

MINUTES  
OF THE  
*Little Brown Creek*  
*Association*  
OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH THE FIRST CHURCH IUKA  
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
ON FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY BEFORE THE  
FIRST LORD'S DAY IN SEPTEMBER, 1979

THERE WILL BE AN ALL DAY FELLOWSHIP MEETING WITH  
ANTIOCH IN FEBRUARY-1980

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD WITH  
BURGESS CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
ON FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY BEFORE THE  
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MODERATOR . . . . . Rev. Malcolm Garrett  
 ASSISTANT MODERATOR . . . . . Rev. Terry Booker  
 CLERK . . . . . Mrs. Diane Akers  
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Rev. Floyd C. Barber	Little Brown		
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	-Macedonia		
	Rt. 1, Rienzi, Ms.	38865	
Rev. Billy R. Smith	Martin Hill		
	Rt. 5, Booneville, Ms.	38829	728-9816
Rev. Hollis Southerland	Mt. Pisgah		901
	Savannah, Tenn.	38372	925-4374
Rev. Terry Booker	New Lebanon		
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Rev. Curtis Briley	Smith Chapel		
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Rev. Lee Robinson	Burnsville, Ms.	38833
Rev. J. S. Whitehead	Rt. 2, Tishomingo, Ms.	38873
Rev. D. W. Jones	Tishomingo, Ms.	38873
Rev. Lenarse Stricklen		

## ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Antioch . . . . .	Doris Bray	Rt. 2, Box 352, Iuka, Ms.	38852
Burgess Creek . . . . .	Mara Nell Crowell	Rt. 2, Tishomingo, Ms.	38873
Community Church . . . . .	Nelda Whittemore	Rt. 3, Corinth, Ms.	38834
First Church, Booneville . . . . .	Ruth McCoy	Rt. 6, Booneville, Ms.	38829
First Church, Iuka . . . . .	Betty Jean Barnes	Rt. 2, Iuka, Ms.	38852
Jones Chapel . . . . .	Peggy Stacks	Rt. 3, Blue Springs, Ms.	38828
Little Brown . . . . .	Betty Akers	Rt. 5, Booneville, Ms.	38829
Macedonia . . . . .	Ruby Whittemore	Rt. 1, Rienzi, Ms.	38865
Martin Hill . . . . .	Helen Shackelford	Rt. 5, Booneville, Ms.	38829
Mt. Pisgah . . . . .	Esta Lee Gann	Rt. 7, Booneville, Ms.	38829
New Lebanon . . . . .	Vaughanda Hall	Rt. 2, Tishomingo, Ms.	38873
Smith Chapel . . . . .	Jewel Reeves	Rt. 1, Booneville, Ms.	38829

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

### FRIDAY EVENING SESSION:

The eighty-ninth session of the Little Brown Creek Association of Free Will Baptist met at First Church, Iuka, on Friday night, August 31 and Saturday morning, September 1, 1979. Brother Sam Postlewaite served as song leader while Mrs. Diana Postlewaite was pianist. Rev. Hollis Southerland, moderator, presided with assistant moderator, Rev. Malcolm Garrett.

The congregation was led in the singing of "Jesus Saves", "Victory in Jesus" and "There is a Name I Love to Hear".

The association was called into official session by the moderator. Rev. Hollis Southerland then gave a welcoming message using as his scripture 1 Peter 1:18-23.

After the appointment of the Committee on Committees was announced, Rev. Jack Jones and family sang "Someone to Care".

Rev. Curtis Briley was introduced to bring the evening message. His subject was "Are Men Chosen As They Minister?". He read Acts 6: 1-7 and built his sermon around Christians needing to be filled with the holy spirit and how the church needs God fearing men to serve as deacons and leaders.

After the singing of "Amazing Grace" and "Revive Us Again", Rev. Terry Booker gave the Committee on Committees report.

Following the dismissal of the Committee on Committees, announcements, and congregational singing of "Glory to His Name", the service was closed by Rev. Malcolm Garrett.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION:

The Saturday morning session was opened by music director, Bro. Sam Postlewaite leading the congregation in "Stand Up For Jesus". Rev. Glen Jones led the opening prayer.

