

**MINUTES**

—OF THE—

**LITTLE BROWN CREEK  
ASSOCIATION**

—OF—

**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**HELD WITH THE ANTIOCH**

**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**ON FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY BEFORE THE**

**FIRST LORD'S DAY IN SEPTEMBER, 1973**

*Next meeting will be held with the Little Brown Free Will Baptist  
Church, on Friday Night and Saturday, before the First  
Lord's Day in September, 1974*

**CREEK  
N**

**STS  
BROWN**

**RCH  
BEFORE THE**

**BER, 1974**

**Free Will Baptist  
for the First**

## OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

MODERATOR ..... REV. HOLLIS SOUTHERLAND  
ASSISTANT MODERATOR ..... REV. D. W. JONES  
CLERK ..... RUTH McCOY  
ASSISTANT CLERK ..... LAURA BOOKER

## ADDRESSES OF PASTORS

REV. DALLAS JACK JONES - Antioch; Rt. 3; Iuka, Mississippi 38852  
(Phone 423-9316)  
REV. J. S. WHITEHEAD - Jones Chapel; Rt. 2; Tishomingo, Mississippi  
38873 (Phone 462-5706)  
REV. CURTIS BRILEY - New Lebanon; Star Route; Booneville, Mississippi  
38829 (Phone 728-4596)  
REV. J. L. GORE - Martin Hill; Box 777; Booneville, Mississippi 38829  
(Phone 728-4030)  
REV. HOLLIS SOUTHERLAND - Mt. Pisgah; Savannah, Tennessee 38372  
(Phone 925-4374)  
REV. LUTHER GIBSON - First Church; North Lake Street; Booneville,  
Mississippi (Phone 728-6004)  
REV. GLEN JONES - Smith Chapel Rt. 6; Corinth, Mississippi 38834  
(Phone 462-5889)  
REV. R. C. SPENCER - Macedonia; Booneville, Mississippi 38829  
(Phone 728-4025)  
REV. BURLON JONES - Burgess Creek; 1235 Green Avenue, Florence, Ala.

## ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

REV. LENARCE STRICKLEN - Rt. 1; Booneville, Mississippi 38829  
(Phone 462-5967)  
REV. PAT STRICKLEN - Rt. 1; Booneville, Mississippi 38829  
(Phone 462-5967)  
REV. JERRY HOUSE - Iuka, Mississippi 38852  
REV. D. W. JONES - Tishomingo, Mississippi 38873 (Phone 462-5625)

CREEK  
N

STS

BROWN

RCH

BEFORE THE

BER, 1974

Free Will Baptist  
for the First

## ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

ANTIOCH .....	Mrs. Essie Conway, Rt. 1; Burnsville, Miss.	38833
BURGESS CREEK .....	Billy Messenger, Rt. 1, Tishomingo, Miss.	38873
FIRST CHURCH .....	Mrs. Charles McCoy, Rt. 6; Booneville, Miss.	38829
JONES CHAPEL .....	Jewel Garvin, Rt. 1; Rienzi, Miss.	38865
MACEDONIA .....	Mrs. Ruby Whittemore, Rienzi, Miss.	38865
LITTLE BROWN .....	Miss Janie Gail Smith, Booneville, Miss.	38829
MARTIN HILL ....	Mrs. Hoyle Shackelford, Rt. 5; Booneville, Miss.	38829
MT. PISGAH .....	Mrs. Esta Lee Gann, Rt. 7; Box 111; Booneville, Miss.	38829
NEW LEBANON .....	Mrs. Madrid Richardson, Rt. 3; Iuka, Miss.	38852
SMITH CHAPEL .....	Mrs. Noel Lambert, Rt. 1; Booneville, Miss.	38829



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

### FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

The eighty-third session of the Little Brown Creek Association of Free Will Baptist convened with the Antioch church on August 31, 1973.

Services were opened with Rev. Rickey Booker directing "Victory in Jesus" and Essie Conway accompanying at the piano. Rev. Lee Robinson led in prayer after which another congregational number was sung.

Rev. Luther Gibson, moderator of the association, called for a time of special prayer for Rev. Bufford Pierce. Rev. Pierce had suffered a heart attack two days earlier and was still in intensive care. Rev. J. L. Gore prayed this intercessory prayer.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Rally would meet with the First Church on the following Sunday. Woman's auxiliary would be meeting at Morganwood Camp September 7, 8.

Immediately before the evening message Rev. Booker led the congregation in singing "Lily of the Valley."

Rev. Luther Gibson brought the evening message. He took his scripture from Gal. 1:1-12 and used verses 11 and 12 for the central theme of his message -- "The Message We Have to Preach."

