

Minutes Of The 97th Annual Session Of The Little Brown Creek Free Will Baptist Association

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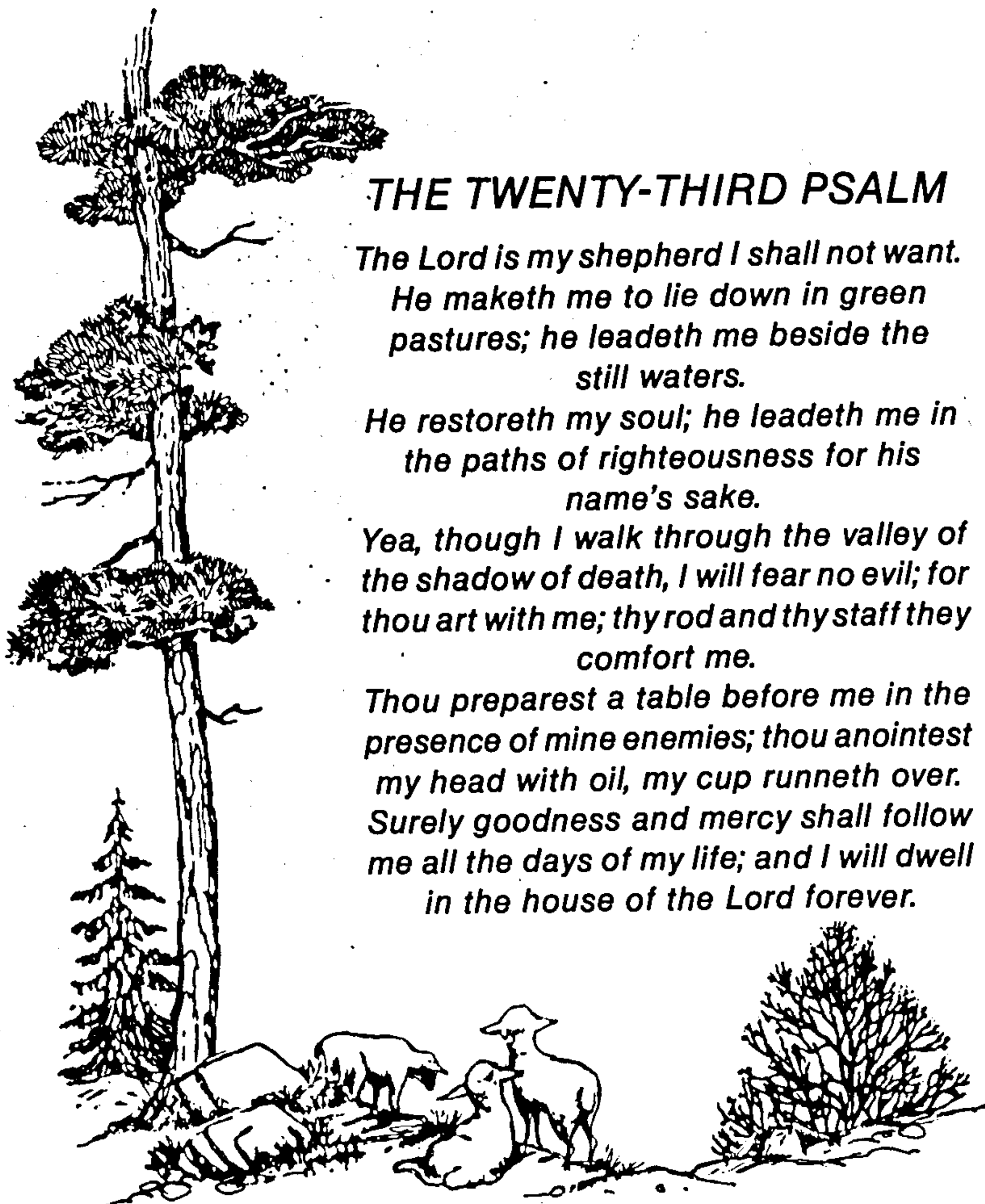
THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

*The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green
pastures; he leadeth me beside the
still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in
the paths of righteousness for his
name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for
thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they
comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies; thou anointest
my head with oil, my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life; and I will dwell
in the house of the Lord forever.*



**First Free Will Baptist Church, Booneville
Booneville, Mississippi
September 4-5, 1987**

Minutes
Of The
97th Annual Session
Of The
Little Brown Creek
Free Will Baptist
Association

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FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING
December 1, 1986
NEW LEBANON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Bro. Glenn Jones opened our meeting with congregational singing, with Sis. Sonja Jones accompanying at the piano. Bro. Danny Ballard led in the opening prayer. Bro. Benny McKinney, our moderator, welcomed the congregation and directed us to Psalms 100 as a special verse to remember. The host pastor, Bro. Gerald Taylor, welcomed the association to New Lebanon.

Bro. Jones led in "An Old Account Was Settled," then Bro. Curtis Briley brought the message taken from Amos 8:11-12. He entitled the message "A Famine in Our Land." There is a lack of the preaching of the true Gospel in our land today. The Word will stand when the world passes away. He referred to II Chronicles 7:14. Our own nation needs healing today. Revival would come if we would live the way the Word tells us to live and pray.

