



MINUTES
Of The
POLK BAYOU ASSOCIATION
Of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD WITH
Pool's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church
ROUTE 1
BATESVILLE, ARKANSAS
July 13, 1974

The next session of the Association will be held on Saturday before the second Sunday in July, 1975, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Place to be selected late.

REV. HOOVER LEWIS, Moderator
430 Blossom Drive, Batesville, Ark.

REV. DON BREWER, Assistant Moderator
State Street, Newport, Arkansas

MRS. M. B. WILLIAMS, Clerk and Treasurer
Strawberry, Arkansas

MRS. ANN DOYLE, Assistant Clerk
Strawberry, Arkansas



OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. Hoover Lewis ----- 430 Blossom Drive, Batesville
Ass't. Moderator, Rev. Don Brewer ----- State St., Newport
Clerk and Treasurer, Mrs. M. B. Williams ----- Strawberry
Assistant Clerk, Mrs. Ann Doyle ----- Strawberry

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Randy Scott, 5 years, 1979 ----- Tuckerman
Rev. J. W. Blanks, 4 years, 1978 ----- Rt. 5, Batesville
Rev. J. W. Roach, 3 years, 1977 ----- Rt. 1, Box 175A, Batesville
Rev. Don Brewer, 2 years ----- State St., Newport
Rev. Gaylord Huckaba, 1 year, 1975 ----- Oil Trough

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Don Brewer ----- State St., Newport
Rev. Terrell Holland ----- Grubbs
Rev. J. W. Blanks ----- Rt. 5, Batesville

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Officers

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

Allen's Chapel -----	Rev. J. W. Blanks, Rt. 5, Batesville Mrs. Louise Cartwright, Wolf Bayou
Ballew's Chapel -----	Rev. Terrell Holland, 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 St., Batesville
Blackland Chapel -----	Rev. Gaylord Huckaba, Oil Trough Mrs. Mabel Huckaba, Oil Trough
Cave City First F.W.B. -----	Rev. Pete Reeser, Cave City Mrs. Glyndine Milligan, Cave City
Coffman -----	Rev. J. W. Russell, Walnut Ridge Mrs. Irene Crider, Rt. 1, Box 250AB, Hoxie
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Mt. Harmony -----	Rev. Jerry Smith, Saffell Mrs. Lorene Doyle, Strawberry
New Home -----	Rev. Owen Harvell, Melbourne Mr. Kenneth Morrison, Melbourne
Newport First F.W.B. -----	Rev. Don Brewer, State St., Newport Mrs. Donna Woodruff, 1512 McLain, Newport
Oakland -----	Rev. Floyd Medlock, Rt. 2, Box 322A, Bradford Mrs. Ellen Sturch, Rt. 2, Box 322, Bradford
Oak Grove -----	Rev. O. D. Winfrey, Walnut Ridge Mrs. Oma Smith, Rt. 1, Smithville
Pool's Chapel -----	Rev. J. W. Roach, Rt. 1, Box 175A, Batesville Mr. Laman Roach, Rt. 1, Box 176, Batesville
Tuckerman First F.W.B. -----	Rev. Randy Scott, Tuckerman Mrs. Fay Vines, P. O. Box 427, Tuckerman

PROCEEDINGS

The assembly was called together by singing "I Am Thine, O Lord" directed by Johnny Carter with Robbie Snellgrove at the piano.

Prayer led by Gaylord Huckaba.

In the absence of the moderator Rev. Hoover Lewis, who was on his way to Wichita, Kansas, to attend the National Association, the assistant moderator, gave a few remarks and read St. John 9:4, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." He reminded us that the harvest is right now — this is our day time and the laborers are few.

All the ordained met at the altar for prayer which was led by Rev. Lewis Campbell and concluded by Rev. Morris Tucker.

Rev. J. W. Blanks appointed the following committees:

- (1) Sunday Schools — M. A. Scudder, Lorene Doyle, Paul James.
- (2) Obituaries — Mabel Huckaba, Irene Crider, Geraldine Johnston.
- (3) Temperance — Bernardine Walden, Dessie Huckaba, Bessie Cooper.
- (4) Resolutions — Rev. Randy Scott, Rev. Gaylord Huckaba, Rev. Jerry Smith.

Rev. Don Brewer recognized the visiting ministers at this time — Rev. Larry Russell, home missionary to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with Mike Nelson, summer missionary to Baton Rouge.

Rev. David Joslin, State Executive Secretary, of Conway.

Rev. Lewis Campbell, Manager of Christian Supply Store in Conway.

Rev. Jim McKown, missionary to Puerto Rico.

Rev. Morris Tucker of New Hope Association, and

Rev. and Mrs. O. D. Winfrey of Social Band Association.

Recess

Johnny Carter directed "Are You Ready," Robbie Snellgrove, pianist.

The assistant moderator read the history of the mission and church at Cave City and also read the petitionary letter for the admission into the Polk Bayou Association.

A motion was made by Rev. J. W. Blanks and seconded by Rev. Terrell Holland that the First Free Will Baptist Church at Cave City be accepted into the Association. Carried unanimously.

