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FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH THE BOONEVILLE FIRST

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

ON FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY BEFORE THE

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**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD WITH
THE IUKA FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH,
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MINUTES OF THE EIGHTY SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST THE LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

The eighty-sixth session of the Little Brown Creek Association Convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Booneville on September 3, 1976.

Services were opened with Bro. Terry Booker leading "He Keeps Me Singing" accompanied by Janie Gale Smith on the piano. We were then led to the throne of God by Bro. Danny Short. The words of "Praise Him/ Praise Him!" and "Love Lifted Me" then stirred our hearts as we sang.

The Moderator, Bro. Dallas Jack Jones, welcomed everyone to our associational meeting. Bro. D. w. Jones, Jr., was appointed as Parliamentarian.

Bro. Jack Jones read to us I Corinthians 13, reminding us that love is the greatest key to success.

Bro. Luther Gibson cordially welcomed everyone to the First Church in Booneville.

Churches were recognized, delegates seated, and a roll of ministers were made. Ministers absent were Bro. Glenn Jones, Bro. R. C. Spencer, and Bro. J. S. Whitehead.

Committee of Committees was appointed, consisting of Bro. Hollis Southerland, Bro. Luther Gibson, and Bro. Russell Clouse.

"Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus" was sung, as everyone shook hands with others around them.

Our evening message was delivered by Bro. Paul Long. His scripture was taken from Acts 3:1-16, demonstrating to all of us that the best advertisement for a Christian is a changed heart and life. Our duty as Christians is to offer Christ to the world.

A letter was read from the Northeast Mississippi Association recommending Bro. Russell Clouse to our association to be ordained. A credential committee was appointed to examine Bro. Clouse for Saturday morning.

No announcements were made, and we were dismissed until Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Our morning session was opened with Terry Booker leading and Janie Gale Smith playing "Did You Think To Pray". Prayer was led by Bro. Rickie Booker. We then sang "Glory to His Name" and "Are You Washed in the Blood".

Bro. Danny Short delivered our morning devotion. His text was taken from Matthew 5:23,24; 6:38; 7:5; 23:25,26. He reminded us to put away self in order to serve God first.

Church letters and ministerial certificates were read, corrected, and accepted.

Bro. Luther Gibson gave us a report on Morganwood Youth Camp.

We were honored to have Bro. Wendell Walley, Chairman of State Home Missions Board, with us. He filled us in on God's building at Greenville. He asked that we pray for missions. He introduced Bro. Steve Nichols, our missionary at Greenwood. Bro. Steve Nichols shared with us some of the joys, and sorrows, of his work for the Lord in Greenwood. They are now in a Mobile Chapel averaging 13 for worship, 12 for Sunday School. He asked we all remember him in prayers, and also, to remember Bro. J. L. Gore in Jackson, Miss..

Bro. Luther Gibson gave an oral report of Morganwood Youth Camp. More participation was taken this past year than has been taken in a long time. Bro. Billy Beven, Tupelo Free Will Baptist Church, Directed the Teens for 5 days of camp. The Juniors' director for their 5 days was Bro. Earl Langly of Beech Springs Free Will Baptist. Bro. Al Hamm and Bro. Bill Robinson were directing the Primaries during their 3-day camp. He encouraged all to Participate in 1977. Bro. Paul Long requested applications be issued to each pastor for enrollment of Youth Camp.

Bro. Jack Jones praised the Lord for His guidance to a building site for First Church in Iuka. He told that the church is purchasing one and half acres of land for \$7,000.00. He gave no one the Glory but God.

A Crudential Committee made up of Bro. J. T. Prince, Bro. Luther Gibson and Bro. D. W. Jones, Jr. met with Bro. Russell Clouse and reported him to be sound in his belief. Since he requested to be ordained at Little Brown, and wanted his parents to be there, ordinance was slated for one week from this meeting, on Sunday afternoon, at 2:00 p.m. at Little Brown.

We were dismissed for a short recess by Bro. Jerry Lambert.

Our meeting reconvened with a song. An offering was taken to help cover costs of the association.