Bro. McKinney recognized standing delegates, then the church delegates were recognized and seated. MSC to seat the delegates.

Bro. Glenn Jones gave a report from the State Home Mission Board. A plan has been adopted to purchase land in Southaven, MS, by April, 1987. He encouraged us to begin planning activities to raise money in the March for Missions drive. He challenged pastors to go back to their church and ask their people to raise at least \$2,000.00 for the drive. Several pastors accepted the challenge to raise various amounts of money for March for Missions.

Bro. Terry Booker, chairman of the Board of Conferences and Itinerant Ministries, gave a report. Each church that participates in the Missions Conference is asked to contribute \$20.00 to cover travel and other expenses. A Pastor's and Worker's Conference is being planned for the early part of the year. A definite date has not been set. Bro. Booker encourages us to pray about the conference. Each church is encouraged to contribute \$25.00 to help in this conference.

MSC to accept these reports.

A report of attendance was given, with a total of 36 present at the meeting. MSC to accept this report.

Bro. McKinney appointed a Resolution Committee: Bro. Russell Clouse, Bro. Danny Ballard, and Bro. Tommy Wright.

Bro. Clouse led in prayer as we were dismissed for a recess.

After recess, Bro. Jones led in "The Old Rugged Cross." Bro. McKinney then introduced Bro. D.W. Jones as the next speaker. He read from Ezekiel 22:23-31. He also referred to the book of Hosea, Micah, and Zephaniah. These books showed the conditions that prevailed when God looked down for a righteous man to stand in the gap, but found none. He then mentioned some men who had paid the price to stand in the gap and be used of God. Moses and Israel were men taken from the Word of God who had been such men. Bro. Jones also mentioned some great Free Will Baptist men of God who were dedicated and were used by God to stand in the gap. God is looking for men of dedication, compassion, prayer and supplication, and faith today. A prayer of dedication was offered after the message.

MSC to enter the business session. Bro. Clouse, chairman of the Resolution Committee, came forward to present the resolutions.

Item # 1: The LBC Association host the Pastor's and Worker's Conference on February 27-28 in conjunction with the 2nd Quarterly Meeting at the Community Free Will Baptist Church.

Item # 2: The Board of Christian Education be granted authority to plan a Sunday School workshop to be conducted for the Association to help train and enrich our Sunday School programs.

Item # 3: Give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality during the meeting.

Each item was taken separately and voted on separately. Each item received a motion and a second, then carried.

Bro. Clouse also talked about ways of improving the March for Missions basketball tournament. Suggestions were made to change the platform of the tournament to a round robin tournament. Bro. Gibson made a motion to allow Bro. McKinney to appoint a three-man committee to plan a place for the tournament and arrange other details involved. This carried, and Bro. McKinney appointed Bro. Russell Clouse, Bro. Sammy Tolar, and Bro. Terry King to serve on this committee.

Bro. Jones led in a congregational song as the offering was taken. Bro. Frank Fagan, pastor from Poplar Springs Free Will Baptist Church, led in prayer. Bro. Luther Gibson, Bro. Terry Booker, Bro. Glenn Jones, and Bro. Russell Clouse rendered a special song. They sang "I'll Fly Away" while Sis. Janie Gale Clouse accompanied on the piano.

Bro. Luther Gibson brought the final message, taken from Philippians 2:5-9. The message was entitled "The Sweetest Name I Know."

There were five main points in the message: (1) Jesus is a powerful name. (2) It is a sacrificial name. (3) His name is a conquering name. (4) He has a highly exalted name. (5) Jesus is a saving name.

Announcements were made. A report of the total offering was given. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Tommy Wright.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

February 27-28, 1987

COMMUNITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION:

Bro. Terry Booker, chairman of the Board of Conferences and Itinerant Ministries, presided over the Pastor's and Worker's Conference.

Bro. Frank Fagan led in the opening prayer. Bro. Randy Settle led the congregation in the song service, accompanied by Janie Gale Clouse. The youth choir from Burgess Creek Free Will Baptist Church presented special music.

Dr. Leroy Forlines was the first speaker of the evening. He spoke on the meaning of being Spirit-filled. Acts 1:5 and Acts 11:16 both refer to the receiving of the Holy Spirit. Baptism of the Holy Spirit means the receiving of the Holy Spirit. The Baptism is the initial experience. I Corinthians 12:13 — the baptism happened at conversion. Speaking in Tongues marked the beginnings of the Gospel being spread to the Gentiles when Peter was speaking to Cornelius. Tongues is an evidence of the Gentiles receiving this new relationship. (Acts 19:2-6) Romans 8:9 — If a person doesn't have the Holy Spirit, he is not saved. This is a permanent doctrine of the church. The evidences are the evidences of conversion found in II Corinthians 5:14 and I John 3:10.

Bro. Randy led in congregational singing. A love offering was taken. Bro. Benny McKinney shared a special song entitled "The Sweetest Hallelujah."