11 a. m. Divine Service

Mike Nelson sang "Alleluia" and "He's My Savior."

Prayer by Rev. O. D. Winfrey.

Rev. Don Brewer introduced the speaker, Rev. Owen Harvell, who read II Cor. 1:1-6 and Rev. 14:13.

Prayer by Rev. H. A. Lewis.

Bro. Harvell gave a very good memorial message.

Benediction and blessing on the food by Rev. J. W. Russell.

Noon

1:15 p. m.

"When We All Get to Heaven," directed by Johnny Carter.

"At Calvary" directed by Virgil Ross, Robbie Snellgrove was pianist.

Rev. Lewis Campbell gave a report on hte progress at the Christian Supply Store.

Rev. David Joslin gave a report on the state work.

Minutes of the April meeting were read and approved and treasurer's report given.

Under old business one item was tabbed in April to be acted upon in July.

After remarks pro and con a motion was made by M. A. Scudder and seconded by Rev. Gaylord Huckaba that the Polk Bayou Association accept the same Articles of Faith as is carried in the National Treatsie. Carried.

Rev. J. W. Blanks gave a report on the summer youth encampment held ni June. It was very successful and the attendance greater than last year.

New business. A motion was made by Rev. Randy Scott and seconded by Rev. Gaylord Huckaba that since the regular date of the July meeting conflicts with the National Association, the date be changed to meet Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July. Carried.

Ealem Doyle mentioned the neglection of the meeting of the Sunday School Convention. After some commnts favoring the convention by George Snellgrove it was announced that hte convention would meet with Tukcerman Church in December.

Committee reports were given and committees discharged. Reports found elsewhere.

Delegates to the state meeting in August were elected.

Delegates	Alternates
Mabel Huckaba	Ellen Sturch
Glyndene Milligan	Mary Brewer
M. T. Haner	
Troy Coles	
Lorene Doyle	

ELECTION

A motion was sustained to retain the same officers for another year.

Moderator	Rve. Hoover Lewis
Ass't. Moderator	Rev. Don Brewer
Clerk and Treasurer	Mrs. M. B. Williams
Assistant Clerk	Mrs. Ann Doyle

Rev. Randy Scott was elected to a 5 year term on the Executive Board. The vacancy was created when Rev. Bernard Roberts moved away.

Rev. H. A. Lewis gave a report on the work of the new church in Cave City and challenged each church to send a contribution each month to the associational clerk to be given at the church in Cave City.

A letter of recommendation from Social Band Association was received in July in behalf of Rev. Jerry Smith who had come into our association earlier in the year. We also received a letter of recommendation earlier in the year for Rev. Randy Scott who had come to us from the same association.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Sunday Schools — We praise the Lord for the dedication and service of all of our Sunday School teachers and leaders. The Sunday School attendance shows a substantial gain over last year. We pray that this progress will continue.

Murrell Scudder, Chairman
Lorene Doyle
Paul James

Temperance — We, the Temperance Committee believe and recommend that all Christians should abstain from all worldly pleasures. Be temperate in eating and in work and live a sober and righteous life, so others can see there is joy in serving the Lord.

Burne Dean Walden, Chairman
Dessie Huckaba
Bessie Cooper

Obituaries — We, the Committee find that since our meeting last year, God has called from our association twelve (12) from labor to reward.

Ballew's Chapel — Joe Ballew, Joe Woodruff, Ira Prince, Hattie Prince.

Bethel — Vallie Mae Colter.

New Home — Theodore Fulbright.

Oak Grove — Rev. Obie Eagan.

Oakland — Tommy Burns.

Tuckerman — Claude Clark, Della Clark, Josephine Wentz, Manerva Matheny.

Resolutions — (1) Be it resolved that this body give a rising vote of thanks to the officers of this Association, and to the standing boards for the wonderful way in which the past year has been conducted.

(2) Also to the Pool's Chapel Church for their hospitality and the good food furnished.

Rev. Randy Scott, Chairman
Rev. Jerry Lee Smith
Rev. Gale Huckaba

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

(1) We, the Ordaining Council recommend that Rev. Floyd Medlock be granted the credentials of a Free Will Baptist Minister and that he be granted these credentials by being ordained by his local Church. It is the recommendation of this committee that the Oakland Church set the date for this service.

(2) We recommend that Bro. Bill Willmuth be set aside for a deacon in the Oakland Church, and that Bro. Ira Ruddell be ordained as a deacon in the Blackland Chapel Church. We also recommend that the respective churches set the date and place for these services.

