

New Lebanon

**MINUTES
OF THE
94th ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
LITTLE BROWN CREEK
FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH**

**ANTIOCH
Free Will Baptist Church
Burnsville, Mississippi
August 31 - September 1, 1984**

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Curtis Briley..... (5 years)
Rev. Tommy Wright..... (4 years)
Bro. Robert Reeves..... (3 years)
Rev. Karl Sexton..... (2 years)
Rev. Eulon Prueitt..... (1 year)

HOME MISSION BOARD

Bro. Joe Gann..... (1 year)
Bro. Steve Hendrix..... (1 year)
Rev. Gene Gilbert..... (2 years)
Rev. Glenn Jones..... (3 years)
Bro. Terry King..... (3 years)

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

Martin Hill Free Will Baptist Church December 3, 1983

We opened our meeting with singing, led by Bro. Benny McKinney. "Leaning on the everlasting arms." Mrs. Sonja Jones played for us. Bro. Hollis Southerland led in prayer. The Host pastor, Bro. Johnny Sexton, welcomed us to the meeting.

Our morning song service opened with "Have Thine Own Way Lord." Our moderator, Bro. Glenn Jones, shared "10 steps to a successful ministry" starting with this meeting. 1 Thess. 2:2. Paul shares how to be successful.

1st STEP: Be bold — God's word makes us have a reason.

Bro. Glenn then introduced our morning devotion speaker, Bro. Tommy Wright. The text was taken from 1 Peter 1:3-9. His message entitled: "I enjoy the trip."

Our competition is not a race against one another but against Satan to win souls. When we are born we begin a journey to what God intends for us. The glory of our fleshly life will fade away, but our eternal life will not fade away. This is our First Birth.

Our inheritance is being an heir to all God has when we become a child of God. As we pass through this life we are being prepared for glory. Our trials are for a definite purpose — to praise and honour our Lord. We need to be tried to the point that God can look at us and see his reflection.

Believing in Christ gives us "joy unspeakable and full of glory." The more faith we have the more joy we will have.

Bro. Glenn Jones then called the business session to order. He recognized the standing delegates, and asked them to seat the church delegates. Motion and 2nd to seat the church delegates.

The clerk then read the petitionary letter from Calvary Free Will Baptist Church so that we might vote on them being in our association. Motion and 2nd to receive them into the association.

There was a motion and 2nd from the chair to seat the ministers and deacons from Calvary so that they could vote in our meeting today.

The resolution committee was then appointed: Bro. D.W. Jones, Bro. Hollis Southerland, Bro. James Nichols.

The Nominating committee was appointed: Bro. Gerald Taylor, Bro. Malcolm Garrett, Bro. Johnny Sexton.

A report of the attendance was then given with a total of 45 in attendance.

Bro. Glenn then adjourned us for a short recess.

We started back with a song service led by Bro. McKinney. We sang "Standing on the Promises." Mrs. Sonja Jones was at the piano.

Bro. Glenn Jones asked Bro. Briley and his members from Calvary to come to the front to be extended the right hand of fellowship. We sang "Power in the Blood" while we welcomed them in.

Our offering was taken with \$117.00 being collected. Bro. Herman Whittemore prayed over the offering.

We sang "At the Cross" to close out our song service. Bro. Glenn then shared with us the 2nd STEP to successful living: **Deceiving**. Bro. Glenn introduced our speaker, Bro. Gene Gilbert, and asked that we give him a hearty "amen" for the job he did in the moderator compassy.

Bro. Gene's text was 1 Kings 19:9: "The Great Elijah" "What doest thou here Elijah?" God met his needs and he'll meet our needs! He went to the widow woman and asked for a meal. She gave all she had to him. Elijah was in God's will wherever he went and God blessed him in all he did. He was taken care of and our people need to take care of their pastor as they should today.

He ran from the problem with Jezebel and a lot of the problems in Free Will Baptist is because our preachers run from the problems instead of facing them with the help of the Lord. As long as we are in the law of the Lord we will not stumble and fall.

Because Elijah ran from God so many times, he had to appoint Elisha to replace him. We can not run from God! In all the things we do and say, we need to give honour and glory to God. Unless our aim is to reach the lost, we are not in God's will.