Bro. Hughes Ellis then came and spoke about the "Modern-Day Evidences of the Spirit-filled Life." The text was Colossians 2:1-12. Paul reminds the Colossians that all treasures of wisdom and knowledge are of God. We are complete in Jesus Christ. The ancient error was that some people said they had a knowledge others did not have. Today, people say they have had a spiritual experience others have not had. The modern-day charismatic movement is a movement of infiltration, infatuation, and influence. Principles by which the movement operates: (1) Deceptive in nature: (a) Claims of their superior experiences, (b) Relationship to the Holy Spirit, (c) Superior exercise of faith and authority as a believer, (d) Glorified spirituality, (e) Places of emphasis, (f) Operation; (2) Devisive in character; (3) Destructive in principle; (4) Disruptive in practice; (5) Difficult to deal with.

The meeting was dismissed in prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION:

Bro. Terry Booker welcomed everyone. Bro. Randy Settle led in congregational singing. Sis. Janie Gail Clouse played the piano. Bro. Glenn Jones led in the opening prayer.

Bro. Booker then introduced Bro. Leroy Forlines. He continued his message on "The Evidences of being Spirit-filled." He went through the book of Acts and sited every verse where the Scripture mentions being Spirit-filled. Being filled with the Holy Spirit begins at conversion, then can happen at various times in the Christian life. Ephesians 5:18 says "...be ye filled with the Holy Spirit." Evidences: 1. Singing from your heart. 2. Being thankful to God. 3. Submitting yourselves one to another — learning to respect and live with one another, learning from one another. 4. Obeying Scripture. Galatians 5:22-23 — Fruits of the Spirit. Being filled should produce these fruits. Ephesians 5:9 — Righteousness, integrity, etc. are evidences that we are Spirit-filled. Acts 1:8 — Winning souls. Phil. 2:13 — The Holy Spirit works in us to get us to do the will of God.

Bro. Malcolm Garrett dismissed in prayer for a time of fellowship. Afterwards, Bro. Randy welcomed us back with congregational singing. Bro. Steve Nichols led in prayer.

Bro. Russell Clouse presented plaques of appreciation to three preachers in the LBC Association who have retired. These men were Bro. Sid Whitehead, Bro. Luther Gibson, and Bro. D.W. Jones.

A love offering was taken. Bro. Randy led in "He Brought Me Out," then Bro. Hughes Ellis continued his message about spiritual gifts. His references were Eph. 12:11, Rom. 12:4, and I Cor. 12:4. (1) Problems of the gifts: (a) Immaturity, (b) Carnality, (c) Immorality, (d) Cause divisions, defections, and difficulties. These were all problems in the church at Corinth. Gifts are distributed to individuals as a member of the body of Christ. There should be no depreciation of one's self or of others. They are given by grace, not by merit. They are distributed out of God's Sovereignty. (2) Purpose of the gifts: They are not given for personal enrichment, nor for personal edification, but to build up the body of Christ. (a) Proper function of the Body, (b) Practical Edification of the Body, (c) Prevent divisions of the Body, (d) Profit of the Body. (3) Profit of the Spiritual Gifts: (a) Service gifts - ministry, giving, leadership, faith, etc., (b) Speaking gifts - prophecy, teaching, exhortation, wisdom, knowledge, (c) Sign gifts - tongues, healings, miracles - these are not pertinent for today.

Bro. Booker then opened the floor for questions and answers. Bro. Benny McKinney then came forward to conduct the business session of the Association. MSC to enter the business session.

Bro. Tommy Wright, a member of the Board of Christian Education, proposed a conference-type institute to be planned in April for VBS, SS, and CTS teachers. This would be a type of training seminar. MSC.

Bro. Glenn Jones made a motion to send \$1,000.00 from the LBC treasury to the March for Missions drive. This carried.

Bro. J.L. Gore from the Delta Central Association explained that the mission work in Southaven is going to be the most expensive work so far. He encouraged each association to be gracious in their giving this year.

Bro. Glenn Jones announced about a fishing rodeo to help raise money from Antioch Free Will Baptist Church for March for Missions. He invited all to participate.

Prayer requests were made.

Bro. Malcolm Garrett moved we adjourn. Bro. Luther Gibson dismissed in prayer.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

June 6, 1987

BURGESS CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Bro. Russell Clouse opened our meeting with the congregation singing "He Keeps Me Singing" with Sis. Janie Gale Clouse accompanying at the piano. Bro. Russell Wright led in the opening prayer. Bro. Benny McKinney, our moderator, welcomed the congregation and recognized Bro. Tommy Wright, the host pastor, who welcomed us to Burgess Creek.

Bro. Jay Lowery brought a very heart-warming devotion. He shared with us a clipping he had, "Grow or Go." He also gave a short testimony of how he was thankful to God for what He had done in his life.

Bro. Benny McKinney recognized the standing delegates. Then the church delegates were recognized and seated. MSC to seat the delegates.

Bro. Glenn Jones gave a short report on the mission project, "Southaven."

Bro. Terry Booker, chairman of the Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries, gave a report on the Fall conference and asked each church to send \$25.00 to support this conference.

Bro. Russell Clouse mentioned the Softball Field Day coming up July 25th at Booneville Park with each church to contribute a certain (unannounced at this time) amount for an entrance fee to be used for a Free Will Baptist cause of some sort.

