

Minutes Of The 98th Annual Session Of The Little Brown Creek Free Will Baptist Association



*Come unto me, all ye that labour
and are heavy laden, and I will
give you rest.*

*Take my yoke upon you, and
learn of me; for I am meek and
lowly in heart: and ye shall find
rest unto your souls.*

*For my yoke is easy, and my
burden is light.*

Matthew 11:28-30

Martin Hill Free Will Baptist Church September 2 & 3, 1988

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FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

December 5, 1987

ANTIOCH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Leonard Ball opened our meeting with congregational singing, with Bro. Kenneth Conaway accompanying at the piano. Rev. Luther Gibson led in the opening prayer. Rev. Glen Jones welcomed the Association to Antioch.

Rev. Malcolm Garrett brought the morning devotion taken from Hebrews 4:12. He spoke of God's word being sharper than a two-edged sword and how it reaches into the hearts of Christians. The word and the Holy Spirit helps us to realize when we are reverting back to old habits.

Rev. Gerald Taylor then called the meeting to order and recognized the standing delegates. Then the church delegates were recognized and seated. MSC to seat the delegates. The Minutes were read and accepted.

Suggested revisions to the Constitution were presented to the body. Each resolution was read by the Moderator as recommended by the Executive Committee to be incorporated into the Constitution. Each resolution was discussed and voted on separately and approved as read. MSC to delete resolution one, two and three from the Minutes. MSC to add resolution four to article six as section one. MSC to delete resolution five and six. MSC to incorporate resolution seven into article ten as section five. MSC to delete resolution eight. MSC to add resolution nine to article six as section two. MSC to delete resolution ten. MSC to add resolution eleven to article two as section three. MSC to add resolution twelve to article six as section four. MSC to delete resolutions thirteen and fourteen. MSC to incorporate resolution fifteen into article five as section three. MSC to delete resolutions sixteen and seventeen.

Rev. Glen Jones moved to table the remainder of the revisions until the next quarterly meeting. MSC.

We were dismissed in prayer for a short recess. At this time the Credentials Committee met with Rev. Larry Ball.

Following recess Rev. Ivan Asbury led the congregation in "There Is Power In The Blood." He also blessed the congregation with a solo titled "Born Again." Rev. Taylor introduced our guest speaker for the morning, Rev. Ray Lewis. Rev. Lewis brought a message from Nehemiah chapter one. He gave us Nehemiah's outline for prayer: (1) concerned, (2) right concept, (3) continued, (4) confessed, (5) claimed God's promise, (6) had a desire. Following this message Rev. Taylor asked for special prayer requests. The prayer was led by Rev. Russell Wright and closed by Rev. Danny Ballard. Rev. Lewis then presented the National Retirement Program to the Association. There was a short period of question and answer time. The congregation voted to give Rev. Lewis an honorarium of \$100.00.

The attendance for this meeting was 51 and the offering was \$42.25.

Rev. Larry Ball of Community was recommended to be accepted into the Association. The meeting closed by the congregation giving Rev. Ball the right hand shake of Christian fellowship and acceptance into our Association.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

March 5, 1988

JONES CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

We were called to assembly by Rev. Clouse. Rev. Benny McKinney led the congregation in singing "Showers of Blessings" with Sister Jewell Garvin accompanying at the piano. Rev. Tommy Wright brought our prayer time and read John 14:13. He encouraged us to pray in faith. At this time our prayer requests were made. Rev. Luther Gibson asked everyone to stand as he read Matthew 28:16-20.

Rev. Clouse recognized the standing delegates. The church delegates were recognized and seated. MSC to seat delegates.

Rev. Wayne Yarbrough welcomed the Association to Jones Chapel. Rev. Terry Booker led in the singing of "Soul Winners for Jesus."

