

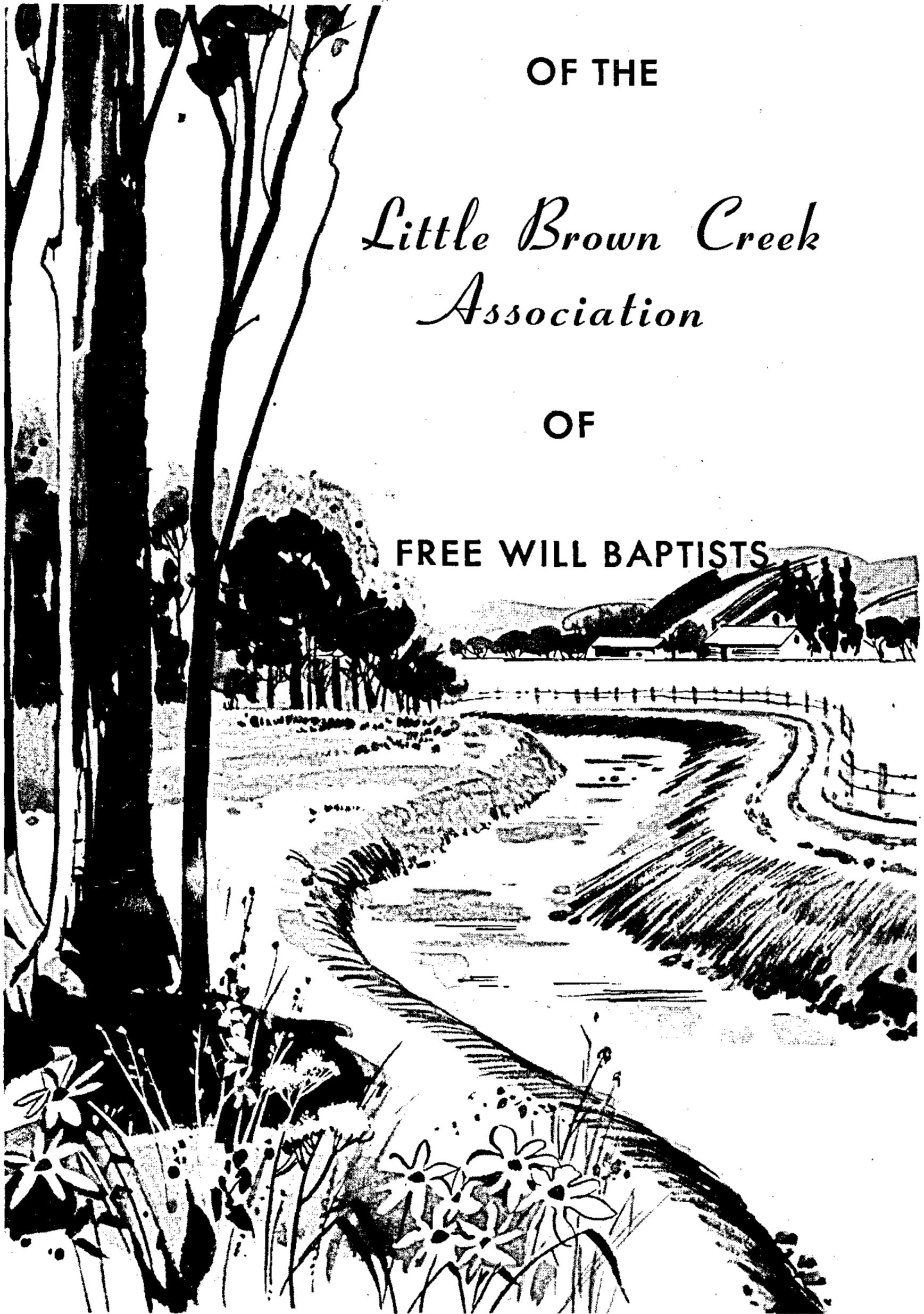
MINUTES

OF THE

*Little Brown Creek
Association*

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS



MINUTES
of the
LITTLE BROWN CREEK
ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
1981

Held with Smith's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church on Friday night and Saturday before the first Lord's Day in September, 1981.