Rev. J. W. Blanks, Chairman
Rev. Don Brewer
Rev. Terrell Holland

Digest Report — Number of Churches 14; Membership 1506; Sunday School enrollment 1376; Average attendance 1064; C. T. S. enrollment 567; Average attendance 414; Woman Auxiliary enrollment 69; Average attendance 55; Master's Men enrollment 50; Average attendance 40; Midweek Service average attendance 330; Ordained Ministers 24; Ordained Deacons 46.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Spent for Local Causes

Pastors Salaries	\$ 47,775.00
Evangelistic Work	4,232.00
Building and Repair	33,424.00
Literature	5,241.00
Other	21,963.00
TOTAL	\$112,643.00

Spent for Outside Causes

Cooperative Plan	\$ 5,145.00
Foreign Missions	2,677.00
Home Missions	4,252.00
Education	249.00
Associational Projects	259.00
Other	103.00
TOTAL	\$ 12,705.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$125,348.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand August 1973	\$100.15
Rec'd from Quarterly Meeting Clerk in Sept. 1973	69.39
TOTAL	\$169.54
Rec'd from Churches during year	3407.50
Two Special Offerings	219.47
TOTAL	3796.51

EXPENDITURES

Fann Jewelry Co., Newport, for Plaque -----	\$ 10.30
Postage and Supplies -----	10.22
Don Brewer for Mileage -----	10.00
Hillsdale College -----	100.00
Flowers, Eagen Funeral -----	10.30
Mike Mize -----	25.00
Expense for Oct. Youth Meeting -----	38.64
Sande Summers Summer Missionary -----	126.17
Exp. Youth Meeting in April -----	25.00
State Meeting in August -----	280.00
TOTAL -----	\$635.63
\$796.51 minus \$635.63 -----	\$106.88

Business adjourned and Brother George Snellgrove prayed the Benediction.

MINISTERS PRESENT

Rev. J. W. Blanks -----	Rt. 5, Batesville
Rev. Don Brewer -----	Stae St., Newport
Rev. Lonnie Clark -----	Mt. Pleasant
Rev. W. H. Doyle -----	Rt. 3, Newport
Rev. Gaylord Huckaba -----	Oil Trough
Rev. Owen Harvell -----	Melbourne
Rev. Terrell Holland -----	Grubbs
Rev. Herman Lewis -----	Batesville
Rev. Floyd Medlock -----	Rt. 2, Bradford
Rev. Jerry Smith -----	Saffell
Rev. Randy Scott -----	Tuckerman
Rev. J. W. Russell -----	Walnut Ridge
Rev. J. W. Roach -----	Rt. 1, Box 175A, Batesville
David Waltrip (Licentiate) -----	Batesville

MINISTERS BELONGING — NOT PRESENT

Rev. Tommy Bible -----	Bradford
Rev. Ernest Elms -----	
Rev. Hoover Lewis -----	430 Blossom Drive, Batesville

Rev. Kenneth Manuel	-----	
Rev. W. H. Obarts	-----	Newport
Rev. David Pinkston	-----	Portia
Rev. Odus Richey	-----	Rt. 1, Smithville
Rev. O. Safirt	-----	Grubbs
Rev. Ray Watkins	-----	Rt. 2, Newport
Rev. Billy Willhite	-----	Newport
Rev. Archie Warnick	-----	Mt. Pleasant

DEACONS PRESENT

Charles McLaughlin	Jay Roach
W. E. Montgomery	Virgil Ross
Everette Neece	Arvil Satterwhite
Lody Chambliss	Wilson Sturch
Horace Doyle	Murrell Scudder
Laman Hastings	George Snellgrove

CHURCH CLERKS PRESENT

Mrs. Mabel Huckaba	Mr. Kenneth Morrison
Mrs. Irene Crider	Mr. Laman Roach
Mrs. Lorene Doyle	Mrs. Ellen Sturch

DELEGATES PRESENT

Allen's Chapel — Geraldine Johnston, Paul James, Jess Young.
 Batesville First — Burna Dene Walden, Estel Weldon.
 Blackland Chapel — Gene Jacobs, Dessie Huckaba.
 Coffman — Almus Crider, Faye Scudder, Pearl Neece.
 Mt. Harmony — Paul Huskey, Maggie McLaughlin, Jane Reaves.
 New Home — Vanita Morrison, Lauretta Coleman, Mona Mae Harvell.
 Newport First — Bessie Cooper, Gertie Doyle, Tippy Burrow.
 Oakland — Bertie Willmuth, Gale Medlock, Lynda Chambliss.
 Oak Grove — Lois Richey, Connie Richey.
 Pools Chapel — Belva Campbell, Earnest Haigwood, Juanita Hastings.
 Tuckerman First — Ealem Doyle, M. T. Haner, Glen Wentz.
 There was a voting body of sixty-two present with forty-two visitors making a total of 104 attending.

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 be 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 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.

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

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

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

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. **The Bible.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. **God.** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

3. **Christ.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

4. **The Holy Spirit.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit and all the attributes of God.

5. **The Government of God.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

6. **The Sinfulness of Man.** Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God.

7. **The Work of Christ.** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. **The Terms of Salvation.** The conditions of salvation are: (a) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. (b) Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God. (c) Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. **Election.** God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men became His elect.

10. **Freedom of the Will.** The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. **Salvation Free.** God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. **Perseverance.** All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life have promise of eternal salvation.

13. **Gospel Ordinances.** Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers.

14. **Tithing.** God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matthew 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." (I Corinthians 16:2).

15. **The Christian Sabbath.** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. **Resurrection, Judgement, and Final Retribution.** The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."