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PROCEEDINGS

The first annual session of the North Louisiana District Association of Free Will Baptists met with the Hillview Church of Bastrop, Louisiana, on Friday, June 30, and Saturday, July 1, 1967. The congregation consisted of ministers, deacons, delegates, and church officials.

Song leaders for the association were Brothers Ralph Fowler and D. Smith. The acting clerk was Sister Grace Rainey. The moderator was Brother Aubrey Rainey with Brother Arthur Chappell as assistant moderator.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Friday morning session opened with the congregation singing "Lord Build Me a Cabin in Glory Land" and "O, What a Saviour," led by Brother Ralph Fowler. Prayer was offered by Rev. Harvey Payne.

The moderator's message was taken from John 1:1-34. This was followed with prayer by Brother Arthur Chappell.

The welcome address was given by the host pastor, Rev. Ralph Fowler.

The following committee chairmen were appointed by the assistant moderator, Brother Arthur Chappell:

STATISTICIAN—Rev. Harvey Payne, chairman.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to retain the committee.

OBITUARY—Rev. Paul Payne, chairman.

Church letters were read by the assistant clerk, Sister Nina Mae Fowler.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept the letters as read and the delegates be seated.

Letters were read from Lake Port and Oak Grove Churches requesting to unite with the North Louisiana District Association.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept the two churches and seat the delegates.

A special in song, "The Blood that Stained the Old Rugged Cross," was rendered by Rev. Sharpton.

The right hand of fellowship was given to the delegates.

The rules of order were read by the assistant clerk.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Hershel Sharpton.

The association was dismissed for a recess period.

The congregation reassembled for the worship service with the singing of "I Need no Mansions Here," led by Brother Fowler. Prayer was offered by Brother Paul Payne. Another song by the congregation, "Calvary."

The introductory message was brought by Brother Elmer Holliman, taking his text from Joshua 6:18.

The association was then dismissed for lunch by Brother Elmer Payne.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The association reassembled at 1:00 p. m. for the afternoon session. The congregation joined together in singing "Just Over in the Glory Land" and "Just a Little Talk with Jesus," led by Brother Fowler.

Special music was rendered by Sisters Hazel and Melisa Moore, singing "Ten Thousand Angels"; and by Rev. and Mrs. D. Smith, singing "I Shall Be at Home with Jesus."

Committees were appointed as follows:

PULPIT—Sister Hazel Moore, Sister Bertha Chappell, and Brother Kenneth Chappell.

STATISTICS—Brothers Arthur Chappell and L. D. Payne.

FINANCE—Brothers L. D. Payne, Ralph Fowler, and Paul Payne.

TEMPERANCE—Brother Elmer Payne, Brother Harvey Payne, and Sister Nina Mae Fowler.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Brother D. Smith, Sister Beulah Smith, and Sister Judy Payne.

OBITUARY—Sisters Bertha Chappell, Joan Payne, and Hazel Moore.

RESOLUTIONS—Brothers Harvey Payne, Ralph Fowler, and L. D. Payne.

CREDENTIALS—Sister Ella Lamb, Sister Jimmie Jordan, and Brother Don Payne.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to omit the Friday night service for this session only.

The day's session closed with the singing of "Just Over in the Glory Land," led by Brother Fowler.

The benediction was offered by Rev. D. Smith.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday morning session convened at 9:30 with the congregation singing "Jesus Hold My Hand," led by Brother Sharpton. Prayer was offered by Rev. Melvin Tyson. This was followed with another song by the congregation, "O, What a Saviour," led by Brother Fowler.

The Pulpit Committee recommended that Rev. Don Payne conduct the morning devotions and Rev. Paul Payne the evening devotions. Also, that Rev. L. D. Payne bring the evening message.

The committee also recommended that Rev. Elmer Payne bring the introductory message for the 1968 session of the association and Rev. Ralph Fowler be the speaker for the memorial service.

Respectfully submitted,

Bertha Chappell

Hazel Moore

Kenneth Chappell

Brother Fowler led the congregation in singing "I Cannot Find the Way Alone."

The rules of order were read by Sister Nina Mae Fowler, assistant clerk.

Two letters came in late from Calvary and Shreveport churches. These were read by the clerk.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to receive these letters as read and seat the delegates.

A discussion was held to consider sending the quarterly meeting to Shreveport.

Special music was rendered by Brother Fowler, "I Will Not Be a Stranger."

Brother Don Payne conducted the devotional, using for his Scripture, Isaiah 55:1-4. His theme was, "Salvation Is Free; The Gospel Can't Be Given Away; People Won't Accept it." Prayer was offered by Rev. Ralph Fowler.

Motion made, seconded, and carried that the body select the Hixon Church of Oak Grove, Louisiana, as host for the second session of the North Louisiana District Association which will be held on Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in August, 1968.

Brother Fowler led the congregation in singing "I Need No Mansions Here."

Dismissed for a recess period by Brother Owen Jones.

The association reassembled at 11:00 a. m. for the memorial service. Brother Fowler led the congregation in singing "I Am Thine, O Lord." Sister Hazel Moore rendered a solo, "He Touched Me."

The memorial message was delivered by Rev. Harvey Payne. His Scripture was taken from Hebrews 12:1-4. His text was the fourth verse, "Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin."

The service closed with the singing of "Amazing Grace," led by Brother Fowler, and a Christian handshake. Dismissed with prayer by Brother Rastus Martar.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The congregation reassembled at 1:00 p. m. with the singing of "Calvary," led by Brother Fowler. Prayer was offered by Brother Chaplin, followed with another congregational song, "Lord Build Me a Cabin."

Motion made, seconded, and carried that Brother Shephard be removed from the Home Missions Board, and that Brother Harvey Payne replace him.

Brothers L. D. Payne, Harvey Payne, and Ralph Fowler were appointed to council with Brother Joe Chaplin concerning the church in West Monroe.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to adopt resolution No. 1.

Motion attained, seconded, and carried to adopt resolution No. 2.

Brother Harvey Payne was elected by acclamation as missionary.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to adopt resolution No. 3.

Resolution No. 4 was adopted to pay the clerk and statistician \$15.00 each, and to receive an offering for the support of the association at each session.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to adopt resolution No. 5.

Brother Fowler led the congregation in singing "In the Sweet Bye and Bye" while an offering was received in the amount of \$40.82 for the support of the association. The offertory prayer was offered by Rev. Harvey Payne.

The association was dismissed for a recess period.

The association reassembled with the singing of "Inside the Gate" and "That Glad Reunion Day," led by Rev. D. Smith. Special music was rendered by Rev. and Mrs. D. Smith, "I Shall Be at Home with Jesus."

