
Minutes

Of The

Polk Bayou Association

Of

Free Will Baptists

Held With

Pool's Chapel Church

Near Sandtown, Independence County, Arkansas

SEPTEMBER 11, 12, 1959

The 1960 session of the Association will be held with Allen's Chapel Church near Batesville, Independence County, Arkansas, beginning at 7:30 p. m. Friday before the Second Sunday in September.

Rev. Lonnie Clark will be the introductory speaker, with Rev. Hoover Lewis, alternate.

OFFICERS

Moderator.....Rev. Clarence Burton, Grubbs
Ass't. Moderator.....Rev. Henry Doyle, Newport
Clerk and Treasurer.....Mrs. M. B. Williams, Strawberry
Ass't. Clerk.....Mrs. Ruth Leonard, Salado

**PASTORS AND CHURCH CLERKS
OF POLK BAYOU ASSOCIATION**

ALLEN'S CHAPEL—Rev. Bob King, Batesville Rte, Salado;
Mrs. Opal Sturch, Batesville Rte., Salado.

BALLEW'S CHAPEL—Rev. Clarence Burton, Grubbs; Mr.
Earl Morgan, R. 2, Box 275, Newport.

BLACKLAND CHAPEL—Rev. Owen Harvell, Melbourne; Mrs.
Mabel Huckaba, Oil Trough.

BETHEL—Pastor's name not listed; Mrs. Syble Harvell, Mel-
bourne.

COFFMAN—Rev. Grady Linebaugh, Walnut Ridge; Mrs. Jes-
sie Fern Oldham, R. 1, Hoxie.

ISLAND—Rev. Lonnie Clark, Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Eva Miller,
R. 4, Newport.

NEWPORT—Rev. J. W. Blanks, Newport; Mrs. Virginia Drum-
mond, 602 McLain, Newport.

MACEDONIA—Rev. Archie Warnick, Rt. 3, Walnut Ridge;
Mrs. Vina Harvell, Mt. Pleasant.

MT. HARMONY—Rev. Grady Linebaugh, Walnut Ridge; Mrs.
Mabel Croom, Strawberry.

NEW HOME NO. 2—Pastor's name not listed; Mrs. Earle
Sims, Mt. Pleasant.

OAK GROVE—Rev. Leonard Milligan, Black Oak; Mr. Win-
ford Davis, Rt. 1, Smithville.

OAKLAND—Rev. Henry Obarts, Portia; Mrs. Lorene Burrow,
Rt. 1, Box 217, Bradford.

PINE HILL—Rev. Owen Harvell, Melbourne; Mrs. Zelma
Roach, Rt. 1, Box 178, Batesville.

POOL'S CHAPEL—Rev. Lonnie Clark, Mt. Pleasant; Mr.
Laman Roach, Rt. 1, Box 174, Batesville.

WEAVER'S CHAPEL—Rev. Austin Mullen, Newport Rte.,
Batesville; Mrs. Alene Milligan, Rt. 2, Batesville.

PROCEEDINGS

Friday Evening, September 11, 1959

The annual session of the Polk Bayou Association of Free Will Baptists met with the Pool's Chapel Church at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Bob King, who formerly was pastor at Star City, brought the message. Scripture was from Matthew 3. Rev. King is now full time pastor of the Allen's Chapel Church.

Saturday 9:00 A. M.

The session began with singing directed by Rev. Bob King with Mrs. Ruth Leonard, pianist.

The Moderator read Psalm 27.

Prayer by Rev. Henry Obarts.

Moderator, Clarence Burton read the by-laws.

Letters from the different churches were read and received by the body and their delegates were seated by the usual custom, right hand of fellowship.

The following committees were appointed by Assistant Moderator, Rev. Henry Doyle.

DIVINE SERVICE—George Snellgrove, Mrs. Lloyd Mantooth, Mrs. Roland Sharp.

FINANCE—Laman Hastings, Ottis Richey, Rev. Ray Watkins.

OBITUARY—Vic Rutledge, Steve Goforth, Alfred Myers.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Mrs. Esther Watkins, Mrs. Elsie Riggs, Mrs. Nellie King.

