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**Minutes**  
**Of The**  
**Polk Bayou Association**  
**Of**  
**Free Will Baptists**

**Held With**  
**Pool's Chapel Church**

**Near Sandtown, Independence County, Ark.**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 1962**

The 1963 session of the Association will be held with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Newport, on State Street in the City of Newport, Jackson County, Arkansas, beginning at 9:00 a. m., Saturday before the second Sunday in September.

**REV. HOOVER LEWIS, Moderator**

**Newport Route**

**Batesville, Arkansas**

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

**Strawberry, Arkansas**

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## OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. Hoover Lewis.....Newport Rte., Batesville  
Asst. Moderator, Rev. J. W. Blanks.....Batesville Rte., Salado  
Clerk and Treasurer, Mrs. M. B. Williams.....Strawberry  
Asst. Clerk, Mrs. Ruth Leonard.....Batesville Rte., Salado

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. H. A. Lewis, 5 years 1967.....Newport Rte., Batesville  
Rev. Ray Watkins, 4 years 1966.....Newport  
Rev. Oris Doggett, 3 years 1965.....Saffell  
Rev. Obie Eagan, 2 years 1964.....Saffell  
Deacon M. B. Williams, 1 year 1963.....Strawberry

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. H. A. Lewis.....Batesville  
Rev. Jimmy Richardson.....Newport  
Rev. Obie Eagan.....Saffell

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Newport, First Church

## MEMORIAL SPEAKER

Rev. Obie Eagan.....Saffell

## Alternate

Rev. Jimmy Richardson.....Newport

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

ALLEN'S CHAPEL—Rev. J. W. Blanks, Batesville Rte., Salado; Mrs. Opal Sturch, Batesville Rte., Salado.

BALLEW'S CHAPEL—No Pastor; Mr. Raymond Clarks, Rte. 2, Box 413, Newport.

BATESVILLE FIRST F. W. B.—Rev. David Joslin, 2049 Maple, Batesville; Mrs. Cleva Lesley, Rte. 2, Box 148, Batesville.

BETHEL—Rev. H. A. Lewis, Newport Rte., Batesville; Mrs. Clara Tate, Melbourne.

BLACKLAND CHAPEL—Rev. Hoover Lewis, Newport Rte., Batesville; Mrs. Mabel Huckaba, Oil Trough.

COFFMAN—Rev. Henry Obarts, Portia; Wilma Housdan, Portia.

ISLAND—Rev. Henry Doyle, Newport; Mrs. Eva Miller, Rte. 4, Box 318, Newport.

MACEDONIA—Rev. J. W. Roach, Rte. 1, Batesville; Mrs. Vina Harvell, Mt. Pleasant.

MT. HARMONY—Rev. Oris Doggett, Saffell; Mrs. Lorene Doyle, Strawberry.

NEW HOME No. II—Rev. Hoover Lewis, Newport Rte., Batesville; Mrs. Earle Sims, Mt. Pleasant.

NEWPORT FIRST F. W. B.—Rev. Jimmy Richardson, 1700 Congress St, Newport; Mrs. Virginia Drummond, 602 McLain, Newport.

OAK GROVE—Rev. J. W. Roach, Rte. 1, Batesville; Mrs. Pauline Richey, Smithville.

OAKLAND—Rev. Billy Willhite, Rte. 2, Box 52, Newport; Mrs. Lorene Burrow, Rte. 2, Box 50, Bradford.

PINE HILL—Rev. H. A. Lewis, Newport Rte., Batesville; Mrs. Jay Roach, Rte. 1, Box 178, Batesville.

POOL'S CHAPEL—Rev. H. A. Lewis, Newport Rte., Batesville; Mr. Laman Roach, Rte. 2, Box 174, Cave City.

TUCKERMAN FIRST F. W. B.—Rev. Ray Watkins, Rte. 2, Newport; Mrs. Ralph Vines, Rte. 1, Box 90, Tuckerman.

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

## PROCEEDINGS

Saturday 9:00 a. m., September 8, 1962

The assembly was called together by singing, directed by Horace Doyle, with Rev. Austin Mullen, pianist.

The assistant moderator, Rev. Hoover Lewis, read Psalm 133. Altar Prayer by the Ordained led by Rev. Henry Doyle, concluded by Rev. Jimmy Richardson.

Conference was declared by assistant moderator and the by-laws were read.

Letters from the different churches were read and received. The delegates were seated in the conference by the right hand of Christian fellowship.