NEXT MEETINGS:

December 5, 1981. First Church, Iuka
March 6, 1982. Faith, Golden
June 5, 1982. Little Brown, New Site
September 3 & 4, 1982. Mt. Pisgah, Booneville

OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION

MODERATOR	Dr. Johnny Sexton
ASSISTANT MODERATOR	Rev. Gene Gilbert
CLERK	Mrs. Debra Short
ADDRESS:	Rt #1, Box 243-A, Marietta, MS 38856
PHONE:	728-7012
ASSISTANT CLERK	Diane Akers

ADDRESS OF PASTORS

PASTORS	CHURCHES		TELEPHONE
Rev. Glen Jones	Antioch Rt. 6, Corinth, MS.	38834	462-5889
Rev. Leonard Casabella	Burgess Creek Rt # 3, Iuka, MS.	38852	423-9566
Rev. Malcolm Garrett	Community Rt. 2, Box 177, Michie, Tenn.	38857	901 239-9776
Rev. Curtis Briley	Faith Rt # 7, Booneville, MS	38829	728-4596
Rev. Luther Gibson	First Church of Booneville 145 N. Lake St., Booneville, MS.	38829	728-6004
Rev. Dallas Jack Jones	First Church of Iuka Rt. 3, Box 77A1, Iuka, MS.	38852	423-9316
Rev. Travis Smith	Jones Chapel Rt. 1, Rienzi, MS.	38865	462-7128
Rev. Gene Gilbert	Little Brown Rt. 1, New Site, MS.	38859	728-9284
Rev. Norlin D. Jones	Macedonia Rt # 6, Booneville, MS	38829	
Rev. John Sexton	Martin Hill Rt. 5, Booneville, MS	38829	728-9816
Rev. Hollis Southerland	Mt. Pisgah Rt # 4, Box 317A, Savannah, TN	38872	901 925-4374
Rev. Vance Sexton	New Lebanon Rt # 2, Tishomingo, MS	38873	462-7591
Rev. Danny Short	Smith Chapel Rt # 1, Box 243-A, Marietta, MS	38856	728-7012

ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Rev. Terry Crabb	Tishomingo, MS
Rev. D. W. Jones, Jr.	Tishomingo, MS
Rev. Eulon Pruitt	Dennis, MS
Rev. Lee Robinson	Burnsvills, MS
Rev. Lenarse Strickland	Booneville, MS
Rev. J. S. Whitehead	Tishomingo, MS



ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Antioch	Doris Bray 423-5873	Rt 2, Box 352, Iuka, MS	38852
Burgess Creek	Mary Crowell 423-5315	Rt 2, Box 45M, Tishomingo, MS	38873
Community	Cleta Harville	Rt 1, Box 165A, Glen, MS	38846
Faith			
First Church Booneville	Ruth McCoy 728-7901	Rt 6, Booneville, MS	38829
First Church Iuka	Betty Barnes 423-9835	Rt 2, Box 523, Iuka, MS	38852
Jones Chapel	Peggy Stacks 869-5802	Rt 3, Blue Springs, MS	38828
Little Brown	Bettie Akers 728-3018	Rt 5, Box 164, Booneville, MS	38829
Macedonia	Ruby Whittemore 462-5684	Rt 1, Box 222, Rienzi, MS	38865
Martin Hill	Peggie Griffin 728-7979	Rt 5, Booneville, MS	38829
Mt. Pisgah	Esta Lee Gann 728-3781	Rt 7, Box 184, Booneville, MS	38829
New Lebanon	Vaughanda Hall 462-5997	Rt 2, Box 255A, Tishomingo, MS	38873
Smith Chapel	Jewel Reeves 728-9376	Rt 1, Booneville, MS	38829

MINUTES OF THE NINETY FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF
THE LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION: OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

The ninety first annual session of the Little Brown Creek Association of Free Will Baptists met at Smith's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Booneville, Mississippi on September fifth and sixth, the Friday night and Saturday before the first Sunday in September, 1981.

