

Georgia Redding

MINUTES

OF THE

Forty-Third Annual Session

OF THE

Rich Mountain Association

OF THE

Free Will Baptist Church of Christ



When held with Oak Grove Church, 12
miles North West of Mena, Arkansas
August 4-7, 1949

THE FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE RICH MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST

The forty-third annual session of the Rich Mountain Association of Free Will Baptist Church of Christ, met with the Oak Grove Church, twelve miles north of Mena, Ark., August 4-7, 1949.

The Association was opened by singing "Standing on the Promises." Rev. T. H. Horton led the opening prayer.

Rev. Carl Pugh preached the introductory sermon, using Matt. 5:12 for a text.

Services were dismissed by Rev. Ben Fisher.

Friday Services

Friday morning services came together by singing "I'm Going That Way." Prayer was offered by Rev. R. I. Cook.

The Moderator read Proverbs 16:1-7 for a lesson, then called for church letters. The following churches responded: Pleasant Hill Zafra, New Home, Oak Grove, Free Center, and Midway.

A motion was made to receive the letters and seat the messengers.

The Association went into a permanent organization by electing Rev. Ben Fisher, moderator, Rev. R. I. Cook assistant moderator, Rev. S. B. Metcalf, clerk-treasurer, and Brother J. B. Cummings assistant clerk.

Rev. Ben Fisher took his seat by reading the rules of order.

The clerk read a letter from Brother Martain Redding and was instructed to answer it.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

On Arrangements: Bro. J. B. Cummings Sisters Thelma Tash and Beulah Hess.

On Sabbath Schools: Brothers Frank Redding, Floyd Paregien, and A. P. Pugh.

On Temperance: Brothers Claude Davis, John Story, and T. H. Horton.

On Resolutions: Brothers G. A. Hooper, R. I. Cook, and W. P. Earnest.

On Obituaries: Brothers Doyle Crane, Frank Redding, and David Redding.

On Finance: Brothers E. A. Davis, A. L. Price, and Sister Dollie Story.

Business was dismissed by Rev. Rex Weatherman.

The eleven o'clock services came together with singing and prayer by Rev. S. B. Metcalf.

Rev. T. H. Horton read I John 3 for a lesson and St. John 3:14, 15 for a text. He was followed by Rev. R. I. Cook.

Services were dismissed by Bro. Floyd Paregien.

Friday afternoon services came together by singing "Where the Soul Never Dies," and prayer by Rev. Rex Weatherman.

The Moderator read Psalm 122 and then the rules of order.

A motion was made and carried, that the clerk have the minutes printed to best advantage to the association.

The clerk made his report. The report was received and the \$4.00 indebtedness was paid.

Rev. Rex Weatherman gave an interesting talk about the Children's Home at Ringling, Oklahoma. The talk was greatly enjoyed by all.

Services were dismissed by Bro. J. B. Cummings.

Friday evening services came together with singing and prayer by Bro. Joe Alexander.

After devotional services, Rev. Rex Weatherman preached from Heb. 12:26, 27, and was followed by Rev. Ben Fisher.

Services were dismissed by Rev. S. B. Metcalf.

Saturday Services

Saturday morning services came together with singing "Won't It Be Wonderful There." Prayer was offered by Bro. George Hooper.

The Moderator read the 5th chapter of Matthew for a lesson.

Bro. Doyle Crane was given the right hand of fellowship and seated in council.

The moderator read the rules of order, then called for committee reports. The committees on Resolution, Sabbath Schools, and Temperance reported and the committees were dismissed.

Business was dismissed by Rev. R. I. Cook.

The eleven o'clock services came together with singing.

Rev. R. I. Cook preached from Gal. 1:11, 12, and was followed by Rev. S. B. Metcalf.

Services were dismissed by Bro. W. P. Earnest.

Saturday afternoon services came together with singing "He Bore It All," and prayer by Rev. Ben Fisher.

The moderator read the 15th chapter of John and the rules of order.

A motion was made and carried that we represent in the State Association.

Committee reports were called for. The committees on Temperance, Resolutions, and Obituaries reported and the committees were dismissed.

By vote, the next association will convene with the Big Cedar

Church, 30 miles west of Mena, Arkansas, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in August, 1950.

The moderator appointed Rev. S. B. Metcalf to preach the introductory sermon and Rev. Carl Pugh as alternate.