A "Amen" was given to the message by all present. We were dismissed to the noon meal by Bro. Wayne Yarbrough.

After a bountiful lunch, the piano music of Mrs. Sonja Jones called the congregation in. Bro. Benny McKinney led in the singing of "Amazing Grace." Bro. Gerald Taylor led in prayer.

Bro. Glenn Jones introduced our afternoon devotional speaker, Bro. J.S. Whitehead. His text was taken from Acts 8:26-40 "The preaching of Jesus." There is no other preaching that has the power like that of Jesus. It takes the power of Christ to save people, and it will always be the same. We should not be ashamed or afraid to teach Jesus.

We need more of the simple truth of Jesus so that all might understand. Our main goal should be to get the gospel out to others.

Our afternoon business session was opened with letter of request:

- (1) A letter of good standing for Bro. Danny Short. Motion, 2nd, carried to send letter.
- (2) Request for letter of good standing for Bro. Lenarse Stricklen. Motion, 2nd, carried to send this to them. The clerk was appointed to send the necessary papers.

The nominating committee gave a nomination for Bro. Wayne Yarbrough to be put on the Executive Committee. We voted on this and it was a unanimous vote. We then gave Martin Hill a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Bro. Gene Gilbert gave a report of the mission board. We are in the process of putting the church at Golden under the mission board instead of the name of the church. We need to give more to help cover the payment on the church. He urged them if they knew anyone that wanted the building in any way to contact him.

Bro. Johnny Sexton gave a report of the Youth Conference to be held January 13-15. Bro. Randy Wright from Memphis will be the speaker. The meeting is to be held at First Church of Booneville.

The Youth Rally will be held tomorrow at Antioch. With all minds and hearts clear, Bro. Terry King dismissed us in prayer.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

Jones Chapel Free Will Baptist Church March 3, 1984

Our meeting began with the song "Send the Light." We were led in singing by Bro. Benny McKinney, with Mrs. Sonja Jones at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Luther Gibson. Our next song was "Just a Little Talk with Jesus."

The welcome was made by the Host Pastor, Bro. Wayne Yarbrough.

Our Moderator, Bro. Glenn Jones, encouraged us all to attend our meetings and to have others come with us.

Our morning message was given by Bro. Curtis Briley. His text was Psalm 2:8, 22, and 27. His title was "Missions." He spoke to us about visitation and how it helps our church to grow. Romans 1:16. "Not ashamed of the gospel." We need to support our missionaries by sending those that feel led to go, thru prayer and giving.

The only way God has of getting the message to the lost is thru us. We need to witness to the wicked as well as the good people. We don't need to let the devil stand in our way of witnessing, because we do not have very long before Jesus will return.

Our moderator then shared with us steps 3 and 4 of the steps to successful Christian living:

3rd STEP: Pleasing God

4th STEP: Not to be Covetous

We then seated the appointed delegates with a Motion 2nd and carried.

Those involved in the Missionary Conference March 10 will meet at a get acquainted service to meet the missionaries and have a time of prayer for the meetings. This will be held at Martin Hill March 10, 6:30 p.m.

There was a question about the procedure of membership into the association, and whether it should be changed. If you want this procedure changed, see the resolution committee.

The Resolutions Committee was then appointed: Bro. D.W. Jones, Bro. Benny McKinney, Bro. Tommy Wright.

We then stood for a short recess, with Bro. Gene Gilbert leading in the dismissal prayer.

Our worship service began with "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and "When the Roll is Called up Yonder" and "At the Cross."

Our morning offering was taken with \$57.52 being collected. Bro. Tommy Wright led in prayer asking God to bless the offering.

Our message was brought to us by Bro. Malcolm Garrett. His text was Jeremiah 10:20. "The Need of Preaching." Some of the things that effect the pulpit or preaching:

(1) The pulpit is not intellectual force as it use to be - we have more magazines and newspapers now than just God's word. Our people today do not see the need of attending preaching and studying God's word.

(2) The pulpit is not recognized as the core for providing spiritual life - We are not bearing fruit. We are trying to use literature and other people instead of our pastor and our church.

