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OFFICERS

Moderator, Millard Williams ----- Strawberry
Asst. Moderator, Rev. Ray Watkins ----- Route 2, Newport
Clerk and Treasurer, Mrs. M. B. Williams ----- Strawberry
Asst. Clerk, Mrs. Geraldine Johnston ----- Batesville Rt., Salado

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Bernard Roberts, 5 years, 1974 ----- Saffell
Rev. Hoover Lewis, 4 years, 1973 ----- 430 Blossom Dr., Batesville
Rev. J. W. Roach, 3 years, 1972 ----- Rt. 1, Box 175A, Batesville
Rev. Billy Van Winkle, 2 years, 1971 ----- Box 45, Grubbs
Rev. Owen Harvell, 1 year, 1970 ----- Melbourne

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Hoover Lewis ----- 430 Blossom Dr., Batesville
Rev. Bernard Roberts ----- Saffell
Rev. Lonnie Clark ----- Gen. Del., Batesville

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

New Home Church

MEMORIAL SPEAKER

Rev. J. W. Blanks

ALTERNATE SPEAKER

Rev. Ray Watkins

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

- Allen's Chapel — Rev. J. W. Blanks, Batesville Rt., Salado;
Mrs. Ruth Leonard, Batesville Rt., Salado.
- Ballew's Chapel — Rev. Billy Van Winkle, Box 45, Grubbs;
Mr. Glen Odglen, Rt. 2, Box 393, Newport.
- Batesville First F.W.B. — Rev. Hoover Lewis, 430 Blossom Dr., Batesville;
Mrs. Vaughn Ruminer, 1970 Porter Street, Batesville.
- Bethel —
Mrs. Clara Tate, Melbourne.
- Blackland Chapel — Rev. Billy Willhite, Rt. 2, Newport;
Mrs. Mabel Huckaba, Oil Trough.
- Coffman — Rev. Lowell Graham, Hoxie;
Mrs. Irene Crider, Rt. 1 ,Box 250AB, Hoxie.
- Island — Rev. W. H. Doyle, Rt. 3, Newport;
Mrs. Eva Miller, Rt. 4, Box 318, Newport.
- Macedonia — Rev. Lonnie Clark, Gen. Del., Batesville;
Mrs. Hazel Hall, Mt. Pleasant.
- Mt. Harmony — Rev. Bernard Roberts, Saffell;
Mrs. Lorene Doyle, Rt. 1, Strawberry.
- New Home — Rev. Owen Harvell, Melbourne;
Miss Bethel Richardson, Melbourne.
- Newport First F.W.B. — Rev. Clarence Campbell, 317 Elm St., Newport;
Mrs. Donnie M. Woodruff, 1512 McLain St., Newport.
- Oakland — Rev. Herbert Crouch, 102 Mundo Rd., North Little Rock;
Mrs. Lorene Burrow, Rt. 2, Box 50, Bradford.
- Oak Grove — Rev. Obie Eagan, Rt. 1, Smithville;
Mrs. Oma Smith, Rt. 1, Smithville.
- Pool's Chapel — Rev. J. W. Roach, Rt. 1, Box 175A, Batesville;
Mr. Laman Roach, Rt. 2, Box 174, Cave City.
- Tuckerman First F.W.B. — Rev. Ray Watkins, Rt. 2, Newport;
Mrs. Fay Vines, Rt. 1, Box 90, Tuckerman.

PROCEEDINGS

Saturday, July 12, 1969 — 9:30 A. M.

The regular annual session of the Association, which met with the Pool's Chapel Church, was opened with congregational singing of "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder", "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms", and "Power in the Blood," directed by Horace Doyle with Perlene Roberts as pianist.

The moderator, Rev. J. W. Blanks, read Psalm 133, asked the ordained to meet at the altar for prayer which was led by Bro. George Tubbs and concluded by Bro. Virgil Ross.

The ordaining committee was appointed at this time by the moderator as follows: Rev. Hoover Lewis, Rev. Bernard Roberts and Rev. Lonnie Clark.

The committee found Rev. Lowell Graham, who had requested membership in the Polk Bayou Association, sound in Faith and Practice of Free Will Baptists, and recommended him for membership as a minister, which was accepted. He is pastor of Coffman Church and was formerly a member of Social Band Association.