RESOLUTIONS—M. B. Williams, Rev. Bob King, Rev. Austin Mullen.

ORDINATION—Rev. H. A. Lewis, Rev. John Riggs, Rev. Obie Eagan.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator.....Rev. Clarence Burton
Ass't. Moderator.....Rev. Henry Doyle
Clerk and Treasurer.....Mrs. M. B. Williams
Ass't. Clerk.....Mrs. Ruth Leonard

Prayer by Rev. Ray Watkins.

Recess

10:45 A. M.

Singing directed by Rev. Austin Mullen, Mary K. Roach, pianist.

Prayer by Rev. Lonnie Clark.

Rev. Obie Eagan read 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18, and brought the memorial message.

Song, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks" by congregation, and Christian handshake.

Benediction by Bro. Alfred Myers.

Thanks for the food expressed by Rev. John Riggs.

Noon

Saturday 1:30 P. M.

The Assembly was called together by congregational singing directed by Mrs. Audrey Roach, Mary K. Roach, pianist.

Rev. Henry Obarts read Rev. 22.

Prayer by Rev. H. A. Lewis.

Solo, "City of Light", Dotte Satterwhite.

Duet, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross," Robbie Snellgrove and Ruth Leonard.

Mrs. Cora Baxter, a visitor, was recognized.

Motion was made by Rev. Austin Mullen, second by Rev. Henry Doyle to accept the following recommendations:

If a church desires to change pastors at the end of the year, they notify their present pastor of the desire, 60 days

before the end of the year, and also if a pastor wishes to leave he must notify the church 60 days before his time is up.

Motion carried.

A standing vote of thanks was given to the people of Pool's Chapel Church for their fine hospitality and the good food served.

Duet, "God Is Everywhere," Mrs. Jay Roach and daughter, Mary Katherine Roach.

A letter from the White River Quarterly meeting was read by its clerk, Rev. Austin Mullen.

A motion was sustained to use the following on church letter forms: members received, instead of by baptism, by letter, or by faith.

Reports of committees were given which are found elsewhere.

Delegates and alternates to the Arkansas State Association were elected as follows:

Delegates	Alternates
Mrs. Lorena Crabtree	Mrs. Nellie King
Mrs. Myrl Coles	Mrs. Olene Huskey
Miss Winnie Grace Coles	Mrs. Maude Fletcher
Mrs. Vivian Burton	Mrs. Lonnie Coleman
Mrs. Gertie Doyle	Mrs. Ruth Leonard

Two members were elected on the Executive Board, M. B. Williams, 4 years; Rev. Obie Eagan, 5 years. These were elected by acclamation.

Motion sustained to license Hoover Lewis and J. W. Roach to preach the gospel, and also to ordain Ottis Richey as deacon.

Bro. Hoover Lewis of Allen's Chapel Church and Bro. J. W. Roach of Pool's Chapel Church were licensed to preach for one year.

Bro. Ottis Richey of Oak Grove Church was ordained as deacon. The prayer of Ordination was led by Rev. H. A. Lewis.

A motion was sustained to go to Allen's Chapel Church for the 1960 session of the Association.

Rev. Lonnie Clark will be the introductory speaker, Rev. Hoover Lewis, alternate.

Rev. Ray Watkins will be the memorial speaker, Rev. H. A. Lewis, alternate. These were elected by acclamation.

The Divine Service Committee reported that Rev. Henry Obarts would preach on Saturday night.

Conference was adjourned.

Prayer of dismissal by Rev. Bob King.

Executive Board

Rev. Obie Eagan	1959-1964
Bro. Millard Williams	1959-1963
Rev. H. A. Lewis	1957-1962
Rev. J. W. Blanks	1956-1961
Rev. Owen Harvell	1955-1960

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DIVINE SERVICE—We, your committee, report as follows: Ministers will fill the stand in the order named here. Saturday morning, Rev. Obie Eagan; Saturday night,, Rev. Henry Obarts.

