

MINUTES

OF THE

*Little Brown Creek
Association*

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH THE MARTIN HILL

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

ON FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY BEFORE THE

FIRST LORD'S DAY IN SEPTEMBER, 1977

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD WITH

THE NEW LEBANON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH,

ON FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY BEFORE THE

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MINUTES OF THE EIGHTY SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

THE LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION:

The eighty-seventh session of the Little Brown Creek Association Convened with the Martin Hill Free Will Baptist Church September 2, 1977.

Services were opened by Bro. Jack Jones leading the congregation in "Amazing Grace," accompanied by Dot Smith on the piano.

Bro. Luther Gibson served as Moderator on Friday evening in the absence of Bro. Curtis Briley. A welcome was given by Bro. Luther Gibson. He left the thought with us to humble ourselves, have a goal, and believe in prefection.

The congregation was then lead in "There is Power in the Blood," "When We All Get to Heaven," and "This is My Father's World." After this melody of songs all hearts were united in prayer for Mrs. Ruth McCoy, who had been involved in an accident, lead by Bro. Paul Long.

Committee of Committees was appointed, consisting of Bro. Harold Wiggington, Bro. Charles Walden, and Bro. Paul Long.

A special in song was rendered by Peggy Griffin with Dot Smith playing the piano.

The speaker for the evening service was Bro. Mike Muchler of New Lebanon. Bro. Muchler brought a very inspiring message from II Chonicles 16:13-14, with references from chapters 14-15 as well. His challenge to each of us was to "Keep the Faith."

A report from the Committee of Committees was given and everyone was dismissed until Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday morning session was opened with Bro. Jack Jones leading and Dot Smith playing, "He Keeps Me Singing," "Jesus Saves," and "At Calvary."

Bro. Curtis Briley served as Moderator on Saturday. After a welcome Bro. Briley Introduced Bro. Myron Broadway for the morning devotion. His topic was "Love". His text was Romans 13:8,9,10, and 1 Corn. 13:2,3,4,5,6,7.

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

A committee was appointed to ordain Bro. James Ray Cummings as a deacon.

It consisted of Bro. Paul Long, Bro. Luther Gibson, and Bro. D. W. Jones

Another devotional thought was expressed by Bro. Bill Smith. His emphasis was a picture of "The True God". His Message was taken from Colossians 1:1, 19, 20.

Upon returning from a short recess. Bro. Jack Jones led the congregation in several songs. An offering was taken up to help cover costs of the association.

Bro Luther Gibson and Sister Janice Holder teamed to sang a beautiful special "The Longer I Serve Him The Sweeter He Grows."

The morning message was given by Bro. Floyd C. Barber of Little Brown Free Will Baptist Church. The title of his message was the "Divine Intersession." His sermon was taken from Hohn 17:1-10. After the morning message "Just as I Am," was sang as an invitation.

Then everyone was dismissed for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Saturday afternoon session was opened with the singing of "Standing on the Promises," led by Bill Smith accompanied by his wife, Dot Smith at the piano. Prayer was led by Bro. Floyd Barber. "Are You Washed In The Blood," "This Is My Father's World," and "More About Jesus," were led by Bro. Jack Jones.

Bro Sid Whitehead brought the afternoon devotion from Mark 5:1-20. The thought he left with us was "The Little Commission."

A report on the Morganwood Youth Camp was given by Bro. Bill Smith. He urged pastors and parents to encourage their youth to attend next year.

Committees returned with their reports. Each of these reports were read, discussed and approved.

Delegates were appointed to the State Association.

Bro. James Ray Cummings was ordained as a deacon to the "First Free Will Baptist Church of Iuka." The Ceremony was given by Bro. Paul Long, with prayer and the laying on of hands.

The next associational meeting will be held at New Lebanon on Friday night and Saturday before the first Lord's day in September, 1978.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Rally tomorrow at First Church in Booneville

An old copy of the first associational minutes brought, motioned, and seconded to have these run for individual families to preserve.

COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Bro. Harold Wiggington
Rev. Paul Long
Bro. Charles Walden

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Herman Whittemore
James J. Downs
G. L. Walker

C.T.S. Committee

Rev. Bill Smith
Sammy Tolar
Ruby Blakney

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Rev. J. S. Whitehead
Ruby Whittermore
Rev. Glen Jones

WOMEN'S AUXILARY

Burnice Blackeen
Alta Walker
Virginia Jones

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Rev. Jack Jones
Rev. Mike Muchler
Bro. Jerry Hooper

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Rev. Danny Short
Bro. J. W. Lambert
Sis. Brenda Lathon

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. D. W. Jones, Jr.
Bro. Mike Chase
Sis. Janice Holder



COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE--We, the Sunday School Committee are pleased to report that all churches in our Little Brown Creek Association have active Sunday Schools.

