Mayo, Sis. Ada Pierce, Sis. Virginia Pierce, Sis. Paula Pierce	96		96	8	1				2
MACEDONIA	Sis. Letha Nash, Sis. Nadine Ramsey, Sis. Opal Nash, Sis. Ruby Wittemore		2	30	1					2
MARTIN HILL	Sis. Dorothy Gore, Sis. Ann Walden, Sis. Lura Chase, Sis. Brenda Crabb	171	104	275	5	2	7	1		2
MT. PISGAH	Sis. Esta Lee Gann, Bro. Billy Garvin, Bro. Gerdest Walker, Sis. Altie Walker	88	48	136	2	1	2			1
NEW LEBANON	Bro. Homer Lambert, Bro. Jack Hill, Sis. Jewel Nixon, Sis. Gladys Prince	150	95	245	1	9		6		1
SMITH CHAPEL	Sis. Noel Lambert, Sis. Jewell Reeveses, Sis. Sophie Thompson, Bro. Robert Reeves	63		63	7	1				
TOTAL		815	432	1405	57	30	9	9	1	9

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CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	AVERAGE SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	CTS ENROLLMENT	AVERAGE CTS ATTENDANCE	WOMAN'S AUXILIARY ENROLLMENT	WOMAN'S AUXILIARY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	MID-WEEK SERVICES	ORDAINED MINISTERS	ACTIVE ORDAINED DEACONS	INACTIVE DEACONS
ANTIOCH	115	109	46	40	27	20	100	1	6	
BURGESS CREEK	35	30						1	2	
FIRST CHURCH	85	74	45	44	21	13	44	1	5	
JONES CHAPEL	60	45	40	30			25	2	2	
LITTLE BROWN	40	35						1	7	
MACEDONIA	30	20							4	
MARTIN HILL	154	130	48	41			35	1	5	
MT. PISGAH	61	54	37	28			20	2	2	2
NEW LEBANON	100	87	40	35	12	8	20	4	7	
SMITH CHAPEL	46	30					20	1	2	
TOTAL	726	614	256	218	60	41	264	14	42	2

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