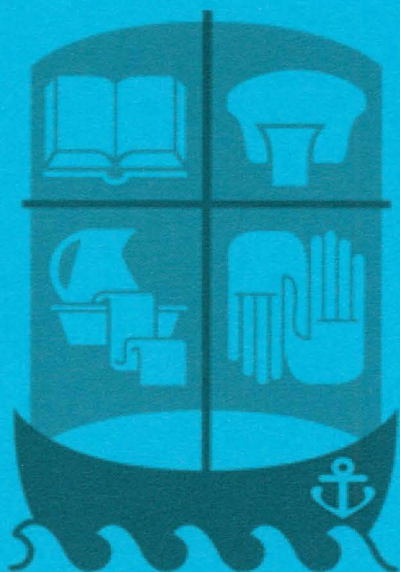




*Polk Bayou Association of Free Will
Baptists*

Annual Minutes
April 2022-January 2023

Meeting Held at
New Bethel Free Will Baptist Church
January 7, 2023

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Assistant Moderator	Jason Sullivan
Clerk/Treasurer	Andy Haskins
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Executive Board

2028, 5 Year	Robert Jones
2027, 4 Year	John Neal
2026, 3 Year	Greg Tucker
2025, 2 Year	Commie Loggains
2024, 1 Year	Robert Brokaw

Ordaining Council

2026, 3 Year	Kenny Bible
2025, 2 Year	Robert Jones
2024, 1 Year	Robert Brokaw

Youth Committee

2026, 3 Year	Trent Bradley
2025, 2 Year	Stanley Vandergrift
2024, 1 Year	Lester King

Nominating Committee

1 Year	Henry Headly
1 Year	Dustin Crawford
1 Year	Dora Vandergrift

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Minutes

April

Our regular meeting was held at Harmony Free Will Baptist Church in Mt. Home on April 9, 2022. Bro. Darren Morris welcomed us to the church and Bro. Billy Warner brought our morning devotion from Matthew 5:13, entitled "It's Time to Get Salty."

After recognizing Sis. Sarah Moore for her efforts in gathering historical information about our Association, Bro. Tim Landers shared with us some interesting facts about our Associations History.

The minutes of our January meeting and the Treasurers report were read and accepted. Our July 9, 2022 meeting was set for Mt. Harmony Free Will Baptist Church in Saffel. Bro. Andy Haskins was selected to be our speaker with Bro. Steve Trail serving as our alternate. Acts 1:8 will be our offering designation.

During the Missions Report we heard from Bro. Doug Bishop, Missionary to Japan, and Bro. Travis Alexander, State Missions Director. Bro. Travis gave an update of the mission work in the state and let us know that the World Missions Offering would now be collected in August.

The Youth Board thanked Mt. Harmony for hosting our District CTS Competition. We had several students who would be moving on to the State Competition to be held in North Little Rock on April 30th.

State Delegates were selected following a brief recess. Those who were selected to serve as our delegates at the State Meeting were Sis. Judy Trail, Sis. Dora Vandergrift, Sis. Juanita Shepherd, and Sis. Amber Haskins. This left one opening for a delegate and Bro. Tim Landers was given liberty to name that delegate at the State Meeting.

It was requested that a committee meet to explore the possibility of creating an Association Scholarship for Students who would be attending one of the Free Will Baptist Bible Colleges.

We voted to change the wording in Article XII of our Constitution. It would be changed from,

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to read,

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The January meeting shall serve as the yearly meeting of the Association.

Bro. Chase Duncan brought our morning message. The message was entitled "Down But Not Out," using 1 Kings 19:1-15.

We had 33 in attendance for this meeting, and we received an offering of \$228 which was split between Randall University and Welch College.

July

The Polk Bayou Association of Free Will Baptists met on Saturday, July 9, at the Mt. Harmony Free Will Baptist Church in Saffel, AR with 42 registered attendees. Bro. Greg Tucker welcomed us to the church and brought the morning devotion from 2 Timothy reminding us that God is still on the throne and working through His people.

Bro. Tim Landers called the meeting to order and seated the delegates.

The minutes from our previous meeting and treasurers report were read and accepted. In Old Business we discussed \$500 per semester be allotted for a Scholarship for students attending a FWB college. It was suggested that we get an application and approval process drawn up and approved by the association before implementing the Scholarship.

Our Oct. 8, 2022 meeting was set to be held at the Mt. Home 1st Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. Jason Sullivan was selected to be our speaker with Bro. John Neal serving as our alternate. Camp Beaverfork will be our offering emphasis.

Bro. David Taylor reported that Rolando Delgado continues to develop leadership and starting churches. The construction of a new building in Star City is underway and there is a possible new work to begin in the Ft. Smith area. The State Office is in the beginning stages of building a new office. They are getting plans and permits lined up hoping for construction to be completed in May 2023.

The CE Board reported that the Minister's Retreat would be Sept. 30 – Oct. 1st.

For our Youth report Bro. Andy gave a recap of summer camps. 59 decision cards were filled out. 18 of those were indicating they were saved, 7 indicated the rededicated and 1 answered the call to ministry.