Our first message was brought by Rev. Larry Ball. His message was taken from Psalm 126:5-6. He spoke of sowing and reaping and putting forth an effort to being a soul winning church. He gave us four necessities for a soul winning church: (1) He, meaning you and I, must work through Christ. (2) He must go forth everyday. (3) He must go with concern. (4) He must bear precious seed. Rev. Ball closed with James 5:20 and prayer.

The congregation was dismissed for a time of fellowship. Following break Rev. Danny Short opened the business session with prayer. The clerk then read the Minutes of the last quarterly meeting. MSC to accept the Minutes as read. Resolutions 17-32 were dicussed and voted on seperately and approved as read. MSC to delete resolution 18. MSC to add resolution 19 to article six as section three. MSC to delete resolutions 20, 21, 22 and 23. MSC to add resolution 24 to article six as section four. MSC to delete resolutions 25, 26 and 27. MSC to add resolution 28 as article seven. MSC to delete resolutions 29, 30 and 31.

Rev. Glenn Jones made a motion to send \$1,000.00 to March for Missions out of the Little Brown Creek Associational Treasury. MSC.

The Credentials Committee recommended that Bro. Donnie Johnson and Bro. Johnny Johnson be accepted into full fellowship of the Little Brown Creek Association as licensed ministers.

Rev. Malcolm Garrett resigned from the Credentials Committee because of his new pastorate outside the Association. MSC to accept resignation. The body gave Rev. Clouse the authority to appoint Rev. Tommy Wright and Rev. Russell Wright to finish out the term for Rev. Garrett and Rev. Gerald Taylor on the Credentials Committee until this year expires.

Mid-Way wavered their acceptance of the annual session to Martin Hill. MSC that Rev. Clouse continue as Moderator and appoint an Assistant Moderator. Rev. Clouse then appointed Rev. Tommy Wright to fill this position. MSC to close the business session and adjourn for a five-minute recess. The session closed in prayer led by Rev. Ivan Asbury.

After recess Rev. Danny Short led the congregation in singing "I'm Finding New Joy." A love offering was taken for Rev. Wayne Yarbrough for medical expenses. A report of attendance of 47 was given.

The host church then blessed the congregation with a special entitled "That Heavenly Home." Rev. Glenn Jones brought the final message "Building Up The Saints," taken from Ephesians 4:11-16. This message on edification encouraged us to not only go but to teach and instruct Christians in baptism, prayer, Bible study, tithing, and witnessing. He brought out three inspiring points: (1) What people should be involved in edifying, (2) What people need to be edified, and (3) What purpose will edification serve in our churches. He closed his message in prayer.

Each preacher met at the altar and joined hands with Bro. Donnie Johnson and Bro. Johnnie Johnson for a special prayer on their new ministry. Rev. Malcolm Garrett then closed the session in prayer.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

June 4, 1988

NEW LEBANON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

The theme for our third quarterly meeting was "Revival in Our Times." Rev. Luther Gibson led the congregation in singing "Deeper and Deeper" with Bro. Steve Hendrix at the piano. Rev. Russell Wright led in the opening prayer. This was a special session where we honored three of our senior pastors. Rev. Tommy

Wright presented a plaque of appreciation to Rev. Wayne Yarbrough for his 35 years of service for the Lord. Rev. Yarbrough thanked the congregation and then led us in the reading of Psalm 85. He asked the preachers and deacons to come forth and pray for the strength and revival needed in our land today. Rev. Gibson led in this time of prayer and Rev. Southerland closed.

Rev. Clouse recognized the standing delegates. Then the church delegates were recognized and seated. MSC to seat the delegates.

Rev. Luther Gibson welcomed the congregation to New Lebanon. Rev. Donnie Johnson led in the singing of "I Am Thine, Oh Lord" and "Kneel At The Cross."

Rev. Tommy Wright presented Rev. Curtis Briley a plaque of appreciation for his 39 years of service for the Lord. Rev. Briley brought a message entitled "Prelude to Revival" which was taken from II Chronicles 7:14. He emphasized five points of revival: (1) concern for the need, (2) spend more time in the word of God, (3) rejoice more, (4) pray more, and (5) believe in God for a personal revival. The congregation stood for prayer led by Rev. D.W. Jones, followed by a short break.