Bro. Malcolm Garrett then asked that the Association or each individual church do something for Bro. Wayne Yarbrough's wife in her time of sickness. The motion was made to give this Quarterly Meeting's fees to them plus the offering. MSC.

Bro. Tommy Wright gave a report from the Christian Education Board about the workshop at First Church, Booneville with Dr. Roger Reeds and asked for ideas on a workshop next year.

Bro. D.W. Jones thanked the Association for the plaque given him by the Association for 31 years of service in the ministry.

Bro. Benny appointed a Resolution Committee: Bro. Tommy Wright, Bro. D.W. Jones, and Bro. Sammie Tolar.

A report of attendance was given by the clerk with a total of 39 present. MSC this report.

Bro. Gerald Taylor led in prayer as we were dismissed for recess.

We came back after recess singing "Bring Them In." At this time Bro. Russell Wright and Bro. Ivan Asbury were recognized to share a few words about their plans for the future at First Church, Booneville.

Bro. Danny Short was our next speaker. He read from Hebrews 2:9 and John 6:2, 14, and 26. His main point in the message was "How do we see Jesus?" If we see Him as the supreme being that He really is, it will show up in our everyday lives. If problems arise in our churches, He gave us the solution for the greatest or smallest problem. Take them to our Heavenly Father in earnest prayer and give the books of I and II Corinthians a good study. He closed with Philippians.

MSC to enter into the business session. Rev. Tommy Wright, chairman of the Resolution Committee, came forward to present this resolution.

1 Be it resolved that the Association, each year at the Annual Meeting, recognize and present a plaque to ministers who have reached 20 years of service to the Association. This was carried. The resolution Committee asked that we give the host church a standing vote of appreciation.

The motion was made and carried that the Association reimburse Bro. Russell Clouse for the 3 plaques he bought for Bro. Gibson, Bro. Whitehead, and Bro. D.W. Jones. The check was to be made for \$81.00. MSC.

Bro. Glenn Jones led in the offertory prayer. Bro. and Sis. Clouse sang a special as the offering was taken. Bro. Ivan Asbury blessed our hearts as he sang a special for us

Bro. Benny then introduced our final speaker for the morning, Bro. Hollis Southerland. His message was taken from Exodus 14:13-25. He spoke about the way the Lord took care of the Children of Israel as they journeyed to the Canaan Land. The cloud would lead his people when moving on was necessary. In our lives we need to feel the spirit leading us when a move is necessary. The cloud would move between His people and their enemy when danger arose. When God is on our side the devil knows he just as well give up. If we live in the will of God, there may be a few disappointments, but there won't be any failures. He closed with the thought of us living in perilous times, but with Jesus at our right hand we will make it. Keep fighting and pressing on till we see Jesus face to face.

Announcements were made and Bro. Danny Ballard dismissed us in prayer.

ANNUAL MEETING

September 4-5, 1987

FIRST BOONEVILLE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION:

The 97th Annual Session of the Little Brown Creek Association of Free Will Baptists met at First Booneville Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Ivan Asbury served as song leader and Sis. Ruby Lawrence was the pianist. The congregation was led in the singing of "When We All Get To Heaven."

Rev. Benny McKinney welcomed everyone to the meeting. He brought a devotion taken from II Tim. 4:7-8. He assured us that we, as Paul, have a fight to fight and a race to run. God encourages us to keep up the good fight of faith.

After the church roll call, MSC to seat church delegates. Rev. McKinney appointed the Committee on Committees: Rev. Tommy Wright, Rev. Glenn Jones, and Bro. Cuthen Cagle.

A special in music was rendered by Rev. Ivan Asbury. Rev. McKinney introduced Rev. Russell Wright to bring us the evening message. He entitled his message, "Being Successful," taken from Joshua 1:1-9. God gave us His very best, we need to give Him the very best that we can give. If we are His, then we can expect to be successful. (1) God does not play favoritism, (2) We must have faith to be successful, (3) Success depends on what we do with the Bible, (4) Don't let discouragement stop you.

The appointment of committees was made. A total of 109 in attendance was reported. We sang the final verse of "Amazing Grace," and were dismissed.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION:

Rev. Benny McKinney welcomed everyone to the morning session and Rev. Ivan Asbury led in a congregational song. Rev. Russell Wright led in the opening prayer. Rev. McKinney introduced Rev. Terry Booker to bring the morning devotion.

Rev. Booker's text was taken from Heb. 11:1,2. He listed 3 groups who should give a report about our churches: (1) Heaven, (2) Hell, (3) Community. If we meet with Jesus, then we should have a good report. Having faith will help us have a good report.

The motion was made to enter into the business session with Rev. McKinney in charge. The church letters were dispersed, examined and corrections were made.

Rev. Clouse made a motion that the church clerks enter their average Sunday School attendance under Sunday School enrollment if they do not keep enrollment records. The Associational clerks will send a letter to the church clerks explaining this procedure. MSC to accept.

The Finance Committee gave their report. MSC to accept.

The Woman's Auxiliary Committee gave their report. MSC to accept.

Rev. Glenn Jones gave a report from the Youth Rally. He also reported from the State Mission Board. The Board is presently seeking a missionary to serve in the new work in Southaven. MSC to accept both these reports.