Motion made, seconded, and carried to act on the Pulpit Committee at this time.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to adopt the statistician's report.

A letter was read to the association from the Arkansas State Association. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to request each church to send \$25.00 to the State Association. Sisters Hazel Moore, Nina Mae Fowler, and Nora Campbell were nominated as delegates to the Arkansas State Association.

The following officers were elected to serve the association for the coming year: moderator, Rev. Harvey Payne; assistant moderator, Rev. Melvin Tyson; clerk, Brother R. L. Martar; assistant clerk, Brother William Thompson; song leader, Rev. Ralph Fowler; assistant song leader, Rev. D. Smith; statisticians, Rev. L. D. Payne and Brother Arthur Chappell.

The next quarterly meeting will meet with the Shreveport Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, September 30, 1967.

Rev. L. D. Payne was appointed as parliamentarian of the association.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to have minutes of the association printed in book form.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to have 50% printed to each church.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to make up guide line questions to be asked in the ordaining of ministers and deacons.

Brother Sharpton was given a farewell handshake as he is going to the Alabama Association.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to adjourn. Dismissed with prayer by Sister Nina Mae Fowler.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The Saturday night service opened at 7:30 with the singing of "I See Jesus," "Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All," "Surely I Will Lord,"

and "Just a Little While," led by Brother Sharpton. Sister Hazel Moore sang a solo, "I've Been to Calvary."

Brother Fowler conducted a testimonial service. This was followed with special music, "Do Lord," by Carolyn Jordan and Linda Moore, and "How Long Has It Been?" by Sister Joan Payne.

The Christians then gathered at the altar for prayer.

The evening message was delivered by Rev. L. D. Payne. He used for his Scripture text 1 John 3.

The evening service was dismissed with prayer by Brother Dalton Jordan.

EXAMINING BOARD REPORT

We, the Examining Board, find Brother Willey Thomason sound in doctrine and worthy to be ordained later.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Paul Payne, *Chairman*

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We, the Sunday School Committee, find that all churches have Sunday school with an enrollment of 221 pupils.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. D. Smith, *Chairman*
Beulah Smith
Judy Payne

PULPIT COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Pulpit Committee, recommend to the body that Brother Paul Payne bring the morning devotions, and Rev. Don Payne the devotions for Saturday night. We also recommended that Rev. L. D. Payne bring the evening message. For the 1968 session we recommend that Rev. Elmer Payne bring the introductory message and Rev. Ralph Fowler the memorial message.

Respectfully submitted,
Bertha Chappell
Kenneth Chappell
Hazel Moore

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Obituary Committee, find five of our beloved members have deceased from this walk of life during the past year. Four of these have been from the First Church of West Monroe and Brother Makler Yates from the Hixon Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Bertha Chappell
Hazel Moore
Joan Payne

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Credentials Committee, find that we have seven ordained ministers in the North Louisiana District Association and nine licensed ministers with all of them in good standing to the best of our knowledge. We recommend that a committee be appointed to council with Rev. Joe Chaplin in regard to the First Church of West Monroe.

We also have been informed that we need to replace Rev. Doyle Shepherd on the Home Missions Board. We recommend that Rev. Harvey Payne replace Brother Shepherd.

Respectfully submitted,

Bertha Chappell

Jimmy Jordan

Harvey Payne

Don Payne

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

(RESOLUTION No. 1)

We, your Resolutions Committee, recommend that all the North Louisiana District Association churches be full-time churches. We further recommend that none of our ordained ministers accept anything less than a full-time ministry.

(RESOLUTION No. 2)

We further recommend that the North Louisiana District Association obtain the services of a full-time missionary to perform any duty required by a Free Will Baptist missionary.

(RESOLUTION No. 3)

We further recommend to the churches of the North Louisiana District Association that they set aside and turn over to the Home Missions Board 10% of their total income.

(RESOLUTION No. 4)

We further recommend to the North Louisiana District Association that our clerk and statistician be paid \$15.00 each for each session of the association. We also recommend that an offering be taken at each annual meeting of the association for the expenses of the association.

(RESOLUTION No. 5)

Lastly, your Resolution Committee recommends that each pastor of the association encourage his church people to support wholeheartedly our missionary endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Harvey Payne, *Chairman*

Rev. Ralph Fowler

Rev. L. D. Payne

STATISTICAL REPORT

Church Membership	274
Resident Members	220
Nonresident Members	45
Members Received this Year	108
Members by Baptism	53
Members by Letter	19
Members Dismissed	8
Members Dismissed by Letter	3
Members Deceased	5
Members Excluded	1
Sunday School Enrollment	206
League Enrollment	35
Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment (One)	16
Ordained Deacons	8
Ordained Ministers	9
Licensed Ministers	5
Total Offerings	\$14,194.49
Building Fund	\$11,144.82
Pastor's Salary	\$ 3,704.63
Evangelistic Work	\$ 699.00
Building and Repairs	\$12,404.10
Literature	\$ 349.99
Miscellaneous	\$ 297.79
Value of Church Property	\$43,805.00

Two churches do not own any property. One church owns church site, but does not have any buildings.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. L. D. Payne

Articles of Faith

1. THE HOLY SCRIPTURES—These are the Old and the New Testaments. They were written by holy men, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and are God's revealed word to man. They are a sufficient and infallible rule and guide to salvation and all Christian worship and service. II Peter 1:18-21; II Timothy 3:16, 17; Exodus 4:15; Psalm 32:8; Hebrews 1:1, 2.

2. BEING AND ATTRIBUTES OF GOD—The Scriptures teach that there is only one true and living God, who is Spirit, self-existent, eternal, immutable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, independent, good, wise, holy, just, and merciful; the . . . Creator, Preserver, and Governor of the universe; the Redeemer, Saviour, Sanctifier, and Judge of men; and the only proper object of worship.

