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**OFFICERS**

Moderator, Rev. Hoover Lewis ----- Newport Rt., Batesville  
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Clerk & Treasurer, Mrs. M. B. Williams ----- Strawberry  
Asst. Clerk, Mrs. Geraldine Johnston, ----- Batesville Rt., Salado

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Rev. J. W. Roach, 5 years, 1972 ----- Rt. 1, Box 175A, Batesville  
Rev. Billy Van Winkle, 4 years, 1971 ----- Grubbs  
Rev. Owen Harvell, 3 years, 1970 ----- Melbourne  
Rev. J. W. Blanks, 2 years, 1969 ----- Batesville Rt., Salado  
Deacon M. B. Williams, 1 year, 1968 ----- Strawberry

**ORDAINING COUNCIL**

Rev. Ray Watkins ----- Route 2, Newport  
Rev. J. W. Blanks ----- Batesville Rt., Salado  
Rev. W. H. Doyle ----- Newport

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Allen’s Chapel Church

**MEMORIAL SPEAKER**

Rev. Terry Forrest, Saffell

**ALTERNATE**

Rev. Owen Harvell, Melbourne

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

- 1—ALLEN'S CHAPEL—Rev. J. W. Blanks, Batesville Rt., Salado. Mrs. Opal Sturch, Batesville Rt., Salado.
- 2—BALLEW'S CHAPEL—Rev. Billy Van Winkle, Grubbs. Mr. Floyd Coleman, Route 2, Newport.
- 3—BATESVILLE, FIRST F.W.B.—Rev. Hoover Lewis, Newport Rt., Batesville. Mrs. Vaughn Ruminer, 1970 Porter St., Batesville.
- 4—BETHEL—Rev. Lonnie Clark, 227 E. Carter St., Batesville. Mrs. Clara Tate, Melbourne.
- 5—BLACKLAND CHAPEL—Rev. Billy Willhite, Rt. 2, Newport. Mrs. Mabel Huckaba, Oil Trough.
- 6—COFFMAN—Rev. J. W. Russell, Walnut Ridge. Irene Crider, Rt. 1, Box 250, Hoxie.
- 7—ISLAND—Rev. W. H. Doyle, Route 3, Newport. Mrs. Eva Miller, Rt. 4, Box 318, Newport.
- 8—MACEDONIA—Rev. J. W. Roach, Rt. 1, Box 175A, Batesville. Mrs. Hazel Hall, Mt. Pleasant.
- 9—MT. HARMONY—Rev. Terry Forrest, Saffell. Mrs. Lorene Doyle, Strawberry.
- 10—NEW HOME—Rev. Owen Harvell, Melbourne. Miss Bethel Richardson, Melbourne.
- 11—NEWPORT FIRST F.W.B.—  
Mrs. Hugh Johnson, 1405 Fairway, Newport.
- 12—OAK GROVE—Rev. Henry Obarts, Newport. Mrs. Oma Smith, Route, Smithville.
- 13—OAKLAND—Rev. Gaylord Huckaba, Oil Trough. Mrs. Lorene Burrow, Route 2, Box 50, Bradford.
- 14—POOL'S CHAPEL—Rev. Jimmy Richardson, Batesville Rt., Box 45, Salado. Mr. Laman Roach, Rt. 2, Box 174, Cave City.
- 15—TUCKERMAN FIRST F.W.B.—Rev. Ray Watkins, Rt. 2, Newport. Mrs. Fay Vines, Rt. 1, Box 90, Tuckerman.

## PROCEEDINGS

Saturday, July 8, 1967 — 9:00 A. M.

The Polk Bayou Association of Free Will Baptists met in regular annual session with the New Home Free Will Baptist Church near Gid.

Congregational singing was directed by Brother Gilmore Adkinson, with sister Willia Jean Lewis at the piano. "More About Jesus" and "I Am Thine O Lord" were sung, followed with prayer led by Rev. Gaylord Huckaba. After remarks by moderator, Rev. Hoover Lewis, he read from II Timothy 3:1-5, which tells of impending evil times and warns us from such to turn away.

All the ordained met at the altar for prayer which was led by Millard Williams.

The letters from the different churches were read by the clerk and a motion was sustained to receive the letters and seat the delegates in conference.

Hymn, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" was sung and prayer by Tommy Adkisson, visiting deacon from West Plains, Mo.

In the absence of both the memorial speaker and the alternate, a motion was sustained that Rev. Billy Van Winkle of Grubbs bring the memorial message at 11:00 a. m.

In the absence of Rev. Kenneth Doggett, who was a member of the Ordaining Council last year, Rev. J. W. Blanks was appointed by the Moderator to assist the other two members, Rev. W. H. Doyle and Rev. J. W. Blanks with any business that might come before the Council at this meeting.

A motion was made and seconded that we lay aside the rule, for this meeting (that the church must be represented by letter to accept the delegates) and accept Oak Grove's delegates. Their delegates were present but the letter had not been received in the mail.

The assistant moderator, M. B. Williams, appointed the following committees:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Donna Forrest, Myrtle Lewis, Lois Roach.