After a welcome by the moderator, Rev. Terry Crabb gave the morning devotion. His topic was "What Kind of Light Bulb Are You", using as his text Philipians 2: 14-16.

The clerk read a compiled report of church letters. A motion carried to accept the letters.

Rev. Glen Jones, pastor of Antioch Free Will Baptist Church, brought a devotional message from 1 John 2: 15-17.

After the morning recess the congregation stood and sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms". Rev. Floyd Barber led in a word of prayer before the singing of "When We All Get to Heaven".

A group of four was introduced to render a special in song. Bro. Sam Postlewaite, Rev. Jack Jones, Rev. Terry Booker, and Rev. Luther Gibson sang "He Hideth My Soul".

Rev. Luther Gibson of Booneville was introduced to bring the morning message. He read 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31 and built his sermon around "God's Hall of Fame". All were reminded to depend more on God and less on self.

After announcements, the dismissal prayer for lunch was led by Rev. Malcolm Garrett.

## SATURDAY EVENING SESSION:

Brother Sam Postlewaite led the congregation in singing "Heavenly Sunlight".

Rev. Danny Short brought a devotional thought from 2 Chronicles 20: 3-5, 6-9, 31-32.

Delegates were appointed to the State Association.

After the congregation shook hands with all ministers, a motion carried to adjourn. Rev. Terry Booker closed the session with prayer.

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

1980 . . . .Burgress Creek	1986 . . . .Jones Chapel
1981 . . . .Smith Chapel	1987 . . . .First Church Booneville
1982 . . . .Mt. Pisgah	1988 . . . .Martin Hill
1983 . . . .Macedonia	1989 . . . .Community Church Corinth
1984 . . . .Antioch	1990 . . . .New Lebanon
1985 . . . .Little Brown	1991 . . . .First Church Iuka

## COMMITTEES

### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Rev. Terry L. Booker  
Rev. Bill Smith  
Rev. Charles South

### SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Betty Barnes  
Bill Wallace  
Madrid Richardson

### C. T. S. COMMITTEE

Jane Johnson  
Nita Jones  
Bob Pannell

### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Sonia Jones  
Pam Boone  
Joe Gann

### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Burnice Brackeen  
Joyce Booker  
Ruby Southerland

### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Floyd Barber  
Luverall Lathan  
Terrell Whittemore

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Danny Short  
Harold Wigginton  
Andy Lovelace

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Paul Long  
Terry Crabb  
Jack Jones

## 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. However, enrollment has decreased from 1008 for the 1977-78 year to 918 for the 1978-79 year. Average Sunday School attendance for the year 1979-80 was 750. We feel that all churches in the Little Brown Creek Association should put forth a vital effort to increase Sunday School attendance.

### C. T. S. COMMITTEE:

We, the C. T. S. Committee, are pleased to report that nine of our churches have an active C. T. S. with a total enrollment of 343 and an average attendance of 291. We believe C. T. S. is an excellent training program for our young people to help broaden their knowledge and become stronger Christians as they study God's word.



#### OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

We, the Obituary Committee, regretfully submit the following deaths within our Little Brown Creek Association since our last associational meeting:

Antioch

First Church Booneville  
Martin Hill

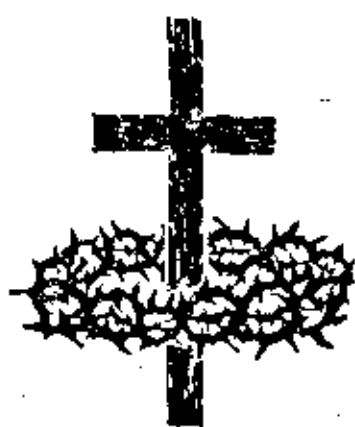
Mt. Pisgah

New Lebanon

Mrs. Willie Lambert  
Mr. Archie Lambert  
Mr. Rowland McCoy  
Mr. Fate Holland  
Rufus George  
Mr. Will Dodds  
Mrs. Maude Sherrill Hare  
Frances Lorene Gentry  
Sis. Susie Cook Harbor  
Sis. Melissa Livingston  
Sis. Bertha Thornton  
Sis. Rosie Jones  
Bro. Pitt Reynolds

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY:

We, the Woman's Auxiliary Committee, would like to encourage each of the churches to have an auxiliary. If you need help in organizing one, call Mrs. Gibson. She is the District and State President. She'll help or send someone. Phone 728-6004.