(3) Forces that are hostile enemies to the pulpit:

A. Love of the World

B. Materialism

C. Critical Age

(4) Scriptural authority - To stir people to not be religious, but Christ-like. Jesus taught with authority.

(5) Christ perfected preaching - There is so much said by preachers, but a lot is not spiritual and scriptural. He taught thru preaching and example.

(6) Speech - The way you talk to people - Christ-like behavior and the way we tell our testimony. Preaching should be the highest art.

A hearty "amen" to the message was given by all. Bro. Glenn Jones challenged us to reach the world but to start with our United States. We need to send out preachers.

Bro. Johnny Sexton dismissed us from the services as well as blessed the noon meal.

Our afternoon session began with the song service. We sang "Power in the Blood." Bro. Gerald Taylor led us in prayer. Bro. Benny McKinney sang as a special "Time has Made a Change in Me." Bro. Benny McKinney led our singing and Mrs. Sonja Jones played for us.

Our afternoon devotion was presented by Bro. Rodney Whittemore. His text was taken from James 4:7. We must forget about the world and their works, be separate from them. We will sin because we are not perfect, but we need to be sorry for our sins. Be humble in our work for the Lord and he will lift us up.

Our Afternoon Business Session -

The resolution was brought before us that we give Jones Chapel a rising vote of thanks for hosting our meeting.

Bro. Glenn Jones called Bro. Jerry Hooper forward and gave him the challenge to preach the gospel. His license was given him today at the meeting.

Announcements: The LBC Bible Institute begins March 5, at 7 p.m. Antioch Missionary Conference - reminded everyone about the meeting and times. Youth Rally - 2:30 Antioch. Evangelism Conference April 8-10, Martin Hill, something for the whole Association.

When there was no more announcements, Bro. Benny McKinney asked for prayer for his wife who was to have surgery.

Motion and 2nd to adjourn with an altar of prayer with Bro. J.S. Whitehead leading in the prayer, and Bro. Norlin Jones closing.

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

New Lebanon Free Will Baptist Church June 9, 1984

Our meeting was opened with congregational singing "Amazing Grace" led by Bro. Benny McKinney, playing by Mrs. Sonja Jones. Bro. Luther Gibson led in prayer.

Bro. Glenn Jones then led us in another step to Christian living:

5th STEP: Not to Seek your own Glory

6th STEP: Do not be Rudo

Our special speaker for devotion this morning is Bro. Rick Bowling, foreign missionary to Uruguay. His text was Deuteronomy 6:4-12. After his text was read, he then led in prayer.

We are not allowing Christ in our homes, lives, and jobs anymore. Our situation of our families is being destroyed by Satan. Our families don't feel an urgency to get their loved ones saved.

Christians praying with and for families can change our situation.

Bro. Glenn challenged us to save and support our missionaries.

Our moderator then recognized our ordained ministers. They then recognized our church delegates. Motion 2nd carried to seat them.

Our resolution committee was then appointed: Bro. Johnny Sexton, Bro. Gerald Taylor, Bro. Hollis Southerland.

The clerk then went over the changes in the yearly letter, and encouraged the pastors to get with the church clerks and go over these letters before turning them in.

We then set up places to meet for our next years quarterly meetings. They are as follows:

December - Little Brown

March - First Church, Booneville

June - Antioch

We are dismissed in prayer by Bro. Russell Clouse.

After a time of recess we were called in for a time of singing. The first song was "Living by Faith." We were led in prayer by Bro. Tommy Wright. Leading the singing was Bro. Benny McKinney and Sis. Jeraldine Garvin was at the piano. Bro. Glenn then called for a time of offering. The blessing over the offering was led by Bro. Gene Gilbert. The amount taken up was \$48.80.

We then sang "Victory in Jesus," and on the last verse of the song we all stood and sang about our true victory.

Bro. Luther Gibson then came forward to preach a message from God's word. Romans 13:7-14 was his text. He then led in prayer.

The title of his message was "Knowing the Times."

(1) **A hectic time, and a time of deception:** We need to stay true and loyal to our own church and association, and leave the others alone.