After recess MSC to enter into business session with Rev. Terry Booker leading in prayer. The clerk then read the Minutes of the second quarterly meeting. MSC to accept the Minutes as read. The rules and decorum compiled by the Executive Committee were handed out for examination by each pastor. The Credentials Committee recommended that Poplar Springs Free Will Baptist Church be accepted into full fellowship of the Little Brown Creek Association. MSC. A brief report was given on the youth camps and the Mission Board. MSC to give the Christian Education Board a budget of \$500.00 a year. MSC to turn the Youth Rally over to the Christian Education Board to enhance and develop. MSC to adjourn business session and return to our remaining service. Rev. Garrett closed the business session with prayer.

Rev. Johnny Johnson led the congregation in "Blessed Assurance" and ladies from New Lebanon sang two beautiful songs for our special music. Rev. Tommy Wright then presented Rev. B.H. Southerland a plaque of appreciation for his 40 years in service for the Lord. Rev. Southerland brought the final message from Acts 19:11-20 entitled "Postlude to Revival." He gave us six results of revival: (1) Causes God's word to grow in our hearts and minds, (2) Brings confession of our faults, (3) Causes us to rid our lives of unuseables, (4) Causes us to give the Lord what belongs to Him, (5) Causes us to walk carefully, prayerfully and proudly, and (6) Causes our lives to demonstrate the fruits of the spirit. Rev. Ivan Asbury gave the offertory prayer while Bro. Steve Hendrix played at the piano. Rev. Benny McKinney dismissed in prayer.

ANNUAL MEETING

September 2 & 3, 1988

MARTIN HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION:

The 98th Annual Session of the Little Brown Creek Association of Free Will Baptists met at Martin Hill Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Glenn Jones led the opening song, "Amazing Grace" with Sis. Joyce Booker accompanying at the piano. Rev. D.W. Jones gave our opening prayer. Rev. Glenn Jones led the congregation in "To God Be The Glory" with Sis. Joyce Booker at the piano. Rev. Russell Clouse made announcements, reminding the churches to furnish the Saturday lunch and gave information concerning the Saturday session. Rev. Terry Booker welcomed everyone to Martin Hill Church and to the Annual Session.

Rev. Russell Clouse recognized and seated all delegates and the Committee on Committees. Rev. Russell Wright, Rev. D.W. Jones, and Bro. Sherron Barron served

to head this committee. This segment of our program was our special prayer time. Several requests were made for the many sick in our church communities. Rev. Ivan Asbury lead a special prayer for the sick and gave the offertory prayer.

Special music was rendered by the youth of Martin Hill Church. Rev. Clouse welcomed Rev. Gene Gilbert to bring the evening message. His message came from John 21:1-11. He gave us several reasons why churches are not winning the lost. I. The Problem Is Not: (1) Boat (Church), (2) Net (Gospel), (3) Fishing Hole (Community), and (4) Time (Day in which we live), II. The Problem Is: (1) Backsliding, (2) Doubting, (3) Criticism, and (4) Glory Seeking. Rev. Gilbert gave an invitation to all who want to be a better soul winner. There were many that responded to this call.

Rev. Russell Wright gave a report for the Committee on Committees to the 103 persons present at the evening session. Announcements were made and Rev. Danny Ballard dismissed with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION:

Rev. Terry Booker began the Saturday morning session by leading the congregation in "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" with Sis. Joyce Booker at the piano. Rev. Danny Short led in the opening prayer. Rev. Terry Booker welcomed everyone to the Saturday morning session and gave directions to the facilities.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Tommy Wright entitled "Total Church Ministry." He began by reading Matthew 28:19-20 and prayer. (1) He reminded us that our purpose is to go into the world and reach the lost. (2) This is the responsibility of every Christian. (3) Reaching the lost includes teaching new convert to observe all things commanded by Christ. (4) Reaching all nations with the mission program. Rev. Wright closed by encouraging us to find a place and get involved.