LITTLE BROWN CREEK DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY  
TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT  
1979

TREASURER Mary Bullard ADDRESS Rt. 3, Rienzi, Ms. 38865

NUMBER ACTIVE MEMBERS ON ROLL	<u>76</u>
MEMBERSHIP FEES ENCLOSED	<u>114.00</u>

OTHER DISBURSEMENTS:

HOME MISSIONS

PRE-THANKSGIVING OFFERING	<u>80.05</u>
STATE MISSIONS OFFERING	<u>429.45</u>
SPECIAL PROJECTS	<u>117.00</u>

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRE-EASTER OFFERING	<u>71.00</u>
SPECIAL PROJECTS (Hersey's Account)	<u>950.12</u>

BIBLE COLLEGES

GENERAL FUNDS	<u>          </u>
SPECIAL PROJECTS	<u>          </u>
STUDENT LOAN FUND	<u>67.70</u>

WNAC GENERAL FUND (EMPHASIS MONTH)	<u>83.23</u>
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CO-LABORER OFFERINGS	<u>102.68</u>
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CHILDREN'S HOMES

RETIRED MINISTERS	<u>          </u>
YOUTH CAMPS OR PROJECTS	<u>55.00</u>

AUXILIARY LITERATURE SUPPLIES	<u>175.31</u>
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LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES	<u>374.75</u>
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OTHER SPECIAL OFFERINGS	<u>225.20</u>
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>2,845.49</u>
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NON CASH GIFTS (EVALUATE)

CHILDRENS' HOMES	<u>632.56</u>
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MISSIONARY PROVISION CLOSET	<u>110.74</u>
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RETIRED MINISTERS	<u>          </u>
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TOTAL NON CASH GIFTS	<u>743.30</u>
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GRAND TOTAL DISBURSED	<u>\$ 3,588.79</u>
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FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Beginning September 1, 1978 and ending August 30, 1979:

Balance brought forward.	\$178.02
Offering and Church fees	467.05
Total Income.	645.07
Stamps	15.00
Moderator.	15.00
Clerk.	25.00
Assistant Clerk	10.00
Home Missions	167.05
State Association	30.00
Downs Printing.	210.00
Balance in treasury.	173.02

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of officers:

Moderator.	.Malcolm Garrett
Assistant Moderator	.Terry Booker
Clerk.	.Diane Akers
Assistant Clerk.	.Debra Short

S. S. Teacher Training Committee:	.Terry Booker Glen Jones Harold Wiggington
Home Missions Board Replacements:	.Rev. Bill Smith Bro. Harold Wiggington

HOME MISSIONS BOARD:

For the associational year 1979-1980 the Home Mission Board is as follows:

Laymen	.Bro. Harold Wiggington(3 yrs) Bro. Joe Gann(2 yrs) Sis. Debra Short(1 yr)
Ministers	.Rev. Bill Smith(2 yrs) Rev. Curtis Briley(1 yr)

DELEGATES TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION:

- 1) Mrs. Jane Johnson
- 2) Mrs. Roberta Hall
- 3) Mr. Tom Davis
- 4) Johnny Johnson
- 5) Mr. Toby Lambert