Rev. Glenn Jones served as song leader with Mrs. Debra Short, pianist. The beginning selection was "He Keeps Me Singing" followed by prayer led by Rev. Vance Sexton. Other songs sung were "The Old Rugged Cross", "At Calvary" and "Victory In Jesus".

The Association was called into official session by the moderator, Rev. Dallas Jack Jones. He welcomed everyone present with thoughts from I Corinthians 13. His message reminded each person that charity is the greatest of all gifts, and that without charity, or love, we are nothing.

After the roll call of churches, recognition of pastors and deacons, and of delegates, the moderator proceeded to elect an assistant moderator to fill the capacity left vacant by the leaving of Rev. Terry Booker. Rev. Johnny Sexton was elected by acclamation, and Rev. Luther Gibson was appointed as Parliamentarian for the session. The Committee on Committees was appointed with Rev. Vance Sexton, Rev. Malcolm Garrett, and Rev. J. S. Whitehead serving on that committee.

The host church rendered special singing by Rachel Huddleston, with Annette Huddleston at the piano. Her selection was "I Shall Not Be Moved". Madge Brooks and Donny and Regata Johnson followed with a song written by Donny, "Jesus Came Into This World", "Then Free Indeed" and "Consider the Lilies".

The moderator introduced one of the older members of the Association, Rev. Hollis Southerland, for the evening message. He chose for his scripture Philippians 1:20-27, followed by prayer. Bro. Southerland pointed out that, as Christians, we need the boldness of Paul to live for Christ and magnify the Lord in our body. The Spirit can only rule our lives when self is first put away. An altar call was given as Bro. Glenn Jones led in "Just As I Am".

Rev. Jack Jones thanked Rev. Southerland for the deliverance of his message.

Rev. Vance Sexton gave the Report of Committee on Committees. This Committee was dismissed and their appointment of committees was accepted.

"Amazing Grace" was sung without music for the closing song.

An announcement by Rev. Curtis Briley was made thanking everyone for their help at Faith Free Will Baptist Church, and asking for continued help and prayer.

With all minds clear, Rev. Lenard Casabella dismissed the Friday night session with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION:

The Saturday morning session was opened with Rev. Glenn Jones leading in the singing of "This Is My Father's World", followed by Rev. Luther Gibson leading in prayer.

After the moderator's welcome, Rev. Travis Smith was introduced for devotion. His text was John 21: 14-17, and Rev. Malcolm Garrett led in prayer. His message was geared toward pastors whose duty is to feed the flock, or his church. Sin must be condemned, regardless of whom in the church might be partakers.

After devotion, church letters were read, and a motion was made, seconded and carried that the church letters be accepted and delegates seated.

A Petitionary letter was sent by Faith Free Will Baptist Church to be accepted into the Little Brown Creek Association. With motion made, seconded, and carried, Faith Free Will Baptist Church was recognized as a member of the Association, and their delegates were seated.

The devotional message was delivered by a newcomer in our association, Rev. Eulon Pruitt. His scripture reference was found in Galatians 5:18. Being

filled with the spirit means being fully dedicated, and before we can be an inspiration to others, we must first be filled with the spirit of God. Righteousness is far greater than religion. He reminded everyone that God has a special place for each Christian.

After the devotional message, everyone was reminded that three ministers were to be admitted into the association. The meeting was then adjourned for a short recess.

"Standing On The Promises" brought the meeting back into session, led by Rev. Glenn Jones with Mr. Conway accompanying him at the piano. Prayer was then led by Rev. Lenarse Strickland, "What a Friend" was sung, offering was received and prayer said by Rev. Gene Gilbert. "Amazing Grace" was selected to be sung while everyone present enjoyed a Christian handshake.