The resignation of the moderator, Rev. Clarence Campbell, who had moved to Oklahoma, was accepted at this time.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator.....	Rev. Hoover Lewis
Asst. Moderator.....	Rev. J. W. Blanks
Clerk and Treasurer.....	Mrs. M. B. Williams
Asst. Clerk.....	Mrs. Ruth Leonard

The newly elected moderator and assistant moderator appointed committees as follows:

FINANCE—Ann Robbins, Esther Williams, Georgia Rhodes.

OBITUARIES—Rev. Lonnie Clark, Rev. J. W. Roach, G. E. Richardson.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Marie Chambliss, Rev. Obie Eagan, Rev. Ernest Elms.

### RECESS

#### 11 A. M. Divine Service

Singing directed by Horace Doyle, with Ruth Leonard, pianist.

Special numbers—"Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All", by Rev. Oris Doggett, Mrs .Doggett, and Phillis.

Scripture II Cor. 5:1-10, and prayer, Rev. Oris Doggett, who then brought the Memorial message.

Remarks by moderator.

Benediction by Rev. Obie Eagan.

Lunch served at club house.

Thanks expressed by Deacon A. T. Blanks.

#### **1:15 p. m. Session**

Singing directed by Rev. Ernest Elms.

Prayer by Deacon B. A. Gibson.

Special—"Where No One Stands Alone," by the Arvil Satterwhite family.

Testimony service conducted by Rev. H. A. Lewis.

Special—"The Stone," by Rev. and Mrs .Oris Doggett.

Delegates to Arkansas State Association were elected as follows:

<b>Delegates</b>	<b>Alternates</b>
Mary Watts	Mrs Lassiter
Alvis Lassiter	Owen Crafton
Mirl Coles	Pearl Gray
Willia Jean Lewis	Ralph Welch
Velda Tucker	Imogene Mantooth

Rev. H. A. Lewis, whose term had expired, was re elected to serve on the Executive Board for 5 years.

Rev. Oris Doggett was elected for 3 years to replace Rev. Bob King, who had moved to Monticello

Motion by Rev. J. W. Blanks and second by George Bowden to elect one to replace Rev. Owen Harvell on the Ordaining Council. Carried. Rev. Jimmy Richardson was elected. Rev. Harvell has moved to Missouri.

Reports from the different committees were read and accepted. The committees were discharged. Reports are found elsewhere.

Motion sustained to give an offering to help defray expenses of dues to State meeting, Minutes, etc. \$23.69 was received.

Motion sustained for clerk to write each church clerk that had not reported to the association reminding them of the duty of the church to contribute financially to the expenses of the Polk Bayou Association.

Motion made by M. B. Williams, second by Rev. Jimmy Richardson, that the moderator appoint a committee of five (5) to study and report to the next annual association, the plan of financing used by the Central Association and other associations. Carried. The moderator appointed the following to serve on the committee: Rev. Jimmy Richardson, Rev. Oris Doggett, Rev. Lonnie Clark, Rev. J. W. Roach, and Rev. Austin Mullen.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

SUNDAY SCHOOL—We, the Sunday School Committee, find that fifteen (15) churches reported Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 1,204. We recommend that the average attendance be listed on the report also.

OBITUARIES—We, your committee, find that fifteen (15) of our members have been called by death since the meeting in 1961. They are as follows:

Allen's Chapel—Bro. A. W. Neyhouse, Bro. Jeff Garland, Bro. Charlie Shetron, and Sister Reta Shuggs.

Ballew's Chapel—Sister Maggie Rhoden and Bro. Houston Woodruff.

Blackland Chapel—Bro. Troy Looney.

Mt. Harmony—Sister Alma Hennessee, Bro. Columbus Huskey, and Bro. Theodore Croom.

New Home—Sister Addie Fitzsimmon, and Sister Rosa Lewis.

Newport First Church—Sister Lena Woodruff.

Oakland—Sister Bertie Shook.

Tuckerman First Church—Bro. Ottis Gray.

FINANCIAL REPORT—We, your committee, find that \$114.00 has been sent in from 15 of the churches, and given to the treasurer.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Finance Committee .....	\$114.00
Received an offering .....	23.69
Received through mail after Association .....	18 00
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TOTAL .....	\$155.69

### Expenditures

To Arkansas State Association toward	
expenses of State meeting .....	\$ 51.00
For printing State Minutes .....	36.00
For printing programs of Polk Bayou Ass'n. ....	3.00
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TOTAL .....	\$ 90.00

Balance on hand for printing Minutes  
of Polk Bayou Association .....\$ 65.69

Rev. Obie Eagan was selected as Memorial Speaker for 1962, and Rev. Jimmy Richardson is alternate.