FINANCE—We, your committee have received \$73.00 from 12 churches and have given it to the treasurer.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—We, your committee, wish to report as follows: 12 churches reporting, each having a Sunday School, with a total attendance of 928.

There were 3 churches not represented. Two of these churches have Sunday Schools, with a total attendance of about 80, making a grand total of 1,008, a decrease of 65 from last year's report.

We recommend that each member of our Sunday Schools attend regularly and encourage those about us to attend.

OBITUARY—We, your committee, find that 10 of our members have been claimed by the death angel the past year, as follows:

Allen's Chapel—Bro. J. J. Long and sister, A. W. Ney-house.

Ballew's Chapel—Sister Celia Tubbs.

Coffman—Bro. Jesse Garland.

Mt. Harmony—Sister Sarah Callahan, Sister Malissa Williams and Bro. Henry Walker.

Newport—Bro. Mason Thomas.

Oakland—Lockey Young.

Pine Hill—Sister Mary Frazier.

Treasurer's Report

Received from Finance Committee	\$73.00
Received from Island Church later	6.00
Balance in Treasury	11.26
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TOTAL	\$90.26
Amount paid to Arkansas State Ass'n.	\$45.00
Amount for printing programs	4.42
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Balance in Treasury	\$40.84

MINISTERS' REPORTS

Obie Eagan—I didn't pastor any church, preached some locally, held 4 funerals, married 3 couples. Money received \$63.00.

Grady Linebaugh—Pastored 2 churches, half time each, traveled 4,604 miles, preached 101 sermons. Received in salary and gifts, \$1,406.00.

Lonnie Clark—Pastored 2 churches half time each, helped in 1 revival, witnessed 3 conversions, helped baptize 6, received 8 into membership, visited several revival meetings, and preached and helped with several funerals, married 2 couples. Money received, \$965.00.

Henry Doyle—Pastored 2 churches, preached 85 sermons, held 2 funerals, married 1 couple, traveled between 4,500 and 5,000 miles. Money received, \$661.50.

Henry Obarts—Pastored 1 church full time, preached 80 sermons, baptized 3, received into membership 7, helped officiate at 1 funeral. Money received, \$675.00.

Austin Mullen—Through God's goodness and mercy I have pastored 2 churches, half time each, preached 106 sermons, witnessed 7 professions of faith, baptized 5, held 1 revival, assisted in 4 revivals, visited in 3 more and assisting when my service was desired. Had printed and/or mimeographed 2,890 bulletins, programs, etc.; concerning the churches and leagues. Received \$387.11 for services in churches and revivals, and \$14.00 for service as clerk of quarterly meeting. It has been a wonderful year in service of our wonderful Lord. Pray for us and the work.

Ministers

Present

Henry Doyle, Newport
 Clarence Burton, Grubbs.
 Ray Watkins, Newport.
 Bob King, Salado.
 Obie Eagan, Saffell.
 Archie Warnick, Wal. Ridge.
 John Riggs, Batesville.
 Henry Obarts, Portia.
 Lonnie Clark, Mt. Pleasant
 H. A. Lewis, Batesville.
 Austin Mullen, Batesville.

Absent

Ernest Elms, Batesville.
 Coy Staggs, Batesville.
 Othaniel Safirt, Newport.
 E. M. Phillips, Guion.
 D. W. Pinkston, Hoxie.
 J. W. Blanks, Newport.
 H. H. Ring.
 W. C. Keylon, Union.
 M. A. Wolfe.
 Bee Woodruff, Newport.
 Owen Harvell, Melbourne.
 Grady Linebaugh, W. Ridge.

Deacons Present

Vic Rutledge, Frank Richey, Millard Williams, Alfred Myers, George Snellgrove, Laman Hastings, Arville Satterwhite, Jay Roach, Ervin Baxter, Steve Goforth, Ottis Richey.

Licensed Ministers

Hoover Lewis and J. W. Roach, present; Donald Ervin, absent.

Church Clerks Present

Mrs. Zelma Roach, Mrs. Earle Sims, Mrs. Vina Harvell, Mr. Laman Roach.