We then recessed for a short time of fellowship.

After recess Rev. Ivan Asbury led us in congregational singing and Rev. Tommy Wright opened in prayer.

An offering was taken with a total of \$101.50. Associational fees were \$750.00. This totaled \$851.50.

Rev. Gerald Taylor then came to bring the morning message which was entitled "Fight The Good Fight Of Faith." Rev. Curtis Briley led in prayer. Rev. Taylor's text was taken from Amos 8:11. If we take our eye off the goal then men will die and go to Hell. (1) I Tim. 4:1 — Some will depart from the faith, (2) I Tim. 5:8 — Some shall deny the faith, (3) I Tim. 5:12 — Some will cast off their first faith, (4) I Tim. 6:10 — Some shall be seduced from the faith, (5) I Tim. 6:21 — Some have erred concerning the faith, (6) II Tim. 3:8 — Some shall be reprobate concerning the faith. He contented that the Word of God is not being preached across the world like it once was and encouraged or admonished us, as Paul does, that we should contend for the faith. The message was closed with an altar of prayer. Rev. Russell Wright dismissed in prayer and asked the blessing over the noon meal.

After a delicious meal, we were welcomed back by Rev. Ivan Asbury leading the congregation in the singing of "Heaven's Jubilee." Rev. Terry Booker led in prayer. Rev. McKinney recognized Rev. Wayne Yarbrough, who thanked the Association for their love offering given to help on the medical expenses during the illness of his wife.

Rev. Russell Clouse delivered the afternoon devotional. The title of his message was "The Identity Of The Believer," taken from I Cor. 3:9. He gave 3 reasons for the identity crisis of the Corinthians: (1) Immaturity, (2) Independence, (3) Isolation Groups. He challenged each of us: (1) to be laborers together with God, (2) God's husbandry - work and nurture the good soil, (3) God's building - we are all contributing to God's great building.

We then entered the business session to complete the business.

Rev. Tommy Wright reported for the Board of Christian Education. MSC to accept.

Sunday School and CTS Committee gave their report. MSC to accept.

The Obituary Committee reported. MSC to accept. All stood for a moment of silent prayer.

The Credentials Committee recommended that Rev. Russell Wright, Rev. Ivan Asbury, and Rev. Leonard Ball be accepted into full fellowship of the Little Brown Creek Association.

The Resolution Committee reported. MSC to adopt the resolutions, then vote on each item. MSC to delete from our Minutes resolutions 28, 29, and 30 concerning the Golden Mission. The motion was made that the Executive Committee review the Constitution and report their recommendations at the next Annual Meeting. This carried. First Church was given a rising vote of appreciation for their hospitality shown during the meeting.

A motion was made to install Mid-Way Free Will Baptist Church into the list of churches for acceptance of the Annual Meeting for the 1988 session. This carried.

A motion was made for the Executive Committee to include into their pre-stated meeting the matter of churches entering the sequel of holding responsibilities of the Annual Meeting.

The Nominating Committee gave their report. MSC to accept the report as given.

The Pearl Church in Jackson will host this year's State Association. Delegates to this meeting are: Ruby Southerland, Elizabeth Gibson, Lon Bullard, and Kathy Wright.

Announcements were made. We were dismissed by Bro. Ewell Wright.

— C O M M I T T E E S —

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CTS COMMITTEE

Ruby Whittemore — Mikey Smith — Cheryl Jordan

FINANCE COMMITTEE

John Gargus — Sue Hunt — Robert Lambert

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Luther Gibson — Rev. Danny Ballard — Steve Jones

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Chester King — Aleene Sharp — Mouvaline Moss

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

Roberta Hall — Angie Cummings — Altie Walker

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Rev. Russell Clouse — Larry Rhodes — Sherron Barron

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. Benny McKinney — Rev. Glenn Jones — Rev. Gerald Taylor
Rev. Malcolm Garrett — Rev. Luther Gibson

— C O M M I T T E E R E P O R T S —

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CTS

We, the Sunday School Committee, report that all churches do have Sunday School. We are happy to report that our attendance is up. Praise the Lord, and increased attendance from 757 to 775.

We report that 11 churches have CTS or a training program, with attendance rising from 346 to 357. Thank the Lord for an increase here. And let's encourage others to start CTS programs.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Finance Committee, have examined the report of the associational treasury and found it to be in order.