(2) **A time of deadness:** They can't hardly wait to leave the church when church is over. We do not hear the shouts of praise for the Lord or say AMEN in the local churches.

(3) **A time of distress:** A time of worry, pressures, and despair.

(4) **A time of demonic activities:** The devil is having a revival when people get their feelings hurt and don't come to church.

(5) **A time of disloyalty:** People do not come to church when there are services.

(6) **A time of defeat:** There is coldness, compromise, and going along with the crowd. Too afraid to stand up for Jesus.

He then led in prayer over the message. Bro. Glen Jones came and told us to brace ourselves for a battle the church has never seen before. We have been silent too long about sin.

We were dismissed in prayer and prayer was asked over the food by Bro. D.W. Jones. There were 35 in attendance.

The afternoon session opened with a song led by Bro. Benny McKinney, "Heaven's Jubilee." A special in song was presented by Jewel and Shirley Garvin "Consider the Lillies."

The devotion was presented by Bro. Wayne Yarbrough. The text was taken from Isaiah 53:13; Matthew 9:35,38.

- I. Christ was a man of sorrows
 - a. people were scattered
 - b. the lost helpless
 - c. no direction
- II. Compassion – a need in our churches
 - a. someone needed to be a guide
 - b. let's care for the lost
 - c. wake up and take note of the needs of the people

Prayer the Lord of the harvest to send labours. Let us work that we might be a refined tool in the Master's hand.

A report was then given from the Resolution Committee by Bro. Johnny Sexton:

1. Encourage youth to attend meetings
2. Motion to give Bro. Rick Bowling our offering of the day. Motion and second to do this. It was unanimous. Then voted on MSC to give offering at the end of the session, too.
3. Motion to give host church a rising vote of thanks for hospitality.

Bro. Glenn Jones reminded everyone about the drive to increase Sunday School attendance. A recognition to the church with the highest average increase for August over last year's average.

Bro. J.S. Whitehead dismissed us in prayer.

A love offering of \$13.00 was taken after dismissal.

YEARLY MEETING

August 31, September 1, 1984
Antioch Free Will Baptist Church
Friday, August 31

Our service opened with Bro. Karl Sexton leading us in "Count Your Many Blessings." Bro. Sammy Tolar led us to the throne in prayer. We then sang "To God be the Glory." Our moderator, Bro. Glenn Jones, gave us a welcome and noted that 12 years ago he gave his first message in the association meeting here in Antioch church.

Bro. Glenn then gave us the last steps to successful Christian living:

9th STEP: Live a Pure Life

10th STEP: Believe you (pastor) are called of God

All the steps combined will lead you in a successful ministry. Bro. Luther Gibson led us in prayer.

The standing delegates were then recognized - MSC to seat them. Bro. Glenn then had our assistant moderator to appoint the Committee on Committees. They were: Bro. Tommy Wright - chairman, Bro. J.T. Prince, Bro. D.W. Jones.

We then took up our evening offering with \$72.00 being collected. Bro. Sid Whitehead led us in prayer over the offering. Bro. Kenneth Connaway played for our singing and offering time.

We had a special from the host church at this time featuring Bro. Glenn Jones and Sis. Gayle Lambert. "It is Well with my Soul." After a hearty "AMEN" from all, Bro. Gerald Taylor gave his evening message:

Isaiah 59 and 63 - "Power in the Church"

We need some spiritual power! We ought not to lose our burden for our lost loved ones.

Jesus is the only mediator we have to go through. God hears our needs and prayers if we are where we ought to be with him.

We need to recognize our maker and come back to God and we must recognize God before we can have spiritual power. We ought to stay clean and pure where God can use us.

The service was turned back over to Bro. Glenn Jones and he challenged us to be more of a prayer warrior.

Bro. Tommy Wright then gave us his report: (1st on list is chairman)

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Ronald McVey, Betty Helton, Jewel Garvin

C.T.S.: Dewayne Pannell, Roberta Hall, Edith Livingston

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: Elizabeth Gibson, June Skinner, Sonja Jones

OBITUARY: Charles Jones, Steve Hendrix, Terry King

RESOLUTIONS: Gene Gilbert, Charles Walden, Hollis Southerland

FINANCE: Benny McKinney, Billy Blakney, Sr., Mouvaline Moss

NOMINATING: Herman Whittemore, Gerald Taylor, Wayne Yarbrough

Bro. Tommy Wright gave a report about the youth rally. He then asked for a motion and second to postpone Youth Rally until next week due to a death in the Macedonia church. Motion carried.