C.T.S. COMMITTEE--We, the C.T.S. Committee report that nine of our churches have an active C.T.S. we only had two churches with entires in competitive activities this year, First Church of Iuka had Bible Bowl and Bible Memorization. Martin Hill had a Bible Bowl which advanced to the National level. We believe this a good way to teach our Young People Gods Word and encourage each church to promote participation.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE--We, your Obituary Committee find that the death angel has taken 14 of our Sisters and Brothers sinc our last association.

New Lebanon-Joe Moss, Charles Barnes, Georgia McNeil, Opal McAnally
Antioch-Eula Blakney, Sweetie Brown, Minnie Lambert
Little Brown-Hillard Mayo
Mt. Pisgah-Bertha Clark, Arlon Williams
Martin Hill-Ella Jean Thompson, Lee Chase, Robert Dobbs, Leona Lester

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY-We, the Women's Auxiliary Committee have met and would like to report what we have given to the following: Home Mission \$44.53; Free Will Baptist Bible College \$111.09; Childrens Homes \$146.81; Youth Camp or Project \$54.00; A total of \$356.63 in cash gifts. In non cash gifts; Children's Home \$100.38; Missionary Provision Closet, \$94.00, a total of \$194.38. A total of \$555.01 was given through the Ladies Auxiliary to the cause of the Lord.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Beginning September 1, 1976 and ending August 30, 1977

Balance brought forward	\$146.96
Offering and Church fees	447.39
Donations for Rev. Keith Kenemer	145.51
Total Income	739.86
Moderator	15.00
Guest Speaker (Steve Nichols)	82.00
Assistant Clerk	10.00
Clerk	25.00
Programs	12.08
Keith Kenemer	145.51
Paper	1.50
Miss. State Ass. Fees	20.00
Miss. Messenger	63.18
Sunday School Dept.	2.25
Nat. Assn. of FWB	3.59
Downs Printing	234.23
Balance in Treasury	125.52

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

Assistand Moderator-Mike Muchler
Clerk-Diane Akers
Assistant Clerk-Ruth McCoy

Home Mission Board-Rev. Glenn Jones, Rev.Floyd C. Barber, Deborah Short

HOME MISSION BOARD

For the associational year 1977-1978; the Home Mission Board is as follows:
Charles Walden, (2 yrs.) Debra Short, (3 yrs.) Rev. Floyd C. Barber, (2 yrs.)
Rev. Glenn Jones, (1 yrs.) Rev. Luther Gibson.

SLATE OF OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Luther Gibson
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Mike Muchler
Clerk	Diane Akers
Assistant Clerk.	Ruth McCoy
Devotional Committee.	The Exective Committee
S.S. Teacher Training Committee.	The Exective Committee

CRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE: Rev. Paul Long, Rev. Luther Gibson, Rev. D. W. Jones

CHURCHES	Church Membership Resident	Church Membership Non-resident	Total Membership	No. of Baptisms	Received by letter of stateme	Lost by Letter	Lost to Non F.W.B.	Deceased	Sunday School Enrolled	Average Attendance	C.T.S. Enrolled	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School	Mid-Week Services	Ladies Aux. Enrolled	Average Attendance	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	F.W.B.B.C. Students	Other College Students	Delegates
ANTIOCH	0	0	282	2	0	2	0	3	44	0	12	0	0	20	0	0	3	0	0	0	Essie Conaway, Lerita Conaway, Ruby Blakne zora Broadway, Vaomi Mann,
BURGESS CREEK	68	46	114	2	2	1	0	0	65	59	25	20	77	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	Angie Pannell, Eddie Barnett, Debra Short, Mara, Nell
First Church Booneville	177	37	214	12	5	1	0	0	130	110	0	93	127	93	22	11	1	0	0	10	Janice Holder, Harold Wiggington, James Downs, Sue Johnson,
First Church IUKA	31	2	33	0	5	0	5	0	33	32	15	8	0	15	0	0	1	0	0	0	Virginia Jones, Deborah Hudson, Mary Annis Cummings, Karen Jones,
JONES CHAPEL	50	54	104	4	3	2	0	0	30	30	0	0	0	15	0	0	3	0	0	0	Sonja Jones, Nita Jones, Eulene Hooper, Jerry Hooper,
LITTLE BROWN	61	60	121	2	8	3	0	1	65	59	50	42	113	37	0	0	1	0	0	2	Rachel Barber, Myrtis Mayo, Sammy Tolar, Lynnette Tolar
MACEDONIA	57	3	60	0	2	4	0	0	54	38	28	22	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	Ruby Whittemore, Dewayne Pannell, Janie Pannell,
MARTIN HILL	269	103	372	27	11	15	2	4	235	159	0	50	92	50	20	12	1	0	0	6	Burnice Brackeen, Nelle Walden, Rose Wright, Mike Chase
MT. PISGAH	122	33	155	3	1	1	1	2	75	59	40	35	50	0	18	9	1	0	0	1	Gladys Walker, Alta Walker, Rozella Stevens, Rachel Livingston,
NEW LEBANON	153	95	248	8	1	6	1	4	130	90	20	15	60	18	13	6	3	0	0	3	Arvid Smith, Dorothy Smith, Gladys Prince, Alternates-J. W. Lambert, Barbara Lambert,
SMITH CHAPEL	61	0	61	0	1	1	0	0	61	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Margie Cole, Brenda Lathon, Vadon King, Jewel Reeves,
TOTAL	1049	433	1764	60	65	40	10	10	922	681	178	285	519	210	73	38	13	0	0	23	