After our break Bro. Andy brought our morning message from 1 Chronicles 13. The message was entitled "God's Work Must Be Done God's Way."

We received an offering in the amount of \$301 for Acts 1:8.

October

The Polk Bayou Association of Free Will Baptists met On October 8, 2022 at the 1st Free Will Baptist Church in Mt. Home. After welcoming us Bro. Brennan brought the morning devotion from Ephesians 5:15-17 encouraging us to be sure and manage our time well.

After an Altar of Prayer, Bro. Jason Sullivan read Article II- Composition from our Constitution and called the meeting to order.

The Minutes from the July Meeting and the Treasurers report were read and accepted.

In Old Business it was reported that work was still being done on the Scholarship application process.

It was decided that our next meeting would be held at New Bethel on January 7, 2023 and our offering emphasis would be Camp Beaverfork. We would invite Bro. David Taylor to be our speaker with Bro. Greg Tucker serving as the alternate.

Bro. Bobby Shepherd gave the Mission report, giving updates on the various Hispanic works in the State. He noted that the work in Star City was nearing completion of their new building.

The CE Board reported that the Minister's Meeting went well, and Dr. Eddy Moody did a great job encouraging our Minister's who attended.

The Youth Board reported that there were 83 attendees at the First Annual Man Camp, sponsored by Arkansas Student Ministries and Arkansas Master's Men. There was also a Youth Service planned to be held at Mt. Harmony in Saffel, which would be led by a group from Randall University.

The Ordaining Council recommended we approve Bro. Sterling Hastings as a Deacon for the 1st FWB Church in Mt. Home and welcome him into the Association.

Bro. Jason Sullivan brought our morning message from James 1:2-4 entitled "Joy in the Midst of Your Trials".

An offering of \$272 was received and there were 46 registered attendees.

January

This was our annual meeting held January 7, 2023 at the New Bethel FWB Church in Melbourne.

Meeting was called to order by Bro. Tim Landers and music lead by Host Pastor Steve Trail. Bro. Steve brought a devotional thought entitled the blessing of empty places with an emphasis on the empty Trough, the empty tree, the empty tomb, and the implications of an empty throne.

Prayer requests were taken and we were lead in prayer by bro. Henry Headly. Bro. Tim Read a portion of the constitution and seated the delegates.

Brother Jason Sullivan read the Minutes and treasurers reports from the October meeting. Both were approved as read. He then presented a

scholarship proposal that was accepted and tabled until our April Meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled to be held at the Quail Valley FWB Church in Batesville on April 8th. Speaker for that meeting will be bro. Dustin Crawford with Bro. Jason Sullivan serving as the alternate. The Offering Emphasis for the April Meeting will be the scholarship fund provided approval passes at the next business session.

A motion was made to send \$500 each to Aiden Jones (E-Team) and Corwin Morris (Truth & Peace) for mission trips from the Mission fund.

Officers, Board Members and Nominating Committee were elected and appointed as follows...

Moderator: Bro. Tim Landers

Asst. Moderator: Bro. Jason Sullivan

Clerk/Treasurer: Bro. Andy Haskins

Asst. Clerk Treasurer: Bro. Greg Tucker

Executive Board: Bro. Robert Jones – 2028

Youth Board: Bro. Trent Bradley – 2026

Ordaining Council: Bro. Kenny Bible – 2026

Nominating Committee for 2023: Bro. Henry Headly, Bro. Dustin Crawford, Sis. Dora Vandergrift

The following reports were submitted by the designated committee.

Committee on Committees

Bro. Jeff Elder, Bro. Chase Duncan, Sis. Lisa Headly

Resolution Committee

We resolve to encourage our membership to devote themselves to prayer, to faithful church attendance, and supporting local, district, state, and national ministries.

Bro. Robert Brokaw, Bro. Jeff Morris, Sis. Janet Swaim

Temperance Committee

We the Temperance Committee encourage all of our members to follow 1 Thessalonians 5:14-22, to exhort and admonish one another in love! To flee the appearance of evil, by walking in the Spirit! Pray without ceasing, that we might live a holy life pleasing unto God.

Bro. Lester King, Bro. Dustin Crawford, Sis. Vernetta Morris

Obituary Committee.

In the last year we have lost 15 members from our churches in 2022.

Allen Chapel-Judy Butler, Rev. Ken Doggett, Earvin Moser

Ballew's Chapel-Judy Tubbs, Terri Clark

Blackland Chapel-Ricky Hayes

Cave City-Dale Smullens

Generations-Bill Craft, Imogene Van

New Bethel-Anna Faye Haley, Eudell Smith

Quail Valley-Lorene Altman, Mary Southland

Tuckerman-Wanda Merryweather

Sis. Kim Landers, Bro. Charles Brooks, Bro. Larry Doyle

For morning worship, Bro. Robert Jones brought the morning message from Luke 14, "What does the Kingdom of God look Like?" There were 49 that registered in attendance and an offering was taken in the amount of \$512.00 for Camp Beaverfork.

Constitution

Preamble

From experience, we the members of the Free Will Baptist denomination, being regularly baptized upon a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us; therefore, we proposed to maintain and keep orders and rules of this Association according to the following planned form of government.