DELEGATES

ALLEN'S CHAPEL—Mrs. Bob King, Mrs. Mirl Coles, and Mrs. Wilfred Robbins.

BALLEW'S CHAPEL—Mrs. Esther Watkins, Mrs. Ethel Welch, and Mrs. Bonnie Brown.

BLACKLAND CHAPEL—Mrs. Robbie Snellgrove, Mrs. Bessie Rutledge, and Mrs. Lillian Martin.

MACEDONIA—Mrs. Lillian Johnson, Mrs. Pearl Brooks, and Zella Craig.

MT. HARMONY—Mrs. Lorena Crabtree, Mrs. Willene Sharp, and Mrs. Olene Huskey.

NEWPORT—Mrs. Gertie Doyle, Mrs. Maude Fletcher, and Mrs. Imogene Mantooth.

OAK GROVE—Mrs. Dora Sharp and Otis Richey.

OAKLAND—Mrs. Frankie Obarts.

PINE HILL—Mrs. Emma Lee McDaniel.

POOL'S CHAPEL—Mrs. Velva Coles, J. W. Roach, and Almond Hasting.

WEAVER'S CHAPEL—Mrs. Elsie Riggs, Mrs. Lula Goforth, and Mrs. Lena Justice.

COFFMAN—R. F. Townsley.

BY-LAWS

1. The Moderator or assistant moderator, and in their absence, the clerk shall call the Association into conference, and if a quorum be present, the moderator, and in his absence, the assistant moderator shall take charge; and if neither are present, then the senior minister in years of service shall act as moderator.

2. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and Prayer and closed by Prayer.

3. Those who speak shall rise and address the moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

4. All motions made and seconded shall be open for discussion, but debate may be stopped at any time by a majority vote of the members present.

5. 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 then taken separately.

6. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.

7. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the body.

8. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present.

10. Arrangements shall be made to insure at least two sermons each day of each session of the Association.

11. The moderator shall announce just before adjournment who shall preach at the next meeting.

12. Changes may be made in these By-Laws at any regular Session of the Association by a majority vote of members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF ASSOCIATION

1. Convene on the Friday night before the second Sunday in September.

2. Scripture reading and prayer.

3. Association called to order by the moderator or assistant moderator, in their absence the clerk.

4. Moderator calls for introductory sermon.

5. Introductory sermon.

6. Enrollment of ministers and deacons.

7. Call for letters from quarterly meetings belonging to the Association.

8. Call for letters from churches belonging to the Association.

9. Call for petitionary letter.

10. Letters read, received and delegates and church clerks given the right hand of fellowship.

11. Enrollment of delegates and clerks.

12. Clerk call the roll.

13. Elect a moderator.

14. Elect an assistant moderator.

15. Invite all visiting ministers and deacons to enroll.

16. Invite all Christians to take a seat in council.

17. Read the Constitution and By-Laws.

18. Appointment of the following committees: (a) Divine Service, (b) Resolutions, (c) Finance, (d) Temperance, (e) Sunday School, (f) Obituary, (g) Ordination.

19. Call for report of outstanding committees.

20. Call for unfinished business.

21. Call for appeals from quarterly meetings & churches.

22. Call for Ordination of Ministers and Deacons.

23. Call for Ministers' written reports.

24. Elect delegates to the State Association.

25. Call for report of different committees.

26. Call for someone to preach the introductory sermon at the next session.

27. Discharge all committees chosen for this session.

28. Adjourn with prayer.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in 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 the 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 to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unit of Spirit," in bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to 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.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works to the study of the Scripture, secret prayer, family devotions, endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinance 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.

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 souls and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God-the-Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are equal in divine essence, power and glory, John 1:1; John 5:7; I Cor. 8:6; John 10:30.

2. We believe that the scripture in the Old and New Testaments are the words of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. II Timothy 4:2; 3:16.

3. We believe that God created man good and gave him his commandments, whereby he should live holy, but man voluntarily transgressed the law and fell under the just condemnation of the same, whereby all men are sinners, not by constraint, but by choice, being partakers of the sinful nature

attained by the fall. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory; that He, by the grace of God, should taste death for every man. Gen. 1:27; 2:16-17; 3:16-7; Heb. 2:9.