Bro. Glenn Jones encouraged us to shake at least 5 hands from each church before leaving.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson announced about the Women's Retreat.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Russell Clouse.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

September 1, 1984

Antioch Free Will Baptist Church

Our meeting began with singing led by Bro. Karl Sexton, "Jesus Saves." We were led in prayer by Bro. Donnie Hussey. Our next song was "He Keeps Me Singing."

Our morning devotion was brought by Bro. Hollis Southerland. His text was I Corinthians 2:6-12 "The Deep Things of God."

You can't have a deep relationship with God by -

1. Just hearing deep preaching
2. Just reading good commentaries
3. Just by going to church everytime the doors are open

A deep relationship is a personal thing between you and God. We need to give the Holy Spirit more of our lives, and walk day by day with him. It helps us to be prepared for the calamities of life when we get in deep with God and His word. Stay in His word and God will use us.

A hearty "AMEN" for the fine job.

Bro. Karl Sexton led us in prayer.

The clerk then read the church letters and a motion and second to accept report and add and delete figures as needed to go in the Minutes.

The Finance Committee report was then given by Bro. Benny McKinney. Motion second carried to receive report.

We came back in after a short recess with singing of "This is my Father's World." We then had a time of offering with Bro. Benny McKinney leading us in prayer.

Bro. Glenn Jones and Sis. Teresa Jones gave us a special in song, "Consider the Lillies."

Bro. Johnny Sexton then came to deliver our morning message. His text was John 1:6, 10:41. "The man who came to preach the word." John was sent to represent God. He came to witness to others.

- (1) John was an unusual man - Birth, life, position above performance
- (2) John's ministry was unusual.
- (3) John's methods were unusual.
- (4) John's message was unusual - conversation, confession, contentment.

The folks that please Jesus are the ones that tell others about Jesus. Rewards are more real than recognition.

A time of prayer was then given for those wanting to get closer to God.

Bro. Karl Sexton led us in "Have Thine Own Way Lord." The service was then turned over to our moderator, who then asked Bro. Malcolm Garrett to dismiss us in prayer, and pray a blessing over the meal.

After a time of lunch and fellowship, Bro. Karl Sexton led us in some singing. The song we sang was "Redeemed." Bro. Tommy Wright then led us in prayer.

Bro. Benny McKinney came at this time and gave us our afternoon devotion. His text was John 12:1-13. He then led in prayer. What would you do if Jesus came today? Our works won't get us to heaven, works cometh by faith. Don't work for the worldly things for they will surely pass away.

Sit at the table of Jesus and get deeper into the word of God. While you are listening to preaching there is two things you can say: (1) AMEN or (2) O-ME.

We should live everyday just like if Jesus is coming today. If Jesus came today could we say, "Blessed is the name of the Lord?" Bro. McKinney then turned the service back to our moderator.

After a time of God's word, we took care of business.

Bro. Foster came and presented words from Randall House Publications. He invited all of us to come by Nashville and see them anytime we can. He asked us to pray for the people involved in translating our literature into the Spanish language.

Our Sunday School Committee reported at this time:

Motion, second, carried to accept this report.

MSC to receive C.T.S. Committee report.

MSC to receive Women's Auxiliary report and prayer requests.

MSC to receive Obituary Committee report, with a time of silent prayer for those who had passed away this past year.

MSC to receive Resolution Committee report.

MSC to receive Home Mission Board report.

A motion then came at this time to have each church try to give \$50.00 to each quarterly meeting, instead of the \$25.00 now being given. MSC to start this at December meeting. This is to help out the Golden indeptedness.

A motion was then made to get each church to give \$500.00 to help pay off the indeptedness at Golden at the next quarterly meeting. MSC.

If something should happen and we don't raise enough money, then we will continue to pay \$50.00 each meeting until this dept is payed off. MSC to accept Nominating Committee report.