FINANCIAL REPORT

August 1, 1986 — July 31, 1987

Balance Brought Forward.....\$1,154.78

RECEIPTS

Associational Fees & Offerings.....2,174.49

Total Finances Available\$3,329.27

DISBURSEMENTS

Moderator\$ 15.00

Assistant Moderator..... 10.00

Clerk..... 50.00

Assistant Clerk..... 30.00

National Associational Fees..... 140.00

State Associational Fees..... 50.00

MS State Home Missions 1,000.00

Roger Reeds - Sunday School Workshop 250.00

Plaques of Appreciation..... 81.00

Bro. Wayne Yarbrough - Medical Expenses 394.00

Hodges Printing 424.00

Randall House Publications 1.50

Stamps..... 25.30

Supplies..... 3.46

Copies29.20

Total Expenses.....2,503.46

Balance on Hand\$ 825.81

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee submitted the following slate of officers:

Moderator..... Rev. Gerald Taylor

Assistant Moderator Rev. Russell Clouse

Clerk Freda Barron

Assistant Clerk Glenda Wright

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee, regretfully report that 14 of our beloved members have gone to be with the Lord. They are as follows:

Antioch Sis. Ruby Blakney

First Booneville..... Sis. Marie Wallace

Sis. Bectrice Gann

Little Brown..... Bro. Sidney Moreland

Martin Hill..... Sis. Della Mae Eaton

Sis. Alma Walden

Sis. Margaret Carpenter

Bro. Thomas Austin

Sis. Alma Mann

Mt. Pisgah..... Bro. Hubert Hunkapillar

Sis. Della Warrington

Sis. Celestia Williams

New Lebanon Bro. Whitt Stricklen

Sis. Lola South

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

(1) Rev. Ivan Asbury and recommend him into the fellowship of the Association with full ordained status.

(2) Rev. Leonard Ball and recommend him into the fellowship of the Association with full ordained status.

(3) Rev. Russell Wright and recommend him to full fellowship of the ministry of this Association.

Luther Gibson, Chairman

Malcolm Garrett

Benny McKinney

Gerald Taylor

Glenn Jones

YOUTH RALLY REPORT

The average attendance from August '86 to July '87 was 122. The highest month was January at Antioch with a total of 149.

We held our annual basketball tournament for missions: The winners were:

Little Boys..... Martin Hill

Women..... Community

Men..... Martin Hill

Men Over 40..... First Booneville

The Pastor's Free Throw ended in a tie between Rev. Benny McKinney and Rev. Luther Gibson with the total of 5 out of 10.

Our giving for the year was as follows:

Alan Crowson Fund..... \$120.00

MS Home Missions 120.00

FWBBC 180.00

Randall House Publications 26.40

Total..... \$446.40

March for Missions Tournament..... \$1,114.00

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPLACEMENTS

The Christian Education Board for the upcoming year is as follows:

Rev. Tommy Wright (1 year)

Rev. Ivan Asbury (2 years)

Bro. Gerald Bennett (3 years)

Rev. Russell Clouse (4 years)

Bro. Glenn Cummings (5 years)

HOME MISSION BOARD REPLACEMENTS

The Home Mission Board for the upcoming year is as follows:

Rev. J.T. Prince (1 year)

Bro. Billy Joe Garvin (1 year)

Rev. Danny Ballard (2 years)

Bro. Sherron Barron (2 years)

Bro. Steve Jones (3 years)

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

Churches	Total Value	Total Income	Baptisms	Members Added	Total Lost	Active Membership	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Deacons
Antioch	187,000	33,263.55	5	5	7	95	1	0	3
Burgess Creek	50,000	12,839	6	10	0	45	1	0	2
Calvary	60,000	6,692.95	1	1	3	21	1	0	1
Community	200,000	20,824.01	0	0	2	29	1	0	0
1st Booneville	170,000	54,095	0	5	0	86	3	0	8
1st Iuka	150,000	32,954.84	4	8	0	110	2	0	7
Jones Chapel	98,000	17,593.55	3	2	3	40	1	0	5
Little Brown	125,000	41,235.46	2	8	6	80	1	0	3
Macedonia	50,000	7,095.49	0	0	1	25	1	0	2
Martin Hill	185,000	45,881.92	3	8	10	130	2	0	5
Mid-Way	48,000	7,850	0	0	0	23	1	0	0
Mt. Pisgah	125,000	26,211.78	4	6	9	87	1	1	5
New Lebanon	383,000	45,129.54	14	15	3	104	3	0	5
Smith Chapel	45,000	13,379.67	1	2	2	34	1	0	3
TOTALS	1,876,000	365,046.76	43	70	46	909	20	2	49

Churches	Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance	C.T.S. Enrollment	Average Attendance	Women's Auxillary Enrollment	Average Attendance	Master's Men Enrollment	Average Attendance
Antioch	101	95	50	50	25	15	12	10
Burgess Creek	40	40	22	22	8	7	0	0
Calvary	21	20	21	18	0	0	0	0
Community	45	25	25	20	0	0	0	0
1st Booneville	76	64	53	39	13	9	10	7
1st Iuka	100	85	45	40	0	0	10	10
Jones Chapel	30	30	22	22	0	0	0	0
Little Brown	99	84	40	31	0	0	0	0
Macedonia	25	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
Martin Hill	116	116	56	56	16	13	15	11
Mid-Way	23	23	25	25	0	0	0	0
Mt. Pisgah	75	58	34	34	13	7	0	0
New Lebanon	90	85	0	0	12	12	0	0
Smith Chapel	34	30	0	0	10	6	0	0
TOTALS	875	775	393	357	97	69	47	38

