



MINUTES OF
**Little Brown Creek
Association**
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS



1983

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of the
LITTLE BROWN CREEK
ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTIST
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Held with Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church on Friday Night
and Saturday before the first Lord's Day in September, 1983.

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

December 3, 1983..... Martin Hill, Booneville
March 3, 1984..... Jones Chapel, Rienzi
June 2, 1984 New Lebanon, Tishomingo
August 31 & September 1, 1984 Antioch, Burnsville

ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

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Rev. Russell Clouse
P.O. Box 171
Burnsville, MS 38833

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Rev. D.W. Jones, Jr. 462-5625
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ADDRESS OF PASTORS

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Rev. Leonard Casabella	First Church - Iuka Rt. 3 Iuka, MS 38852	423-9566
Rev. Wayne Yarbrough	Jones Chapel Rt. 2, Box 475 Saltillo, MS 38866	842-1358
Rev. Gene Gilbert	Little Brown Rt. 1, Box 360 New Site, MS 38859	728-9284
Rev. Karl Sexton	Macedonia Rt. 5 Booneville, MS 38829	728-9816
Rev. Johnny Sexton	Martin Hill Rt. 5 Booneville, MS 38829	728-9816
Rev. Hollis Southerland	Mt. Pisgah Rt. 4, Box 317-A Savannah, TN 38872	901-925-4374
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Rev. Benny McKinney	Smith Chapel Rt. 2 Tishomingo, MS 38873	423-6619

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	Patricia Bonds	Rt. 1, Box 11, Guys, TN	38339
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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

PAST QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

December 4, 1982 (Mt. Pisgah)

Morning Devotion..... Rev. Eulon Pruitt
 Morning Message..... Rev. Hollis Southerland
 Afternoon Devotion..... Rev. Benny McKinney

March 5, 1983 (First Church - Booneville)

Morning Devotion Rev. Curtis Briley
 Morning Message Rev. Glen Jones
 Afternoon Devotion Rev. Hollis Southerland

June 5, 1983 (Community)

Morning Devotion..... Rev. Russell Clouse
 Morning Message Rev. Malcolm Garrett
 Afternoon Devotion..... Rev. Gerald Taylor

MINUTES OF THE NINETY THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION:

The ninety third annual session was held at Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church on Friday night and Saturday, before the first Sunday in September, 1983.

Our opening song was "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms", led by Rev. Luther Gibson with Mrs. Sonja Jones at the piano. After special prayer for Rev. Curtis Briley and Rev. Norland Jones, (Prayer by Rev. Wayne Yarbrough) two more songs were sang "At The Cross" and "When We All Get To Heaven." Our moderator, Rev. Gene Gilbert, welcomed all in attendance, and read "Isaiah 51:1."

Roll call of churches, recognition of pastors, deacons and delegates. The committee on committees was appointed, consisting of Rev. J.S. Whitehead, Rev. Tommy Wright, and Rev. Karl Sexton.

Our song service began again with "The Unclouded Day." An offering was taken with \$93.95 being collected. Prayer over the offering by Rev. Luther Gibson.

The evening message was presented by Rev. Hollis Southland. His scripture text was Psalms 18 "The God of Deliverences."

God gives David and us as Christians deliverances of:

1. Courage
2. Strength
3. Protection

He wanted David to live clean before the Lord, and wants us to also. Gave invitation, song "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" to renew our vows before God. A hearty "AMEN" from all present in enjoyment of the message.

Committee on Committees reported. Motion and second to receive report.

Reminded everyone about lunch to help if they could with covered dish.

Motion and second to dismiss.

SATURDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 3

Song Service was led by Glen Jones while Sonja Jones played piano.

"Victory In Jesus" — Prayer by Eulon Pruitt

"It Won't Be Very Long" — Morning Devotion by Karl Sexton

Morning Devotion — II Kings 6:1-7 - The Ax Head Lost and Recovered

Filled with Spirit of God will do the things that we need to do.

Ax head borrowed - God doesn't always use same church to work -
He uses different ones.

We have lost the power and zeal to read and worship like we used to.

Concerned - Stopped chopping until He recovered it. He sought God
until he was ready to go on.

Find out where you lost the ax head - then you can go to the position
you need to be.

Reading of report move and second to receive it.

