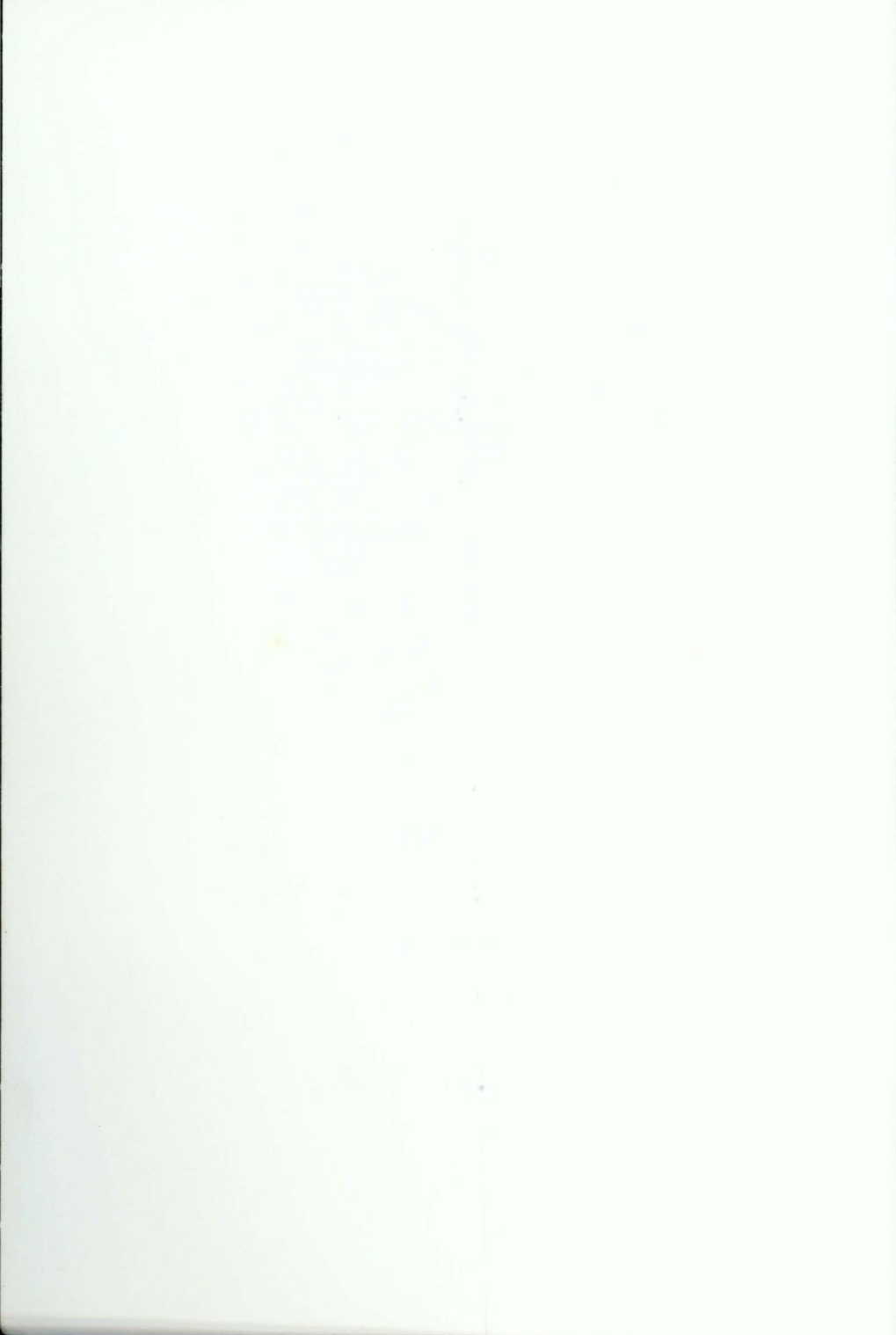


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FRIDAY EVENING

The fifty-ninth annual session of the Rich Mountain Association of Free Will Baptist Churches met July 7-9, 1967.