Mrs. Kim Shackelford brought us a report from the Child Welfare Department. She encouraged all of our people to get involved in foster care. Rev. Luther Gibson dismissed for recess. During recess we viewed the displays furnished by the Child Welfare Department, Christian Institute, and Hosanna Tape Ministeries.

Following recess Rev. Clouse opened our business session. The clerk read the Minutes. MSC. The committees gave their reports.

Board of Christian Education gave their report. MSC to accept. The Finance Committee gave their report. MSC to accept. The Nominating Committee gave a partial report. MSC to accept. All stood for a moment of silence after the Obituary Committee reported. MSC to accept. The Woman's Auxiliary Committee reported. MSC to accept. Our business session closed with Rev. D.W. Jones leading in prayer. The Associational Choir assembled and sang two beautiful songs with Sis. Joyce Booker at the piano. An offering was received after Rev. Curtis Briley led in prayer. The Minister's Quartet rendered to us three heart warming hymns.

Rev. Clouse welcomed Rev. Ivan Asbury to the pulpit. Rev. Asbury's morning message was taken from Ezekiel 34:16. He gave us four purposes of the church: (1) To win the lost, (2) To bring those back which have been driven away, (3) To help those with broken lives, and (4) To minister to the sick. Rev. Asbury closed with prayer and a song of invitation. Rev. Malcolm Garrett dismissed and blessed our noon meal.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

After a delicious meal and a time of fellowship we were welcomed back with a congregational song led by Rev. Hollis Southerland. Rev. Larry Ball led in prayer before Rev. Donnie Johnson came to bring the afternoon devotion. His text was taken from Matthew 22:31-32 entitled "Make Plans Not To Go To Hell," (1) As Lazarus all are dead in sin, (2) Christ makes alive, loosed from sin, and (3) Once made alive we take life to others. Rev. Johnson closed with an encouragement to improve our soul winning.

We then entered the business session to complete the business. The Status sheets were reviewed and corrected. MSC to accept. Nominating Committee

completed their report and each nomination was voted upon separately. MSC to accept. The Credentials Committee gave their report. MSC to accept. The Resolutions Committee reported. MSC to accept. Rev. Glenn Jones gave a joint report on the Youth Rally and the Mississippi Missions. The Moderator was given the authority to appoint delegates for the State Association Meeting to be held at Lee's Chapel in Wayne County, November 4th and 5th. Announcements were made. Rev. Gibson closed our meeting with prayer followed by a right hand shake of Christian fellowship given to Rev. Gene Gilbert and wife, Paula, welcoming them back to our Association.

— COMMITTEES —

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Glen Cummings — Wayne Walden — Paula Gilbert

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Larry Ball — Rev. Danny Short — Ewell Wright

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Lanette Tolar — Jewel Reeves — Theresa Asbury

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Kim Bingham — June Skinner — Sonja Jones

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Rev. Glenn Jones — Rev. Hollis Southerland — Charles Walden

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. Luther Gibson — Rev. D.W. Jones — Rev. Glenn Jones
Rev. Russell Wright — Rev. Tommy Wright

— COMMITTEE REPORTS —

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, 1987 — July 31, 1988

Balance Brought Forward.....\$ 825.81

RECEIPTS

Association Fees and Offerings.....\$2,928.85

Voided Check Not Cashed.....10.00

Total Finances Available.....\$3,764.66

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

Plaques of Appreciation.....126.25

Rev. Wayne Yarbrough (Medical Expenses).....320.00

Hodges Printing.....424.00

Randall House Publications.....3.75

Stamps.....22.00

Copies.....27.80

Ray Lewis (Honorarium).....100.00

Barron's Florist (Mrs. Yarbrough's flowers).....100.00

Total Expenses.....\$2,418.80

Balance on Hand.....\$1,345.86

Designated (Board of Christian Education).....500.00

Year End Balance.....\$ 845.86

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee submitted the following slate of officers:

Moderator.....Rev. Russell Clouse

Assistant Moderator.....Rev. Tommy Wright

Clerk.....Freda Barron

Assistant Clerk.....Glenda Wright

BOARD REPLACEMENTS FOR HOME MISSIONS

Rev. Danny Short — Bro. Charles Walden

BOARD REPLACEMENTS FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Terry Booker

REPLACEMENTS FOR CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. Russell Wright — Rev. D.W. Jones — Rev. Curtis Briley

BOARD MEMBERS FOR MORGANWOOD YOUTH CAMP

Rev. Ivan Asbury — Rev. Gene Gilbert

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee, regretfully report that 27 of our beloved members have gone to be with the Lord. They are as follows:

Antioch	Bro. Jody Lambert, Bro. Jack Lambert, Bro. Roland Lambert, Bro. James Vandervander, Bro. Lester Blakney, Sis. Jewell Johnson
Burgess Creek.....	Bro. Tony Pannell, Bro. Danny Smith
First Booneville.....	Bro. Horace Wright
First Iuka.....	Bro. Joe Parker
Little Brown.....	Bro. Stephen Akers, Sis. Lona Denson
Martin Hill.....	Bro. Vance Lawson, Bro. Albert Turner, Bro. Hubert Walden, Sis. Delores Calton, Sis. Linnie Clayton, Sis. Jewell Lambert
Mid-Way.....	Bro. Leslie Moore, Sis. Geraldine Short
Mt. Pisgah.....	Bro. Jimmy Garvin, Bro. Robert Lee Lindsey, Sis. Mamie Nichols, Sis. Christine Green
Smith Chapel.....	Bro. Milton Cole, Sis. Elmina Jones

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

- (1) Rev. Larry Ball and recommended him into the ministry of this Association.
- (2) Bro. Donnie Johnson and recommended that he be licensed by the Association.
- (3) Bro. Johnny Johnson and recommended that he be licensed by the Association.
- (4) Rev. Gene Gilbert and recommended him into the ministry of this Association.
- (5) Rev. Malcolm Garrett and his church into full fellowship of this Association.

Rev. Luther Gibson
Rev. D.W. Jones
Rev. Glenn Jones
Rev. Russell Wright
Rev. Tommy Wright

YOUTH RALLY REPORT

The average attendance from August '87 to July '88 was 124. The highest month was April at Community.

We held our Annual Basketball Tournament for Missions in March at the Tishomingo School Gym. The winners were:

Women.....	Community
Boys.....	Antioch
Men.....	Martin Hill
Men Over 40.....	First Booneville
Pastors and Deacons.....	Pastors

The Pastor's Free Throw winner this year was Bro. Donnie Johnson with 6 out of 10 shots.

Our giving for the year was as follows:

Allan Crowson Fund	\$120.00
MS Home Missions	120.00
FWBBC	180.00
Total.....	\$420.00
Total Offerings.....	\$526.61
March for Missions Tournament.....	\$3,100.00

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORT

The Board of Christian Education is happy to report that all of our churches continue to operate Sunday Schools and our average attendance has increased from 775 in 1986-87 to 809 this year.

There are now 15 churches in the Little Brown Creek Association with a weekly attendance for the past year of 405. This is an increase of 48 from the previous year. We praise God for His continued blessing.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPLACEMENTS

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

Rev. Ivan Asbury (1 year)
Bro. Gerald Bennett (2 years)
Rev. Russell Clouse (3 years)
Bro. Glenn Cummings (4 years)
Rev. Terry Booker (5 years)

HOME MISSION BOARD REPLACEMENTS

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

Rev. Danny Ballard (1 year)
Bro. Sherron Barron (1 year)
Bro. Steve Jones (2 years)
Rev. Danny Short (2 years)
Bro. Charles Walden (3 years)



ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

Churches	Total Value	Total Income	Baptisms	Members Added	Total Lost	Active Members	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Deacons
Antioch	187,000.00	32,833.68	3	4	14	95	1	0	4
Burgess Creek	50,000.00	13,037.38	3	4	3	46	1	0	1
Calvary	60,000.00	6,790.80	1	1	1	21	1	0	1
Community	100,000.00	25,818.52	8	15	2	41	2	1	2
First Booneville	415,000.00	46,274.23	0	1	4	80	2	0	5
First Iuka	150,000.00	32,438.49	5	6	3	110	1	0	5
Jones Chapel	98,000.00	19,561.48	0	2	3	47	1	0	6
Little Brown	125,000.00	47,617.31	4	9	2	87	1	0	3
Macedonia	50,000.00	8,171.15	0	5	1	30	1	1	2
Martin Hill	185,000.00	41,920.96	4	7	6	131	2	0	5
Mid-Way	50,000.00	10,000.00	9	13	2	35	1	0	0
Mt. Pisgah	125,000.00	28,059.74	2	2	7	91	1	0	5
New Lebanon	383,000.00	44,600.01	0	6	3	94	4	0	5
Poplar Springs	100,000.00	41,785.02	1	3	2	60	1	0	4
Smith Chapel	50,000.00	8,709.81	0	0	2	35	0	0	1
TOTALS	2,128,000.00	407,618.58	40	78	55	1,003	20	2	49

Churches	Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance	C.T.S. Enrollment	Average Attendance	Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment	Average Attendance	Master's Men Enrollment	Average Attendance
Antioch	91	69	40	40	20	12	12	10
Burgess Creek	34	34	20	20	8	8	7	5
Calvary	21	20	21	20	0	0	0	0
Community	46	41	32	30	0	0	0	0
First Booneville	75	61	50	41	9	7	8	7
First Iuka	76	69	18	16	0	0	0	0
Jones Chapel	43	43	30	30	0	0	0	0
Little Brown	102	88	38	31	0	0	0	0
Macedonia	30	25	30	27	0	0	0	0
Martin Hill	195	109	100	52	15	9	15	10
Mid-Way	38	38	30	30	0	0	0	0
Mt. Pisgah	75	60	36	36	13	6	0	0
New Lebanon	90	78	0	0	20	11	0	0
Poplar Springs	85	55	40	40	6	4	0	0
Smith Chapel	32	32	0	0	12	5	0	0
TOTALS	1,033	822	485	413	103	62	42	32

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Little Brown Creek District Woman's Auxiliary had 8 auxiliaries with 92 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	92
Membership Fees	\$161.00
Home Missions:	
Pre-Thanksgiving	30.40
State Missions Offering	117.70
Foreign Missions:	
Pre-Easter Offering	51.50
Hanna Fund	1,570.00
Edwards Fund	92.00
Bible College:	
Student Loan Fund	56.23
WNAC General Fund (August Emphasis Fund)	193.23
Co-Laborer Offerings	36.86
Children's Home	1,640.00
Provision Closet	1,370.00
Auxiliary Literature Supplies	609.13
Local Church Activities	5,446.06
District Honorarium	25.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$11,399.11
Cash Gifts	\$181.00
TOTAL	\$181.00
GRAND TOTAL DISBURSED	\$11,580.11

PETITIONARY LETTERS

October 29, 1987

Dear Sister Barron:

Thank you for your letter of October 21st regarding the transfer of Brother Leonard Ball to your Association. This is to certify that Brother Leonard is an ordained minister in good standing in our conference. He has been a very faithful servant of the Lord here. We whole-heartedly recommend him to your fellowship.

The Lord bless you all and the work there. Pray for us.

