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**Minutes**  
**Of The**  
**Polk Bayou Association**  
**Of**  
**Free Will Baptists**  
**Held With**  
**Oakland Church**

**Near Bradford, Jackson County, Arkansas**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 1961**

The 1962 session of the Association will be held with the Pool's Chapel Church, near Sandtown, Independence County, Arkansas, beginning at 9:00 a. m., Saturday before the second Sunday in September.

**REV. CLARENCE CAMPBELL, Moderator**

**Grubbs, Arkansas**

**MRS. M. B. WILLIAMS, Clerk and Treasurer**

**Strawberry, Arkansas**

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## OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. Clarence Campbell ..... Grubbs  
Asst. Moderator, Rev. Hoover Lewis ..... Batesville  
Clerk and Treasurer, Mrs. M. B. Williams ..... Strawberry  
Assistant Clerk, Mrs. Ruth Leonard ..... Salado

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Roy Watkins, 5 years, 1966 ..... Newport  
Rev. Bob King, 4 years, 1965 ..... Salado  
Rev. Obie Eagan, 3 years, 1964 ..... Saffell  
Deacon M. B. Williams, 2 years, 1963 ..... Strawberry  
Rev. H. A. Lewis, 1 year, 1962 ..... Batesville

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. H. A. Lewis ..... Batesville  
Rev. Owen Harvell ..... Melbourne  
Rev. Obie Eagan ..... Saffell

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Pool's Chapel Church

## MEMORIAL SPEAKER

Rev. Oris Doggett ..... Saffell

## ALTERNATE

Rev. J. W. Roach ..... Batesville

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

- ALLEN CHAPEL—Rev. Bob King, Batesville Rte., Salado;  
Mrs. Opal Sturch, Batesville Rte., Salado.
- BALLEW'S CHAPEL—Rev. Clarence Campbell, Box 82,  
Grubbs; Mr. Earl Morgan, Rte. 2, Box 512, Newport.
- BATESVILLE FIRST F.W.B.—Rev. David Joslin, Batesville;  
Mrs. Cleva Lesley, Rte. 2, Box 148, Batesville.
- BETHEL—Rev. H. A. Lewis, Newport Rte., Batesville; Mrs.  
Sibyl Harvell, Melbourne.
- BLACKLAND CHAPEL—Rev. Hoover Lewis, Newport Rte.,  
Batesville; Mrs. Mabel Huckaba, Oil Trough.
- COFFMAN—Rev. Henry Obarts, Box 75, Portia; Mrs. Jessie  
Fern Oldham, Rte. 1, Hoxie.
- ISLAND—Rev. J. W. Roach, Rte. 1, Batesville; Mrs. Eva Mil-  
ler, Rte. 4, Box 318, Newport.
- MACEDONIA—Rev. Lonnie Clark, Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Vina  
Harvell, Mt. Pleasant.
- MT. HARMONY—Rev. Oris Doggett, Saffell; Mrs. Lorene  
Doyle, Rte. 1, Strawberry.
- NEW HOME NO. 2—Rev. Hoover Lewis, Newport Rte., Bates-  
ville; Mrs. Earle Sims, Mt. Pleasant.
- NEWPORT FIRST F.W.B.—Rev. J. W. Blanks, 1004 Jose-  
phine, Newport; Mrs. Virginia Drummond, 602, McLain,  
Newport.
- OAK GROVE—Rev. Obie Eagan, Saffell; Mrs. Pauline Rich-  
ey, Rte. 1, Smithville.
- OAKLAND—Rev. Billy Willhite, Rte. 2, Newport; Mrs. Lo-  
rene Burrow, Rte. 1, Box 217, Bradford.
- PINE HILL—Rev. Owen Harvell, Melbourne; Mrs. Zelma  
Roach, Rte. 1, Box 178, Batesville.
- POOL'S CHAPEL—Rev. Owen Harvell, Melbourne; Mr. La-  
man Roach, Rte. 2, Box 174, Cave City.
- WEAVER'S CHAPEL—Rev. Austin Mullen, Newport Rte.,  
Batesville; Mrs. Alene Milligan, Rte. 2, Batesville.

## PROCEEDINGS

Saturday 9:00 A. M., September 9, 1961

The Assembly was called together by singing directed by Deacon Horace Doyle. The Moderator Rev. Henry Doyle read Romans 12:1-12, followed with prayer by Rev. Bob King. Conference was declared by moderator and the by-laws were read.

Letters from the several different churches were read and received then the delegates were seated in conference by the usual method—right hand of Christian fellowship.

In the absence of assistant moderator, Rev. Owen Harvell, the moderator appointed Rev. Austin Mullen to serve as his assistant.

A letter from the First Free Will Baptist of Batesville was read in which they asked to be accepted into the association.

Motion was sustained to accept the church and their delegates were seated in conference. The new church was organized Sept. 3, 1961.

The following committees were appointed by Rev. Austin Mullen. Reports found elsewhere.