The association opened with singing led by Rev. Bennie Fisher, S. A. Summerland and Rev. C. C. Rogers. Prayer was led by Rev. Artie Atchley.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. S. B. Metcalf who used as his theme, "let your light shine before men." — Matthew 5:13-16.

The church letters were then read and the delegates were seated by a right hand of fellowship.

A letter was presented from the Zafra Church. The church was received into fellowship of the association on promise of a letter from the Southeastern Oklahoma Association.

The delegates from Zafra were then given a right hand of fellowship and seated.

The constitution and the Rules of Order were read by the moderator.

The service was then closed by a song "I'll Live in Glory," led by Rev. Bennie Fisher, prayer led by Rev. A. A. Miller.

SATURDAY MORNING

The opening song was led by Rev. Bennie Fisher.

Prayer by Robert Chastain.

Congregational Singing was led by Dura Pierce, J. C. Moore with sister Anna Park at the piano.

The moderator then read Psalms 100:1-5. After the reading, the following committees were appointed.

ARRANGEMENTS: Dorothy Moore, Roger Wilson, Mary Chastain, Phyllis McBride, Dorothy Looney and Dura Pierce.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Jackie Moore, Carla Wilson, Bessie Mixon, Sharon McBride, Janita Bliss, and Anna Park.

RESOLUTIONS: J. C. Moore, Larry Stricklin, Dwight Evans, Herbert Hess, Omar Yeaman, Ola Parker, and Rev. S. B. Metcalf.

OBITUARIES: Betty Raby, Barbara Pate, Robert Chastain, Barbara McBride, Doyce Crawford, and Ova Hooper.

TEMPERANCE: Rev. C. C. Rogers, Ronnie Richardson, Roy Gipson, Ethel Peters, Almeda Looney and Myrtle Raney.

STATISTICIAN: Betty Pate, Claude Davis, Dorothy Holcomb, and Wade Hooper.

FINANCE: Rev. Artie Atchley, Nick Wilson, Ray Metcalf, Addie Evans, and Annie Metcalf.

The committees were then dismissed to work on their reports until 10:45 A. M.

At the stated time the service came to order with singing led by Rev. Bennie Fisher with Sister Anna Park at the piano.

The Arrangements committee reported, the report was accepted and the committee was dismissed.

Prayer was led by Rev. Bennie Fisher, after which Dura Pierce led the congregation in singing.

Rev. Bennie Fisher then brought the Morning Message, "Without Excuse." (Romans 2:1).

The closing song was led by Dura Pierce followed by prayer led by Rev. Roy Wilson.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Service opened with singing led by Rev. Bennie Fisher and prayer led by Herbert Hess.

The Moderator then read Malachi 4:1-6.

The following committees reported. Reports were accepted and the committees were dismissed: Sunday School, Resolutions, Obituary, Temperance, Statisticians, and Finance.

Rev. Bennie Fisher led "Precious Memories," in honor of those who have passed away during the past year.

The Treasurer reported and the report was accepted.

The Executive Board gave an incomplete oral report to be completed at the first quarterly meeting.

Barbra Pate gave a report of the youth camp activities.

Rev. Roy Wilson gave a report of the national work.

Bro. Jim Burnett was elected to serve on the Executive Board.

The next Association will convene with the Liberty Church July 5-7, 1968.

The introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. Artie Atchley.

Delegates to the State Association: Omar Yeaman, Roger Wilson, Larry Stricklin, Ronnie Richardson and Barbra Pate.

Officers were then elected.

A Vote of Thanks was given the host church.

Service was closed with a prayer led by Rev. S. B. Metcalf.

SATURDAY EVENING

Service was called to order by Rev. Roy Wilson.

Singing was led by S. A. Summerland and prayer by Rev. C. C. Rogers.

Rev. Roy Wilson then brought the evening message, "The Lord's Supper" being the subject. After the message, Communion and Washing of the Saints' feet was observed.

Service was dismissed with a song.

SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday School was enjoyed by all present.

Rev. Artie Atchley then brought the morning message, using as his theme, "Remember."

The Association was then dismissed for lunch and an hour of fellowship.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

After lunch, singing was enjoyed by those present..

