



MINUTES

—OF THE—

**LITTLE BROWN CREEK
ASSOCIATION**

—OF—

**FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD WITH THE LITTLE BROWN**

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

ON FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY BEFORE THE

FIRST LORD'S DAY IN SEPTEMBER, 1974

*Next meeting will be held with the Jones Chapel Free Will Baptist
Church, on Friday Night and Saturday, before the First*

Lord's Day in September, 1975

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

MODERATOR..... REV. D. W. JONES
 ASSISTANT MODERATOR..... REV. PAUL WEAVER
 CLERK..... DEBRA SHORT
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MACEDONIA	Gladys Searcy, Glen, Miss.	38846
LITTLE BROWN	Miss Janie Gail Smith, Booneville, Miss.	38829
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MINUTES OF THE EIGHTY FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF OF FREE WILL BAPTIST THE LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

The eighty-fourth session of the Little Brown Creek Association convened with the Little Brown church on August 30, 1974.

Services opened with Bro. Gerdest Walker leading the congregation in singing "I Want To Be Ready." Bro. D. W. Jones, Jr. led in prayer.

Another congregational number, "Living by Faith," was sung. Kim Whitley blessed the hearts of all present with her special number "He Touched Me."

The moderator, Bro. Hollis Southerland, welcomed everyone to the associational meetings. The assistant moderator then took a count to see if all churches were represented and found that only Burgess Creek was absent. Thirteen ministers were present.

Background scriptures for the moderator's message came from Eph. 4:1. He spoke on "Being in Fellowship with the Lord" which would automatically put us in fellowship with our fellowman.

Bro. Gibson led in prayer after which Bro. Walker led "Where Milk and Honey Flows."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Rally will meet at the First Church. Mrs. Sandra Van Dale and Archie, her dummie, will be the featured speaker.

Mrs. Gibson announced that the Woman's Retreat would be held September 7, 8 at Morganwood. Mrs. Shirley Combs (missionary) is scheduled to be the guest speaker.

There will be a singing at Little Brown Church the following Sunday night at 7:30.

Bro. Paul Weaver delivered the evening message. He used scripture found in I Sam. 13:15-23. His message was one of admonition to the church to use her abilities for the out-reach of the gospel and reminded us that the Churches strength will be gone when she surrenders her courage to satan. He challenged Christians to ask themselves "What does God Want Me To Do?"

Immediately following the message a request for Bro. Buford Pierce's letter of recommendation was acted upon. Bro. Gibson moved that this letter be granted—seconded by Bro. Jones. Motion carried.

We then sang "Amazing Grace" and were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Don Johnson.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The morning session opened with Bro. Jack Jones directing "A Shelter in the Time of Storm" and Bro. Ron Niebruegge led in prayer.

Several good hymns were sung followed by a devotional by Bro. Luther Gibson. Scripture for his message was taken from I John 3:11-16, 23. He presented some aspects of God's Love and the effects they will have upon God's people.

The moderator appointed a Committee on Committees as follows: Bro. Jack Jones, Bro. Luther Gibson, and Bro. Curtis Briley.

Bro. Danny Short gave an official welcome to the people of the association. Bro. D. W. Jones gave the response.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson and Mrs. Shirley Kennedy were appointed to read the church letters.

Bro. Don Johnson delivered a sermonette on "Consolation We Have in Christ," taking his scripture from Matt. 11: 28-30. He gave three areas from which we can draw to have this comfort— God's Word, Christ's finished work, and His appearing.

We were dismissed in prayer for a short recess.

The association reconvened with Bro. Jack Jones directing "Praise Him." An offering was then received.

Bro. Dan Patrick of Memphis, Tennessee brought the eleven O'clock message. Scripture for his message came from I Tim. 4:12-16. The message was "Doing God's Work," a work which demands our best-our all.

Bro. J. L. Gore prayed the dismissal prayer and the blessing on the food.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The association reconvened with the congregation singing several hymns, prayer by Bro. R. C. Spencer.

Bro. J. S. Whitehead brought a devotional from John 4:35, 36 on the need for workers for "The Fields are White Unto Harvest."

Bro. Ron Niebruegge was recognized and brought greetings from the State Home Missions Board and the Greenville church. He was optimistic about the Greenville \$75,000 building program and gave praise for the street that is being paved across their property. We were reminded that November will be Mobil Chapel month. Attempts are to be made to raise enough money to retire the entire debt on this Chapel by the end of 1974. Little Brown Creek Association was commended for its offerings to State Home Missions.