CHURCHES	Church Membership Resident	Church Membership Non-Resident	Total Membership	No. of Baptisms Received by Letter of Statement	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 Auxiliary Enrolled	Average Attendance	Ordained Ministers Licensed	Ministers F.W.B.B.C. Students	Other College Students	DELEGATES	
Antioch	110	188	298	13	6	4	0	2	60	60	33	33	93	33	--	--	1	0	0	Sonia Jones, Ruby Blakney Essie Conaway, Toby Lambert
Burgress Creek	67	--	67	8	3	4	2		58	58	--	--	43	23	--	--	1	0	--	Bob & Sandra Pannell, Betty Henderson, Marcie Lademan
1st Church Booneville	186	37	223	7	9	2	1	1	103	96	85	83	105	83	15	9	1	0	0	Janice Holder, Billy Tigrett Ron Boone, Pam Boone, Alt. Tom Davis
1st Church Iuka	50	3	53	7	8	--	--		62	60	20	20	--	35	--	--	1	0	--	Andy Lovelace, Patricia Cummings Betty Barnes, Virginia Jones
Jones Chapel	57	54	111	2	2	0	0	0	35	35	30	30	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Nita Jones
Little Brown	76	59	135	12	4	2	1	0	72	54	39	33	75	28	--	--	1	0	0	Joy Jacobs, Jane Johnson, Patsy, Kennedy, Myrtis Mayo, Alt. Rachel Barber
Macedonia	50	2	52	4	1	3	0	0	50	35	25	20	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Ruby Whittemore, Duane Panell, Terell Whittemore, Jamey Panell
Martin Hill	287	103	390	8	11	10	3	5	190	142	60	50	90	50	12	8	2	--	0	Sam & Diana Postlewaite, Bro. Smith Brackeen, Sis. Burnice Brackeen
Mt. Pisgah	127	22	149	2	1	4	0	4	70	40	30	22	--	--	17	8	1	0	0	Bro. G. L. Walker, Sis. Altie Walker, Sis. Ruby Southerland
New Lebanon	185	95	280	2	2	0	0	1	130	90	--	--	65	25	20	15	4	--	0	Sis. Madrid Richardson, Sis. Margar South, Sis. Roberta Hall
Smith Chapel	81	--	81	14	4	0	0	0	55	55	--	--	50	25	12	12	3	--	--	Bro. Luvall Lathan, Sis. Jewel Reeves, Sis. Brenda Lathan
Community Church	24	--	24	3	3	0	0	0	33	25	21	--	--	--	--	--	1	0	0	James Brasfield, Charles South, Bill Wallace, Bobby Whittemore
TOTALS	1300	563	1863	82	54	29	7	13	918	750	343	291	521	302	76	52	16	0	0	20

CHURCHES	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage	Pastor's Salary	Remodeling, etc.	Pd. Debt Retirement	Other Local Expenditures	Amount Borrowed	Total Income	Foreign Missions	Home Mis sions	F. W. B. B. C.	Children's Home	Other National Ministries	State Ministries	Association Fee
Antioch	100,000		5,300		6,860	3,037	0	16,057		435					25
Burgress Creek						2,305		6,626	100	200				778	25
Jones Chapel	65,000		5,325	3,456	2,730	1,961	0	13,713			100				25
1st Church Iuka	90,000		2,395	23,871	8,501	3,320	15,000	39,134		580					25
1st Church Booneville	140,000	30,000	7,925	10,351	10,037	10,958	0	42,012	480	756	1284			217	25
Little Brown	93,000	47,000	6,810	1,025	3,688	3,842	None	19,315		60	120	60	30	395	25
Macedonia	25,000		5,200			700		7,000							25
Martin Hill	185,000	35,000	9,680	None	5,716	9,085	None	32,999	910	1092	780	440	220		25
Mt. Pisgah	50,000		5,650	1,350	0	2,278	0	10,752		1213					25
New Lebanon	75,000	37,000	8,955	388	3,951	2,616	0	20,466	0	200	0	0	0	0	25
Smith Chapel	50,000		4,128	2,596		495	4,995	11,979		400				50	25
Community Church	60,000		2,600	14,696	3,134	3,905		11,057	280	143				100	25
TOTALS	933,000	149,000	63,968	57,733	44,617	50,502	19,995	231,110	1770	5079	2284	500	250	1540	300

### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. 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
2. Be it resolved that the clerk enroll ministers and delegates comprising each association and that he ( the clerk ) call the roll each session.
3. 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
4. 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
5. 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
6. 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, be it resolved 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
7. Be it resolved that the Little Brown Creek Association prepare and present to each ordained and accepted minister an annual ministerial certificate denoting good standins, to be presented during the Association of each year. 1966
8. 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
9. 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
10. Be it resolved 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

11. Be it resolved that a church that fails to report at two consecutive associations be automatically removed from the rolls of this Association. 1968
12. 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 examination committee. 1968
13. Be it resolved that Minister Certification be examined by the Ordination Council and recommendations be made to the Association accordingly. 1969
14. Be it resolved that we have two sessions in our Associational Meetings which would be Friday night and all Saturday. 1970
15. Be it resolved that we print in the minutes the churches and their pastors with addresses and phone numbers of pastors. 1970
16. Be it resolved that we have a C. T. S. Committee to report at future meetings of the Association. 1971
17. 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
18. 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
19. Be it resolved that Scripture for Doctrinal Statements be included in the minutes. 1971
20. Be it resolved that all Committees and Boards be recorded in the minutes each year. 1971
21. 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
22. Be it resolved that a program committee be responsible for a printed schedule of the 1973 program. 1972
23. 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



24. 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
25. Be it resolved that the associational clerk be paid \$25.00 and the assistant clerk be paid \$10.00 a year. 1974
26. Be it resolved that a visiting speaker be given \$50.00 plus ten cents per mile, round trip. 1975
27. Be it resolved that the host church be responsible for special music before the Friday evening and Saturday morning services. 1976
28. Be it resolved that we ask each local church prepare their financial and statistical letter and return to the clerk Monday following the last Sunday in August, in order that the clerk may have her work prepared for the association.
29. Be it resolved that churches holding membership in this faith an
29. Be it resolved that churches holding membership in this association examine Revival Ministers, that they be sound in the faith and practice of Free Will Baptist Doctrine. 1977
30. Be it resolved that we require Ministers holding membership in this association, who fail to report to 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
31. Be it resolved that this Association adopt a mid-year service to be held in the month of February for the purpose of bring our member churches together for a time of associational fellowship and worship service. Churches will volunteer on a rotating basis to host such meeting and will be responsible for program and selection of a minister from our association to bring the message. 1978

#### NEW RESOLUTIONS:

32. Be it resolved we recommend that so long as the Little Brown Creek Association Bible Institute functions that the Sunday School Training Committee work in co-operation with the Bible Institute.
33. Be it resolved that we recommend this association ask the State Association to consider the probability of changing the letter form used by the churches to report to 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 un-Christian conduct, there shall be a council, which shall convene at a stated time during the association, and at a time during the associational year, if called by the moderator or his assistant or any five (5) members of said council, who deem it necessary to make such a call. This council shall consist of all ordained members present who are in good standing. They shall elect a moderator and clerk from among themselves who shall hold office until their successors are elected. It shall be the duty of this council to examine all applications for ordination and if found competent to ordain and set them apart for the work of the ministry by the laying on of hands. This council will examine ministers who wish to come into this association from other associations or denominations and will ordain those who are sound in faith and practice according to Articles of Faith of Free Will Baptists. This council shall have full power to try all ordained members for un-Christian conduct, and on testimony, their decisions shall be final.

Section 2. This association may exclude from its body any minister who teaches heresey, 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 high best welfare of men requires. (Acts 17:28; Matt. 10:30; Job 14:5; Isa. 9:6)

**THE SINFULNESS OF MAN.** Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to 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. 8:28-30; Rom. 10:9,10; I Peter 1:2)

**FREEDOM OF WILL.** The human will is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish. (Rev. 22:17; II Chro. 7:14; Rev. 3:20.)

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

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

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

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

**THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God. (Gen. 2:3; Ex. 20:8-11; Luke 24:1-6)

**RESURRECTION, JUDGEMENT, AND FINAL RETRIBUTION.** The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." (I Cor. 15:1-58; Acts 17:31; Heb. 9:27; II Cor. 5:10; Matt. 25:46)

## CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

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.



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