Our eleven o'clock message was brought by Bro. Steve Nichols, taken from Acts 1:8, 13 & 14; 2:1-4; 38, 41. He showed us, through God's word, that every child of God has the duty of being a missionary to carry His Holy Word to the uttermost parts of the earth. He pointed out that prayer is not telling God what to do; it is opening our hearts to God and having Him tell us what to do. We were dismissed for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

After singing "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" and "When We All Get to Heaven"; a devotion was presented to us by Bro. J. T. Prince. His scripture was I John 1-7, requesting that we take inventory of our lives so that we may enjoy our salvation to the fullest.

Reports were then read, discussed, and approved. The resolution tabled for one year was motioned and seconded to be dropped.

Mrs. Luther Gibson gave us a report on women's Auxiliary on state and national level.

State bought 257 books for Bible College valued at \$1746.59. On national level, \$ 64,778.36 was given to missions, \$ 24,267.83 for home missions; \$ 15,515.86 for missionaries and their objectives; \$ 17,819.08 to various Bible Colleges; Non-cash gifts totalled \$ 21,922.62 given to children's homes, provision closet and retired ministers. A total of \$ 143,334.95 was given through National Auxiliary. Over 700 women joined as new members last year.

A special offering was taken for our Mississippi Messenger. The offering was \$63.18.

Bro. Luther Gibson, Chairman of Home Missions Board, introduced Bro. Malcolm Garrett. Bro. Garrett talked to us about beginning a church work in Corinth. We should all remember new churches in our prayers.

Our state association is at Martin Hill in November. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bro. Keeth Kennemer, known as "Mr. Sunday School", is to visit with our churches. Beginning on Sunday night, he is to be at Little Brown; Monday night Iuka First Church; Tuesday night, Booneville First Church; Wednesday night, at Antioch. All is invited.

Youth Rally tomorrow at First Church in Booneville.

All Christians shook hands while singing "Amazing Grace".

COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES ✓

Rev. Russell Clouse
Rev. Luther Gibson
Rev. Hollis Southerland

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Sis. Laura Booker
Sis. Freda Barron
Sis. Jewell Garvin

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE ✓

Beatrice Holley
Gerdist Walker
Harold Wigginton

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Herbert Ashmore
Rev. Paul Long
Billy Tigrett

C. T. S. COMMITTEE ✓

Betty Barnes
Gordon Walden
Alta Walker

FINANCE COMMITTEE ✓

Rev. J. T. Prince
Roy Puckett
Robert Reeves

OBITUARY COMMITTEE ✓

Terry Booker
Jewell Braddock
Ruby Whittemore

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ✓

Bonnie Hunter
Rev. D. W. Jones, Jr.
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 Schools.

C. T. S. COMMITTEE-We, the CTS Committee are pleased to report that all 11 of our churches have an active C.T.S. This year we had winners on the national level of competition. Tim Pierce, First Church, Booneville, placed first in music and arts, on saxophone. Vance Stallings, Martin Hill, placed second in memorization grade.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE-We, the Obituary Committee regretfully submit the following deaths in our Little Brown Creek Association for the year 1975-1976.
New Lebanon-Lealon Belue, Wallace Belue
Antioch-S. H. Lambert, John Lambert, Sr., W. N. Honeycutt, Rufus Curtis

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY-We, the Women's Auxiliary Committee have met and would like to report six churches have an active auxiliary. We have given to the following: Home Missions \$ 288.33; Foreign Missions, \$ 139.27; Bible College, \$ 444.62; Eldridge, Ala. Childrens' Home \$ 415.60. Activities include cake bakes for youth camp, fruit baskets for Senior Citizens and old folks Home, gifts and so forth totalling \$ 611.40. A total of \$ 2,608.72 was given through the Ladies Auxiliary to the cause of the Lord.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Beginning September 1, 1975 and ending August 30, 1976

Balance brought forward	\$96.69
Offering	80.00
Minute Fees	275.00
Total Income	451.69
Moderator	15.00
Clerk	25.00
Assistant Clerk	10.00
Guest Speaker (Rev. Patrick)	50.00
Mississippi State Assn.	20.00
Downs Printing	180.00
Bank Check Charge	4.73
Total Expenses	304.73
Balance in Treasury	146.96