Bro. J. L. Gore brought greetings from the Jackson Mission. He gave thanks for the faith promises of our people. He said, "Much has been done, there is so much more to be done." He requested that some of the Home missions offerings be designated to the Jackson's Mission property building fund.

COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Rev. Jack Jones
Rev. Luther Gibson
Rev. Curtis Briley

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Sis. Mary Lou Bullard
Sis. Reba Wood
Sis. Arlis Harris

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Rev. J. S. Whitehead
Sis. Jewel Nixon
Sis. Jewel Garvin

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Rev. Paul Weaver
Rev. Donald Johnson
Bro. Robert Reeves

C. T. S. COMMITTEE

Bro. Kenneth Conaway
Sis. Hoyle Shackelford
Sis. Edith Livingston

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sis. Aleene Sharp
Sis. Essie Conaway
Sis. Lurline Wright

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Sis. Cleeta Mae Harville
Sis. Dillard Fae Pierce
Sis. Delta Smith

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Danny Short
Rev. Lee Robertson
Bro. Ewell Wright

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

C. T. S. COMMITTEE—— We, the C. T. S. Committee report that eight churches have an active C. T. S. We would encourage other churches to start a Church Training Service Program. This year we had winners in C. T. S. competition on the National level. National Level in Bible Memorization, Grade 2, Cindy Weaver from Martin Hill.

STATE LEVEL WINNERS

BIBLE MEMORIZATION—— Grade 3, Randy Dill, Antioch.

SWORD DRILL—— Carol Broadway, Antioch.

TIC TAC TOE—— Debra Weaver, Jackie Walden, Jackie Whitley, Jr., and Terry King.

BIBLE BOWL— Cathy Kennedy, Gene Cummings, Rhonda Lambert, Joan Johnson, Antioch (Placed 3rd in National Competition).

ADVENTURE DECLAMATION—— David Kennedy.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE—— We, the Obituary Committee have found the following deaths in our Little Brown Creek Association for the year 1973-1974.

Little Brown— Bro. Eura Pierce, Bro. Vaudie Mayo.

New Lebanon— Sis. Lillian Wright, Sis. Ludie Stricklin, Bro. D. W. Jones Sr.
Bro. Grady Lambert, Bro. Govern Lambert.

Macedonia— Sis. Lula Abel.

Martin Hill— Sis. Lonnie Stevens, Sis. Minnie Bell Cole.

Antioch— Sis. Julia Brown Lambert, Bro. Charles Osborn, Bro. Jim Barnes.

Mt. Pisgah— Bro. Austin Huddleston.

Smith Chapel— Sis. Annie Stevens.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY—

We, the Woman's Auxiliary Committee, are happy to report two new auxiliaries in our district this year, bringing our total to five auxiliaries with seventy-five women enrolled. This year \$226.95 was given to our Home Missions Department (this includes projects as well as funds.) Money and gifts amounting to \$198.65 were sent to our Foreign Missions Department. \$128.00 was sent to our Bible College: \$717.13 was spent for local church activities: \$600.99 of food, clothing, notions, etc. were sent to our Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama. A total of \$2,416.33 were given to help carry out this plan of God for all ages. Many hours of giving of themselves are shown in this report. We praise God for the great work done by seventy-five women organized into Woman's Auxiliaries.

FINANCE COMMITTEE Beginning September 1, 1973 and ending August 3, 1974.

Balance brought forward.....	97.77
Offering.....	55.80
Minute Fees	155.00
Total Income	308.57
Moderator	15.00
Clerk.....	15.00
Assistant Clerk.....	15.00
Guest Speaker (Rev. Long)	20.00
Mississippi State Assn.	20.00
Hodges printing minutes	151.50
Church letter forms	4.13
Total expences	240.63
Balance in Treasury.....	67.94

NOMINATING COMMITTEE-The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of officers:

Assistant moderator-Rev. Jack Jones
 Clerk- Debra Short
 Assistant Ckerk- Ruth McCoy
 Sunday School Teacher Training Board- Rev. Jack Jones, Rev. Don Johnson, Mrs. Ann Walden.
 Home Missions Board Replacements- Rev. Jack Jones, Bro. J. W. Timbes

HOME MISSIONS BOARD

For the associational year 1973-1974 the Home Mission Board is as follows:
 Laymen, Bro. J. W. Timbes (3yrs.), Bro. Gerdest Walker (2yrs.), Bro. Willard Wood (1yr.), Ministers- Bro. Jack Jones (2yrs.), Bro. Curtis Briley (1yr.)