TEMPERANCE—G. E. Richardson, Florence Huskey, Bessie Lewis.

CHURCH—Lillian Martin, Gertie Doyle, Vina Harvell.

OBITUARY—Delcia Blanks, Ralph Welch, Gilmore Adkisson.

FINANCE—Ethel Doyle, Fannie Welch, Eddie Hamilton.

RESOLUTION—C. T. McLaughlin, Walter Adkisson, Horace Doyle.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. Hoover Lewis; Asst. Moderator, M. B. Williams; Clerk and Treasurer, Mrs. M. B. Williams; Asst. Clerk, Geraldine Johnston.

Officers were re-elected by acclamation. Prayer by Terry Forrest.

## RECESS

### 11:00 A. M. — Divine Service

Called to worship "Victory in Jesus," led by Gilmore Adkisson, Mrs. Hope Van Winkle, pianist. Prayer offered by Rev. Owen Harvell.

The moderator, Rev. Hoover Lewis, introduced the speaker, Rev. Billy Van Winkle, pastor of Ballew's Chapel Church, who offered prayer and brought the memorial message. He read scripture from Proverbs 6:6-8, which informs us that we might profit from following the example of the ant in "Being Prepared" which was the theme of his message. Other scriptures referred to during the sermon were Amos 4:12, Acts 17:30-31, John 5:25, and I Corinthians 3:12-15. A song of invitation was sung, "He Will Save You Now."

## NOON

### 1:10 P. M.

The assembly was called together by singing directed by Horace Doyle, with Hope Van Winkle as pianist, "Just a Little Talk With Jesus", "Heaven's Jubilee" and "I Love to Tell the Story".

The assistant moderator, M. B. Williams, introduced Rev. Terry Forrest, pastor of the Mt. Harmony Church, who gave the devotional, using scripture from Romans 1:14-20.

The following delegates to the State meeting were elected unanimously: Delegates: Mrs. Alma Huskey, Mrs. Fannie Welch, Mrs. Estelle Bradley, Mrs. Willia Jean Lewis, and Mrs. Geraldine Johnston. Alternates: Mrs. Maggie McLaughlin, Miss Bethel Richardson, and Mrs. Delcia Blanks.

Allen's Chapel Church was chosen as host church for the Association in 1968.

Rev. Terry Forrest was selected to preach the memorial sermon, with Rev. Owen Harvell, alternate.

Reports of the different committees were read and received and a motion sustained to discharge the committee. Reports found elsewhere.

A motion was sustained to elect one to fill Rev. Kenneth Doggett's place on the Executive Board since he is leaving the Association.

Rev. Billy Van Winkle was elected for four (4) years. Rev. Owen Harvell was elected for three (3) years to fill a vacancy created when Rev. Bob Francis moved to Conway. Rev. J. W. Roach, whose term had expired, was elected to serve five (5) years.

### REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

We the Ordaining Committee have examined Brother Terry Forrest and found him sound in doctrine, principle, and discipline of Free Will Baptists. We recommend that he be received into fellowship of this body and bid him and the Mt. Harmony Church God speed.

We also recommend that Brother Owen Harvell be received into our fellowship again as he has been in Missouri and his membership has been with a church there.

Rev. J. W. Blanks, Chmn.  
Rev. W. H. Doyle  
Rev. J. W. Roach

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS**—We the Sunday Schools Committee find that fourteen (14) churches reported Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 1,256, which is a gain of only one from last year's attendance.

Mrs Donna Forrest, Chmn.  
Mrs. Myrtle Lewis  
Mrs. Lois Roach

**CHURCH COMMITTEE**—We the Committee find fourteen (14) churches were represented by delegates and two (2) by letter.

Total membership in churches .....	1520
Resident members .....	988
Non-resident members .....	532
Received into churches .....	62
Deceased .....	12

Mrs. Lillian Martin, Chmn.  
Mrs. Gertie Doyle  
Mrs. Vina Harvell



FINANCE COMMITTEE—We the Committee find the following has been spent for the advancement of the cause of Christ:

Total offerings .....	\$57,547.00
Pastors' Salaries .....	23,204.91
Evangelistic work .....	1,721.49
Missoins .....	1,955.80
Cooperative Fund .....	1,492.23
 TOTAL .....	 \$85,921.43

Ethel Doyle, Chmn.  
Fannie Welch  
Eddie Hamilton

TEMPERANCE—We, your Committee, wish to give the following report: According to the Bible we believe Christians should be temperate in all things, and abstain from the use or sale of any alcoholic beverages.

We also believe that we should not patronize any business firms that sell alcoholic beverages, such as cafes, grocery stores, or drug stores.

We strongly urge that each Christian consider prayerfully his testimony before the unsaved and other Christians, regarding the use of tobacco in any form.

Recognizing that the fashions of the world are not designed with the Christian in mind, we trust that every concerned individual will be cautious in his or her manner of dress.