Just before the meeting adjourned, the moderator asked that all ordained ministers come to the front of the church to be presented to the body. Those introduced were: Rev. Curtis Briley, Rev. Hollis Southerland, Rev. Glenn Jones, Rev. J. L. Gore, and Rev. J. S. Whitehead.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Leonard Walden.

---

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday morning session reconvened at 9:45 with Bro. Jack Jones leading the group in singing "Count Your Many Blessings" and prayer by Bro. Curtis Briley. Bro. Jones directed several good numbers with Debra Short at the piano.

Bro. J. L. Gore brought a very timely message on "Obedience," taking his scripture from Acts 1:14.

The moderator appointed a Committee on Committees. Host Pastor, Bro. Jack Jones, gave an official welcome to all attending the association. Everyone was encouraged to enjoy and to utilize all their facilities.

Bro. J. S. Whitehead gave the response, assuring the pastor and church that everyone was thankful for having an invitation to their church.

The moderator appointed Mrs. Debra Short and Miss Judy McCoy to serve as reading clerks to read the church letters. Bro. Jack Jones led "Amazing Grace" followed by a sermonette by Bro. Glenn Jones. He used Nehemiah as an example of a great leader. We were then dismissed for recess.

The Association reassembled with Bro. J. L. Gore directing "Victory in Jesus" and "When We All Get to Heaven," followed by the 11:00 o'clock message which was brought by Rev. Paul Long. Scripture, for

CREEK  
N

BTS  
BROWN

ARCH  
BEFORE THE  
BER, 1974

Free Will Baptist  
for the First

his message on "Spirit of Supplication," was taken from Acts 1:1-11. Immediately following the message Bro. Gore led "Have Thine Own Way." We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Herman Pannel for the lunch hour.

---

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with Bro. Gore directing "Praise Him, Praise Him," Joyce Richardson accompanied at the piano. Bro. Charles Walden led in prayer.

The Ministers Quartet, Bro. Southerland, Bro. Jack Jones, Bro. Gibson, and Bro. Gore, rendered special music, "Wherever He Leads I'll Go." Bro. R. C. Spencer brought the afternoon devotion. His message was, "Joining Together in Love." Scripture was taken from I Corinthians 13:1-13.

---

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

Elizabeth Gibson, President of the District and State Auxiliaries, gave a thorough report of the work done by auxiliaries from Antioch, New Lebanon, and the First Church. The District Auxiliary closed the year with a total of non cash gifts of \$526.00 and a total disbursement of \$1,598.10. Mrs. Gibson encouraged pastors to inspire their women to organize an auxiliary in their churches.

---

#### COMMITTEES

##### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Rev. J. L. Gore  
Rev. Danny Short  
Rev. D. W. Jones

##### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Martha Moss  
Debra Short  
Hazel Belue

##### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Charles Walden  
Rev. Jack Jones  
Rev. Curtis Briley

##### C. T. S. COMMITTEE

Ann Walden  
Lou Bullard  
Rev. Myron Broadway

##### SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Elizabeth Gibson  
Nita Jones  
Sonja Jones

##### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Rev. J. S. Whitehead  
Max Whitehead  
Rev. Danny Short

##### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Hollis Southerland  
Rev. D. W. Jones  
Bro. Gerdest Walker

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE** — We, the Sunday School Committee, are happy to report all of the churches in our Association have active Sunday Schools. We note an increase of over one hundred enrolled over last year's enrollment.

Beleiving that our Associational Sunday School Workshop was a great success, we recommend:

1. That each church plan a Sunday School Workshop or course of study to be conducted on the local level, thus striving to enroll each teacher, assistant teacher, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and all officers of the Sunday School.

2. That the Pastor and Sunday School Superintendent assume the responsibility of making the plan for this Workshop.

**C. T. S. COMMITTEE** — We, the C. T. S. Committee report that six churches have an active C. T. S. We would like to encourage other churches to start a C. T. S. program.

**OBITUARY COMMITTEE** — We, the Obituary Committee have found the following deaths in our Little Brown Creek Association for the year 1972-73: New Lebanon — Sis. Charlie Felker, Sis. Lena Woodruff; Mt. Pisgah — Bro. Cliff Murphy; Macedonia — Millard Childers; Little Brown — Sis. Mary White, Sis. Martha Pierce, Bro. Roy Boggs; Jones Chapel — Bro. Guy Jones; Martin Hill — Mrs. Ola McCoy, Mrs. Bill Smith; Smith Chapel — Coleman Rogers; Antioch — Betty Blakney Hudson.

## YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Bro. Gore reported that youth camp was a success this year. He proposed that in addition to camp, we make plans to take our young people to Tishomingo Park on a specified weekend for special services.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** — Beginning September 1, 1972 and ending August 31, 1973.