SLATE OF OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. D. W. Jones, Jr.
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Paul Weaver
Clerk	Debra Short
Assistant Clerk	Ruth McCoy
Devotional Committee	The Executive Committee
S. S. Teacher Training Committee	Bro. Jack Jones
	Bro. Don Johnson
	Sis. Ann Walden

DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Sis. Reba Wood, Sis. Elizabeth Gibson, Bro. Jerry Hooper, Bro. Harold Wiginton, and Bro. Terry Booker were appointed as delegates to the State Association.

YOUTH CAMP: - Rev. Luther Gibson reported that youth camp was tremendous this year. Camp property has been improved. He encouraged the churches to become more concerned about youth camp.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS- Bro. Gibson appealed to the Association to assist in raising \$1,000.00 to help pay off the property purchased by the Alumni. He presented the check book plan as a means.

Pastors agreed to send \$25.00 for Association fee for 1975

Churches are to send an additional \$10.00, to the clerk, to cover expenses for present associational year.

The Home Mission Board recommended that the association receive Rev. Don Johnson and Rev. J. T. Prince into their fellowship. Bro. Prince was then ordained.

The association adjourned with the singing of "Count Your Many Blessings" and prayer.

SEQUENCE IN WHICH THE ASSOCIATION WILL MEET AT THE VARIOUS CHURCHES

1974	Little Brown
1975	Jones Chapel
1976	Martin Hill
1977	New Lebanon
1978	First Church
1979	Burgess Creek
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

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 we have two sessions in our Associational Meetings which would be Friday night and all Saturday. 1970
21. Be it resolved that we print in the minutes the churches and their pastors with addresses and phone numbers of pastors. 1970
22. Be it resolved that we have a C. T. S. Committee to report at future meetings of the Association. 1971
23. 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
24. 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
25. Be it resolved that Scripture for Doctrinal Statements be included in the minutes. 1971
26. Be it resolved that all Committees and Boards be recorded in the minutes each year. 1971
27. 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
28. Be it resolved that a program committee be responsible for a printed schedule of the 1973 program. 1972
29. 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
30. 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

Be it resolved that a Laymen's Retreat be planned with all Pastors 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

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

32. Be it resolved that a visting speaker be given \$20.00 plus ten cents per mile round trip if he is selected by the Devotional Committee, but only one guest speaker from outside the association can be invited by the committee, 1974.

33. Be it resolved that the associational clerk be paid \$25.00 and the assistant clerk be paid \$10.00 a year, 1974.

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 ensueing 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 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 unChristian 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.

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 highest 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 year 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. 3:28-30; 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.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, 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	DELIGATES	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP RESIDENT	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP NON-RESIDENT	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	NUMBER OF BAPTISMS	RECEIVED BY LETTER OR STATEMENT	MEMBERS LOST BY LETTER	MEMBERS LOST TO NON-FWB CHURCHES	DECEASED
ANTIOCH	Sis. Essie Conway, Sis. Shirley Johnson Sis. Reba Wood, Sis. Sally Robinson	125	199	324	1	5	3	0	4
BURGESS CREEK	Bro. Joyce Gentle, Sis. Catherine Gentle Sis. Mara Nell Crowell, Sis. Hazel Belue	35	15	50	0	0	0	0	0
FIRST CHURCH	Sis. Jane Pike, Sis. Lurline Wright Sis. Fae Pierce, Sis. Mary Bullard	106	41	147	18	4	4	2	0
JONES CHAPEL	Bro. Gary Hooper, Bro. Herman Coker Sis. Jewel Garvin, Sis. Letha Pollard	77		77	0	0	3	2	0
LITTLE BROWN	Sis. Delta Smith, Sis. Ruby Lee Aldridge Sis. Myrtis Mayo, Sis. Patsy Kennedy	72	49	119	1	1	2	0	2
MACEDONIA	Sis. Herman Whittemore, Sis. Cleta Harville, Sis. Marie Harville, Sis. Sharion Russell	33	4	37	8	2	0	0	1
MARTIN HILL	Sis. Helen Shackelford, Bro. Dan Crabb, Sis. Aleene Sharp, Sis. Brenda Crabb	194	103	297	10	19	11	4	4
MT. PISGAH	Sis. Leonia Woodruff, Sis. Esta Lee Gann, Sis. Viola Walker, Sis. Edith Livingston	116	30	146	7	1	2	0	1
NEW LEBANON	Bro. Fay Nixon, Sis. Fay Nixon, Bro. Arlis Harris, Sis. Arlis Harris	176	95	271	5	7	8	0	5
SMITH CHAPEL	Sis. Noel Lambert, Bro. Robert Reeves, Sis. Jewel Reeves, Mavis Stevens	74	0	74	0	0	1	0	0
TOTAL		1006	536	1542	50	39	34	8	17