We call your attention to Romans 12:1-2, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

G. E. Richardson, Chmn.  
Florence Huskey  
Bessie Lewis

RESOLUTIONS—Be it resolved that this body give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for their wonderful hospitality shown during this Associational meeting.

C. T. McLaughlin, Chmn.  
H. B. Doyle  
Walter Adkisson



OBITUARIES COMMITTEE—We, your Obituaries Committee, find God in all His wisdom has called twelve (12) from our midst. We feel our loss is heaven's gain and pray that each of us will be prepared to meet our Lord when He calls.

Delcia Blanks, Chmn.  
Ralph Welch  
Gilmore Adkisson

DECEASED:

ALLEN'S CHAPEL—Rev. Coy Staggs.  
BALLEW'S CHAPEL—Mrs. Pat Welch.  
BATESVILLE FIRST CHURCH—Mr. Willie Moser.  
COFFMAN—Mrs. Nettie Erwin.  
MACEDONIA—Mrs. Ed Craig.  
MT. HARMONY—Mr. B. H. Matheny, Mr. Ransom Mullen.  
NEW HOME—Mr. H. C. Lewis, Mr. Rucker Sims, Mr Ross Lane  
OAKLAND—Mrs. Stella Bruce.  
TUCKERMAN FIRST CHURCH—Mr. Earl Coleman.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from fifteen churches this year	\$215.00
Balance in treasury	54.57
TOTAL	\$269.57

Expenditures

To Arkansas State Association toward expenses	\$ 45.00
Toward printing of State Minutes	33.00
Total to State Association	\$ 78.00
To Shirrell Printing Company, Batesville	
TOTAL	\$152.16

## MINISTERS PRESENT

J. W. Blanks .....	Batesville Rt., Salado
H. A. Lewis .....	Batesville Rt., Salado
Hoover Lewis .....	Newport Rt., Batesville
Henry Doyle .....	Route 3, Newport
Gaylord Huckaba .....	Oil Trough
Billy Van Winkle .....	Grubbs
Terry Forrest .....	Saffell
Archie Warnick .....	Mt. Pleasant
J. W. Roach .....	Rt. 1, Box 175A, Batesville
Owen Harvell .....	Melbourne
Lonnie Calrk .....	227 E. Carter St., Batesville
Ray Watkins .....	Route 2, Newport

## MINISTERS BELONGING — Not Present

Ernest Elms .....	Oil Trough
Kenneth Manuel .....	Nashville, Tenn.
O. Safirt .....	Grubbs
Bea Woodruff .....	R. R., Tuckerman
E. M. Phillips .....	Guion
Billy Willhite .....	Route 2, Newport
Henry Obarts .....	Route 4, Newport
Obie Eagan .....	Smithville
Kenneth Doggett .....	Newport
Jimmy Richardson .....	Batesville Rt., Salado
John Riggs .....	Route, Batesville
J. M. Curl, Licensed Minister .....	U. S. Army

## DEACONS PRESENT

Millard Williams, Horace Doyle, Charles McLaughlin, Lewis Adkisson, Laman Hastings, Claude Anderson, Verlon Copelan, Walter Adkisson, Virgil Ross, Ervin Lewis, Alfred Martin.

## VISITING DEACON

Tommy Adkisson .....	West Plains, Missouri
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## CHURCH CLERKS PRESENT

Blackland Chapel .....	Mabel Huckaba
Island .....	Eva Miller
New Home .....	Bethel Richardson
Macedonia .....	Hazel Hall
Pool's Chapel .....	Lamon Roach

## DELEGATES PRESENT

ALLEN'S CHAPEL: Delca Blanks, Billie Davis, Geraldine Johnston.  
BALLEW'S CHAPEL: Fannie Welch, Nora Lee Welch, Ralph Welch.  
BATESVILLE FIRST CHURCH: Bessie Lewis, Hester esley, Novella Moser.  
BETHEL: Gilmore Adkisson, Elvie Lewis, Eldous Tate.  
BLACKLAND CHAPEL: Lillian Martin, Linda Morris, Yalonda Martin.  
ISLAND: Gertie Doyle, Tempy Burrow, Eddie Hamilton.  
MACEDONIA: Vina Harvell, Mellie Haddock.  
MT. HARMONY: Donna Forrest, Maggie McLaughlin, Florence Huskey.  
NEW HOME: Myrtle Lewis, G. E. Richardson, George Dale.  
NEWPORT FIRST CHURCH: Hugh Johnson, Ethel Doyle.  
OAK GROVE: Cora Campbell, Flossie Davis.  
OAKLAND: Marsha Razer, Jackie Huckaba, Ruth Razer.  
POOL'S CHAPEL: Lois Roach.  
TUCKERMAN FIRST CHURCH: Pearl Gray, Lee Webb, Ola Webb.

## 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 membership present.
5. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member of the vote then taken seperately.

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 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 July.
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 letters.
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.
150. 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 and 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 season.
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 all appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements, and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

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

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church 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.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the Salvation of the World, and may the God of Peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### 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 yet unto me all ye end 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. 1:8-21; 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. 8:16.

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 continued 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; Tim. 4:15-16.

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.