
MINUTES
Of The
POLK BAYOU ASSOCIATION
Of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD WITH
Allen's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church
ROUTE 5
BATESVILLE, ARKANSAS

July 14, 1975

The next session of the Association will be held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1976, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Place to be selected later.

REV. RANDY SCOTT, Moderator
Tuckerman, Arkansas

REV. JERRY SMITH, Assistant Moderator
Saffell, Arkansas

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Strawberry, Arkansas

MRS. ANN DOYLE, Assistant Clerk
Strawberry, Arkansas

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Moderator, Rev. Randy Scott ----- Tuckerman
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Clerk and Treasurer, Mrs. M. B. Williams ----- Strawberry
Assistant Clerk, Mrs. Ann Doyle ----- Strawberry

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Rev. Pete Reeser, 5 years, 1980 ----- Cave City
Rev. Randy Scott, 4 years, 1979 ----- Tuckerman
Rev. J. W. Blanks, 3 years, 1978 ----- Rt. 5, Batesville
Rev. J. W. Roach, 2 years, 1977 ----- Rt. 1, Box 175A, Batesville
Rev. Jerry Smith, 1 year, 1976 ----- Saffell

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. J. W. Blanks ----- Rt. 5, Batesville
Rev. Lonnie Clark ----- Batesville
Rev. Floyd Medlock ----- Rt. 2, Bradford

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Officers

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

Allen's Chapel ----- Rev. J. W. Blanks, Rt. 5, Batesville
Mrs. Louise Cartwright, Locus Grove

Ballew's Chapel ----- Mr. Glenn 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, Matlock Road, Cave City
Mrs. Glyndene Milligan, Rt. 2, Box 2401, Cave City

Coffman ----- Rev. J. W. Russell, 609 W. Gum St., Walnut Ridge
Mrs. Irene Crider, Rt. 1, Box 250 AB, Hoxie

Macedonia ----- Mrs. Hazel Hall, Rt. 1, Box 74, Mt. Pleasant

Mt. Harmony ----- Rev. Jerry Smith, Saffell
Mrs. Lorene Doyle, Strawberry

New Home ----- Rev. Steve Trail, Mt. Pleasant
Mr. Kenneth Morrison, Melbourne

Newport First F.W.B. ----- Rev. Phillip Ange, State St., Newport
Mrs. Donnie M. Woodruff, 1512 McLain, Newport

Oakland ----- Rev. Floyd Medlock, Rt. 2, Bradford
Mrs. Ellen Sturch, Rt. 2, Box 322, Bradford

Oak Grove ----- Rev. O. D. Winfrey, Rt. 1, Box 149C, Hoxie
Mrs. Connye Richey, P. O. Box 314, Lynn

Pools Chapel ----- Rev. J. W. Roach, Rt. 1, Box 175A, Batesville
Mr. Laman Roach, Rt. 1, Box 386, Batesville

Tuckerman First F.W.B. ----- Rev. Randy Scott, Tuckerman
Mrs. Fay Vines, P. O. Box 427, Tuckerman

PROCEEDINGS

The meeting was opened by congregational singing "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" and "Standing On The Promises," directed by Murrell Scudder with Ruth Leonard at the piano.

Prayer by Rev. Randy Scott.

Rev. Hoover Lewis, the moderator read Luke 10:25-37 "The Good Samaritan" and said "we may be passing by the things we need to do." We need to see people as they are.

Altar Prayer with all the ordained was led by Rev. Jerry Smith and concluded by Rev. H. A. Lewis.

A motion was sustained to accept the report of the letters that had been given by the clerk.

The moderator appointed Rev. J. W. Blanks to serve as assistant moderator since Rev. Don Brewer had moved to Oklahoma.

Rev. Blanks appointed the following committee:

Sunday Schools ----- Linda Waltrip, Robbie Snelgrove and Faye Scudder

Obituaries ----- Lois Satterwhite, Iva Adkisson and Bessie Cooper

Temperance ----- Geraldine Johnston and Josie Rowlett

Resolutions ----- Dwayne Jones, Tommy Tims and M. T. Haner

Rev. Wesley Calvery brought greetings from Japan. They have been on the mission field there for twenty (20) years. They are in Sapporo Hokkaido and Sandra and Dale Bishop will join them in September. The First Free Will Baptist Institute will be established in Japan in 1976.