The mode of His existence, however, is a subject far above the understanding of man—finite things cannot comprehend Him. There is nothing in the universe that can justly represent Him, for there is none like Him. He is the fountain of all perfection and happiness. He is glorified by the whole creation, and is worthy to be loved and served by all intelligence. Deut. 6:4; I Cor. 8:4; Jer. 10:10; John 7:28; II Cor. 1:19; I John 5:20; I Tim. 6:17; John 4:24; II Cor. 3:17; Ex. 3:14; Psalms 83:18; John 5:26; Rev. 1:4; Psalm 90:2; Deut. 33:27; Isa. 57:15; Rom. 1:20; I Tim. 1:17; Mal. 3:6; Num. 23:19; James 1:17; I Kings 8:27; Jer. 23:24; Psalm 139:7-10; Acts 17:24; Rev. 19:6; Job 42:2; Psalm 135:6; Matt. 19:26; Mark 14:36; Luke 18:27; Eph. 4:6; Job 9:12; Isa. 14:13; Dan. 4:35; Rom. 11:33-36; Psalm 119:68; Psalm 25:8; 106:1; 145:9; Matt. 19:17; Rom. 16:27; Dan. 2:20; I Tim. 1:17; Jude 25; Lev. 19:2; Job 6:10; Deut. 32:4; Psalm 92:15; 119:137; Zeph. 3:5; Eph. 2:4; Ex. 34:6; Neh. 9:17; Psalm 100:5; Gen. 1:1; Ex. 20:11; Psalm 33:6-9; Col. 1:16; Heb. 11:3; Neh. 9:6; Job 7:20; Heb. 1:3; Psalm 47:7; II Chron. 20:6; Psalm 95:3; Isa. 47:4; Psalm 78:35; Prov. 23:11; Isa. 41:14; 59:20; Jer. 50:34; Isa. 45:21; 43:3-11; 49:26; Ex. 31:13; I Thess. 5:23; Jude 1; Heb. 12:23; Gen. 18:25; Psalm 50:6; II Tim. 4:8; Ex. 34:14; Ex. 20:4, 5; Matt. 4:10; Rev. 19:10; Job 11:7; Isa. 40:28; Rom. 11:33; Job 26:14; Ex. 9:14; 8:10; I Chron. 17:20; Psalm 19:1, 2; 145:10; 150:6; Acts 15:18; I Chron. 28:9; Psalm 94:9, 10; Acts 1:24.

3. DIVINE GOVERNMENT AND PROVIDENCE—A. God exercises a providential care and superintendence over all His creatures, and governs the world in wisdom and mercy, according to the testimony of His Word.

B. God has endowed man with power of free choice, and governs him by moral laws and motives; and this power of free choice is the exact measure of man's responsibility.

C. All events are present with God from everlasting to everlasting; but His knowledge of them does not in any sense cause them, nor does He decree all events which He knows will occur. Acts 17:28; Matt. 10:30; Psalm 104:13, 14; Job 14:6; Eph. 1:11; Psalm 22:28; Psalm 97:2; Isa. 33:22; Ex. 34:6;

Job 36:5; Deut. 30:19; Isa. 1:18-20; John 5:40; Rom. 2:14, 15; Prov. 1:24-28; Ezek. 33:11; Acts 15:18; I Sam. 2:30; Ezek. 18:20-25, 31; Jer. 44:4.

4. CREATION—A. Of the world. God created the world, and all things that it contains, for His own pleasure and glory and the employment of His creatures.

B. Of the angels. The angels were created by God to glorify Him and obey His commandments. Those who have kept their first estate He employs in ministering blessings to the heirs of salvation and in executing His judgments upon the world.

C. Of man. God created man, consisting of a material body and a thinking, rational soul. He was made in the image of God, to glorify his Maker. Rev. 4:11; Isa. 43:7; I Tim. 6:17; Col. 1:16; Rev. 7:11; Psa. 103:20; Heb. 1:14; Jude 6; II Sam. 24:16; Rev. 16:1; Gen. 2:7; 1:27; I Cor. 6:20.

5. PRIMITIVE MAN AND HIS FALL—Our first parents, in their original state, were upright. They naturally preferred and desired to obey their Creator, and had no preference or desire to transgress His will until they were influenced and inclined by the tempter to disobey God's commands. Previous to this, the only tendency of their nature was to do righteousness. In consequence of the first transgression, the state under which the posterity of Adam came into the world is so different from that of Adam that they have not the righteousness and purity which Adam had before the fall; they are not willing to obey God, but are inclined to evil. Hence none, by virtue of any natural goodness and mere work of their own, can become the children of God; but they are all dependent for salvation upon the redemption effected through the blood of Christ, and upon being created anew unto obedience through the operation of the Spirit; both of which are freely provided for every descendant of Adam. Eccl. 7:29; Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10; Psa. 51:5; Rom. 8:7; Eph. 2:3; Psa. 58:3; Gen. 8:21; John 3:6; Gal. 5:19-21; Rom. 5:12; John 6:44; I Cor. 2:14; John 3:3; Heb. 12:14; John 3:5; 1:13; Col. 1:14; Titus 3:5.

6. OF CHRIST—Jesus Christ, the Son of God, possesses all divine perfections. As He and the Father are one, He in His divine nature, filled all the offices and performed the works of God to His creatures that have been the subjects of revelations to us. As man, He performed all the duties toward God that we are required to perform, repentance of sin excepted.

His divinity is proved from His titles, His attributes, and His works.

A. His Titles. The Bible ascribes to Christ the titles of Saviour, Jehovah, Lord of hosts, the first and the last, God, true God, great God, God over all, mighty God, and the everlasting Father.

B. His Attributes. He is eternal, unchangeable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, holy, and is to be worshiped.

C. His Works. By Christ the world was created. He preserves and governs it; He has provided redemption for all men and He will be their

final judge. Isa. 45:21; 43:10, 11; John 4:42; Phil. 3:20; II Tim. 1:10; Titus 2:13; Psa. 83:18; Isa. 40:3; Luke 1:76; Isa. 8:13, 14; I Peter 2:4-6; Isa. 6:5; John 12:41; Rev. 22:13; Isa. 44:6; Rev. 1:1; I Tim. 3:16; Rev. 1:11; I John 3:16; John 1:1; Heb. 1:8; John 20:28, 29; I John 5:20; Titus 2:13; Rom. 9:5; Isa. 9:6; Col. 1:17; Micah 5:2; Heb. 1:8; 5:20; Titus 2:13; Rom. 9:5; Isa. 9:6; Col. 1:17; Micah 5:2; Heb. 13:8; 1:12; John 3:13; Matt. 18:20; 28:20; Eph. 1:23; John 16:30; 2:24, 25; 21:17; Rev. 2:23; Col. 2:8-10; Matt. 28:18; Heb. 1:8; Rev. 1:8; Acts 3:14; Luke 1:35; Heb. 7:26; Rev. 3:7; Heb. 1:6; John 5:23; Phil. 2:10, 11; Matt. 28:9; Luke 24:52; Heb. 1:8-10; John 1:3, 10; Col. 1:16; 17; I Peter 3:22; Eph. 1:21; 1:7; Heb. 9:12; Gal. 3:13; Isa. 44:6; I Peter 1:18, 19; Rev. 5:9; II Tim. 4:1; Matt. 25:31-46; John 5:22.

7. THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST—The Word, which in the beginning was with God and which was God, by whom all things were made, condescended to a state of humiliation in being united with human nature and becoming like us, pollution and sin excepted. In this state, as a subject of the law, He was liable to the infirmities of our nature; was tempted as we are, but lived our example, perfect obedience to the divine requirements. As Christ was made of the seed of David, according to the flesh, He is "The Son of man," and as the divine existence is the fountain from which He proceeded and was the only agency by which He was begotten, He is "The Son of God," being the only begotten of the Father, and the only incarnation of the divine being. John 1:14; Phil. 2:6, 7; II Cor. 8:9; Heb. 4:15; 2:17; Matt. 8:17; 4:2; 8:24; John 11:33-35; 19:28; Isa. 53:3; Luke 22:44; Heb. 4:15; Matt. 4:1-11; I Peter 2:21; John 13:15; I John 2:6; Isa. 42:21; Matt. 5:17; 3:15; Gal. 4:4; Luke 19:10; John 16:27; Matt. 1:18-20; Luke 1:35; Mark 1:1; John 1:34; 20:31; 3:16-18.

8. THE ATONEMENT AND MEDIATION OF CHRIST—A. The Atonement. As Sin cannot be pardoned without a sacrifice, and the blood of beasts could never wash away sin, Christ gave Himself a sacrifice for the sins of the world, and thus made salvation possible for all men. He died for us, suffering in our stead, to make known the righteousness of God, that He might be just in justifying sinners who believe in His Son. Through the redemption effected by Christ, salvation is actually enjoyed in this world, and will be enjoyed in the next by all who do not in this life refuse obedience to the known requirements of God. The atonement for sin was necessary. For present and future obedience can no more blot out past sins than past obedience can remove the guilt of present and future sin. If God pardoned the sins of men without satisfaction for the violation of His law, it would follow that transgression might go on with impunity; government would be abrogated, and the obligation of obedience to God would be, in effect, removed.

B. Mediation of Christ. Our Lord not only died for our sins, but He arose for our justification, and ascended up to heaven, where, as the only Mediator between God and man, He makes intercession for us until He comes again.

C. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own persons are only subject to the first death, which was brought on by the fall of the first Adam, and not that any one of them dying in that state shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin for of such is the kingdom of God. I John 2:2; Isa. 53:5; 10:11; Rom. 4:25; Matt. 20:28; I Peter 3:18; John 1:29; Heb. 9:26; Rom. 5:6-8; Titus 2:11; Heb. 2:9; I Tim. 2:6; Isa. 45:22; II Peter 3:9; II Cor. 5:14, 15; I Tim. 4:10; Rom. 3:25, 26; 5:9, 18; Matt. 26:28; Eph. 1:7; Rev. 5:9; I Peter 2:24; Rom. 5:18; 8:1; 2:14, 15; Mark 16:15; Heb. 9:22; Eph. 1:7; Rom. 4:25; I Cor. 15:17; Acts 1:11; Mark 16:19; Heb. 7:25; 9:24; Rom. 8:34; I Cor. 15:32; Matt. 18:2-5; Mark 9:36, 37; Matt. 19:14.

9. THE HOLY SPIRIT—A. The Scriptures ascribe to the Holy Spirit the acts and attributes of an intelligent being. He guides, knows, moves, gives information, commands, forbids, sends forth, reproves, and can be sinned against.

B. The attributes of God are ascribed to the Holy Spirit.

C. The works of God are ascribed to the Holy Spirit; creation, inspiration, giving of life, and sanctification.

D. The apostles assert that the Holy Spirit is Lord and God.

From the foregoing the conclusion is that the Holy Spirit is in reality God, and one with the Father, in all divine perfections. It has also been shown that Jesus Christ is God—one with the Father. Then these three: the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, are one God.

The truth of this doctrine is also proved from the fact that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are united in the authority by which believers are baptized; and in the benedictions pronounced by the apostles, which are acts of the highest religious worship. John 16:13; I Cor. 2:11; Gen. 1:2; Acts 8:39; 10:19; I Cor. 2:13; Acts 21:11; John 14:26; Acts 13:2; 16:6; 13:4; John 16:8; Gen. 6:3; Mark 3:29; Isa. 63:10; Acts 7:51; Eph. 4:30; Job 33:4; 26:13; Psa. 104:30; II Peter 1:21; I Peter 3:18; Rom. 8:11; I Cor. 6:11; Isa. 6:8, 9; Acts 28:25, 26; John 3:16; Matt. 1:18; 28:19; II Cor. 13:14; I Peter 1:2.

10. THE GOSPEL CALL—The call of the gospel is coextensive with the atonement to all men, both by the word and strivings of the Spirit, so that salvation is rendered equally possible to all; and, if any fail of eternal life, the fault is wholly his won. Mark 16:15; Isa. 45:22; Prov. 8:4; Isa. 55:1; Rev. 22:17; Joel 2:28; John 16:8; John 1:9; Isa. 55:11; Luke 2:10; I Tim. 2:4; Acts 10:34; Ezek. 33:11; II Peter 3:9; Hosea 13:9; Prov. 1:24-31; Isa. 65:12; Jer. 7:13, 14; Zech. 7:11-13; John 5:40; Matthew 22:37.

11. REPENTANCE—The repentance which the gospel requires includes a deep conviction, a penitential sorrow, an open confession, a decided hatred, and an entire forsaking of all. This repentance God has enjoined on all men; and without it in this life the sinner must perish eternally. II

Cor. 7:10; Psa. 51:17; Prov. 28:13; Psa. 32:3-5; Ezek. 36:31; Psa. 51:3, 4; Ezek. 18:30; Acts 17:30; Luke 13:5; 3:19.

12. FAITH—Saving faith is an assent of the mind to the fundamental truths of revelation, and acceptance of the gospel, through the influence of the Holy Spirit, and a firm confidence and trust in Christ. The fruit of faith is obedience to the gospel. The power to believe is the gift of God, but believing is an act of the creature, which is required as a condition of pardon, and without which the sinner cannot obtain salvation. All men are required to believe in Christ, and those who yield obedience to this requirement become the children of God by faith. Heb. 11:6; 11:1; John 5:46, 47; Rom. 10:9; 10:10; Gal. 5:22; I Cor. 12:8, 9; Acts 16:31; John 3:16; Rom. 4:20-22; Eph. 3:12; Jas. 2:17; Gal. 5:6; I Tim. 1:5; Phil. 1:29; II Peter 1:1; Eph. 2:8; John 3:36; Mark 16:16; John 8:21-24; Heb. 11:6; John 1:7; Gal. 3:26; Acts 10:43; Rom. 5:1; John 3:15.