A motion was made that a vote of thanks and appreciation be extended to the church and community for their generous hospitality during the association.

The Association closed with singing "God Be With You" and a hand shake of good fellowship.

Services were dismissed by Bro. J. B. Cummings.

Rev. Ben Fisher, Moderator.

Rev. S. B. Metcalf, Clerk—Treas.

Saturday evening services came together with singing and prayer by Rev. Ben Fisher.

Rev. Ben Fisher preached from Exodus 12:1-15, Luke 22:7-21, I Cor. 11:17-34, and John 13:1-17. Communion and washing the saints feet were then partaken of.

Services were dismissed by singing a hymn.

Sunday Services

Sunday School came together with singing and prayer by Bro. George Hooper.

After Sunday School and prayer by Bro. L. A. Cummings, Rev. S. B. Metcalf preached.

Services were dismissed by Rev. Carl Pugh.

Treasurer Report

To the Rich Mountain Association of Free Will Baptist:

I, your clerk and treasurer, received at the 1948 session of the association the sum of -----	\$41.84
After the association -----	9.00
Total received -----	50.84
I paid for minutes -----	41.75
To State Association -----	13.00
Total payed out -----	54.75

This leaves the Association in debt \$4.00.

Rev. S. B. Metcalf, Clerk-Treas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

We, your committ on Resolutions, submit the following report:

Be it resolved, that a church does not reccommend anyone to be ordained for the ministry until they had preached at least one year with license.

Be it resolved, that we ask each church of our association to commune and wash the saint's feet at least once a year.

Be it resolved, that we recommend our pastors read these resolutions to their churches at least once a year.

G. A. Hooper
R. I. Cook
W. P. Earnest

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

We review with alarm the works of sin in the form of intemperance since the repeal of the 18th amendment. We believe that eternal vigilance coupled with the increasing effort of all God-loving and God-fearing people is the only means by which this evil can be stamped out.

We urge our members to join all Christian workers to help eliminate the evils of this terrific thing. We view with alarm that so many church members, not Christians, are endorsing whiskey on every hand.

We believe all Christians should use their influence in every way to banish it from our state.

We believe that all our help comes from God. We read in God's word, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the Devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." I Peter 5:8.

"Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." I Cor. 9:25.

J. C. Davis
Rev. T. H. Horton
J. E. Storey.

We, your committee on Obituaries, submit the following report: We find that God, in his infinite mercy, has seen fit to call the following from our midst:

Bro. A. J. Barber, Aug. 18, 1948, from Oak Grove Church.

Bro. W. M. Paregien, May 6, 1949, from Free Center Church.

Sister W. F. Warden, Nov. 27, 1947, from Oak Grove Church.

They died in the hope of a living God.

Doyle Crane
David Redding
Frank Redding

We, your committee on Finance, submit the following report:

We find that the churches of the Association have contributed \$28.50 in money and \$20.75 in commodities to the children's home. The sum of \$44.35 for the minute fund.

E. A. Davis
A. L. Price
Dollie Story

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, submit the following report:

It is our honest opinion that each church should have a Sabbath School, and all officers and teachers should be Christians. Our Lord said, "Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man."

Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?

But he answered and said, "Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." Matt. 15:11-14.

Floyd Paregien

A. P. Pugh

Frank Redding

We, your committee on Arrangements, submit the following report:

Rev. T. H. Horton, Friday, 11 a. m., followed by Rev. R. I. Cook.
Rev. Rex. Weatherman, Friday evening, followed by Rev. Ben Fisher.
Rev. R. I. Cook, Saturday, 11 a.m., followed by Rev. S. B. Metcalf.
Rev. Ben Fisher, Saturday evening.
Rev. S. B. Metcalf, Sunday, 11 a. m.

J. B. Cummings

Beulah Hess

Thelma Tash

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS

1st—Pleasant Hill Church	Oct. 28-30, 1949.
2nd—Bib Cedar Church	Jan. 27-29, 1950.
3rd—Midway Church	April 27-29, 1950.
4th—Zafra Church	July 27-29, 1950.

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF ASSOCIATION

REV. T. H. HORTON, Oak Grove Church, Route 2, Mena, Ark.

REV. J. C. NICHOLS, West Valley Church, Yakima, Wash.