4. We believe that Christ, by His death, burial and resurrection, purchased our pardon and offers it freely to all upon the principles of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent, "Therefore look ye unto me all ye ends of the earth, for I am God, and beside me there is none else." Rom. 5:6-21; Matt. 4:7; Isa. 45:22; Heb. 11:16.

5. We believe that all adult persons must be regenerated and born of the Spirit of God if they inherit eternal life. John 1:6; Titus 3:5; John 3:1-12; Rom. 8:9.

6. We believe that regeneration is an instantaneous renewal of the heart by the Holy Ghost whereby the penitent sinner receives a new life, becomes a child of God and is disposed to serve Him. As babies require food for bodily development, so the new born babe in Christ requires spiritual food, that he may develop by gradual growth into full stature of Christian manhood. John 3:3; Ez. 36:26-27; Titus 3:5; Gal. 5:21; Eph. 2:10; John 1:12; Matt. 13:31; Mark 4:36; I Peter 2:3.

7. We believe that the doctrine of sanctification or holiness in this life as taught in the Bible is applicable to the soul of inner man, and to it alone, and that the sanctification of the body will not take place until the resurrection of the dead, when this mortal shall put on immortality and this corruptible body shall put on incorruption. I Cor. 6:11; Rom. 7:7-25; Phil. 3:21; I Cor. 15:44.

8. We believe that all Christians should preserve in grace and be faithful to the end if they inherit eternal life, for "Blessed are they that do His commandments that they may have a right to the tree of life and enter in through the gates into the city." I Cor. 10:12-13; Rev. 22:14; Rom. 11:20-21; Hebrews 10:26; John 15:2-6.

9. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of men and women who have obtained fellowship with each other and given themselves to the Lord, and one another, having agreed to keep up Godly discipline to the rules of the Gospel. Matt. 18:16-20.

10. We believe that the invisible church is the family of God; composed in the aggregate of all redeemed from righteous Abel to the restitution of all things from every nation, kindred and tongue. Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:47; Heb. 12:33; Acts 10:34-35; Eph. 1:22.

11. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church and that the government thereof is within the body. Eph. 2:23; Col. 1:18-21; Matt. 18-17.

12. We believe that baptism by immersion is the apostolic mode, even the burial of a believer in water, and that Christ who is the new life, showed this example to His children and bade them walk therein. Matt. 3:5-16; 28:19-20; Mark. 1:8-11; Acts 8:38; Rom. 6:16.

13. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and the Washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to be contained until His second coming. Matt. 28:19; Luke 22:19-20; John 13:5.

14. We believe that only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ have a right to baptism, and only those who have been called of God and have come under the Presbytery of elders have a right to administer the same. Titus 1:16; Mark 16:16; Matt. 3:8-9; Acts 10:47; I Tim. 4:14-16.

15. We believe that the soul is immortal, hence does not die, but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery, according to the spiritual character here possessed. Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; Rev. 6:9.

16. We believe that there will be a general universal judgment when all men shall be judged according to the deeds done in the body, whether good or bad, and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment and the righteous into everlasting happiness. Eccl. 1:14; Matt. 12:36-37; II Thes. 1:8-9; Rev. 14:11; 21-18; Luke 16:23; II Cor. 5:10.

17. We believe that God in His goodness displays power of grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by teaching of the Holy Ghost and by instruction of His blessed word to go forth and proclaim life and salvation without price. He bids us freely to come and nothing prevents

the salvation of anyone but his own stubborn and sinful refusal to come. Acts 9:15; I Tim. 1:15-16; I Cor. 1:23.

18. We believe in a divine call to the ministry, that the minister shall heed the admonition of Paul to Timothy to study the Scriptures that the church donate of their substance as the Lords prospers them to the support of their pastors, that said ministers may have better opportunities to store their minds with spiritual food that is necessary to Christian development. To this end we recommend that each church have a finance committee of three to consist of two deacons and a clerk to collect and store such funds. II Tim. 2:15; I Cor. 16:1-2.