Rev. Johnny Sexton, assistant moderator, introduced the speaker for the morning message. Rev. Norlin Jones chose Hebrews 12: 1-3 for his topic, then led in prayer. He compared the Christian's life as a "Race" to be run with patience, looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. It is left to each individual how he runs the race. "Sweat drops of the Soul" is going beyond tears in the Christian's life. A loser of the race can only blame himself. The message was ended with prayer and a verse of "Just As I Am".

Instructions were given regarding the noon meal, and dismissal prayer was led by Bro. Harold Wigginton.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION:

Rev. Glenn Jones began our afternoon session with the leading of "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" with Mrs. Sonya Jones as the pianist. Prayer was said by Bro. Charles Walden. "At The Cross" was sung, then Rev. Glenn Jones presented our devotion from Acts 4:31. The place where we assemble needs to be a place of purpose, (being inspired and not installed), a place of prayer, (getting on fire for God), a place of preaching (foolishness of preaching confound the wise), and a place of power (being spiritually built as we are physically built).

Rev. Jack Jones, moderator, began the business session by asking for a report on Masters Men by Eddle Davis, then a report from Home Missions Board by Rev. Curtis Briley, followed by a briefing on the upcoming session of the Bible Institute by Rev. Johnny Sexton. All reports were read and accepted, and committees dismissed at the time of reading.

With business over, Rev. Jack Jones gave the charge for the ordination of Rev. Lenard Casabella, reading to him II Timothy 4: 1-5. All preachers and deacons present knelt with Bro. Casabella at the altar, laid hands on him, and prayed with the prayer of ordination being led by Rev. Malcolm Garrett.

A rising stand of thanks was given to the host church, Smith Chapel, for their hospitality, meal and good fellowship.

A special offering was received to reimburse Bro. Glen Cummings for the money he lost on reservations for the prayer retreat. A total of \$126.11 was received, and Bro. Glen Cummings in turn donated this collection to the Home Missions.

With business over, announcements made, and minds clear, the 1981 yearly session was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Tommy Wright.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 3 at 6:00 all preachers and wives are invited to a dinner at Holiday Inn, Corinth, with missionary Joe Haas as speaker.

September 19 is Competition Day at Burnsville school grounds for all churches in the Little Brown Creek Association. Pot luck dinners afterwards at Antioch Free Will Baptist Church. Everyone urged to come.

Youth Rally at Iuka 2:00 Sunday.

The State Association will be held October 30 and 31 at Faith Church in Jackson, Mississippi. Everyone is urged to make reservations early.

Delegates for the 1981 State Association are:

Tommy Wright
Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson
Mrs. Ruby Southerland
Mrs. Tommy Wright



CHURCH SEQUENCE FOR ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS

1982	Mt. Pisgah	1989	Community
1983	Macedonia	1990	New Lebanon
1984	Antioch	1991	First Church Iuka
1985	Little Brown	1992	Burgess Creek
1986	Jones Chapel	1993	Faith
1987	First Church Booneville	1994	Smith Chapel
1988	Martin Hill		

CHURCH SEQUENCE FOR QUARTERLY ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS

Saturday before First Sunday in December	First Church of Iuka
Saturday before First Sunday in March	Faith
Saturday before First Sunday in June	Little Brown

COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

VANCE SEXTON
MALCOLM GARRETT

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MALCOLM GARRETT
J. S. WHITEHEAD

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

BETTY HELTON
THENA WRIGHT
ROBERT REEVES

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

RUBY WHITTEMORE
FREDA BARRON
NITA JONES

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

GLENN JONES
TOMMY WRIGHT
EARL JONES

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND CTS COMMITTEE

MONTY JOE BONDS (5YRS.)
EULON PRUITT (4YRS.)
LUTHER GIBSON (3YRS.)
CHARLES WALDEN (2YRS.)
EDDIE DAVIS (1YR.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

EWELL WRIGHT
EDDIE DAVIS
ALVIS JOURDAN

C.T.S. COMMITTEE

JERRY MOORE
STEPHANIE LIVINGSTON
CAROLYN PACE

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

ELIZABETH GIBSON
PAULA GILBERT
PEGGY SEXTON

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

HOLLIS SOUTHERLAND
GENE GILBERT
MARY BULLARD

HOME MISSIONS BOARD

STEVE JONES (3 YRS.)
GLEN CUMMINGS (2 YRS.)
NORLIN D. JONES (2 YRS.)
JOE GANN (1 YR.)
JOHNNY SEXTON (1 YR.)