Letters from the different churches were read by the clerk and received and the delegates were seated in conference.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

Temperance — Mirl Coles, Almus Crider and Pearl Brooks.

Finance — Bessie Lewis, Delcia Blanks and Perlene Roberts.

Resolutions — George Tubbs, H. A. Lewis and Jewell Reynolds.

Sunday Schools — Lorene Burrow, Ruth Leonard and Hazel Hall.

Obituaries — Susan Tubbs, Merle Anderson and Maggie McLaughlin.

Nominating — Virgil Odglen, Elworth Montgomery and Ealem Doyle.

Our State Promotional Director, Rev. Fred Warner of Conway, was with us and gave a report at this time. He urged each church to subscribe to "Vision" the state paper. But because our quarterly meeting had sponsored the publication of the paper for one month he was sending ten (10) copies to each church in the Association even though they had made no contribution to the paper.

Rev. Warner also commended the Polk Bayou Association in their "giving" last year to the different projects.

Prayer by Rev. J. W. Roach, pastor of host church.

Recess.

11:00 A. M. — DIVINE SERVICE

The song "Heaven" was directed by Horace Doyle, accompanied by Perlene Roberts. Prayer by Rev. Hoover Lewis.

The moderator then introduced the speaker Rev. Ray Watkins, who one year ago had been selected to bring the Memorial Message. Bro. Watkins used the following scriptures all through the message, Psalm 90:10, Joshua 23:14, John 11:26, 2 Cor. 4:16, Luke 8:55, Matt. 22:30, II Kings 2:11, Luke 12:33, Luke 23:43, Rev. 2:7, Rev. 22:3-5, II Cor. 12:3-4.

Prayer by moderator J. W. Blanks.

Remarks by Rev. J. W. Roach.

Benediction and blessing on Ford by Rev. Fred Warner.

NOON

1:15 P. M.

The songs used in the afternoon session were "Jordan's Stormy Banks" and "The Way of the Cross Leads Home," directed by Rev. Bernard Roberts with Perlene Roberts at the piano. Devotional and prayer by Rev. Lowell Graham using scripture II Chronicles 7:12-14.

Delegates to the State meeting were elected. Estelle Bradley, Elizabeth McLain, Merle Coles, Elain Odglen, Delia Blanks. Alternates were Alma Doyle, Willia Jean Lewis and Jackie Huckaba.

New Home Church was selected as the meeting place for the 1970 session of the Association.

Rev. J. W. Blanks was chosen for the memorial speaker. Rev. Ray Watkins as alternate speaker.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee gave their report as follows:

For Moderator	-----	Millard Williams
Assistant Moderator	-----	Rev. Ray Watkins
Clerk and Treasurer	-----	Mrs. M. B. Williams
Assistant Clerk	-----	Mrs. Geraldine Johnston

There were no nominations from the floor, so these were elected unanimously.

Rev. Bernard Roberts was elected for a five (5) year term on the Executive Board, to fill the vacancy created by the expired term of Rev. J. W. Blanks.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Sunday Schools — We, your committee, wish to submit the following report:

Sunday Schools reporting	14
Enrollment	1106
Average Attendance	802

Lorene Burrow, Chmn.
Ruth Leonard
Hazel Hall

Temperance — We, the committee, believe that the Bible teaches that all Christians should abstain from the use of all alcoholic beverages.

We do not believe that a Christian should patronize any place of business that sells alcoholic beverages.

We also believe that Christians should keep in mind their character and the way they dress.

Mirl Coles, Chmn.
Pearl Brooks
Almus Crider

Finance — We, the committee, report the following:

For Local Causes:

Pastors' Salaries	\$31,183.00
Evangelistic Work	1,789.94
Other local purposes	30,385.31
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Total for local purposes	\$33,358.25

For Outside Causes:

Foreign Missions	\$ 1,521.14
Home Missions	1,500.87
Co-Operative Fund	2,513.11
Other outside causes	3,322.16
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Total Outside	\$ 8,857.28

Delcia Blanks, Chmn.
Perlene Roberts
Bessie Lewis

Obituaries — We, the committee, find that God has called twelve (12) of our brethren and sisters from the walk of life.

Susan Tubbs, Chmn.
Merle Anderson
Maggie McLaughlin

DECEASED

Ballew's Chapel — Jim Evans, Gertie Long, Fannie Hopkins, Ellis Bowers, and Mary Smith.