REV. S. B. METCALF, Pleasant Hill Church, Hatfield, Ark.

REV. BEN FISHER, West Valley Church, Hatfield, Ark.

REV. CARL PUGH, Big Cedar Church, Page, Okla.

REV. R. I. COOK, Oak Grove Church, Route 2, Mena, Ark.

REV. V. BRADFORD, Big Cedar Church, Page, Okla.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1—Be it resolved, that our deacons be instructed to see after the support of their pastors and needy widows and orphans; in fact, all the needy saints of Jerusalem.—Acts 6:1-7.

Resolution No. 2—Resolved, that we kindly ask the churches to

be more careful of their selection of delegates to the association, as the association is not composed of deacons and ministers alone, but by a delegation from the laity of the churches of the association. Try to select delegates that will be present to represent you.—Heb. 10:25.

Resolution No. 3—Be it resolved that we, as Free Will Baptists, believe that each member in our churches should upon the first day of the week lay up in store one-tenth according as God has prospered us. We believe that one-tenth belongs to our Creator. Then after one-tenth has been given, we will be able to make a freewill offering.—I Cor. 16:2.

Resolution No. 4—Be it resolved, that we, members of the Rich Mountain Association, do pledge ourselves to conform to the requirements of God's words, insofar as our ability and circumstances affords us to do so, first by confessing our faults to one another, and praying one for another that ye may be healed.—James 5:16. That we will do, God being our helper. Moreover, we, each one of us, will strive to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace by strictly observing that Holy Rule of Order laid down by our Lord and Christ, our great and loving redeemer, found in the 5th chapter of Matt. 23, 24, in which, reads as follows: "Therefore, if thou bring thy gift to the altar and there remembrest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar and go thy way. First be reconciled to thy brother and then come and offer thy gift."—Matt. 5:23-24. Failure to observe these holy rules of order is the direct cause and only true reason why we are so often found out of fellowship and without a good report. Then in order that we may correct this hurtful evil and restore fellowship and peace among ourselves and to make it safe for all coming times, we are asking the hearty adoption and faithful observance of this resolution.

Resolution No. 5—Be it resolved, that the deacons of the respective churches and their pastors shall fix the programs for the Fifth Sunday meeting when it convenes with their church.

Resolution No. 6—Be it resolved, that each church have a Pastor, Deacon, and Clerk, chosen by the church, to continue in office during the pleasure of the church.

Resolution No. 7—Be it resolved, that we, as Free Will Baptists, abstain from worldly amusements and keep ourselves unspotted from the world, that our lives may be a shining light to those in sin.—Matt. 5:16.

Resolution No. 8—Be it resolved, that the church clerk, when writing letters to the association, use the form in back of the minutes.

Resolution No. 9—Be it resolved, that church clerks, when writing their letters to the association, list only the names of the ministers, who belong to their church by membership.

Resolution No. 10—Be it resolved, that a church does not recom-

mend any one to be ordained for the ministry until they have preached at least one year with license.

Resolution No. 11—Be it resolved, that we ask each church of the association to commune and wash the saint's feet at least once a year.

Resolution No. 12—Be it resolved, that we recommend that our pastors read these resolutions to their churches at least once a year.

CONSTITUTION OF THE RICH MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST

From long experience we, the members of the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ, being regularly baptized upon the confession of our faith in Jesus Christ, being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and to preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other, do adopt this constitution for our church government.

No. 1. The Association shall be composed of Ordained Ministers, Deacons and members of the different Churches, chosen as delegates, and not to exceed three (3) from each Church. Delegates producing letters with sufficient Minute funds from any Church in our Association, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. Letters from the different churches are to express their number in fellowship, the number received by experience, letters of recommendations, the number dismissed, excluded, restored and those who have died since the last Association.

3. Members thus chosen are to be called the Rich Mountain Association of Free Will Baptists, being composed of churches in Western Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma. The Association to have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor to have ecclesiastical power over the churches; reserving the right to withdraw from any church becoming disorderly. Provided, however, the Association shall have the power for a good cause, to revoke the license or credentials of any minister, licensed or ordained by any church within its jurisdiction, and exclude the delegates from its sessions when they or their church are disorderly, or fail to keep a good report.

4. The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who are to be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

5. Newly constituted churches may be admitted to the Association by petitioning by letter, and delegates if orderly and orthodox; The Association may receive them by giving the hand of fellowship.

6. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless it has first been discussed by its own church.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association in a book to be kept by the Association for that purpose.

9. When a minister of this Association shall be charged with preaching any doctrine, other than the Free Will doctrine, by any church or member of a church, the charge will be proven, or dropped, within a period of two years.

10. Dealing with disorderly members—If I see my brother in a fault, I should go to him and try to restore him. But if he will not hear me, then I should take one or two others, and if he neglects to hear them also, then take him to the church, and let the church deal with him as a disorderly member. For Paul said that if a man be overtaken in a fault, let him that is spiritual restore such one, in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, less thou also be tempted.

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.—Gal, 6:1-2; Matt. 18:15-18.

11. Be it resolved that our association and fifth Sunday meetings can organize with two (2) or more churches present.

12. Amendments to the constitution may be made by a majority vote of the members present.

RULES OF ORDINATION

1. Do you believe in the total depravity of the human brain? Answer, no.

2. Do you believe that infants are saved while in a state of innocence? Answer, I do.

3. Do you believe in a full and free salvation to all who will accept it in Gospel terms? Answer, I do.

4. Do you believe in the burial of the believer with Christ in water after he has been baptized into Christ by the Holy Ghost? Answer, I do.

5. Do you believe that any man has a right in the Gospel to repeat baptism to such a subject? Answer, no.

6. Do you believe that communion, feet washing and baptism are Gospel ordinances and are to be taught and practiced until He comes again? Answer, I do.

7. Will you solemnly pledge yourself to preach and practice the same, God being your helper? Answer, I will by the help of God.

8. Do you believe that none will be finally saved but those who persevere in holiness to the end? Answer, I do.

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; 1 John 5:7.

2. We believe that the Scripture of the Old and New Testament are the written and revealed Word of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.—2 Tim. 3:16-17.

3. We believe that God created man good, but man disobeyed God, transgressed the law and fell under just condemnation, whereby all mankind are sinners, not by constraint but by choice, being partakers of the sinful nature, attained by the fall, and that man is unable to save himself with his own power, but we see Jesus, for the sufferings of death, browned with glory, that He, by the grace of God, shall taste death for every man.—Heb. 2:9; Gen. 1:31; Gen. 3:6-7.

4. We believe that Christ, by his death, burial and resurrection, purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all mankind upon the principle of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent; therefore He saith, "Look unto me and be saved, all ye ends of the earth, for I am God and there is none else."—Isa. 45. 4522; Matt. 4:17; Acts 17:3, 20, 21.

5. We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the Spirit of God if they inherit eternal life.—John 3:3.

6. We believe that infants are saved by the merits of the Son of God.—Mark 10:14.

7. We believe that Christians should persevere 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 may enter in through the gates into the city.—Matt. 24:14.

9. We believe that baptism by immersion is the apostolic mode, even the burial of the believer in water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; and that Christ, who is our life, showed this humble example to His children and bids us walk herein.—Matt. 28:19-20; John 3:33.

10. We believe that our ministers should be qualified according to instructions given by Paul to Timothy.—1 Tim. 3:1-8; 2 Tim. 2:15.

11. We believe that God displays His power of grace to a great degree in calling and qualifying His servants. By the teaching of the Holy Ghost and by the instruction of His blessed word to go forth and proclaim life and salvation. He bids us to freely come and nothing prevents the salvation of any but their own stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come.—1 Cor. 12: 3; Eph. 3:7; Rev. 22:17; Isa. 55:1-5; Matt. 28:19-20.

12. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saint's feet to be Gospel ordinance and in keeping the Lord's Day holy and abstaining from worldly and carnal cares.—John 13:4-5; Matt. 26:28; Mark 14:22-25.

13. We believe the assembling of ourselves together is an ornament which prepares and beautifies the soldier of the cross to march onward in the army of the Lord.—Hebrew 10:25; Acts 2:42.

14. We believe that none have a right to baptism only those who have retained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and none have a right to administer the same except those who are called of God and have come under the hand of the Presbytery of Elders.—Titus 1:5; Acts 14:23.

15. We believe it to be the duty of each church to assemble themselves together once a month, and that it is the duty of the pastor of the church, when setting forth the Lord's Supper and washing the saint's feet, to invite all Christians.—1 Cor. 11:27-29.

16. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust. The resurrection of the just to glory and immortality in the presence of God; the unjust to everlasting shame and banishment from the presence of God.—Matt. 25:31-46; I Cor. 15:42-45; Rev. 20:10.

"THE LAW OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(By Rev. William Mankin)

The Lord's Supper was instituted for God's people. They all have equal rights to the supper and the right is a birthright. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body."—I Cor. 12:13. This is not water baptism, but spiritual baptism. Again Christ says, I am the door, by me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved.—John 10:9. Christ is not the water baptism. Yet he is "The Door." There is but one door, and Christ says He is the Door, and he that cometh in at that door shall have full fellowship and equal rights with all other Christians. "Let a man examine himself, and let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation to himself." Not to the church, but to himself. It is a personal matter in judging and eating.

The church that does judge and exclude any of God's people is not in keeping with the instruction given by the church of Corinth. To thus judge and exclude one of the children of God is to offend the child so judged and excluded. Now listen to Christ. "He that offends one of these little ones that believes in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea."—Matt. 18:6; I Cor. 10:30, and 13:22. It is contended that they of the same faith and order should be entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper.

I admit that Christ is the true faith, and that His church is true order, and that faith is the means by which men belong to the true order. If this is meant by the same faith, we shall not object; we are agreed. But if sect is referred to, we object. As to order, if nothing but Gospel Order is meant, very well. But we do not be-

lieve that one child of God should dictate just what another should believe or what church he should belong to in order that he may be in the right church, for the visible church is but an organized body of Christians and placing your name on the church book of the best church on earth does not make you a Christian. The eunuch that believed and was baptized, what church did he join? Here is faith and here is order. Now ask if the eunuch were to wish to commune with some of the churches, would he be allowed the right? No, he is not the same faith and order. Yet he is admitted to heaven, but could not be admitted to a sectarian table. At the Lord's table all His people have a perfect right, be he who he may, and when the supper is set and all of God's people are not invited, it is not the Lord's but a sectarian table.

"So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."—Rom. 12:5. And the way we become one body is by being baptized into that body. And, of course, this is spiritual baptism. He that gets in by water baptism, the same is a thief and a robber, and when any one gets into that body in a legal way he has a right to all the benefits and privileges of that body. "For we, being many, are one bread and one body, for we are all partakers of that one bread."—I Cor. 10:17.

By partaking we exhibit a oneness of that body. Who is meant by "we?" It certainly means all Christians of all ages. "When you come together, tarry one for another, be of one mind." But let the word of God control that mind. If it had ever been intended by the Saviour that the supper should be guarded, as some attempt to guard it, God would have endowed judges with power to discern the pure from the impure. But the standpoint from which to judge is water baptism, and a legal administration of the same. So, if baptism by immersion, and a legal administration, this settles the matter, and Christian character is left out, by which some make a woeful mistake; for, after all this precaution, some have been found unworthy of the least of the privileges of the church.

To admit immersion to be the only mode of baptism, and a true believer receiving it, is that not all right? Some would answer, "If by a legal administration, this is all that is wanted." It is not purely a personal matter? So it is the duty of the preacher to baptize, and the applicant to be baptized.

When this is done, each has performed a personal duty. If I had never been baptized and had to await until I found one whom I knew to be a legal administrator, I never would be baptized at all, as I cannot know the heart of man. Two acting in concert, one acting in good faith and the other not.

Every Christian is responsible for his own acts, and not for another. Simon the sorcerer believed and was baptized, and that by a legal administrator, and yet it was discovered that he was not a Christian.

So we see that baptism by legal administration does not confer any claim to Christian rights, as this proves to be a personal matter: For we clearly see that Apostle, inspired as he was, did not discover the evil of Simon's heart; neither can we know the heart of a man. When we do our duty, it is ours; when an applicant, it is his. So we find that in repentance, faith, baptism and Christian duties, all are personally accountable to God and not to man.

Various are the opinions of men; and the way we account for them is in the capacity of men; and if we use the capacity God has given us, we do not think that we should be eternally condemned for what we can not help. The church of Christ is divided into many members, but is one spiritual body and Christ the head, and they should have the same care for each other that the fleshly body has for its members.

Should Christians commune together at the Lord's table? "What God has joined together let no man put asunder." Christians do not feel alike if they do not think alike.