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

LUTHER GIBSON
D. W. JONES, JR.
MALCOLM GARRETT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, the Sunday School Committee, are pleased to report that all churches in the Little Brown Creek Association have an active Sunday School. We are also happy to report that we had an increase of sixty-three in our average attendance over last year.

C. T. S. COMMITTEE:

We, the CTS Committee, are happy to report an increase in enrollment of CTS from 328 to 416. There are eight out of twelve churches participating in CTS programs.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That each church in this association start a CTS
2. That each church use their young people in CTS programs, such as training for state and national competition and for future leaders of the church.
3. That each teacher in Sunday School encourage their classes to attend CTS services and take an active part in it.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

We, the Obituary Committee, regretfully submit the following deaths within our association since our last associational meeting:

ANTIOCH

Bro. Noel Epperson
Bro. Buss Brown

FIRST CHURCH BOONEVILLE

Sis. Homer McCoy
Bro. Tom McCoy
Bro. J. W. Timbes

COMMUNITY

Mignon Vandeford

JONES CHAPEL

Sis. Cora Johnson

MACEDONIA

Sis. Callie Flanagan

LITTLE BROWN

Sis. Lillian Johnson

MARTIN HILL

Sis. Erwin McKinney
Bro. Gordon Carpenter
Sis. Ethel Champion
Bro. Elzie Whitehead

MT. PISGAH

Bro. Clovis Livingston

NEW LEBANON

Bro. Aaron Wright
Bro. Oscar Strickland
Sis. Bess McNeil Miller
Bro. Lewis Woodruff
Sis. Maggie Bryant

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

DELEGATES

ANTIOCH

Rev. Glen Jones
Glen Cummings
Eddie Davis
Monty Joe Bonds

BURGESS CREEK

Bro. Lenard Casabella
Betty Faye Helton
Arnell Nichols
Bud Pannel
Stella Pannel

COMMUNITY

Rev. Malcolm Garrett
Bill Wallace
Bobby Whittemore
Steve Jones
Tommy Wright

FIRST CHURCH BOONEVILLE

Rev. Luther Gibson
Elizabeth Gibson
Mary Bullard
Thena Wright
Alt. Lowenstein Wright

FIRST CHURCH IUKA

Rev. Dallas Jack Jones
Bart Smith
Alvin Lambert
Steve Hudson
Debbie Hudson
Alt. Gene Gober
Joey Smith

JONES CHAPEL

Rev. Travis Smith
Sammy Streetman
Theresa Streetman
Nita Jones
Katherine Smith

LITTLE BROWN

Rev. Gene Gilbert
Myrtis Mayo
Jerry Moore
Jane Moore
Paula Gilbert
Alt. Sammy Tolar
Jane Johnson

MACEDONIA

Rev. Norlin D. Jones
Ruby Whittemore
Dwayne Pannell
Ann Thomas
Terrell Whittemore
Janie Pannell

MARTIN HILL

Rev. Johnny Sexton
Sis. Peggie Sexton
Bro. Smith Brackeen
Bro. Carl Sexton
Sis. Kim Jones

MT. PISGAH

Rev. Hollis Southerland
Esta Lee Gann
Freda Barron
Gerald Bennett
Stephanie Livingston
Alt. Dwight Lindsey
Sue Lindsey

NEW LEBANON

Rev. Vance Sexton
Sis. Jewel Nixon
Bro. Scotty Belve
Sis. Treva Belve
Sis. Peggy Prince
Alt. Florence Ticer