Luther Gibson dismissed us for short recess.

Song Service was led by Rev. Glen Jones with Sonja at the piano.

"I'll Fly Away" — Prayer - Rodney Whittemore

"There Is Power In The Blood", "Shelter From The Storms", "Amazing
Grace"

An offering was taken of \$62.55. Rev. D.W. Jones led in prayer.

Morning Message by Dr. Johnny Sexton

"The Priority Of The Servant Of God"

MISPLACED PRIORITIES:

On the Calendar and Commitment Must be Planned Out

Need Attention rather than Achievement for Him

Eliminate Fear and Frustration if We Sit before God and Remember
His Words

1. Seclusion - Jesus knows the importance of sitting alone with His father, God wants to be both alone and with others
2. Submissive -
3. Rewards - Perspective changes, positive attitude, personal with God, passion to obey
4. Power to Serve -

Invitation - Just As I Am

Dismiss - Prayer by Charles Walden

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION:

Rev. Glen Jones began our afternoon session with "Just Over In The Glory Land" and "Just A Little Talk With Jesus" with prayer by Rev. J.S. Whitehead.

Our assistant moderator, Rev. Glen Jones, introduced our speaker, Rev. Wayne Yarbrough. Bro. Yarbrough chose for his reading Acts 13:21, 22, and 36. He intitled his message "The True Servant." He pointed out that God has set us apart for this age we live in. We need to take time to study the word of God to be a true servant. He provides a way to live a Christian life. We ought to love to come and be in His services.

We need to be:

1. Qualified for service
2. Have a divine call or gift
3. Serve well

After this wonderful and challenging message, Rev. Gene Gilbert began the Business Session. The Resolutions were read, and reports were given. A challenge was then made by Rev. Glen Jones to win souls and have a bigger increase in our Sunday Schools. He also compared our baptisms and loses over the past year. We also took up an offering of \$53.78 for the expenses incurred of the printing and mailing of the Mississippi Messenger.

A motion and second to raise clerk fee to \$50.00 because of more meetings and information that they had to take care of.

Motion and second to dismiss.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

J.S. Whitehead — Tommy Wright — Karl Sexton

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Roberta Hall — Sammy Tolar — Ruby Blakney

CTS COMMITTEE

Horace Wright — Terry King — Earl Jones

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Gerald Taylor — Joe Gann — Billy Joe Garvin

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Glenda Wright — Esta Lee Gann — Peggy Sexton

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Ruby Whitemore — Myrtis Mayo — Margie Cole

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Johnny Sexton — Benny McKinney — Glen Jones

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Hollis Southerland — Glen Cummings — Charles South

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Tommy Wright (5 yrs.) — Robert Reeves (4 yrs.) — Karl Sexton (3 yrs.)
Eulon Pruitt (2 yrs.) — Luther Gibson (1 yr.)

HOME MISSION BOARD

Joe Ellis Gann (2 yrs.) — Gene Gilbert (1 yr.) — Steve Jones (1 yr.)
Glen Cummings (3 yrs.) — Gerald Taylor (2 yrs.)

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Luther Gibson — D.W. Jones, Jr. — Malcolm Garrett

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CO.

Karl Sexton - 3 yrs. — Tommy Wright - 5 yrs.

HOME MISSION BOARD

Glen Cummings - 3 yrs. — Gerald Taylor - 2 yrs.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on Sunday School, beg leave to report that all our churches have Sunday School and our attendance is up 26 over last year for which we thank God for. We ask the association to except this report and dismiss this committee.

Roberta Hall
Sammy Tolar
Ruby Blakney

CTS REPORT

We report that we have an increase of one more CTS program. Our enrollment has grown from 388 to 404, with average attendance decreasing from 322 to 307. We should be aware of the decrease in average attendance of 15. This is with an increase of an additional CTS program. Therefore, we recommend that the pastors, teachers and all members work harder and diligently to increase our CTS programs.

NOMINATING REPORT

Moderator Glen Jones
Assistant Moderator Luther Gibson
Clerk..... Paula Gilbert
Assistant Clerk..... Angie Cummings
Submitted by ... Hollis Southerland, Charles South, Glen Cummings

DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION:

November 4 and 5, 1983

First Church - Tupelo

1. Paula Gilbert
2. James Nicholas
3. Myrtis Mayo
4. Ruby Southerland
5. Mrs. James Nichols

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Finance Committee, have examined the books and records of the Associational Treasurer and found them to be in order.