Bro. Glenn Jones then turned the chair over to the new Moderator, Bro. Luther Gibson.

Bro. Gibson then appointed delegates to the State Meeting in Gulf Port:

- (1) Bro. Charles Walden
- (2) Sis. Sonja Jones
- (3) Sis. Ruby Southerland
- (4) Sis. Elizabeth Gibson
- (5) Sis. Peggy Sexton

FINANCIAL REPORT

August, 1983 - August, 1984

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Bro. Benny McKinney, Sis. Mouvaline Moss, Bro. Billy Blakney, Sr.

Balance Brought Forward.....\$315.73

- RECEIPTS -

Associational Fees.....\$1,575.00

Offering for Friday Night.....72.00

Other Offerings236.32

Total to be Accounted for\$2,199.05

- DISBURSEMENTS -

Moderator - Gene Gilbert.....\$15.00

Clerk - Debra Short.....30.00

Assistant Clerk - Paula Gilbert.....30.00

Associate Ministries (Golden)525.00

Offering for Mississippi Messenger.....53.78

Offering for Foreign Missions (Rick Bowling).....61.80

State Associational Fee (1982)50.00

(1983)50.00

Stamps & Copies29.10

Miscellaneous3.80

National Fee120.00

Hodges Printing (Minutes).....400.00

Total Paid Out.....\$1,368.48

Balance on Hand\$830.57

PETITIONARY LETTER

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of God, at Jacinto, Mississippi, send this petitionary letter to the ministers and messengers, composing the Little Brown Creek Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with Martin Hill F.W.B. Church, asking admittance to your honorable body. We were organized with 32 members. We send this petitionary letter by the hands of our beloved brethren, to wit: Curtis Briley 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 4; by resolution ; discontinued by letter 11; expelled ; died . Total membership 32. Contributions \$. We have elected Elder Curtis Briley to the pastoral care of our church for the ensuing year. Number of deacons 2; number of ministers 1. Clerk's name and address: Brenda Smith, Rt. 6, Box 328, Booneville, Mississippi 38829. Moderator's name and address: Glenn Jones, Rt. 6, Corinth, Mississippi 38834.

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Richton, Mississippi 39476

Little Brown Creek Association
Mrs. Diane Akers
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Greetings,

Rev. Lenarse Stricklen has joined the South Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists. We would appreciate a letter of recommendation from your association if this meets with your approval.

Thank you,

Linda Little, Clerk
South Mississippi Association
of Free Will Baptists
Route 1, Box 98
Richton, Mississippi 39476

Hackleburg, AL
10-14-83

Sirs:

We request a letter of good standing from you for Rev. Danny Short.

State Line Association of AL & MS
J.C. Hood, Clerk
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ANNUAL SITIS