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	AVERAGE SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	C.T.S. ENROLLMENT	AVERAGE C.T.S. ATTENDANCE	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	MID-WEEK SERVICES	WOMAN'S AUXILIARY ENROLLMENT	WOMAN'S AUXILIARY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	ORDAINED MINISTERS	LICENSED MINISTERS	F.W.B.B.C. STUDENTS	STUDENTS IN OTHER COLLEGES	DEACONS
ANTIOCH	115	80	40	25	yes		24	12	4	2	1		7
BURGESS CREEK	40	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0			1
FIRST CHURCH	135	103	57	47	140	76	25	12	1	0	1	1	7
JONES CHAPEL	30	25	30	25	0	25	12	9	2	0		1	2
LITTLE BROWN	55	41	0	0	0	20	0	0	1	0		2	3
MACEDONIA	50	40	40	30	0	0	7	7	0	0			4
MARTIN HILL	138	115	51	41	116	41	0	0	1	0		3	5
MT. PISGAH	71	58	45	40	0	0	0	0	3	0			5
NEW LEBANON	103	98	40	35	yes	0	8	5	3	1			7
SMITH CHAPEL	52	40	52	30	0	0	0	0	1	0			2
TOTAL	789	635	355	273	256	162	76	45	18	3	2	7	43

CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PLAN.	FOREIGN MISSIONS	HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXT.	F.W.B.B.C.	CHILDREN'S HOME AND HOME FOR THE AGED, ETC.	DISTRICT OR STATE	ASSOCIATION FEE	TOTAL SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES
ANTIOCH	\$126.94	5.00	\$303.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 62.97	\$359.80	\$25.00	\$921.71
BURGESS CREEK	0	0	0	0	0	0	15.00	0
FIRST CHURCH	0	456.00	0	687.65	0	580.00	25.00	1,723.65
JONES CHAPEL	0	0	145.78	0	60.00	0	25.00	205.78
LITTLE BROWN	0	105.00	175.00	0	0	0	25.00	280.00
MACEDONIA	0	0	25.00	0	0	0	25.00	0
MARTIN HILL	0	53.00	546.00	78.00	0	0	25.00	677.00
MT. PISGAH	0	0	485.34	0	0	194.90	25.00	680.24
NEW LEBANON	0	67.00	58.00	65.00	0	0	25.00	190.00
SMITH CHAPEL	0	0	125.00	0	0	0	15.00	125.00
TOTAL	126.94	586.00	1,863.12	894.65	122.97	1,134.70	230.00	4,803.38

CHURCHES	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	PARSONAGE	PASTORS SALARY	REMODELING, NEW CONSTRUCTION, PROPERTY	PAID ON DEBT RETIREMENT	ALL OTHER LOCAL EXPENDITURES	TOTAL INCOME
ANTIOCH	\$40,000.00	0	\$3,600.00	\$1,425.24	\$2,500.00	\$4,461.76	\$12,745.54
BURGESS CREEK	10,000.00	0	984.44	118.78	0	337.56	
FIRST CHURCH	140,000.00	30,000.00	5,800.00	0	10,037.76	8,279.60	25,969.78
JONES CHAPEL	18,800.00	0	1,970.00	33.50	0	697.22	6,527.25
LITTLE BROWN	30,000.00	0	1,795.00	0	0	1,283.05	14,206.97
MACEDONIA	12,000.00	0	1,089.23	3,634.28	0	463.00	4,505.80
MARTIN HILL	110,000.00	20,000.00	6,200.00	1,652.00	3,549.00	8,128.00	20,260.00
MT. PISGAH	20,000.00	0	3,570.00	228.80	0	1,468.06	
NEW LEBANON	40,000.00	0	6,425.00	5,028.19	0	4,777.51	12,347.80
SMITH CHAPEL	10,000.00	0	1,570.00	457.59	0	628.17	
TOTAL	430,800.00	50,000.00	33,003.67	14,578.36	16,086.76	30,523.93	135,931.18