Balance Brought Forward \$152.22

RECEIPTS:

Associational Fees \$420.00

Offering For Friday Night \$93.95

Offering For Saturday Morning \$62.55

Other Offerings..... \$360.65

Total To Be Accounted For \$1,089.37

DISBURSEMENTS:

Moderator \$15.00

Clerk \$25.00

Associational Ministries (Faith) \$187.46

Stamps & Copies \$20.80

State Associational Fee \$50.00

Downs Printing (Minutes)..... \$315.00

Misc..... \$11.18

Total Paid Out..... \$624.44

Balance On Hand (September 3, 1983) \$464.93

We recommend the acceptance of this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald Taylor

Joe Gann

Billy Joe Garvin

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

We, the Credentials Committee met and examined the following brethren:

1. Wayne Yarbrough and recommended him to full fellowship of the ministry of this Association.
2. Karl Sexton and recommended him for ordination to the gospel ministry.
3. Benny McKinney and recommended him for ordination to the gospel ministry.

Luther Gibson, Chairman
Malcolm Garrett
D.W. Jones
Gene Gilbert
James Nichols

AUXILIARY REPORT

The Little Brown Creek Woman's Auxiliary from 9 churches has 135 members with an average attendance of 92.

In the church year of 1982-1983 the Auxiliary gave a total of \$2,101.04 to missions. This included foreign, state and home missions.

\$5,514.32 was given to the Children's Home and Provision Closet.

Total Disbursement was \$7,615.36.

As the Auxiliary Committee, we would like to urge the other 3 churches in our association to form a Woman's Auxiliary in their church.

Woman's Auxiliary Committee
Glenda Wright, Chairman

We recommend the acceptance of this report.

Glenda Wright
Esta Lee Gann
Peggy Sexton

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

We regretfully submit the following deaths within our association since our last association meeting.

DECEASED MEMBERS

Antioch	Oscar Blakney
Burgess Creek	Lawton Gillis
	Rosie Lambert
	Ader Alred
Community	-0-
First Church Booneville	Homer Williams
First Church - Iuka	1
Jones Chapel	-0-
Little Brown	Lula Stricklen
Macedonia	-0-
Martin Hill	Ora Gann
	Eugene Hare
Mt. Pisgah	Y.L. Livingston
	Ethel Livingston
New Lebanon	Zula Lambert
	Ben Hill
	Hollis Hester
Smith Chapel	Wilburn Lambert

CHURCHES	Church Membership - Resident	Non-Resident	Total	Baptisms	Received by Letter	Lost	Lost to Non-FWB	Deceased	VBS Average	Prayer Meeting Average	Sunday School - Enrollment	Average Attendance	CTS - Enrollment	Average Attendance	Ladies Auxiliary - Enrollment	Average Attendance	Ministers - Ordained	Licensed	College Students - FWB	Other	Master's Men - Enrollment	Average Attendance	Deacons
Antioch	130	185	315	13	4	3	0	0	70	50	110	94	50	50	25	15	1	0	0	0	8	7	4
Burgess Creek	90	16	106	2	5	7	1	3	25	18	61	42	12	6	10	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Community			45	3	3	2	0	0			55	43	30		13	8	1	0	0	3	8	5	0
1st FWB, Booneville	214	37	251	8	0	1	0	1	95	84	99	80	84	74	18	14	2	0	0	4	14	10	7
1st FWB, Iuka	161	7	168	17	14	1	0	1	65		80	65	10	8	12	8	1	1			0	0	5
Jones Chapel			110	3	0	4	0	0	0	30	60	60	50	30	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	5
Little Brown	85	30	115	7	0	3	2	1	60	40	80	73	50	40	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	3
Macedonia	48	4	52	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	30	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Martin Hill	417		417	14	14	3	2	2	58	80		144	80	76	12	12	2	1	0	0	10	9	6
Mt. Pisgah	143	24	167	4	6	5	3	2	0	30	75	60	39	30	15	10	3	0	0	2	0	0	4
New Lebanon	97	183	280	3	2	4	0	3	71	30	105	98	0	0	20	11	5	0	0	6	0	0	7
Smith Chapel			77	1	0	1	0	1	0	25	35	35	0	0	10	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Total	1,385	486	2,103	76	48	34	8	16	444	387	806	824	405	314	135	92	19	4	1	21	40	31	48