Sincerely,

Carroll G. Alexander, Clerk
South Carolina Conference
of Original Free Will Baptists

P.S. SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE CLERK: Brother Leonard served as my assistant here at the church for two years. Cathy also worked in our church. I consider them among the finest of the Lord's servants. We miss them and the children very much.

C.G.A.

February, 1988

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We, the Brotherhood Conference, grant a letter of good standing for Brother Ivan Asbury to the Little Brown Creek Association. We wish and pray for Bro. Ivan Asbury and Little Brown Creek Association for your success in work in Christ. Bro. Asbury has been a great help in our conference and churches. We will miss Bro. Asbury, so pray for our work in our conference.

Thank you,
Yours in Christ,
Harold Pelfrey

May, 1988

Dear Fellow Free Will Baptists:

This is to state the good standing of Rev. Larry Ball with the Pamlico Association of North Carolina. We are happy to recommend him into your fellowship.

Sincerely,
First Free Will Baptist Church
Pastor: Rev. Jack Lassiter

Dear Brethren:

We, the Poplar Springs Free Will Baptist Church, send this petitionary letter to the ministers and members, composing the Little Brown Creek Association of Free Will Baptists, when convening with the New Lebanon Free Will Baptist Church, asking admittance to your body. The Poplar Springs Church is an organized body.

In a business conference held June 1, 1988, the Poplar Springs Church voted unanimously to petition your honorable body for membership.

Malcolm Garrett, Pastor
Paul Cunningham, Deacon
William Mayhall, Deacon
Tommy Tucker, Deacon
Jerry White, Deacon

August 17, 1988

Dear Brethren:

We, the New Lebanon Free Will Baptist Church, do request that you receive Bro. Gene Gilbert into full fellowship of the Little Brown Creek Association.

We have examined him and found him to be sound in Free Will Baptist doctrine and practice.

Bro. Gene Gilbert was involved in mission work prior to coming to New Lebanon, and therefore was not a member of any association.

Voted and approved by:
New Lebanon F.W.B. Church

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

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. 1987
2. Be it resolved that Article 7 of our Constitution be changed to correspond with Resolution. 1987
3. 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
4. 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

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.

5. Be it resolved that the Little Brown Creek Association elect two representatives to serve 1 year terms on the Board of Trustees of Morganwood Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. 1988
6. Be it resolved that the Little Brown Creek Association include in the committee reports, a Master's Men Committee. 1988
7. Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to Martin Hill Church for hosting this Association meeting. 1988

RULES AND DECORUM

The Little Brown Creek Association year ends on August 1 with all church clerks having their letter to the Association no later than August 15. The Association shall open by song 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 of the 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 of the Moderator.

No member should speak longer than (15) fifteen minutes at any one time without permission of 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 a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

The Minutes of the Association shall be read before the body just prior to the close of the Association, corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and the clerk.

The body shall have no conceived power to lord 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 AND CONSTITUTION OF THE LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Be it known that we, the Free Will Baptist Churches, 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 regard to the duty of the Association.

ARTICLE I. The name of the organization shall be called The Little Brown Creek Association of Free Will Baptists.

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.

Section 3. A church that fails to report at two consecutive Annual Associations will be automatically removed from the rolls of this Association.

ARTICLE III. Representatives

Section 1. Each church should have not more than four (4) delegates.

Section 2. All ordained members of the Association shall be standing delegates. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote on all business transactions.

ARTICLE IV. Officers

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be 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 the Executive Board to see to such items that may arise during the year. The moderator shall be Chairman of the Board.

Section 2. The Home Mission Board shall consist of two (2) ministers and three 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 the 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 his board.

Section 3. The following committees shall be appointed at the start of each Association: Nomination, Finance, Obituary, Resolution, and Educational. These committees shall be 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 the meetings 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.

Section 1. The introductory speaker for the Association is to be left to the moderator and the assistant moderator.

Section 2. A free will offering will be taken on Saturday morning of each Association to support the general fund.

Section 3. The host church will be responsible for special music during Saturday morning services.