13. REGENERATION—As man is a fallen and sinful being, he must be regenerated in order to obtain salvation. This change is an instantaneous renewal of the heart by the Holy Spirit, whereby the penitent sinner receives new life, becomes a child of God, and is disposed to serve Him. This is called in Scripture being born again—born of the Spirit, being quickened, passing from death unto life, and a partaking of the divine nature. John 3:3; Heb. 12:14; Rev. 21:27; Gal. 5:19-21; John 3:5; 1:3; Ezek. 36:26, 27; Titus 3:5; Eph. 2:10; Rom. 8:16; John 1:12; 5:25; James 1:18; II Cor. 5:17; Ezek. 11:19, 20; I Peter 2:5; John 3:6; 3:7, 8; I John 4:7; 5:1; Eph. 2:1; Psa. 119:50, 93; Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13; John 5:24; I John 3:14; II Peter 1:4; Heb. 3:14.

14. JUSTIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION—A. Justification. Personal justification implies that the person justified has been guilty before God; and, in consideration of the atonement of Christ, accepted by faith, the sinner is pardoned and absolved from the guilt of sin and restored to the divine favor. Christ's atonement is the foundation of the sinner's redemption, yet without repentance and faith, it can never give him justification and peace with God.

B. Sanctification in the continuing of God's grace by which the Christian may constantly grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:1; 5:16; Acts 13:39; Isa. 53:11; Acts 3:19; Heb. 4:2; 11:6; Rom. 9:31, 32; Acts 13:38, 39; I Thess. 5:23; II Cor. 7:1; II Peter 3:18; Heb. 6:1; I John 5:4; Col. 4:12; Prov. 4:18; I John 1:7-9; I Peter 1:16.

15. PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS—There are strong grounds to hope that the truly regenerate will persevere unto the end, and be saved, through the power of divine grace which is pledged for their support; but their future obedience and final salvation are neither determined nor certain, since through infirmity and manifold temptations they are in danger of falling; and they ought, therefore, to watch and pray lest they make shipwreck of their faith and be lost. Gal. 2:20; Rom. 8:38, 39; I Cor. 10:13;

II Cor. 12:9; Job 17:9; Matt. 16:18; John 10:27, 28; Phil. 1:6; II Chron. 15:2; II Peter 1:10; Ezek. 33:18; John 15:6; I Cor. 10:12; Heb. 6:4-6; 12:15; I Chron. 28:9; Rev. 2:4; I Tim. 1:19; II Peter 2:20, 21; I Cor. 9:27; Matt. 24:13; Acts 1:25; Rev. 22:19.

16. THE SABBATH—This is one day in seven, which from the creation of the world God has set apart for sacred rest and holy service. Under the former dispensation, the seventh day of the week as commemorative of the work of creation, was set apart for the Sabbath. Under the gospel, the first day of the week, in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ, and by authority of Christ and the apostles, is observed as the Christian Sabbath. On this day all men are required to refrain from secular labor and devote themselves to the worship and service of God. Gen. 2:3; Mark 2:27; Neh. 9:14; Ex. 20:8-11; Luke 24:1-6, 33-36; John 20:19-26; Acts 2:1; 20:7; I Cor. 16:2; Rev. 1:10; Psa. 118:22-24; Isa. 58:13, 14, 56:2; Ex. 20:8-11.

17. THE CHURCH—A Christian Church is an organized body of believers in Christ, who statedly assemble to worship God, and who sustain the ordinances of the gospel according to the Scriptures. Believers in Christ are admitted to this church on giving evidence of faith in Christ, obtaining consent of the body, being baptized, and receiving the right hand of fellowship.

The Church of God, or members of the body of Christ, is the whole body of Christians throughout the whole world, and none but the regenerate are its members. I Cor. 1:2; Acts 2:41-47; 20:7; I Cor. 16:1, 2; Rev. 1:4; Eph. 5:25-27; 1:22, 23; I Cor. 12:27, 28; Col. 1:18-24; I Peter 2:5; John 18:36; 15:2-6; Acts 2:41; 8:12; Gal. 3:27.

18. TITHING—Both the Old and New Scriptures teach tithing as God's financial plan for the support of His work. Gen. 14:20; 28:22; Deut. 14:22; Mal. 3:8-10; I Cor. 16:2; Matt. 23:23; I Cor. 9:9-14; Heb. 7:9-17; II Cor. 9:6-8.

19. THE GOSPEL MINISTRY—A. Qualification of ministers. They must possess good, natural and acquired abilities, deep and ardent piety, be especially called of God to the work, and ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands.

B. Duties of ministers. These are to preach the Word, administer the ordinances of the gospel, visit their people, and otherwise perform the work of faithful ministers. II Tim. 2:15; 4:13-15; Titus 1:9; 2:7, 8; II Tim. 1:7; 2:2; I Tim. 3:2-7; Psa. 50:16; II Tim. 1:8-11, 14; 2:22; 3:5; Titus 1:5-9; I Cor. 2:12-16; Acts 20:28; Heb. 5:4; I Cor. 9:16; Acts 13:2; I Tim. 1:6; Acts 13:3; Mark 16:15; II Tim. 4:2; II Cor. 4:5; Ezek. 33:7; Matt. 28:19; Luke 22:19, 20; Acts 20:11; 27:35; I Cor. 11:23-28; 10:16; Heb. 13:17; I Peter 5:2; Jer. 3:15.

20. ORDINANCES OF THE GOSPEL—A. Christian baptism. This is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the father, the son, and

the Holy Spirit, in which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ, the death of Christians to the world, the washing of their souls from the pollution of sin, their rising to newness of life, their engagement to serve God, and their resurrection at the last day. Matt. 28:19; Col. 2:12; Acts 8:36-39; Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:5; John 3:23; Acts 16:32-34; 2:41; Rom. 6:4; Col. 3:3; 2:12; Titus 3:5; Gal. 3:27; I Cor. 15:29.

B. The Lord's Supper. This is a commemoration of the death of Christ for our sins, in the use of bread which He made the emblem of His broken body, and the cup, the emblem of His shed blood, and by it the believer expresses his love for Christ, his faith and hope in Him, and pledges to Him fidelity. I Cor. 11:23-26; Matt. 26:26-28; I Cor. 10:16-21; 11:27-29; 10:17; Rom. 14:1-10; I Cor. 12:12-27; Acts 2:42; 20:7.

C. Washing the saints feet. This is a sacred ordinance which teaches humility, and reminds the believer of the necessity of a daily cleansing from all sin. It was instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ, and called an "example" on the night of His betrayal, and in connection with the institution of the Lord's Supper. It is the duty and happy prerogative of every believer to observe this sacred ordinance. John 13:4-8; I Tim. 5:1-10.