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Little Brown Creek District Woman's Auxiliary had 7 auxiliaries with 97 members enrolled. We would encourage those who do not have an auxiliary to organize and actively participate in this necessary arm of the church.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Number Active Members On Roll	93
Membership Fees Enclosed	\$162.75
Home Missions:	
Special Project - Southaven	2,000.00
Pre-Thanksgiving	
State Missions Offering	10.00
Foreign Missions:	
Pre-Easter Offering	70.00
Special Projects	
Bible College:	
General Funds	1,146.00
Special Projects	
Student Loan Fund	133.68
WNAC General Fund (August Emphasis Fund)	83.67
Co-Laborer Offerings	37.04
Children's Home	1,522.00
Retired Ministers	
Youth Camp or Projects	
Auxiliary Literature Supplies	519.00
Local Church Activities	1,509.17
Other Special Offerings	<u>114.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	7,310.31
Cash Gifts:	
Foreign Missions	200.00
Home Missions	295.00
State Missions	100.00
Free Will Baptist College	60.00
Children's Home	125.20
Co-Laborer Offerings	<u>75.00</u>
TOTAL	855.20
Non-Cash Gifts:	
Children's Home	407.36
Missionary Provision Closet	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL NON-CASH GIFTS	<u>457.36</u>
GRAND TOTAL DISBURSED	\$8,622.87

PETITIONARY LETTERS

January 13, 1987

Dear Bretheren:

This letter is in regards to my earlier letter of September 22, 1986. When our quarterly meeting convened the last time, I was authorized to send you the letter of good standing for Bro. Ballard, as requested.

Once again I apologize for the delays. If I, or the Liberty Association can be of further service, please let me know.

Yours in Christ,
Louis G. Tolbert, Clerk

September 4, 1987

Dear Friends in Christ:

We, the members of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Booneville, Mississippi, have found Bro. Russell Wright and Bro. Ivan Asbury faithful to Free Will Baptist doctrine. We hereby request the Association to accept them as Free Will Baptist Ministers in the Little Brown Creek Association.

First Free Will Baptist Church
Lou Bullard, Clerk
Ewell Wright

September 4, 1987

Greetings:

We, the Martin Hill Free Will Baptist Church congregation, do hereby petition the Little Brown Creek Association to review Rev. Leonard Ball and accept him as a minister in good standing this Friday, September 4, 1987.

Respectfully,
T.L. Booker, Pastor
Helen Shackelford, Clerk

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Be it resolved that any minister of this Association who is guilty of any act or acts of misconduct which is liable to destroy said minister's influence or impair the influence of the Free Will Baptist faith and order, shall be deemed guilty of a disciplinary offense and after discipline has been used, if he has not shown penitence he shall be excommunicated from the Association. 1927
2. Be it resolved that the clerk enroll ministers and delegates comprising each association and that he (the clerk) call the roll call 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 five 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 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 we have two sessions in our Associational Meetings which would be Friday night and all day Saturday. 1970
13. Be it resolved that we print in the minutes the churches and their pastors with addresses and phone numbers of pastors. 1970
14. Be it resolved that we have a C.T.S. Committee to report at future meetings of the Association. 1971
15. Be it resolved that a Nominating Committee be appointed in the beginning of the Association to nominate officers and members of standing boards and committees for each association. 1971
16. Be it resolved that our Association use the standard Association report form that has been prepared by the National Association of Free Will Baptists. 1971
17. Be it resolved that Scripture for Doctrinal Statements be included in the minutes. 1971
18. Be it resolved that all Committees and Boards be recorded in the minutes each year. 1971
19. Be it resolved that the host church be responsible for special music before the Friday evening and Saturday morning services. 1976
20. 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

21. 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 and prayer in our public schools and that letters be sent to our Congressmen and Senators of this business. 1980
22. 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
23. Be it resolved that the Little Brown Creek Association year end on August 1 instead of September 1 with all church clerks having their letter to the Association no later than August 15. 1980
24. 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 the first Sunday in December; Saturday before the first Sunday in March; Saturday before the first Sunday in June; and Friday night and Saturday before the first Sunday in September. 1981
25. 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
26. Be it resolved that we have our minutes printed by Hodges Printing. 1983
27. Be it resolved to change the quarterly meeting to start at 9:30 A.M. and complete all business by 12:00 noon. 1985
28. Be it resolved that each church of the LBC Association continue to pay Associational fees of \$50.00 each quarter. 1985
29. Be it resolved that the Youth Rally have a report at the Annual Meeting. 1985
30. Be it resolved that since the Associational clerk provides a record of all the church letters the clerk should not have to read the church letters in detail, but each church read their figures and give any corrections to the clerk. 1985
31. Be it resolved that the church membership report be that of active members, rather than total members. 1985
32. Be it resolved that the Association each year at the Annual Meeting recognize and present a plaque to ministers who have reached 20 years of service to the Association. 1987
33. Be it resolved that Article 7 of our Constitution be changed to correspond with Resolution. 1987
34. Be it resolved that it be recorded in our minutes that each church of the Association be responsible for bringing food, drinks, etc., to the Annual Meeting. 1987
35. Be it resolved that the licensing and ordination of all ministers be an Associational matter and that all churches desiring a minister to be licensed petition the Association recommending that the Ordination Committee examine and recommend to the Association the licensing of said minister. 1987

AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT # 1: The church at which the brother has membership will petition the Association. The Credentials Committee will review the petition and will be responsible for administering the license.