Prayer by Rev. David Waltrip

Recess

11 A.M. Divine Service

M. A. Scudder directed the songs "When We All Get To Heaven" and "I Will Not Be A Stranger". Ruth Leonard served as pianist.

Special music "Give Up" was rendered by two ladies from Blackland, formerly the Robinson sisters.

Rev. J. W. Blanks introduced the speaker Rev. Hoover Lewis for the memorial message. He read II Timothy 4:6-8 and talked about a religion that doesn't fail and a city whose builder and maker is God. To be successful in this fight we need to put on the whole armour of God to be able to avoid the tricks of the devil.

Benediction and thanks for the food was given by visiting minister from North Carolina.

1:15 P.M.

Murrell Scudder, with Ann Doyle at the piano directed the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace."

Prayer by Rev. Lonnie Clark.

Brother Terry Harbison, student in Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, read Romans 12:1-2 and gave the devotional.

The committee reports were read at this time and accepted. They are found elsewhere.

Sunday afternoon, August 17 was set as a date to ordain Bill Willmuth as a deacon in the Oakland Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. David Waltrip and Rev. Pete Reeser had been ordained since the last quarterly meeting.

It was suggested that the Polk Bayou Association ask the Foreign Missions department for Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery to be in this association the first three weeks in September for services at the different churches.

The moderator told of the financial need of the Cave City Church, and a motion was made by Rev. Jerry Smith and seconded by Rev. Lonnie Clark, that each church give four (4) dollars for each member of the average attendance in Sunday School. This would defray the deficit, and was to be sent in by October first. The motion carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Sunday Schools — We, your committee find 14 Sunday Schools have reported with an enrollment of 1,370 and an average attendance of 1,089.

1. We recommend that homes where children do not attend Sunday School be visited regularly.
2. Show concern for absentees and stress regular attendance.
3. Have monthly Sunday School teachers' and officers' meetings.

4. More enthusiasm and preparation put into the Sunday School lesson by both teachers and learners.

Geraldine Johnston
Josie Rowlett

5. Attend teacher-training workshops.

Linda Waltrip
Robbie Snelgrove
Faye Scudder

Temperance Committee — We your committee report as follows. We as christians should be temperate in all things. Remember to abstain from all appearance of evil. Pray without ceasing, live a clean dedicated life where we can be a witness for our Lord and Saviour and stay in the center of His will.

Geraldine Johnston
Josie Rowlett

Obituaries — We, the committee, find in the past year fourteen (14) from our association have been called from labor to reward. Blessed are those who die in the Lord.

Allen's Chapel — Walter Mooneyhand, Mrs. Etta Bowser.

Batesville First — Mrs. Cora Freeman, Michael Dunegan, Jack McLure.

Blackland Chapel — Shirley Hayes.

Ballew's Chapel — Guy Long.

Macedonia — Nona Conyers.

Mt. Harmony — Chester Gray.

Newport First — James Hale.

Oak Grove — Frank Richey (deacon), Mrs. Gertha Eagan.

Tuckerman First — Leonard McLain, Jack Hembery.

Digest Report — Number of churches 14; Membership 1623, Sunday School enrollment 1,370, average attendance 1,089, C.T.S. enrollment 680, average attendance 480, Woman' Aux. enrollment 109, average attendance 72, Masters Men enrollment 75, average attendance 45, Midweek Service average attendance 341. Ordained ministers 25, ordained deacons 45.

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 Allen's Chapel Church for their hospitality and the good food furnished.

Dwayne Jones, Tommy Tims,
M. T. Haner

FINANCIAL REPORT

Spent for Local Causes

Pastors Salaries	\$ 54,594.00
Evangelistic Work	4,171.00
Building and Repair	106,568.00
Literature	7,088.00
Other	20,025.00
TOTAL	\$192,446.00

Spent for Outside Causes

Cooperative Plan	\$ 5,924.00
Foreign Missions	4,925.00
Home Missions	3,575.00
Education	938.00
Associational Projects	1,501.00
State and National Projects	258.00
Other	1,188.00
TOTAL	\$ 18 309.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$210,755.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand August 1, 1974	\$158.73
Received from churches in October, 1974	28.00
Received from churches in January, 1975	31.00
Received from churches in April, 1975	34.00
Received from Cave City church for Melbourne Mission in 1975	80.45
Received from churches in July, 1975	381.00
TOTAL	\$713.18

EXPENDITURES

To Batesville church for youth meeting October, 1974	\$ 25.00
Stamps and envelopes	6.00
To Mt. Harmony for youth meeting November, 1974	25.00
To Shirrell Printing Co., Batesville, January, 1975	100.43
Headquarters Building in Nashville, Tennessee, January, 1975	50.00
Ballews Chapel church for youth meeting, April, 1975	25.00
Allen's Chapel church for youth meeting, July, 1975	25.00
Arkansas State Association, July, 1975	280.00
TOTAL	\$536.43
Balance on hand	\$176.75

Delegates to the state meeting in August were elected.