FINANCE—Rev. Clarence Campbell, Horace Doyle, and Larry Doggett.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Mason Thomas, Owen Crafton, and Mrs. Zelma Roach.

OBITUARIES—Rev. H. A. Lewis, Hazel Coleman, and Mrs. Velda Tucker.

A motion by Rev. Bob King and second by Rev. H. A. Lewis, in behalf of Brother Billy Willhite's case, to set aside the rule that one must be licensed to preach the gospel a year before being ordained. Bro. Willhite was licensed in October, 1960.

## RECESS

11:00 A. M.—Divine Service

Singing directed by Mrs. Ollie Doggett. Prayer by Rev. Oris Doggett. Solo, "Just A Rose Will Do," by Charles Doyle. Pianist for solo, Ann Doyle.

Moderator Doyle introduced the speaker, Rev. H. A. Lewis who brought the Memorial message after reading and prayer, Job 14:1-12, Heb. 2:6, Joshua 1:11, "What is Man That Thou Art Mindful of Him." The service was concluded by moderator. Benediction by Rev. Clarence Campbell. Thanks for noon meal by Rev. Ray Watkins.

## NOON

1:00 P. M.

Singing directed by Rev. J. W. Blanks. Scripture 23rd Psalm and prayer, Rev. Austin Mullen.

Solo, "Do Your Best," Sandra Campbell.

Quartet, "Maybe It's You, Maybe It's Me," Rev. and Mrs. Oris Doggett, Larry and Phyllis.

Reports of committees received and committees discharged.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Clarence Campbell
Asst. Moderator	Rev. Hoover Lewis
Clerk and Treasurer	Mrs. M. B. Williams
Assistant Clerk	Mrs. Ruth Leonard

Rev. Ray Watkins was elected to replace Rev. J. W. Blanks whose 5 year term on the Executive Board had expired.

Rev. H. A. Lewis was the only member of the ordaining council present. Bro. Willhite selected Rev. J. W. Blanks and Bro. Henley selected Rev. Bob King to assist in the ordination services. A motion was sustained to that effect. Billy Willhite was ordained as minister. Bro. Henley was ordained as deacon. Rev. J. W. Blanks gave the charge, and Rev. Bob King led the prayer.

Solo, "Savior Hear Us As We Pray," Chesley Campbell, pianist, Sonja Campbell.

### **Delegates to Arkansas State Association**

Mrs. Imogene Mantooth  
Mrs. Ollie Doggett  
Mr. Otis Gray  
Mrs. Nellie King  
Mrs. Willia Jean Lewis

### **Alternates**

Mrs. Vera Campbell  
Mrs. Jeraldine Johnston  
Mrs. Hazel Coleman  
Mrs. Velda Tucker  
Mrs. Jessie Stewart

A motion by Rev. Ray Watkins that each church send \$6 or \$9, (according to the support of the Co-operative fund) to the association yearly—amended by Rev. Bob King that we suggest to the churches to send the \$6 or \$9 to the association. Carried.

This money to be divided as follows: \$3 stays in treasury of Polk Bayou Association for printing of minutes; \$3 to state treasurer for printing of state minutes, \$3 goes to the expenses of state meeting.

The churches that are supporting the Co-operative fund are paying into the state minute fund through it, and therefore are not asked to send to the state minute fund.

The churches that do not support the Co-operative fund are not helping pay for the state minutes unless the money is sent in earmarked Minute Fund.

Rev. Oris Doggett was selected the Memorial speaker for 1962. Rev. J. W. Roach is alternate.

A rising vote of thanks and appreciation was given the Oakland Church and community for the splendid hospitality and the bountiful supply of good food.

The conference adjourned to meet with Pool's Chapel Church in 1962.

Benediction by Rev. J. W. Roach.

### **Song Directors during the day:**

Mr. H. B. Doyle  
Mrs. Ollie Doggett  
Rev. J. W. Blanks  
Mrs. Mabel Robinson  
Mr. Ottis Gray

### **Pianists**

Miss Ann Doyle  
Miss Sonja Campbell  
Miss Frances Robinson  
Mrs. Ruth Leonard

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We, the committee, find each of the 16 churches have a Sunday School with a total enrollment of 1,172. Bethel and Weaver's Chapel failed to have a report or delegation present. We recommend that the average attendance be listed on the report.

### **OBITUARIES**

We, your committee find that nine of our members have been called away, but feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. They are as follows:

Allen's Chapel—Bro. Joe Webb and Bro. Ralph Pierce.

Ballew's Chapel—Bro. Sidney Byrd and Bro. N. J. Gass.

Mt. Harmony—Bro. Floyd Huskey, Sister Minnie Godwin, and Sister Margarette Doyle.

Oak Grove—Sister Pearl Treatenburg.

Pine Hill—Rev. W. C. Keylon—a minister ordained for 64 years.

### **FINANCE**

We, the Finance Committee, have received \$87.00 from the different churches and have given it to the treasurer.