21. DEATH—As a result of sin, all mankind is subject to the death of the body. The soul does not die with the body, but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery, according to the character here possessed. Rom. 5:12; Heb. 9:27; I Cor. 15:22; Psa. 89:48; Eccl. 8:8; 12:7; Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; Matt. 17:3; 22:32; Acts 7:59; Matt. 10:28; II Cor. 5:8; Luke 16:22-26; Rev. 6:9.

22. SECOND COMING OF CHRIST—The Lord Jesus who ascended on high and sits at the right hand of God, will come again to close the gospel dispensation, glorify His saints, and judge the world. Acts 1:11; Matt. 25:31; I Cor. 15:24-28; I Thess. 4:15-17; II Thess. 1:7-10; II Peter 3:3-13; Matt. 24:42-44.

23. THE RESURRECTION—The Scriptures teach the resurrection of the bodies of all men, each in its own order; they that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil to the resurrection of damnation. John 5:28, 29; Acts 24:15; I Cor. 15:22, 23; II Tim. 2:18; Phil. 3:21; I Cor. 15:35-44; Dan. 12:2.

24. THE JUDGMENT AND RETRIBUTION—A. The Judgment. There will be a judgment, when time and man's probation will close forever. Then all men will be judged according to their works. Acts 17:31; I Cor. 15:24; Rev. 10:6; 22:11; II Peter 3:11; Eccl. 9:10; II Peter 3:12; II Cor. 5:10; Eccl. 12:14; Matt. 12:36; Rev. 20:12; Rom. 2:16.

B. Retribution. Immediately after the judgment, the righteous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked will go into a state of endless punishment. Matt. 25:46; II Thess. 1:8-10; Rom. 6:23; II Peter 1:11; Mark 3:29; 9:43, 44; Jude 7; Rev. 14:11; 21:7, 8, 27; Matt. 13:41-43; Rom. 2:6-10.

Constitution for the North Louisiana District Association of Free Will Baptists

PREAMBLE: From long experience, we, the members of the Free Will Baptist Churches of this district, having been baptized by immersion upon a profession of our faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord, and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among our churches; do, for the purpose of coordinating our efforts for the extension of the kingdom of God, ordain this constitution for the betterment of our associational government.

ARTICLE I.

NAME: This organization shall be called the "North Louisiana District Association of Free Will Baptists," affiliated with the State Association of Free Will Baptists of Arkansas, which is a member of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II.

PURPOSE: The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of its various boards and churches composing this association, and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the gospel of Christ in connection with the various boards, auxiliaries and churches, or those that may hereafter be represented therein.

ARTICLE III.

REPRESENTATION: Section 1. This association shall be composed of quarterly meetings which in turn are composed of well regulated Free Will Baptist churches, maintaining gospel order, subscribing (agreeing) with the denomination in doctrine and practice, favoring the various enterprises that have been endorsed by this association and the denomination proper.

Section 2. The acting members of this association shall be regularly ordained ministers, deacons, and church clerks who are in good standing with their local churches. Also each church shall be represented by delegates elected as follows: Two (2) delegates for the first fifty (50) resident members or fraction thereof, and one (1) delegate for each subsequent twenty-five (25) resident members or fraction thereof. A letter from said churches shall accompany said delegates as requested by this body.

Section 3. In event only part of the elected delegation is present from a church, they together may in conciliation with their pastor fill said vacancies with other members who are present from said church. Said delegation to be approved by this body.

Section 4. Ministers and deacons coming from another state, association, or denomination shall be received after complying with the rules as stipulated in the bylaws of the examining board of this body.

ARTICLE IV.

DISCIPLINE: Section 1. This association has the right to discipline the quarterly meetings of which it is composed, as the quarterly meetings have to discipline the churches of which they are composed.

Section 2. When a quarterly meeting neglects to report itself, or when it becomes heretical or corrupt in practice, this association may pursue the same course with it that a quarterly meeting does with a disorderly church.

Section 3. Churches which compose the quarterly meetings, which in turn composed the association, are admonished not to call a pastor or an evangelist that has been excluded (dismissed) from another church or association for disorderly conduct, etc.

ARTICLE V.

FINANCE: This association shall receive its support from twenty-five percent (25%) of the cooperative receipts that come from the churches composing said body. This association recommends that each church belonging to said body give one tenth (1/10%) of its tithes and offerings to this body for the support of the state and national programs.

ARTICLE VI.

OFFICER: Section 1. The officers of this association shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, and treasurer. These officers shall be elected annually, on the last day of the association, at the close of the business period.

ARTICLE VII.

Section 1. Be it resolved that Article VII of the constitution be amended to make the following change: That if any member elected to any board of the association shall miss every board meeting, for the associational year, that member shall automatically be dismissed from that board, and a new member elected, unless said member has missed meeting with his board because of a providential hinderance.

Section 2. **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.** The standing boards of this association shall be the Executive Board, Home Mission Board, Sunday School Board, and the Examining Board. The District Woman's Auxiliary Convention and the District League Convention shall be considered auxiliaries of this association. Each are requested to report yearly to this body. The Credential Committee, as well as other committees deemed necessary, shall be appointed by the moderator, or by the body if it so desires.

ARTICLES VIII.

DUTIES AND RULES OF BOARDS: All boards and committees are to organize when elected or appointed; also, at the beginning of each associational year. They shall have a chairman, assistant chairman, secretary, and a treasurer when funds are entrusted to a board. Each board or committee shall keep a written report of each meeting, the receiving and disbursement of its funds, etc., and shall make a written report to this body of its work

done during the year, or as requested by the body. Each standing board shall have its own bylaws which shall govern its activities, only when stated by this constitution. All bylaws are to conform to the principle and tenets of this association.

Section 1. The Executive Board is delegated the power to act in behalf of and for the North Louisiana District Association or its quarterly meetings, when either of these bodies is not in session. (It shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur on any of the standing boards or office of the association or quarterly meetings.) This board shall be responsible for all legal matters that might claim the attention of this body. It shall hold in trust and supervise all properties that belong to or have been purchased by said body, unless otherwise ordered by the body.

Section 2. Home Missions Board: It shall be the duty of this board to work in conjunction with the State and National Home Mission Board in arranging an active missionary program. The activities of this board shall be governed by its bylaws as approved by this body, and shall be answerable to this body for all of its activities.