Balance brought forward .....	\$184.72
Offering .....	42.83
Minute Fees .....	150.00
Total Income .....	377.55
EXPENSES .....	
Moderator .....	15.00
Clerk .....	15.00

CREEK  
N

STS  
BROWN  
RCH  
BEFORE THE  
BER, 1974

Free Will Baptist  
for the First

Assistant Clerk .....	15.00
Speaker (Bro. Al Hamm) .....	20.00
Mississippi State Association .....	20.00
Hodges Printing Minutes .....	135.80
Associational Sunday School Teachers Material ....	28.04
Postage .....	9.58
Church Letter Forms .....	1.36
Aleene Sharp (General Expenses) .....	20.00
Total Expenses .....	279.78
Balance in Treasury .....	\$97.77

---

#### SLATE OF OFFICERS

Moderator .....	Bro. Hollis Southerland
Assistant Moderator .....	Bro. D. W. Jones, Jr.
Clerk .....	Ruth McCoy
Assistant Clerk .....	Laura Booker
Devotional Committee .....	The Executive Committee
SS Teacher Training Committee .....	Bro. Jack Jones, Bro. J. L. Gore, and Sis. Ann Walden

---

#### HOME MISSION BOARD

For the associational year 1972-73 the Home Mission Board is as follows: Laymen, Bro. Gerdest Walker (3yr.), Bro. Willard Wood (2yr.), and Bro. Charles Walden (1yr.); Ministers, Bro. Curtis Briley (2yr.), and Bro. D. W. Jones, Jr. (1yr.).

---

#### DELEGATES TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION —

Bro. Danny Short, Sis. Debra Short, Bro. Max Whitehead, and Sis. Dorothy Gore were appointed as delegates to the State Association.

The moderator shall be responsible for calling a meeting of the officers and committees in about one month for the purpose of formulating a plan for the coming year.

The association adjourned with the singing of "Till We Meet" and prayer by Bro. Herman Pannel.

## SEQUENCE IN WHICH THE ASSOCIATION WILL MEET AT THE VARIOUS CHURCHES

1974	Little Brōwn
1975	Jones Chapel
1976	Martin Hill
1977	New Lebanon
1978	First Church
1979	Burgess Crēek
1980	Smith Chapel
1981	Mt. Pisgah
1982	Macedonia
1983	Antioch

## 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 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 call each session.
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  
1932
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

**CREEK**  
**N**

**STS**  
**BROWN**  
**RCH**  
**BEFORE THE**  
**BER, 1974**

Free Will Baptist  
fore the First

- 90
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
  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 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
30. Be it resolved that the Sunday School Teacher Training Committee be continued each year with a committee elected and composed of three members, two ministers and one layman. 1973

CREEK

N

STS

BROWN

RCH

BEFORE THE

BER. 1974

Free Will Baptist

fore the First

31. Be it resolved that each church plan a Sunday School Workshop or study course to be conducted on the local level, thus striving to enroll each teacher, assistant teacher, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and all officers of the Sunday School. Furthermore, the Pastor and Sunday School Superintendent will assume responsibility of making plans for this Workshop. 1973
32. Be it resolved that a Laymen's Retreat be planned with all Pastor's and laymen invited to a Friday night and Saturday morning retreat for preaching, praying, teaching, and fellowship; and that a committee of three men be appointed to work out details. 1973

---

#### 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.

---

#### 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.

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

CREEK  
N

STS  
BROWN  
RCH  
BEFORE THE  
BER, 1974

el Free Will Baptist  
fore the First

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 to seats.

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

CREEK

N

STS

BROWN

RCH

BEFORE THE

BER, 1974

el Free Will Baptist

fore the First

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.

#### DOCTRINE

**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)

## 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.

CREEK

N

STS

BROWN

IRCH

BEFORE THE

BER, 1974

el Free Will Baptist

fore the First

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social work-ship, 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.

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	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	PARSONAGE	PASTOR'S SALARY	EVANGELIST	BUILDING AND REPAIR	LITERATURE	OTHER
ANTIOCH	\$25,000.00	\$ 0	\$3856.10	\$ 425.00	\$ 4996.18	\$ 362.60	\$2610.60
BURGESS CREEK	6,000.00	0	360.00	135.00	815.44	243.63	376.40
FIRST CHURCH	140,000.00	30,000.00	5200.00	390.93	70,000.00	827.44	18,709.44
JONES CHAPEL	8,800.00	0	1765.00	200.00	422.83	314.53	
LITTLE BROWN	20,000.00	0	2151.34	160.00	105.00	87.35	584.76
MACEDONIA	12,000.00	0	1752.39	309.55	2,570.00	97.34	518.72
MARTIN HILL	80,000.00	20,000.00	4160.00	1432.45	9,946.61	795.92	2760.78
MT. PISGAH	20,000.00	0	2450.00	120.00	3,846.50	272.67	515.54
NEW LEBANON	35,000.00	0	2625.00	465.00	2,541.00	313.54	1158.85
SMITH CHAPEL	10,000.00	0	810.00	75.00	4,506.46	129.77	196.00
TOTAL	356,800.00	50,000.00	24,129.83	3712.93	99,750.02	3244.79	27,331.09