Conference was adjourned to meet with the Newport First Church at 9 a. m. on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1963.

### MINISTERS PRESENT

Hoover Lewis, Newport Rte, Batesville.

Austin Mullen, Newport Rte., Batesville.

Jimmy Richardson, 1700 Congress St., Newport.

Obie Eagan, Saffell

Oris Doggett, Saffell.

H. A. Lewis, Newport Rte., Batesville.

J. W. Blanks, Batesville Rte., Salado.

Lonnie Clark, Mt. Pleasant.

Henry Doyle, Newport.

J. W. Roach, Rte. 1, Batesville.

Ernest Elms, Oil Trough.

#### **Ministers Belonging But Not Present**

Bob King, Monticello.

Henry Obarts, Box 75, Portia.

Billy D. Willhite, Rte. 2, Newport.

Ray Watkins, Newport.

Owen Harvell, Couch, Mo.

Coy Staggs, Batesville Rte, Salado.

Archie Warnick, Hoxie.

David Joslin, 2049 Maple, Batesville.

Everette Barksdale, Wichita, Kansas.

Donald Erwin, Nashville, Tenn, F. W. B. Bible College.

E. M. Phillips, Guion.

H. H. Ring.

John Riggs, Rte. 2, Batesville.

B. Woodruff, Grubbs.

Tommy Manuel, McHue Rte., Batesville.

Kenneth Manuel, Nashville, Tenn., F.W.B. Bible College.

#### **DEACONS PRESENT**

Jay Roach, A. T. Blanks, Sr., Horace Doyle, Larkin Whitlock, Millard Williams, Ottis Richey, Charles McLaughlin, Vic Rutledge, Ernest Elms, B. A. Gibson, Arvil Satterwhite.

#### **CHURCH CLERKS PRESENT**

Eva Miller, Vina Harvell, Lorene Doyle, Zelma Roach, Earle Sims, Pauline Richey, Laman Roach, Cleve Lesley.



## DELEGATES ATTENDING

Allen's Chapel—Preston Coles, Mirl Coles, Ann Robbins.  
Bethel—Gilmore Adkisson.  
Blackland Chapel—E. L. Chambliss, Marie Chambliss, Blanche Rutledge.  
Island—Tippy Burrow, Eddie Hamilton, Agness Cooper.  
Macedonia—Hazel Hall, Myrl Anderson, Lillian Johnson.  
Mt. Harmony—Nathan Williams, Esther Williams, Maggie Newberry.  
New Home No. II—Iva Adkisson, Berlin Copeland, G. E. Richardson.  
Newport, First Church—George Bowden, Inez Huckaba, Georgia Rhodes.  
Oak Grove—Flossie Davis, Dora Sharp, Bill Treatenburg.  
Pine Hill—Ella Baxter, Nellie Stout.  
Pool's Chapel—Owen Crafton, Eva Roach, Opal Hawkins.  
Tuckerman—Pearl Gray, Rosie Painter, Wanda Merriweather.  
Weaver's Chapel—Calvin Dunigan, Lena Justice.

## SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES

Pastor's Salary .....	\$18,885.55
Evangelistic Work .....	1,343.14
Building and Repairs .....	21,382.59
Literature .....	1,802.07
Radio Programs, etc. ....	46.30
Miscellaneous .....	1,758.10
Other .....	1,840.61
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TOTAL.....	\$47,056.36

## SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

Cooperative Plan .....	\$979.76
Foreign Missions .....	314.73
Home Missions .....	488.37
Education .....	50.80
Orphanage .....	5 00
Superannuation .....	10.00
Associational Project .....	47.00
State and National Project .....	60.90
Other .....	57.91

TOTAL .....	\$2,014.47
Value of Church Property .....	\$169,150.00

## MEMBERSHIP

Resident .....	999
Non-Resident .....	559
TOTAL .....	1558

## BY-LAWS

1. The Modeator or assistant moderator, and in their absence, the clerk shall call the Association into conference, and if a quorum be present, the modeator, 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 principles 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 reverence 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; but He, by the grace of God, should taste death for every man. Gen. 1:27; 2:16-17; 3:16-17; 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. Ep. 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 he 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