Section 4. Association quarterly meetings will be from 9:30 til 12:00 noon on Saturday before the first Sunday in December, March, and June; and Friday night and Saturday before the first Sunday in September. Each church is asked to send delegates to each meeting so they may be represented.

ARTICLE VII. Finances. Each church holding membership in this Association shall be asked to send the following monies in this manner: \$50.00 to each quarterly meeting, \$50.00 to each annual meeting.

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 for ordination and if found competent to ordain and set them apart for the work of the ministry by 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 ministers 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. The Little Brown Creek Association shall 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.

Section 6. And we require Ministers holding cards of good standing 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 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.

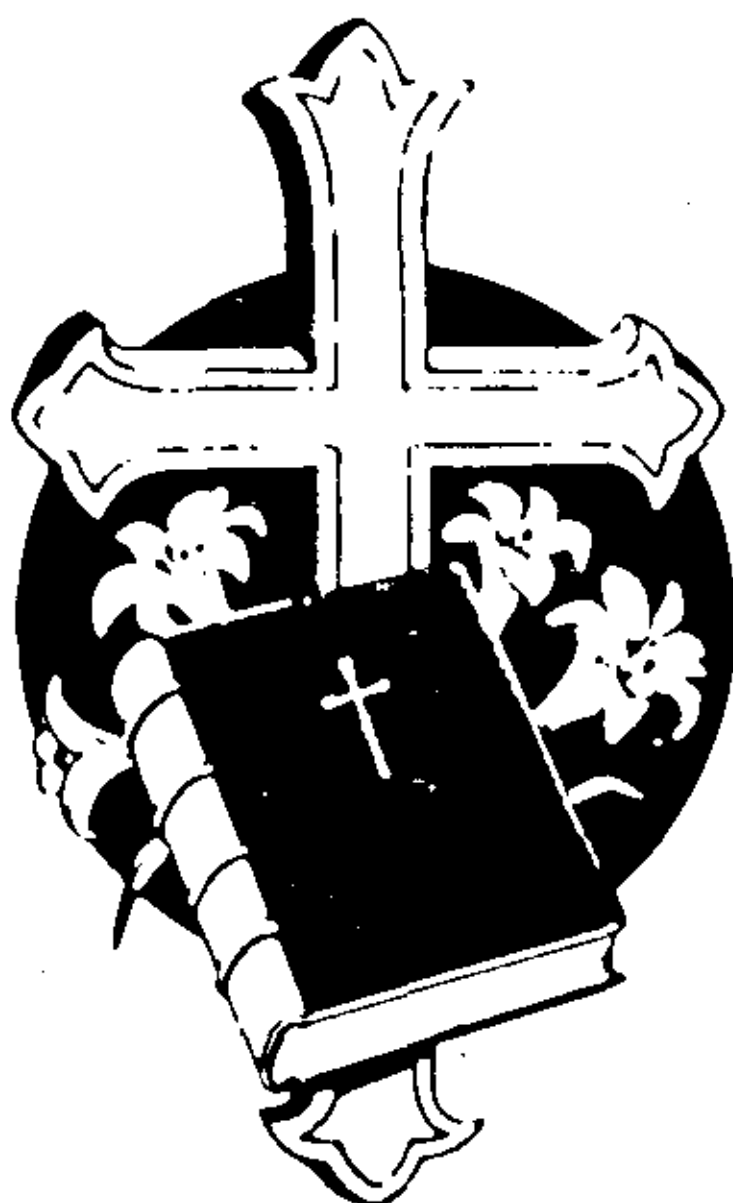
We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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

Poplar Springs Free Will Baptist Church
December 3, 1988

Second Quarterly Session

Little Brown Creek Free Will Baptist
March 4, 1989

Third Quarterly Session

First Free Will Baptist Church, Booneville
June 3, 1989

Annual Session

Mt. Pisgah Free Will Baptist Church
Friday Night — September 1, 1989
Saturday Morning — September 2, 1989