Delegates	Alternates
Jimmy Crabtree	Sharon Eagans
M. T. Haner	Willia Jean Lewis
Linda Crabtree	Delcia Blanks
Lorene Doyle	
Lowell Eagans	

Election

Moderator	Rev. Randy Scott
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Jerry Smith
Clerk and Treasurer	Mrs. M. B. Williams
Assistant Clerk	Mrs. Ann Doyle

Rev. Pete Reeser was elected to a 5 year term on the Executive Board.

Rev. Jerry Smith was elected for 1 year to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Don Brewer who had moved away.

Ordaining Council

Rev. Lonnie Clark, Rev. J. W. Blanks and Rev. Floyd Medlock.

Conference adjourned to meet with the Blackland Chapel Church on October 11, 1975.

Rev. Jimmy Richardson was chosen as speaker.

Rev. Pete Reeser as alternate speaker.

Benediction by Ealem Doyle.

Ministers Present

Rev. J. W. Blanks	-----	Rt. 5, Batesville
Rev. Tommy Bible	-----	Rt. 2, Bradford
Rev. Lonnie Clark	-----	
Rev. H. A. Lewis	-----	Batesville
Rev. Hoover Lewis	-----	430 Blossom Dr., Batesville
Rev. Pete Reeser	-----	Matlock Road, Cave City
Rev. Jimmy Richardson	-----	Batesville
Rev. Othaniel Safirt	-----	Grubbs
Rev. Randy Scott	-----	Tuckerman
Rev. David Waltrip	-----	Rt. 6, Box 71, Batesville

Ministers Belonging — Not Present

Rev. Don Brewer	-----	
Rev. W. H. Doyle	-----	Route 3, Newport
Rev. Ernest Elms	-----	
Rev. Terrell Holland	-----	
Rev. Gaylord Huckaba	-----	Oil Trough
Rev. Kenneth Manuel	-----	McHue
Rev. Floyd Medlock	-----	Rt. 2, Bradford
Rev. Henry Obarts	-----	
Rev. David Pinkston	-----	Portia
Rev. Otis Richey	-----	Smithville
Rev. J. W. Roach	-----	Rt. 1, Box 175A, Batesville
Rev. J. W. Russell	-----	609 W. Gum St., Walnut Ridge
Rev. Ray Watkins	-----	Rt. 2, Newport
Rev. Archie Warnick	-----	Mt. Pleasant
Rev. Billy Willhite	-----	Rt. 2, Newport

Deacons Present

Virgil Odglen	Lewis Adkisson
Murrell Scudder	Wilson Sturch
Horace Doyle	Alfred Myers
Gerphus Huskey	Charles McLaughlin
C. A. Dobbs	

Church Clerks Present

Mabel Huckaba	Lorene Doyle
Glyndene Milligan	Ellen Sturch
Irene Crider	Laman Roach
Hazel Hall	

Delegates Present

Allen's Chapel — Raymond Campbell, Geraldine Johnston, Genice Worley.
Ballew's Chapel — Ethel Safirt.
Batesville First — Linda Waltrip, Lillian Martin, Berna Dene Walden.
Blackland Chapel — Lola Smith, Virginia Sullivan, Robbie Snelgrove.
Cave City First — Dwayne Jones, Austin Rowlett, Josie Rowlett.
Coffman — Faye Scudder, Ruby Swartzlander.
Macedonia — Pearl Brooks.
Mt. Harmony — A. P. Polston, Jane Reaves, Maggie McLaughlin.
New Home — Iva Adkisson, Gilmore Adkisson.
Newport First — Bessie Cooper, Tommy Tims, Tippy Burrow.
Oakland — Alberta Willmuth, Dortha Bible, Ed Sizemore.
Oak Grove — Cora Campbell, Lois Richey.
Pool's Chapel — Lois Satterwhite, Juanita Hastings, Belva Campbell.
Tuckerman First — M. T. Haner, Ealem Doyle.

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 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, Judgment, 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."