Churches	Pastors	Clerks	Church Value	Parsonage Value	Church Debt	Income	Pastor's Salary	Remodeling	Debt Retirement	Local Expenses	
Antioch	Rev. Glenn Jones Rt. 6 Corinth, MS 38834 601-462-5889	Doris Bray Rt. 2, Box 352 Iuka, MS 38852 (601) 423-5873	187,000	0	0	42,000	11,700	158	3,100	14,500	1,000
Burgess Creek	Rev. Eulon Pruiett Rt. 1 Dennis, MS 38838 601-454-7109	Mary Crowell Rt. 2, Box 45M Tishomingo, MS 38873 (601) 423-5313	20,000	0	0	6,500	4,000	0	0	3,000	200
Calvary	Rev. Curtis Briley Rt. 7 Booneville, MS 38829 601-728-4596	Brenda Smith Rt. 6 Booneville, MS 38829 601-728-7105	80,000	0	7,400	15,000	2,600	1,500	0	0	200
Community	Rev. Malcolm Garrett Rt. 2, Box 177 Michie, TN 38357 901-239-9776	Patricia Bonds Rt. 1, Box 11 Guys, TN 38339 901-239-8816	100,000	0	18,300	31,100	5,200	15,500	1,100	3,200	000
1st FWB Booneville	Rev. Luther Gibson P.O. Box 818 Booneville, MS 38829 601-728-6004	Mary Bullard Rt. 3 Rienzi, MS 38865 601-728-6051	110,000	30,000	0	40,500	14,900	14,000	0	15,500	000
1st FWB Iuka	Rev. J.T. Prince Rt. 2, Box 217 Tishomingo, MS 38873 601-462-5888	Marilyn Williams Rt. 5, Box 6 Iuka, MS 38852 601-423-5400	110,000	0	9,800	0	6,500	8,300	14,800	5,200	100
Jones Chapel	Rev. Wayne Yarbrough Rt. 1, Box 360 Salttillo, MS 38866 601-842-1358	Peggy Stacks Rt. 3 Blue Springs, MS 38828 601-869-5802	71,000	14,000	8,000	29,000	5,500	10,000	1,240	3,000	000
Little Brown	Rev. Gene Gilbert Rt. 1, Box 360 New Site, MS 38859 601-728-9284	Bettie Akers Rt. 5, Box 164 Booneville, MS 38829 601-728-3018	63,000	47,000	20,000	31,600	9,600	5,000	3,900	7,400	0
Macedonia	Rev. Karl Sexton Rt. 5, Box 111 Booneville, MS 38829 601-728-9816	Ruby Whittemore Rt. 1, Box 222 Rienzi, MS 38865 601-462-5684	45,000	0	0	6,400	4,800	0	0	351	32
Martin Hill	Rev. Johnny Sexton Rt. 5, Box 111 Booneville, MS 38829 601-728-9816	Peggie Griffin Rt. 5 Booneville, MS 38829 601-728-7979	150,000	35,000	0	36,900	0	0	0	6,420	000
Mt. Pisgah	Rev. Hollis Southerland Rt. 4, Box 317-A Savannah, TN 38372 901-925-4374	Robin Johnson Rt. 1 Booneville, MS 38829 601-728-6796	100,000	0	0	25,900	9,900	3,000	0	5,500	000
New Lebanon	Rev. Gerald Taylor Rt. 2 Tishomingo, MS 38873 601-462-7591	Vaughanda Hall Rt. 2, Box 255A Tishomingo, MS 38873 601-462-7838	70,000	35,000	0	35,000	20,000	5,600	0	7,700	100
Smith Chapel	Rev. Benny McKinney Rt. 2 Tishomingo, MS 38873 601-423-6619	Tina Johnson Rt. 1 Booneville, MS 38829 601-728-3600	45,000	0	15,900	10,000	3,700	100	2,000	1,000	0
TOTALS:			1,151,000	161,000	79,400	309,900	93,400	63,158	26,140	72,771	1,423

ICAL REPORT

Home Missions	FWB Bible College	State Ministries	Associational Fee	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
2,400	0	360	35	162	183	345	21	14	3	0	0	70	50	106	98	50	50	25	15	1	0	1	0	8	7	3
50	0	0	35	90	16	106	1	2	2	2	1	14	10	45	30	0	0	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
2,500	0	0	35	0	0	35	0	2	0	0	0	0	15	61	50	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0
870	0	400	35	0	0	47	1	3	0	0	0	0	20	0	40	0	6	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
2,100	0	0	35	210	37	247	1	0	2	5	2	74	0	93	87	72	64	16	13	2	0	0	0	14	11	7
100	0	0	35	0	0	239	1	8	4	0	0	0	50	60	30	15	15	12	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
500	180	0	35	80	20	100	0	0	2	0	1	0	30	40	40	30	25	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	5
162	0	128	35	86	29	115	0	1	1	0	1	60	39	88	83	50	39	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	3
203	0	0	35	51	4	55	6	1	4	0	0	0	20	28	25	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
2,800	0	0	35	0	0	415	10	9	14	2	8	22	0	0	126	103	69	15	12	1	0	0	1	12	10	6
2,000	0	0	35	140	24	164	2	2	6	0	2	0	29	70	55	40	34	11	9	1	0	0	2	0	0	4
622	0	0	35	110	184	294	4	6	0	0	0	55	50	150	105	0	0	20	11	3	0	0	5	0	0	7
193	0	0	35	0	0	78	1	1	1	0	0	0	25	40	25	0	0	10	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
14,500	900	888	455	929	497	2,240	57	49	39	9	15	295	338	781	794	360	302	122	80	16	2	3	13	34	28	50

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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LICENSED MINISTERS

Bro. Jerry Hooper

Bro. Rodney Whittemore

COMMITTEE REPORTS

We report that we have an increase of one more C.T.S. program. However, our enrollment has decreased from 404 to 360. With our average attendance decreasing from 314 to 312.