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

Assistant Moderator-Rev. Luther Gibson
 Clerk-Diana Ackers
 Assistant Clerk-Ruth McCoy
 Sunday School Teacher Training Board-Rev. Jack Jones, Bro. Danny Short
 Sis. Elizabeth Gibson
 Home Missions Board-Rev. Luther Gibson

HOME MISSIONS BOARD

For the associational year 1975-1976; the Home Mission Board is as follows: Bro. Claude Pike, Laymen, Bro. J. W. Timbes (1 yrs.), Bro. Charles Walden, Ministers-Rev. Luther Gibson (2 yrs.), Rev. Russell Clouse.

SLATE OF OFFICERS

Moderator. Rev. Curtis Briley
 Assistant Moderator Rev. Luther Gibson
 Clerk Diana Ackers
 Assistant Clerk Ruth McCoy
 Devotional Committee The Executive Committee
 S. S. Teacher Training Committee. Bro. Jack Jones
 Bro. Danny Short
 Sis. Elizabeth Gibson

CRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE: Bro. Luther Gibson, Bro. D. W. Jones, Jr.,
 Bro. J. T. Prince.

DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Jerry Hooper, Erlene Hooper, Terry Booker, Joyce Booker, and Harold Wigginton were appointed as delegates to the State Association.

SEQUENCE IN WHICH THE ASSOCIATION WILL MEET AT THE VARIOUS CHURCHES

1977	FIRST CHURCH IUKA	1982	MT. PISGAH
1978	NEW LEBANON	1983	MACEDONIA
1979	Martin Hill	1984	ANTIOCH
1980	BURGESS CREEK	1985	LITTLE BROWN
1981	SMITH CHAPEL	1986	JONES CHAPEL
		1987	FIRST CHURCH BOONEVILLE

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 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

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

32. Be it resolved that a visiting 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.

34. Be it resolved that a visiting speaker be given \$50.00 plus ten cents per mile, round trip, 1975.

35. Be it resolved that the host church be responsible for special music before the Friday evening and Saturday morning worship services. 1976

36. Be it resolved that we ask each local church to prepare their financial and statistical letter and return to the clerk the Monday following the last Sunday in August, in order that the clerk may have her work prepared for the association.

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

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

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.

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.



CHURCHES	DELIGATES	CHURCH MEMBERS RESIDENT	CHURCH MEMBERS NON-RESIDENT	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	NUMBER BAPTISMS	RECEIVED BY LETTER OR STATEMENT	MEMBERS LOST BY LETTER	MEMBERS LOST TO NON-FWB CHURCH	DECEASED
ANTIOCH	Sis. Ruby Beakley, Sis. Pam Lambert Bro. Jerry Lambert, Sis. Jewell Braddock			287	1	-	8	3	4
BURGESS CREEK	Bro. Bud Pannell, Sis. Stella Pannell Sis. Angie Pannell, Sis. Betty Henderson	83	20	103	23	41	1	1	0
FIRST CHURCH Booneville	Sis. Janice Holder, Bro. Billy Tigrett Bro. James Downs, Bro. Harold Wigginton	188	37	225	11	9	2	0	0
FIRST CHURCH Iuka	Sis. Virginnia Jones, Sis. Eire Burnes, Sis. Betty Barnes, Bro. Roy Puckett,	33	0	33	4	3	2	0	0
JONES CHAPEL	Sis. Jewell Garvin, Sis. Sonja Jones, Sis. Alta Burcham, Sis. Alma Jackson,	97	-	97	0	1	1	0	0
LITTLE BROWN	Sis. Delta Smith, Sis. Jorene Ashmore, Sis. Beatrice Holley, Sis. Gladys Isbell,	48	53	101	0	7	1	0	0
MACEDONIA	Sis. Kathryn Smith, Sis. Ruby Whittemore Sis. Mattie Whittemore, Bro. Terrel Whittemore,	60	3	63	2	5	0	0	0
MARTIN HILL	Bro. Jim Hunter, Sis. Bonnie Hunter, Bro. Gordon Walden, Sis. Willa Mae Walden,	250	103	353	22	38	4	3	0
MT. PISGAH	Sis. Sherron Barron, Sis. Freda Barron, Bro. Gerdist Walker, Bro. Alta Walker	126	30	156	2	2	5	1	0
NEW LEBANON	Sis. Joyce Booker, Bro. Terry Booker, Sis. Roberta Hall, Sis. Gladys Prince,	154	95	249	0	1	13	1	2
SMITH CHAPEL	Sis. Laura Booker, Sis. Brenda Lathan,	45	0	45	5	1	0	0	0
TOTAL		1,084	341	1712	70	108	37	9	6