Section 3. The Sunday School Board shall work in cooperation with the State Sunday School Board. It shall assist the churches of this association in teaching and training programs, workshops, and in recommending methods and materials for the betterment of the Sunday school. It shall also be responsible for a yearly Sunday school rally.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Examining Board to examine all candidates (ministers and deacons) at the request of the local church. Such candidates shall be members in good standing with the local church (having been a Christian long enough to show Christian maturity). (2) All licensed ministers seeking ordination shall be given a written examination. (Questionnaire, to be furnished by this board.) Ministers coming from other states, associations, or denominations shall be examined by this board, at the request of the local church. These shall be given the questionnaire furnished by this board. Deacons shall be examined according to the Scripture and practice of Free Will Baptist. (See treatise.)

ARTICLE IX.

MEETINGS: This association shall meet annually at such time and place as shall be decided upon by said body.

ARTICLE X.

RULES FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS: Either Robert's Rules of Order or Hall and Sturgis Rules of Order shall be used as a guide in all business transactions, parliamentary usages, etc.

ARTICLES XI.

AMENDMENTS: This constitution may be amended or altered at any regular (yearly) session of the North Louisiana District Association by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided proposed amendments or alterations be presented in writing to the board one day in advance.

Rules of Order

1. At every sitting of the association, business shall be opened and concluded with a prayer.
2. Those who speak shall rise, address the moderator, and personal reflection shall be avoided.
3. All motions made and seconded shall be opened for discussion, but debate may be shut off at any time by a majority of the members of the association.
4. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.
5. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.
6. No person or persons shall speak twice on the same subject without special leave from the moderator.
7. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.
8. No member shall absent himself without leave of the moderator.
9. At the future sessions of this association arrangements shall be made so as to insure two sermons, or other devotional exercises, which shall be equivalent thereto, during each day of the session, and that the chair announce just before adjournments who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.
10. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular meeting of the association.

Ordained Ministers

Below is a list of ordained ministers reporting to the North Louisiana District Association:

Rev. Harvey Payne, Route 1, Box 56-C, Oak Grove, Louisiana
Rev. Ralph Fowler, Star Route 2, Box 104, Lake Village, Arkansas
Rev. Ray Payne, Star Route 2, Box 103, Lake Village, Arkansas
Rev. Elmer Payne, Star Route 2, Lake Village, Arkansas
Rev. L. D. Payne, Oak Grove, Louisiana
Rev. Melvin Tyson, First Free Will Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana
Rev. Elmer Holliman, Star Route 2, Lake Village, Arkansas

Order of Business

1. Association called to order by the clerk and introduce the moderator.
2. Moderator's message.
3. Welcome address.
4. Appointment of Credentials Committee.
5. Call for letters from the churches, seating of delegates, and right hand of fellowship.
6. Call for letters from newly organized churches.
7. Introductory message.
8. Appointment of the following committees: Finance, Arrangement of Preaching, Temperance, Sunday School, Obituary, Condition of Non-represented Churches, Credentials and Statistics.
9. Recognition of corresponding associations.
10. Election of board members.
11. Reading of Rules of Order by chairman or clerk.
12. Report of committees appointed at last association and other unfinished business.
13. New business.
14. Report of new committees.
15. Election of new officers.
16. Adjournment.

The First Annual Session of the
North Louisiana District Association
of Free Will Baptists

The First Annual Session of the North Louisiana District Association of Free Will Baptists met with the HillView Church of Bastrop, on Friday, June 30th and Saturday, July 1st, 1967. It was composed of Ministers, deacons, delegates and church officers.

Song leaders were Bro's Ralph Fowler and D. Smith. Acting clerk was Sister Grace Rainey.. Moderator was Bro. Aubrey Rainey and assistant moderator Bro. Arthur Chappell.

Friday Morning.

9:30 Song No. 97, "I'll Live On".

House called to order by moderator, Bro. Aubry Rainey, Prayer was offered by Bro. Arthyr Chappell.

Moderator's address--St. John 1:1-34. Song No. 87, "I Am Thine O Lord". Sister Nina Mae Fowler was appointed reading clerk by the chair.

Welcome address by Rev. Ralph Fowler. Rules of Order were read by reading clerk.

Moderator called for letters. Letters read, received and delegates seated by the acting body.

Petitionary letters were read from the Oak Grove No. 2 Church of Lake Village, Ark., and the First Church of Lake Port, Ark.

M.S.C. to receive the two churches into the North Louisiana District Association. The delegates were given the Christian handshake.

Recess; dismissed by Bro. L. D. Payne.

11:00 Song No. 100, "What a Savior".

Introductory message by Rev. Elmer Hallman. Scripture reading Joshua 6:1-18. Text, Condition of the fall of Jericho. Context Hidden Sin. Benediction by Rev. Elmer Payne. Lunch was served by the Woman's Auxiliary.

Friday Afternoon

1:00 Song No. 39, "He Whispers Sweet Peace to me".

Special song by Rev. and Mrs. D. Smith.

Appointment of Committee by Chairmen:

Obituary Committee

Sist. Bertha Chappell, Sis. Hazel Moore and Sis. JoAnn Payne.

Sunday School Committee

Rev. D. Smith, Sis. Bulah Smith and Sis. Judy Payne.

Credentials Committee

Sis. Bertha Chappell, Sis. Jimmie Jordan and Bro. Don Payne.

Finance Committee

Bro. Paul Payne, Bro. Ralph Fowler and Bro. L. D. Payne.

Temperance Committee

Bro. Elmer Hallman, Sis. Nina Mac Fowler and Bro. Harvey Payne.

Pulpit Committee

Sis. Bertha Chappell, Sis. Hazel Moore and Bro. Kenneth Chappell.

Resolutions Committee

Rev. Ralph Fowler, Rev. L. D. Payne and Rev. Harvey Payne.

Home Mission Board

Rev. Doyle Shepherd, Rev. Ralph Fowler and Rev. L. D. Payne.

Executive Board

Rev. Melvin Tyson, Rev. I. H. Ellerbee and Bro. Arthur Chappell.

Examining Board

Rev. Elmer Payne, Rev. Herschel Sharpton and Rev. Joe Chaplin.

M.S.C. to omit Friday night service in this session only.

Benediction by Rev. D. Smith.

Saturday Morning

9:30 Song No. 206. "Do Lord". Prayer by Bro. Paul Payne.

Moderator called for report from the Pulpit Committee.

Pulpit Committee

We the Pulpit committee recommend to the body that Bro. Don Harvey Payne bring the morning Devotional and that Rev. Paul Payne bring the evening Devotional and Rev. L. D. Payne bring the evening message. No. 2, We your Pulpit committee also recommend that Rev. Elmer Payne bring the introductory message for the 1968 session and Rev. Ralph Fowler to be the speaker for the memorial message.