CREEK  
 N  
 BROWN  
 CH  
 BEFORE THE  
 BER, 1974  
 ifree Will Baptist  
 fore the First

CHURCHES	DELEGATES	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	PROFESSION OF FAITH	RECEIVED BY LETTER	BY STATEMENT OF FAITH	DISMISSED BY LETTER	DECEASED
ANTIOCH	Bro. Myron Broadway, Bro. Jerry Lambert, Bro. Ricky Booker, Bro. Arlie Cummings	155	163	318	9	3	0	4	1
BURGESS CREEK	Sis. Mara Nell Crowell, Sis. Hazel Gentles, Sis. Hazel Belue	40	0	40	3	0	0	0	0
FIRST CHURCH	Sis. Elizabeth Gibson, Sis. Judy McCoy, Sis. Patsy Cosby, Sis. Lou Bullard	93	40	133	14	6	7	3	0
JONES CHAPEL	Bro. Billy Joe Garvin, Bro. Jerry Hooper, Bro. Charles Jones, Bro. Joseph Jones	87	0	87	5	3	0	3	1
LITTLE BROWN	Sis. Myrtis Mayo, Sis. Ida Mayo, Sis. Gladys Isbell, Bro. Clint Mayo	79	42	121	13	0	0	0	3
MACEDONIA	Bro. Paul Maness, Jr., Sis. Kathryn Smith, Sis. Margaret Maness, Sis. Ruby Whittimore	35	0	35	1	1	3	0	1
MARTIN HILL	Sis. Dorothy Gore, Sis. Ann Walden, Sis. Brenda Crabb, Bro. Max Whitehead	186	103	289	8	1	9	2	2
MT. PISGAH	Sis. Debra Short, Bro. Danny Short, Sis. Altie Walker, Bro. Gerdest Walker	93	47	140	4	1	0	1	1
NEW LEBANON	Bro. Travis Hendrix, Sis. Peggy Hendrix, Bro. Billy Joe Moss, Sis. Martha Moss	172	95	267	18	3	0	5	2
SMITH CHAPEL	Sis. Noel Lambert, Bro. Jim Steveson, Sis. Geneva Steveson, Sis. Sonja Jones			73	5	5	0	0	1
TOTAL		940	490	1503	80	23	19	16	12

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	LICENSED MINISTERS	ACTIVE ORDAINED DEACONS	INACTIVE DEACONS
ANTIOCH	115	22	44	35	32	25	50	1	5	7	2
BURGESS CREEK	44	36	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
FIRST CHURCH	135	91	37	35	12	11	60	1	0	5	0
JONES CHAPEL	60	42	30	20	0	0	40	3	0	2	0
LITTLE BROWN	40	40	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	3
MACEDONIA	54	30	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0
MARTIN HILL	165	139	45	38	0	0	45	1	0	5	0
MT. PISCATAWAY	61	52	37	29	0	0	20	2	0	5	0
NEW LEBANON	105	103	40	38	12	8	20	4	0	7	0
SMITH CHAPEL	50	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
TOTAL	829	645	233	195	61	44	235	16	5	41	5

BEFORE THE  
 BROWN  
 CH  
 STS  
 CREEK  
 1974  
 Free Will Baptist  
 Fore the First

	COOPERATIVE PLAN	FOREIGN MISSIONS	HOME MISSIONS	EDUCATION	ORPHANAGE	ASSOCIATIONAL PROJECTS	STATE AND NATIONAL PROJECTS	OTHER	ASSOCIATIONAL FEE
ANTIOCH	\$481.00	\$250.00	50.50	\$ 0	200.00	\$ 0	195.00	\$122.97	\$15.00
BURGESS CREEK	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	15.00
FIRST CHURCH	0	372.00		356.00	229.85	0	116.00	0	15.00
JONES CHAPEL	0	0	180.00	0	100.00	15.00	130.00	180.00	15.00
LITTLE BROWN	0	0	106.10	0	0	0	0	0	15.00
MACEDONIA	0	19.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	15.00
MARTIN HILL	0	530.88	123.35	135.00	0	167.40	55.00	0	15.00
MT. PISGAH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18.00	15.00
NEW LEBANON	0	53.40	160.00	10.00	60.00	15.00	0	125.00	15.00
SMITH CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33.75	15.00
TOTAL	481.00	1225.28	619.95	501.00	589.85	197.40	496.00	478.97	150.00