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 AUXILARY ENROLLMENT	WOMAN'S AUXILARY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	ORDAINED MINISTERS	LICENSED MINISTERS	F.W.B.B.C. STUDENTS	STUDENTS IN OTHER COLLEGES
ANTIOCH		50	25	25						3			
BURGESS CREEK	57	52	30	25	117	25	-	-	2	0	-	2	
FIRST CHURCH BOONEVILLE	130	118	98	95	143	95	22	12	1	0	-	4	
FIRST CHURCH IUKA	40	40	20	20	-	20	-	-	1	0	-	-	
JONES CHAPEL	40	40	25	25	-	25	8	5	2	1	0	0	
LITTLE BROWN	65	51	50	45	95	35	-	-	0	1	-	2	
MACEDONIA	50	40	30	25	-	-	7	5	2	-	-	-	
MARTIN HILL	243	176	63	55	110	55	12	8	-	-	1	13	
MT. PISGAH	75	56	45	40	-	30	20	9	1	-	-	3	
NEW LEGANON	129	98	35	30	88	-	12	5	2	-	-	-	
SMITH CHAPEL	58	45	45	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	
TOTAL	887	721	465	385	553	285	81	44	15	2	1	24	

CHURCHES	FOREIGN MISSIONS	HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCHES EXT.	F. W. B. B. C.	CHILDREN'S HOME HOME FOR THE AGED, E	OTHER NATIONAL MINISTRIES. COOP. PL	ASSOCIATION FEE
ANTIOCH.	\$ 0	\$ 171	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 25
BURGESS CREEK	0	69	0	70	0	25
FIRST CHURCH BOONEVILLE	320	1,268	1,281	0	130	25
FIRST CHURCH IUKA	0	158	0	0	0	25
JONES CHAPEL	0	386	0	0	0	25
LITTLE BROWN	0	380	120	90	0	25
MACEDONIA	162	335	0	150	0	25
MARTIN HILL	196	814	120	116	0	25
MT. PISGAH	0	0	0	0	0	25
NEW LEBENON	60	25	50	53	368	25
SMITH CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	20
TOTAL	\$ 738	\$ 3,606	\$ 1,571	\$ 479	\$ 498	\$ 270

CHURCHES	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	PARSONAGE	PASTORS SALARY	REMODELING, NEW CONSTRUCTION, PROPERTY	PAID ON DEBT RETIREMENT	ALL OTHER LOCAL EXPENDITURES	TOTAL INCOME
ANTIOCH	\$ 75,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,300	\$ 51,716	\$ 0	\$ 4,260	\$ 51,716
BURGESS CREEK	20,000	0	1,638	0	0	1,725	3,715
FIRST CHURCH BOONEVILLE	140,000	30,000	9,025	0	18,332	14,201	51,607
FIRST CHURCH IUKA	1,000	0	1,360	0	0	3,066	4,650
JONES CHAPEL	25,000	0	2,725	5,007	0	692	7,695
LITTLE BROWN	40,000	0	4,408	1,322	8,373	2,518	20,623
MACEDONIA	20,000	0	4,150	0	1,776	2,291	9,241
MARTIN HILL	135,000	25,000	7,800	1,364	5,053	14,496	30,294
MT. PISGAH	35,000	0	5,050	3,390	0	1,665	10,357
NEW LEBANON	40,000	0	4,100	815	0	2,011	18,034
SMITH CHAPEL	12,000	0	1,001	672	0	0	3,087
TOTAL	\$ 543,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 46,557	\$ 64,286	\$ 33,534	\$ 46,925	\$ 211,019