Batesville First F.W.B. — Deacon Elbie Reid.

Coffman — Oscar Jeffery, Cecil Doyle.

Macedonia — Mittie Brooks.

Oakland — Winnie Burns Chambliss and Sherman Stanberry.

Tuckerman First F.W.B. — Norman Dunaha.

Resolutions Committee — No report.

At this time Rev. Hoover Lewis made an announcement of the State Sunday School Convention at Conway on Tuesday night, August 12, preceeding the State Associational meeting there on August 13-15. He urged all Sunday Schools workers to attend.

A motion was sustained to change the hour of meeting time from 9:00 a. m. to 9:30 a. m. being effective in July, 1970.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church for their wonderful hospitality shown during the day.

Business was adjourned and the benediction was given by Bro. Elworth Montgomery.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in Treasury August, 1968	\$137.17
Letter forms and postage on Minutes	3.66

Balance on hand June, 1969	\$233.51
Received in July from churches	266.00

TOTAL	\$499.51
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Expenditures

To Ark. Satte Ass'n. for expenses and State Minutes	\$195.00
To Shirrell Printing Co. for Minutes	74.16

TOTAL Spent	\$269.16
Balance in Treasury	\$180.35

MINISTERS PRESENT

J. W. Blyanks	Batesville Rt., Salado
Lonnie Clark	Gen. Del. Batesville
W. H. Doyle	Route 3, Newport
Lowell Graham	Hoxie
H. A. Lewis	Batesville Rt., Salado
Hoover Lewis	830 Blossom Dr., Batesville
J. W. Roach	Rt. 1, Box 175A, Batesville
Bernard Roberts	Saffell
Ottis Richey	Smithville, Route
Ray Watkins	Route 2, Newport
Fred Warner, visitor	Rt. 3, Box 52A, Conway

MINISTERS BELONGING — Not Present

Clarence Campbell	417 Elm St., Newport
Ernest Elms	Oil Trough
Obie Eagan	Route 1, Smithville
Owen Harvell	Melbourne
Gaylord Huckaba	Oil Trough
Kenneth Manuel	Nashville, Tenn.
W. H. Obarts	Route 4, Newport
E. M. Phillips	Guion
Jimmy Richardson	Batesville Rt., Salado
O. Safirt	Grubbs
Billy Van Winkle	Box 45, Grubbs
Billy Willhite	Route 2, Newport
Archie Warnick	Mt. Pleasant
Bea Woodruff	R. R., Tuckerman

DEACONS PRESENT

Claude Anderson, Verlon Copeland, Horace Doyle, Laman Hastings, Charles McLaughlin, Elworth Montgomery, Virgil Odglen, Jay Roach, Virgil Ross, Arvil Satterwhite, Wilson Sturch, Bill Townsley, George Tubbs, Millard Williams.

CHURCH CLERKS PRESENT

Mrs. Lorene Burrow, Mrs. Lorene Doyle, Mrs. Irene Crider, Mrs. Hazel Hall, Mrs. Mabel Huckaba, Mrs. Ruth Leonard, Mr. Laman Roach.

DELEGATES

Allen's Chapel — Mirl Coles, Delca Blanks, Billy Clark.
Ballew's Chapel — Bonnie Brown, Susan Tubbs.
Batesville First Church — Bessie Lewis, Pearl Roach.
Blackland Chapel — Lois Ann Morris, Francis Martin, Linda Morris.
Coffman — Jewell Reynolds, Almus Crider, Dale Swartzlander.
Macedonie — Merle Anderson, Pearl Brooks, Clara Copeland.
Mt. Harmony — Perlene Roberts, Alma Doyle, Maggie McLaughlin.
Oakland — Patricia Sturch, Ellen Sturch, Sandy Sturch.
Oak Grove — Bill Treatenburg.
Poll's Chapel — Earnest Haigwood, Ruth Carter, Belva Campbell.
Tuckerman — Ealem Doyle, Estelle Bradley, Leonard McLain.

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 asd lost shall not be recorded.

7. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special elave 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 July.
2. Scripture reading and prayer.
3. Association called to order by the moderator or assistant moderator, in the 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.
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 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 status 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 resurrec-

tion 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 on 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 ever-

lasting 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.

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 substances 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.