SMITH CHAPEL

Rev. Danny Short
Carolyn Pace
Ivell Henderson
Evelyn Reece
Phil Huderson

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

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

NUMBER ACTIVE MEMBERS ON ROLL	<u>121</u>	
MEMBERSHIP FEES ENCLOSED	<u>151.25</u>	
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS:		
HOME MISSIONS		
PRE-THANKSGIVING OFFERING	<u>78.00</u>	
STATE MISSIONS OFFERING	<u>664.17</u>	
SPECIAL PROJECTS	<u>664.17</u>	
FOREIGN MISSIONS		
PRE-EASTER OFFERING	<u>102.00</u>	
SPECIAL PROJECTS	<u>967.80</u>	
BIBLE COLLEGES		
GENERAL FUNDS	<u> </u>	
SPECIAL PROJECTS	<u> </u>	
STUDENT LOAN FUND	<u>105.19</u>	
WNAC GENERAL FUND (EMPHASIS MONTH)	<u>95.19</u>	
CO-LABORER OFFERINGS	<u>121.56</u>	
CHILDREN'S HOMES	<u>100.00</u>	
RETIRED MINISTERS	<u> </u>	
YOUTH CAMPS OR PROJECTS	<u> </u>	
AUXILIARY LITERATURE SUPPLIES	<u>423.77</u>	
LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES	<u>2750.82</u>	
OTHER SPECIAL OFFERINGS	<u>500.00</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>6059.75</u>	
PLEASE LIST ANY CASH GIFTS SENT DIRECTLY TO		
FOREIGN MISSIONS	<u> </u>	
HOME MISSIONS	<u>165.00</u>	
STATE MISSIONS	<u> </u>	
YOUTH CAMP PROJECTS	<u> </u>	
FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE	<u>25.00</u>	
TOTAL	<u>190.00</u>	
NON CASH GIFTS (EVALUATE)		
CHILDREN'S HOMES	<u>107.00</u>	
MISSIONARY PROVISION CLOSET	<u>322.79</u>	
TOTAL NON CASH GIFTS	<u>429.79</u>	
GRAND TOTAL DISBURSED	<u>\$6679.54</u>	

Churches	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage	Pastor's Salary	Remodeling; Etc.	Paid Debt of Retirement	Other Local Expenditures	Amount Borrowed	Total Income	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	F.W.B.B.C.	Children's Home	State Ministries	Association Fees
CHURCHES														
ANTIOCH	150,000		4,825	9,171	8,531	5,944	10,000	25,096		1,275				35
BURGESS CREEK	20,000		3,493			3,268				456				35
First Church-BOONEVILLE	140,000	30,000	9,000		5,800	15,653		35,840	440	667	250			35
First Church-IUKA	100,000		16,450		8,776	8,463		36,087		491				35
COMMUNITY CHURCH	60,000		3,525	524	2,874	4,061		17,182	548	925			550	35
JONES CHAPEL	80,000		4,425	1,868	1,845	2,796		13,751						25
LITTLE BROWN	92,000	47,000	6,820	4,727	4,038	6,789		20,247	110	193	110	55	570	35
MACEDONIA	45,000		4,675	3,429		1,802		10,000		325				35
MARTIN HILL	185,000	35,000			7,350	27,536	2,500	52,885	744	1,102	736			25
MT. PISGAH	100,000		7,950	1,663		8,131		18,080		2,056				25
NEW LEBANON	115,000	40,000	9,171	156		4,766		21,260						35
SMITH CHAPEL	50,000		3,975		1,749	903		9,479	36	170				35
TOTAL	1,137,000	152,000	74,309	21,538	40,963	90,112	12,500	259,907	1878	7,660	1,096	55	1,120	