CHURCHES	Value of Church Property	Value Parsonage	Pastors Salary	Remodeling, Etc.	Paid-Debt Retire	Other Local Expenditures	Amount Borrowed	Total Income	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	F. W. B. B. C.	Childrens Home	Other National Ministries	State Ministries	Cooperative Plan	Association Fees
ANTIOCH	75000	0	5300	0	3550	7290	0	11534	80	60	0	0	0	0	0	25
BURGESS CREEK	20000	0	2500	1661	0	925	0	5086	0	86	0	800	0	188	0	25
JONES CHAPEL	42277	0	2600	14682	2725	398	0	23340	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	25
FIRST CHURCH IUKA	25000	0	1820	11912	0	3100	7000	6777	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
FIRST CHURCH BOONEVILLE	140000	30000	8025	0	14843	10859	0	35011	480	200	410	0	0	785	0	25
LITTLE BROWN	50000	5000	6475	1399	8249	11480	1000	27778	100	48	120	60	0	1227	0	25
MACEDONIA	20000	0	4800	0	0	325	0	5125	48	166	0	0	0	0	0	25
MARTIN HILL	135000	25000	8120	3884	6040	10141	1200	29945	341	952	419	0	0	0	0	25
Mt. PISGAH	50000	0	4850	1040	0	2079	0	8316	0	498	0	0	0	320	0	25
NEW LEBANON	67000	27000	7800	17070	3000	5340	16000	16259	20	50	20	185	0	0	0	25
SMITH CHAPEL	0	0	2390	563	0	843	0	3834	0	120	0	0	0	0	0	25
TOTALS	624277	87000	54680	52211	38407	52770	25200	173005	1068	2474	981	245	0	3345	0	245

DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Harold Wiggington, Dot Smith, Charles South, Rachel Barber, and Mrs. Mike Muchler were appointed as delegates to the State Association.

SEQUENCE IN WHICH THE ASSOCIATION WILL MEET AT THE VARIOUS CHURCHES

1978	New Lebanon	1983	Macedonia
1979	First Church Iuka	1984	Antioch
1980	Burgress Creek	1985	Little Brown
1981	Smith Chapel	1986	Jones Chapel
1982	Mt. Pisgah	1987	First Church Booneville
		1988	Martin Hill

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

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 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.

37. Be it resolved that churches holding membership in this association examine Revival Ministers, that they be sound in faith and practice of Free Will Baptist Doctrine, 1977.

38. Be it resolved that we require Ministers holding membership in this association, who fail to report this annual meeting for two (2) consecutive years, either by his presence or a letter, be examined by the "Credentials Committee," as to their eligibility of credentials, 1977.

39. Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of "thanks," to the Martin Hill Church for their hospitality during this associational meeting, 1977.

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-

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.

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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) the 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

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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 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.

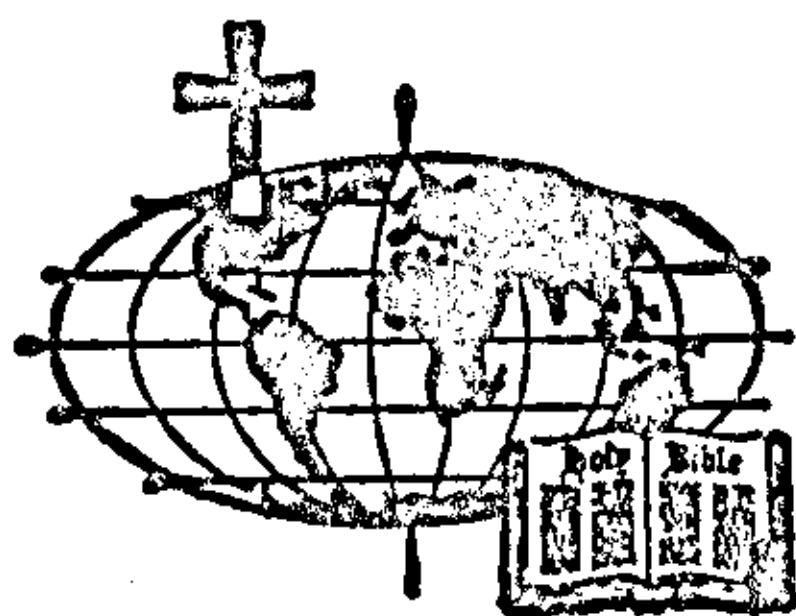
We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, 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.

PROGRAM FOR HOLDING CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call the church to order.
2. Reading of minutes of proceeding meeting.
3. Is the church at peace?
4. Inviting visiting brethren.
5. Any unfinished business?
6. Any new business?
7. Reading of minutes.
8. Invitation for members.
9. Motion to adjourn.



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