### **Treasurer's Report**

Received from Finance Committee .....	\$87.00
Received through mail after Association .....	24.00
Balance in Treasury from 1960 .....	7.28
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TOTAL.....	\$118.28

### **Expenditures**

To Arkansas State Association toward expenses of state meeting .....	\$48.00
For State Minutes .....	21.00
For printing programs of Polk Bayou Association .....	4.42
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TOTAL.....	\$73.42
Balance on hand for printing of Minutes of Polk Bayou Association .....	\$44.86

### **MINISTERS PRESENT**

Rev. Bob King, Batesville Rte., Salado.  
Rev. Henry Doyle, Newport.  
Rev. H. A. Lewis, Newport Rte, Batesville.  
Rev. Austin Mullen, Newport Rte., Batesville.  
Rev. Clarence Campbell, Grubbs.  
Rev. Henry Obarts, Box 75, Portia.  
Rev. Oris Doggett, Saffell.  
Rev. Hoover Lewis, Newport Rte., Batesville.  
Rev. J. W. Roach, Rte. 1, Batesville.  
Rev. J. W. Blanks, 1104 Josephine, Newport.  
Rev. Billy D. Willhite, Rte. 2, Newport.  
Rev. Ray Watkins, Newport.

### **MINISTERS ABSENT**

Rev. Lonnie Clark, Mt. Pleasant.  
Rev. Obie Eagan, Saffell.  
Rev. Ernest Elms, Oil Trough.  
Rev. Owen Harvell, Melbourne.  
Rev. Coy Staggs, Batesville Rte., Salado.  
Rev. Archie Warnick, Hoxie.  
Rev. Jimmy Richardson, Newport Rte., Batesville.  
Rev. David Joslin, Batesville.  
Rev. Everett Barksdale, Wichita, Kansas.



Rev. Donald Erwin, Powhatan.  
Rev. E. M. Phillips, Guion.  
Rev. H. H. Ring.  
Rev. John Riggs, Rte. 2, Batesville.  
Rev. Othaniel Safirt, Newport.  
Rev. B. Woodruff, Grubbs.  
Rev. M. A. Wolfe, Oklahoma.

#### **LICENSED MINISTERS**

Tommy Manuel and Kenneth Manuel of Batesville, freshmen in the Free Will Baptist College, Nashville, Tennessee.

#### **DEACONS PRESENT**

Horace B. Doyle, W. N. McCoy, Vick Rutledge, E. E. Reed, J. W. Cordell, Ottis Richey, Walter Adkisson, Wilson Sturch.

#### **CHURCH CLERKS PRESENT**

Mrs. Lorene Doyle, Mrs. Zelma Roach, Mrs. Cleva Leslie, Mrs. Lorene Burrow, Mrs. Eva Miller, Mrs. Earle Sims, Mrs. Pauline Richey.

#### **DELEGATES ATTENDING**

ALLEN CHAPEL—Preston Coles, Velda Tucker, Nellie King.  
BALLEW'S CHAPEL—George Tubb, O. T. McGinnis, Ottis Gray.

BATESVILLE—Mrs. O. V. Henley, Dale Leslie.

BLACKLAND CHAPEL—Marie Chambliss, Robbie Snellgrove, Jean Jacobs.

COFFMAN—R. F. Townsley, Jewell Reynolds, Juddie Oldham.

ISLAND—Hazel Coleman, Carl Sutterfield.

MT. HARMONY—Ann Doyle, Larry Doggett.

NEWPORT—Mason Thomas, Ellen Thomas, Bessie Thomas.

NEW HOME No. 2—Lewis Adkisson, Iva Adkisson, G. E. Richardson.

OAK GROVE—Flossie Davis, Pauline Richey.

OAKLAND—Ellen Sturch, Della Clark, Claude Clark.

PINE HILL—Fay McTigue, Hugh McTigue, Emma Lee McDaniel.

POOL'S CHAPEL—Owen Crafton, Almond Hastings.

## 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 Saturday morning 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. Enrollment of ministers and deacons.
5. Call for letters from quarterly meetings belonging to the Association.
6. Call for letters from churches belonging to the Association.
7. Call for petitionary letter.
8. Letters read, received and delegates and church clerks given the right hand of fellowship.
9. Enrollment of delegates and clerks.
10. Clerk call the roll.
11. Elect a moderator.
12. Elect an assistant moderator.
13. Invite all visiting ministers and deacons to enroll.
14. Invite all Christians to take a seat in council.
15. Read the Constitution and By-Laws.
16. Appointment of the following committees: (a) Resolutions, (b) Finance, (c) Temperance, (d) Sunday School, (e) Obituary, (f) Ordination.
17. Call for report of outstanding committees.
18. Call for unfinished business.
19. Call for appeals from quarterly meetings & churches.
20. Call for Ordination of Ministers and Deacons.
21. Call for Ministers' written reports.
22. Elect delegates to the State Association.
23. Call for report of different committees.
24. Call for someone to preach the memorial sermon.
25. Discharge all committees chosen for this session.
26. 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 School, 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 besides 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 Lord 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.



## NOTES

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