	Antioch	Burgess Creek	First Church Boonevl	First Church Iuka	Community Church	Jones Chapel	Little Brown	Macedonia	Martin Hill	Mt. Pisgah	New Lebanon	Smith Chapel	TOTAL
Other College Student													
F. W. B. B. C. Students													
Licensed Ministers													
Church Membership Resident	126	57	194	138	30	0	76	51	304	137	135	84	1332
Church Membership Non-Resident	178	16	37	7			30		103	26	159		556
Total Membership	304	73	231	145	30	125	106	51	407	163	294	84	2013
No. of Baptisms	10	0	3	15	9	10	6	0	22	12	7	1	95
Received by Letter	6		8	15	3	6	3	2	24	2	5	1	75
Lost by Letter	3		2	1	1	1	3	1	13	3	7	3	38
Lost to non F. W. B.				18		1	1		5				25
Deceased	2		2		1	1	1		4	1	4		16
Sunday School Enroll	100	56	99	65	55	94	71	60		70	146	40	856
Average Attendance	86	45	87	64	42	75	65	45	139	56	100	40	844
C. T. S. Enrolled	60		72	16	20	50	53	25	120	25			441
Average Attendance	52		66	10		50	34	20	78	24			334
Bible School	95	38	99				72			51	80	40	475
Mid-Week Services	54		66	40	23	50	40	12	78	20	35		418
Ladies Auxiliary En.	21		15	13	15				10	20	22	10	126
Average Attendance	21		8	10	15				6	12	12	7	91
Ordained Ministers	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	4	1	14
Licensed Ministers		1				1				1	4	1	8
F. W. B. B. C. Students					1								1
Other College Student		2	3		1	2	3		17	2	1		31

HOME MISSIONS BOARD:

From September to February, the Home Mission Board looked for a building in the Belmont area. A twenty by twenty building was found till June, then an old church building was purchased in the Golden Community. Average attendance is eighteen to twenty. Joy and sorrow have been experienced by Rev. Curtis Briley since the beginning of this work. The Home Mission Board paid \$500.00 down on the building and the new church paid \$300.00 down. The monthly payment is \$166.00 and continued prayer and support is needed.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY :

We, the Woman's Auxiliary Committee, are happy to report a very good year in our work. The churches with auxiliaries are: Antioch, Iuka, Booneville, New Lebanon, Martin Hill, Mt. Pisgah, Corinth, Smith's Chapel, and also Poplar Springs.

A total of monies and non-cash gifts given through the Auxiliary Convention amounted to \$6,679.54. Of this amount, \$2,299.76 was given to missions. We would encourage the other churches to get involved in the great work of Woman's Auxiliary. If you need help in organizing an Auxiliary, please contact some of the officers.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The nominating committee submits the following slate of officers:

Moderator	Johnny Sexton
Assistant Moderator	Gene Gilbert
Clerk	Debra Short
Assistant Clerk	Diane Akers

HOME MISSION BOARD REPLACEMENTS:

Steve Jones	3 years
Glen Cummings	2 years
Norlin D. Jones	2 years

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPLACEMENTS

Monty Joe Bonds	5 years
Eulon Pruitt	4 years

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Beginning September 1, 1980 and ending August 1, 1981:

Balance brought forward	138.93
Offering and Church fees	460.23
Total income	599.16
Expenses:	
Stamps	15.00
Moderator	15.00
Assistant Clerk	10.00
Clerk	25.00
Messenger's Offering	50.00
State Association	30.00
Downs Printing	327.23
Total Expenses	472.23
Balance in Treasury	\$126.93

MASTER'S MEN

Five churches in our Association have Master's Men with a total membership of 74.

A layman's retreat at Morton, Mississippi will be September 25th and 26th. Every laymen and preacher is urged to go.

BIBLE INSTITUTE

Forty students attended last semester. This semester, three different courses will be offered the first hour, and two the second hour. It begins the second night in September.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We, the Credential Committee, recommend that:

1. Bro. Norlin Jones be received into full fellowship of our association and that a card of good standing be granted to him, and that a letter be requested from the Indian River Association of Florida stating his standing in that state.
2. Bro. Lenard Casabella be ordained into the gospel ministry, and that he be ordained, as his request, at this association.
3. Bro. Eulon Pruitt be ordained as a minister of the Free Will Baptist Denomination and that a card of good standing be granted him at this session, and that his ordination be left to him as to the time and place.

Note: Bro. Gene Gilbert and Bro. Vance Sexton have both been admitted into our Association since our last annual meeting.