We feel that we all should be aware of both our enrollment and average attendance decreasing.

Therefore, we recommend that pastors, teachers, and all members work harder and diligently to improve our C.T.S. programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Dewayne Pannell,
Roberta Hall,
Edith Livingston

YOUTH RALLY REPORT

The average attendance from August '83 to August '84 was 136.

Our high month was September at First Church of Booneville at 166.

In March we had a Basketball Tournament for missions with about 10 churches participating. The trophies went to: 1st place- Booneville, Martin Hill- little boys- 1st place.

Our giving went as follows:

Alan Crowson Fund	\$125.00
Free Will Baptist Bible College	205.00
Mississippi Home Missions	\$171.00
March for Missions - (Tournament and other gifts)	1,359.50
TOTAL	\$1,860.50

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

On Christian Education Board: Curtis Briley to replace Luther Gibson.

On Home Mission Board: Terry King to replace Steve Jones, Steve Hendrix to replace Glen Cummings, Glenn Jones to replace Gene Gilbert, Gene Gilbert to replace Gerald Taylor.

Assistant Clerk - Sonja Jones

Clerk - Paula Gilbert

Assistant Moderator - Hollis Southerland

Submitted By:
Herman Whittemore
Gerald Taylor
Wayne Yarbrough

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Be it resolved that the 1977 resolution requiring ministers to report to the association at least every 2 years ought to be examined to obtain credentials, that it be added to the constitution as Article 10 Section 5.

Respectfully Submitted:
Gene Gilbert
Hollis Southerland
Charles Walden

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee, regretfully submit this report:

Martin Hill.....	Bro. Harvey Davis Sis. Hettie Peeks Bro. Vernon Lovell Bro. Bilbo Winsett Bro. Gordon Walden Sis. Essie Cole Sis. Bera McCalmon Bro. O.C. Harber
1st - Booneville	Bro. Homer McCoy Sis. Flora Fugitt
Little Brown.....	Sis. Virginia Smith
Mt. Pisgah.....	Bro. Harold Livingston Sis. Ophelia Vanderander
Burgess Creek.....	Elton Nichols
Jones Chapel	Alma Jackson

We ask that all stand for a time of silent prayer for these that have went out of our midst.

Charles Jones
Steve Hendrix
Terry King

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Little Brown Creek District Woman's Auxiliary Convention has 9 auxiliaries with 129 women enrolled.

During the 1983-84 year from May through April. We gave \$2,159.00 to our Gulfport and Greenville churches.

We gave \$1,494.17 to the Children's Home and \$178.17 for cash gifts to the home.

We gave a total of \$8,046.22 to missions, mission related projects, Bible College, children's home, and local church activities and supplies.

We are happy to report that according to our National Report, our Mississippi Woman's Auxiliary is in the top ten states in Laborer offerings and WNAL offerings.

We urge the other churches to organize an auxiliary and share in this great mission work.

Elizabeth Gibson
Sonja Jones
June Skinner

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee reported that our attendance was down and we asked to pray for this.

Respectfully Submitted:
Ronald McVey
Betty Helton
Jewel Garvin

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 of 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 from 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, 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
24. 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
25. 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
26. 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
27. 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
28. 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
29. 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

30. 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

31. 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 ensueing 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, asssttment 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 members shall be elected for terms of one (1), two (2), and three (3) years. One minister and one lay membershall 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.

Section 5. 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.

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; 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.)

PERSISTENCE. 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 worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

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

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

Little Brown F.W.B.
December 1, 1984

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

1st - Booneville F.W.B.
March 2, 1985

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

Antioch F.W.B.
June 1, 1985

ANNUAL SESSION

Little Brown F.W.B.
Friday Night — August 30, 1985
Saturday Morning — August 31, 1985