Article I. Name

This organization shall be called the Polk Bayou Association of Free Will Baptist, affiliated with the State Association of Free Will Baptist of Arkansas, which is a member of the National Association of Free Will Baptist.

Article II. Composition

This Association shall be composed of such well regulated Free Will Baptist Churches as subscribe (agree) with the doctrine and practices as stipulated in the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptist.

Article III. Representation

Section I-The voting members of this Association shall be the ordained ministers whose credentials are held by the Polk Bayou Association, deacons who are in good standing, and church clerks belonging to any church composing this body.

Section 2-Each local church holding membership in this association shall be entitled to three (3) lay delegates at large.

Article IV. Officers

The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a clerk and treasurer, and an assistant clerk and treasurer who are to be elected annually by this body.

Article V. Duties and Rule of Standing Boards

Section I-This Association shall have an Executive Board composed of five (5) members, each of whom shall serve for five (5) years. This board shall be arranged whereby one member shall be elected annually. In case of an emergency situation, the Executive Board shall have the authority to call the Association in conference by notifying each member church at least ten (10) days prior to the conference.

Section 2-This Association shall have an Ordaining Council consisting of three (3) members, each of whom shall serve for three (3) years. This board shall be arranged whereby one member shall be appointed by the moderator annually. This board shall examine all applicants for licensing and ordinations (see Article XIV, Section 5). After examination the Ordaining Council shall report their findings to the Association for their final consideration. Further more it shall be the duty of the Ordaining Council, in the spirit of meekness seeking to come alongside our brother, to endeavor to contact any Ordained man who is a member of the Polk Bayou Association that has been divorced.

Article VI. Letters

Each church that is a member of this Association shall be represented by letter at each session of this Association giving name of delegates, ordained ministers, deacons, church clerk, members received, excluded, deceased, and monies spent for local and outside causes.

Article VII. New Churches

Any Church desiring membership in this body shall send delegates bearing a petitionary letter to the Association. If any church, upon examination by the Executive Board, is found to be properly organized, in good standing with member churches, and willing to adhere to the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptist as specified in The Treatise, they shall by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of this body be received into full fellowship.

Article VIII. Motions

Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless it is withdrawn by the member making said motion.

Article IX. Minutes

The Association is to endeavor to furnish the member churches with minutes of the Association in proportion to the number of members of each church.

Article X. Clerk's Duties

It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular file of all minutes. Also, the Clerk shall be responsible for the disbursement of money at the direction of the Association.

Article XI. Power of Association

The Association shall have power to discipline its churches, and to exclude them for disorderly walk, if labor proves unsuccessful; to ordain deacons, to license and ordain ministers, such as give evidence of being qualified and called by God; to settle such questions of doctrine as the churches may refer to it; to any rules or by-laws necessary to the regulation and not inconsistent with this Constitution ; but in no case shall this Association reverse a decision or in any way interfere with the internal regulation of a local church, nor hold any ecclesiastical power over the churches composing this Association.

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Article XIII. Constitutional Changes

This constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all members voting at any regular session.

Article XIV. Ordained Personnel

This Association accepts the wording of the Epistles to Timothy and Titus as authoritative, namely, the interpretation of the phrase

- I. "The husband of one wife" to mean that divorced personnel should not be ordained (I Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6). Therefore, we refuse to license, ordain, or accept into our Association as ordained, any man who has been divorced. To remain consistent with the Bible and in following past observed practices, should any ordained man which is a member of the Polk Bayou Association become divorced, he should surrender his credentials without discord.
2. That we accept God's Word as authoritative in not allowing double standards and that we also refuse to license, ordain, or accept into our Association as ordained, any man who has married a divorced woman.
3. To insure that sound doctrine and ethical practices continue to be taught in our churches, all pastors of affiliated churches within this Association must appear before the Ordaining Council within six (6) months of assuming position with their church. Any church failing to do so shall be contacted by the Ordaining Council before any action is taken by the Association.
4. Because Deacons are standing delegates at the district, state and national levels, all deacons who come into the Association from another Association or denomination must be recommended by the local church, appear before the Ordaining Council, and be approved by the Association.
5. The following steps must be taken by a church who wishes to license a minister or ordain a minister or deacon.
 - A. The applicant must be approved by their local church.
 - B. The applicant will fill out the questionnaire approved by the Association and send it to the members of the Ordaining Council two weeks before the Associational meeting in which they will be examined.
 - C. The applicant will be examined by the Ordaining Council, which will make a recommendation to the Association for final approval.
 - D. After approval by the Association the church may ordain the applicant at their convenience.

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, 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 a devotion and a sermon at 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.

Articles of Faith

1. **The Bible:** The Scripture of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practices.
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 Savior and Lord.
4. **The Holy Spirit:** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit 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: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith of the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior 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. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience unto 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 become his elect.
10. **Freedom of 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 Ordinance:** Baptism or the immersion of believers in water and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated by the Gospel. Feet Washing an ordinance teaching humility is of universal obligation, and is 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 (Matt. 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" (1 Corinthians 16:2a).
15. **The Christian Sabbath:** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employment's 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."

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 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 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 and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle 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.