CHURCHES	Church Value	Parsonage Value	Church Debt	Income	Pastor's Salary	Remodeling	Debt Retirement	Local Expenses	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	FWB Bible College	State Ministries	Associational Fee
Antioch	150,000			31,668	11,700	11,961	2,334		1,000	570			35
Burgess Creek	20,000			10,438	4,489	1,232		1,785		300			35
Community	60,000		19,600	25,815	5,200	120	3,134	2,234	1,651	995		328	35
1st FWB, Booneville	110,000	30,000		38,443	13,240			15,576	1,225	1,195	837		35
1st FWB, Iuka	100,000			17,832	9,244	1,798	5,246	8,139					35
Jones Chapel	80,000			17,924	4,800	1,038		5,839			100	1,044	35
Little Brown	92,000	47,000	31,650	31,650	9,100	10,662	3,600	7,994			10	316	35
Macedonia	45,000			7,643	2,700								35
Martin Hill	150,000	35,000		40,948		4,270		30,464	1,256	1,915			35
Mt. Pisgah	100,000			25,500	9,625	2,831		5,101	1,719	2,143		100	35
New Lebanon	65,000	35,000		27,048	13,250	5,752		6,969	105	70			35
Smith Chapel	45,000			9,450	2,835	183	2,052	695	120	140			35
Total	1,017,000	147,000	51,250	284,359	86,183	39,847	16,366	84,796	7,076	7,328	947	1,788	

DELEGATES

ANTIOCH

James Nichols
Ruby Blakney
Sonja Jones
Angie Cummings

BURGESS CREEK

Betty Helton
Billy Messner
Erline Messner
Jack Moore
Rains Russell
Nellda Belue
Mara Nell Crowell

COMMUNITY

Steve Jones
Charles South
Rodney Whittemore
Tommy Jordan

JONES CHAPEL

Jennie Jones
Nita Jones
Jewel Garvin
Shirley Garvin

LITTLE BROWN

Mouvaline Moss
Myrtis Mayo
Sammy Tolar
Paula Gilbert

MACEDONA

Ruby Whittemore
Ann Thomas
Beatrice Owens
Terrell Whittemore

MARTIN HILL

Peggy Sexton
Karl Sexton
Terry King

MT. PISGAH

Esta Lee Gann
Edith Livingston
Altie Walker
John Gargus
Harold Livingston
Gary Vaughn

NEW LEBANON

Madrid Richardson
Jackie Lambert
Wade Carpenter
William Hall
Vaughanda Hall
Roberta Hall

SMITH CHAPEL

Annette Huddleston
Phil Huddleston
Margie Cole
Tina Johnson

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 offenses 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 standings, 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 host church be responsible for special music before the Friday evening and Saturday morning services. 1976
22. 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
23. 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
24. 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 schoolsand that letters be sent to our Congressman and Senators of this business. 1980
25. 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. 1980
26. 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. 1980
27. 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; Saturday before first Sunday in June; and Friday night and Saturday before first Sunday in September. 1981
28. Be it resolved that since heresy and error be so predominate, we recommend each make sure their pastor preaches, believes, and adheres to Free Will Baptist Doctrine. 1982

29. Be it resolved that the Home Mission Board is to get someone to fill the Golden Missions, or be empowered to make whatever arrangements be necessary to take care of those responsibilities. 1982
30. Be it resolved that we the churches of the Little Brown Creek Association pay Associational Fees of \$25.00 each quarter rather than the usual \$25.00 per year. 1983
31. We the resolutions committee recommend that funds be transferred from the General Fund of the Association to the Mission Board as needed to pay for the building at Golden. 1983
32. Be it resolved that we have our minutes printed by Hodges Printing. 1983

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 ($\frac{2}{3}$) 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 _____; Clerk's 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 Baptist 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 the following monies in this manner:

\$25.00 to each quarterly meeting

\$25.00 to each annual meeting, and

\$10.00 to each annual meeting to be sent to the National Association for representation fee.

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 unChristian 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 unChristian 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 years 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 to 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.