They can preach together, sing and love together, and should they not commune together?

Then a union and free communion is forced upon us.

Christ said He would drink no more of the fruit of the vine until He should drink it anew in His Kingdom.

So as assembled at God's table in Heaven, so should we be on earth.

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded by prayer.

2. Personal reflection shall be avoided in all debates.

3. Those who speak shall rise and address the Moderator.

4. No motion shall be discussed without being seconded.

5. When a motion has been made and seconded and a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question: "Shall it be discussed?" If negative, the question shall be dismissed.

6. If a proposition or motion under debate contains two points, it shall be divided if requested, and a vote taken.

7. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on any subject without special leave of the Moderator.

9. In all cases a majority shall rule, except in receiving members, which shall be unanimous.

10. No person shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.

11. Arrangements shall be made so as to insure two or more sermons each day of the Association.

12. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Association.

13. Alterations may be made in these Rules at any regular session of the Association.

FORM OF LETTER OF DISMISSAL

This certifies that _____ is a member in good standing of the Free Will Baptist Church at _____, and as such we recommend _____ to the fellowship of God's people. Done in conference _____, 19_____.

_____, Moderator

_____, Clerk

FORM OF DEACONS LETTER

This is to certify that Bro. _____ is a worthy Deacon of our church and we recommend him as being worthy of his calling.

This _____ day of _____, 19_____

_____, Moderator

_____, Clerk

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

To the Rich Mountain Association of Free Will Baptist:

We, the _____ Church of Free Will Baptist met on _____, 19_____, and selected _____ to represent us in your honorable body, which convenes with _____ Church.

Bidding you God's speed in all your labor for the advancement of the cause of Christ and His Kingdom.

Our Church is composed of _____ Deacons and _____ Ministers. Membership _____ resident, _____ non-resident, and _____ total.

Members received during the year: By baptism _____, by recommendation _____, and by letter _____.

Members dismissed: By letter _____, excluded _____, and died _____.

Name and address of Ministers -----
 Name of Deacons -----
 Sunday School: Yes -----; No -----
 Pastor ----- Sermons preached -----
 Salary -----
 Pastor called ----- Minute Fund ----- Children's
 Home Fund -----
 Value of Church Property -----
 Done in church conference.

-----, Moderator
 -----, Clerk

PETITIONARY LETTER FORM

To the Rich Mountain Association of Free Will Baptist Church of Christ.

We, the ----- Church, have been organized according to the faith of Free Will Baptist.

Greetings, we send ----- to petition for us that we may be received in your honorable body.

Our church was organized on -----, 19----- by -----.

Our church is composed of ----- Deacons and ----- Ministers. A total membership of -----.

Offerings: Minute Funds ----- Orphans Home -----

Done in conference this ----- day of -----, 19-----.

-----, Moderator
 -----, Clerk

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE ASSOCIATION

Church	Pastor	Deacons	Clerk	Post Office	Messengers	Meeting Days Sunday	Members	Minute Fund
Pleasant Hill	Rev. Ben Fisher	Bro. F. O. Hamilton Bro. Roy Stinnett	Dolores Oglesby	Hatfield, Arkansas	G. A. Hooper Doyle Crane	3rd	42	\$7.00
Zatra	Rev. Ben Fisher	Bro. Floyd Paregien	Daisy Paregien	Hatfield, Arkansas	Floyd Paregien	2nd	30	\$3.00
Big Cedar	Rev. Carl Pugh	Bro. J. C. Davis Bro. H. R. Simmons	Ada Pugh	Page, Oklahoma	A. P. Pugh Thelma Tash E. A. Davis	2nd 4th	57	\$8.40
Oak Grove	Rev. Carl Pugh	Bro. J. B. Cummings Bro. W. P. Earnest	Lennie Tate	Mena, Arkansas, R-2	John Storey Frank Redding Dollie Storey	1st 3rd	48	\$8.25
Free Center	Rev. S. B. Metcalf		Joyce Combs	Watson, Oklahoma		1st	13	\$1.50
Midway	Rev. R. I. Cook	Bro. L. R. Burnett	Erma Roach	Opal, Arkansas	A. L. Price Beulah Hess	2nd	47	\$4.50

Collected during Association	\$11.61
Total Minute Fund	44.26
Children's Home	49.25
Total	\$93.51



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