AMENDMENT # 2: All licensed ministers seeking ordination will present a letter from their church to the Credentials Committee upon receipt of a pastorate of a church of the Association or upon a ministry (such as an evangelist). His ordination will be an Associational matter.

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.

FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

- 1 — Call church to order
- 2 — Call for peace of church
- 3 — Invite visiting brethren and sisters to take seats with us
- 4 — An opportunity to reception of members
- 5 — Reading minutes of previous conferences
- 6 — Call for unfinished business
- 7 — Call for new business

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 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.

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 SINFULLNESS 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.)

PERSERVERANCE. 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 the 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 (Matt. 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 is to be set apart from secular employments and amusements for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communication with God. (Gen. 2:3; Ex. 20:8-11; Luke 24:1-6.)

RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men on 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.

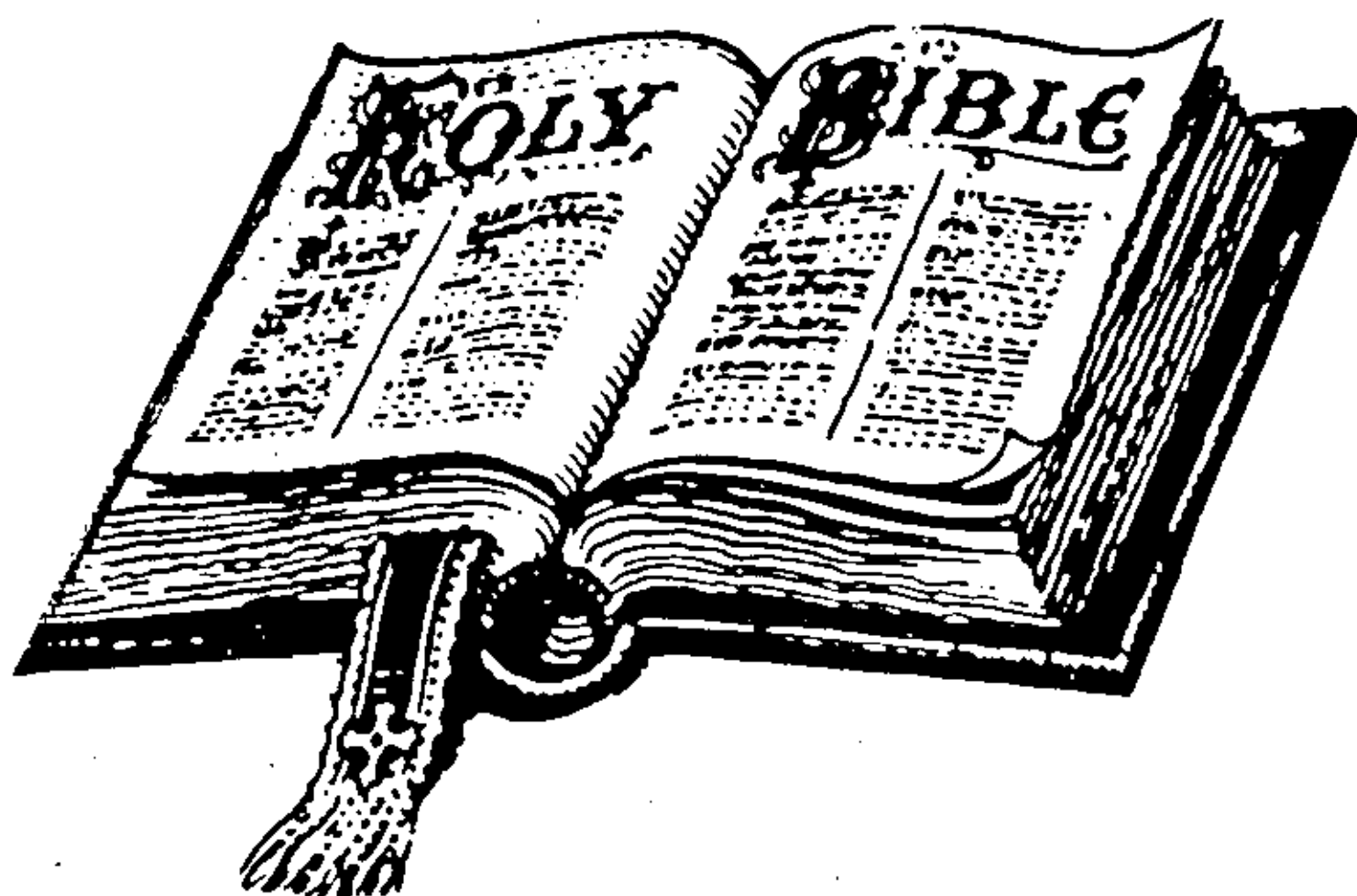
We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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.



UPCOMING QUARTERLY SESSIONS:

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

Antioch Free Will Baptist Church
December 5, 1987

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

Jones Chapel Free Will Baptist Church
March 5, 1988

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

New Lebanon Free Will Baptist Church
June 4, 1988

ANNUAL SESSION

Mid-Way Free Will Baptist Church
Friday Night - September 2, 1988
Saturday Morning - September 3, 1988