Bertha Chappell
Hazel Moore
Kenneth Chappell

M.S.C. that recommendations be accepted and committee be discharged.

Devotional--Bro. Don Harvey Payne, Scripture--Isaiah 55:1-4.

Theme--Salvation is Free--Gospel can't be given away--People won't accept it. Prayer--Rev. Ralph Fowler.

Moderator called for tardy letters.

M.S.C. to receive letter and seat delegates from the First Church in Shreveport. The body selected the Hixon Church of Oak Grove,

La. as host for the second session of the District Association which will be held on Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in August, 1968.

Memorial Message

11:00 Song No. 103, "I NEED No Mansion Here".

Special by Sis. Hazel Moore: Memorial message by Rev. Harvey Payne. Scripture--Hebrews 12:1-4, Text "For ye have not resisted unto blood striving against sin." Context from the balconies of Heaven. Dismissed by Rev. Herschel Sharpton. Lunch served by Woman's Auxiliary.

1:00 Song No. 240-"Calvary". Prayer by Rev. Melvin Tyson.

Committee Reports

Credentials Committee

We, the credentials committee find we have 7 ordained Ministers, 9 licensed Ministers, all in good standing to the best of our knowledge. We recommend that a committee be formed to council with Rev. Joe Chaplin in regard to the First Church in West Monroe. No. 2. We your credentials committee have been informed that we need to replace Rev. Doyle S^{te}pherd on the Home Mission Board. We recommend Rev. Harvey Payne to take his place.

Sis. Bertha Chappell
Sis. Jimmie Jordan
Bro. Don Harvey Payne

M.S.C. to receive report and discharge the committee.

Temperance Committee

We, your committee on Temperance urge all Free Will Baptist to condemn all ungodly things. To carefully read second Peter 1: 1-10. Abstain from all alcholic beverages, "for the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men", "Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lust, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world. Titus 2:11-12.

Rev. Elmer Hallman
Sis. Nina Mae Fowler
Rev. L. D. Payne

M.S.C. to receive report and discharge committee.

Finance Committee

We, your committee on finance recommend that all churches send 10% of all monies received to the North Louisiana Home Mission Board of Free Will Baptists in care of Rev. D. Smith, Oak Grove, La., Box 123. This money is to be used to organize new Churches and support Home Missionary. We further recommend an offering

be taken at each annual session for the expense of the Association and the clerk and statictian be paid \$15.00 for each session

Rev. Paul Payne
Rev. Ralph Fowler
Rev. L. D. Payne

M.S.C. to receive recommendations and discharge the committee.

Obituary Committee

We, the obituary committee find 5 of our beloved members have deceased from this walk of life, 4 from the First Church in West Monroe and one from the Hixon Church of Oak Grove, La.

Sis. Bertha Chappell
Sis. Hazel Moore
Sis. JoAnn Payne

M.S.C. to receive recommendations and discharge the committee.

Resolution Committee

We, your Resolution Committee recommend that all Churches go on full time. We further recommend that all of our ordained Ministers accept nothing less than full time ministry.

Resolution No. 2.---Be it resolved that the North Louisiana District Association obtain the service of a full time missionary to perform any duty required be a Free Will Baptist Missionary.

Resolution No. 3.---Be it further resolved that each Pastor encourage his people to support whole heartily our Missionary endeavor.

Rev. Harvey Payne
Rev. Ralph Fowler
Rev. L. D. Payne

Clerk read the report of Resolutions Committee. M.S.C. to adopt resolution No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3.

Examining Board

We, the Examining Board find Bro. Willy Thomason of Shreveport, sound in doctrine. We also find we need to replace Rev. Herschel Sharpton on the Examining Board, as he is moving to Alabama in August.

Rev. Elmer Payne
Rev. Herschel Sharpton
Rev. Joe Chaplin

M.S.C. to receive report and precede to replace Rev. Sharpton. The floor was opened for nominations for a replacement on the examining Board. Rev. Melvin Tyson was elected.

Home Mission Board

Rev. D. Smith was elected from the floor to fill Rev. Doyle Shepherds two year term.

Executive Board

Rev. Melvin Tyson was elected from the floor to a three year term on the Executive Board.

1968 Session

The body elected Rev. Elmer Payne to bring the Introductory Message at the 1968 session. Rev. Ralph Fowler was elected to bring the Memorial Message.

The body elected Bro. R. L. Martar, clerk, and Bro. Willy Thomasson assistant clerk.

Song Leader

The body retained Rev. Ralph Fowler as Song Leader, Rev. D. Smith was retained as Assistant.

Rev. Harvey Payne was elected Moderator and Rev. Melvin Tyson Assistant Moderator. M.S.C. that the clerk, Bro. R. L. Martar would send a petitionary letter from the North Louisiana District Association of Free Will Baptists, requesting membership in the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Delegates elected to attend the Arkansas State Association, from the N.L.D. Association were Sis. Nina Mae Fowler, Sis. Hazel Moore and Sis. Nora Cambell.

Rev. L. D. Payne was appointed Parliamentarian by the Chair, and was requested to purchase a book on "The How in Parliamentary Procedure" and also to draw up a guide line for the 1968 Session.

M.S.C that the clerk would compile and have minutes of this, 1967 session printed in book for.

M.S.C. to pay clerk and statistician \$15:00 for each session.

Statistic Report---by Rev. L.D. Payne

Church Membership	274
Resident Members	220
Non Resident Members	45
Members received this year	108
Members by Baptism	53
Members by letter	19
Members dismissed	8
Members dismissed by letter	3
Members deceased	5
Members excluded	1

Sunday School

Enrollment	206
League	35
Woman's Auxiliary (one)	16
Ordained Deacons	8
Ordained Ministers	9
Licensed Ministers	5
Total Offerings	\$14,194.49
Building Fund	11,144.82
Pastor's Salary	3,704.63
Evangelistic Work	699.00
Building and Repair	12,404.10
Literature	349.93
Miscellaneous	297.79
Value of Church Property	43,805.00

Two churches don't own property. One Church owns church site but have no building.

Body gives standing vote of thanks to Host Church.

M.S.C. to retain Rev. L. D. Payne as statistician. M. S. C. to adjourn until Friday before the first Sunday in August 1968.

Dismissed by Sis. Nina Mac Fowler.

Churches in the N.L.D. Association are: HillView, Bastrop, Nixon, Oak Grove, First Church, Monroe, First Church, Shreveport, Calvary, Eudora, Ark. Oak Grove, Lake Villiage, Ark, First Church, Lake Port, Ark.

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