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 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
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 cooperation 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.

NEW RESOLUTIONS:

34. Be it resolved that we, the Little Brown Creek Association, go on record as opposing:
 - 1) The Equal Rights Amendment
 - 2) Abortion on demand
 - 3) The Supreme Court ruling on Bible Reading & prayer in our public schools
 and that letters be sent to our Congressman and Senators of this business.
35. Be it resolved that the Sunday School training committee be dismissed and a Board of Christian Education be elected to determine policy and oversee the functions of the Little Brown Creek Bible Institute. This board would be made up of 5 members to be elected in alternate 5 year periods.
36. Be it resolved that a Layman's Retreat be planned with all Pastors and laymen invited to a Friday night and Saturday morning retreat for preaching, praying, teaching and fellowship; and that a committee of three men be appointed to work out details.
37. Be it resolved that the Home Missions Board of the Little Brown Creek Association begin preparations for establishing a new Free Will Baptist work in the Belmont-Golden area.
38. Be it resolved that the Little Brown Creek Association year end on August 1 instead of September 1 with all church clerks having your church letter to the association no later than August 15.
39. Be it resolved that our association begin meeting on a regular quarterly basis for the purpose of conducting associational business, and also to strengthen our fellowship with one another. Each church is asked to send delegates to each meeting so they may be represented. The meeting dates will be: Saturday before first Sunday in December; Saturday before first Sunday in March; and Saturday before first Sunday in June; and Friday night and Saturday before first Sunday in September, 1981.
40. Be it resolved that the association pay Bro. Glen Cummings' expenses he had to pay out of his own pocket for the Layman's Retreat, since the committee was appointed by the association to set up a layman's retreat, and since not enough men were present to meet the expenses-1981.

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 heresy, or any church who follows him in said teaching, or who is disloyal to the Faith as held by the association and expressed in our Articles of Faith.

Section 3. This association having watch-care over all the churches, within its bounds, shall withdraw fellowship from any church which calls a minister for a pastor who has been excluded by the Ordaining Council for un-Christian conduct or false teachings according

to Free Will Baptist Articles of Faith.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of each member who shall organize a church to obtain deacons for the same who have been duly elected by the church body. It is his duty, also, to obtain deacons where a vacancy occurs within his church or churches. It shall be the duty of each pastor to encourage the organization and support of a Sunday School in the church or churches where he is pastor, as with other organizations which may have proved helpful to the work of the church.

DOCTRINE

THE BIBLE. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and our infallible rule of faith and practice. (II Peter 1:18-21; II Timothy 3:16,17.)

GOD. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love adore and obey. (Deut. 6:4; I Cor. 8:4; Jer. 10:10; John 4:24; Eph. 4:6)

CHRIST. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord. (I Tim. 3:16; John 1:1,2; Matt 1:23; Rom. 3:25, 26; Matt. 26:28; Matt. 28:5,6)

THE HOLY SPIRIT. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. (I John 16:13; John 16:8; II Peter 1:21)

THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for as the 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)

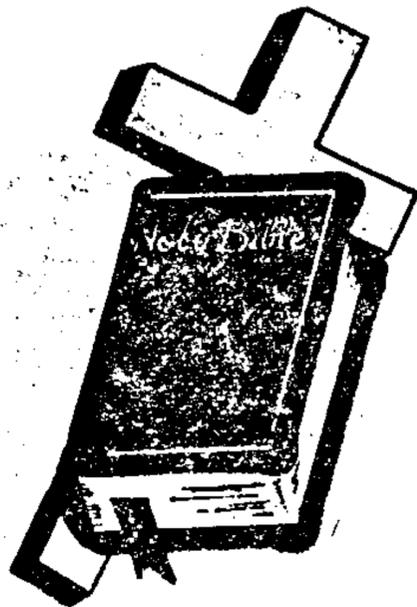
PERSERVANCE. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation. (II Peter 1:10; Heb. 6:4-6; Rev. 2:10)

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 workship, 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.