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

1st — Hatfield	July
2nd — Mena	October
3rd — Midway	December
4th — Zafra	April
5th — Big Cedar	June

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. Bennie Fisher, Route 1, Hatfield, Ark.
Assistant Moderator, Rev. S. B. Metcalf, Route 1, Cove, Ark.
Clerk, Dorthy Moore, Star Route, Hatfield, Ark.
Assistant Clerk, Rev. Roy Wilson, Route 1, Box 43, Hatfield, Ark.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. S. B. Metcalf, Route 1, Cove, Ark. Phone 387-2352.
Rev. A. A. Miller, Hatfield Church, Rt. 1, Hatfield, Ark.
Rev. W. F. Smith, Big Cedar Church, Muse, Okla.
Rev. Bennie Fisher, Hatfield Church, Rt. 1, Hatfield, Ark. Phone 389-2943.
Rev. C. C. Rogers, Mena Church, 603 Tenth Street, Mena, Ark. Phone EX 4-3134.
Rev. Roy L. Wilson, Hatfield Church, Rt. 1, Box 43, Hatfield, Ark. Phone 389-2413.
Rev. Artie Atchley, Mena Church, Rt. 1, Box 132, Cove, Ark.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bro. Jim Burnett	3 years
Rev. S. B. Metcalf	2 years
Rev. C. C. Rogers	1 year

PROMOTIONAL DIRECTORS

Vacation Bible School	J. C. Moore
League	Larry Stricklin

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Arrangements Committee.

We your Committee on Arrangements submit the following report.
Saturday Morning: Rev. Bennie Fisher.
Saturday Evening: Rev. Roy Wilson.
Sunday Morning: Rev. Artie Atchley.

DOROTHY MOORE.
DOROTHY LOONEY.
ROGER WILSON.
PHILLIS McBRIDE.
MARY CHASTAIN
DURA PIERCE.

Report of the Sunday School Committee.

We your Sunday School Committee, submit the following report. Each church should have a Sunday School. The Sunday School is the life of the church.

It is the training place for adults and children in God's work.

Our Lord says, "Search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they which testify of me." St. John 5:39.

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."—Proverbs 22:6.

"Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for such is the Kingdom of God."—St. Mark 10:14.

We found by looking over our Church Letters that all five churches

have a Sunday School. Hatfield, Midway, Mena, Big Cedar and Liberty all use Free Will Baptist literature.

JACKIE MOORE.
BESSIE MIXON.
SHARON McBRIDE.
ANNIE L. PARK.
WILMA GRIFFIN.
CARLA WILSON.

Report of the Resolutions Committee.

We would like to call your attention to Article 9 of our Resolutions. Therefore we are recommending that this body ask the Moderator to appoint a Promotional Director that he might go to each of the churches to promote this work, through a committee in each local church which he may select at his own choosing.

We the Committee recommend that the director be ordained, either a minister or deacon.

We further recommend that we have a Promotional Director for our League work. This worker is to be appointed each year.

He is to have the same authority to work with each church as the above Director. It shall be his duty to promote the League work. We recommend that this position be filled by one of our young people.

J. C. MOORE.
LARRY STRICKLIN.
HERBERT HESS.
OMAR YEAMAN.
OLA PARKER.
REV. S. B. METCALF.

Report of the Obituaries Committee.

We, your Committee on Obituaries submit the following report.

We find that God in His infinite love has called from our midst during the past year:

Mrs. Pauline Redding Hough of the Oak Grove Church.

Mrs.. Jo Ann Self of the Zafra Church.

Mrs. Beulah Hess of the Midway Church.

Mr. Jodie McCulley of the Big Cedar Church.

BARBARA PATE.
BETTY RABY.
BARBRA McBRIDE.
ROBERT CHASTAIN.
DOYCE CRAWFORD.
OVIE HOOPER.

Report of the Temperance Committee.

We feel that Christians should be temperate in all things. We are reminded of the exhortation of the Apostle Paul in Romans 12:1-2 that we are to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service. We are not to be conformed to this world but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. "Wherefore come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean things, and I will receive you and will be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters saith the Lord God Almighty."—II Cor. 6:17-18. "As touching strong drink we should be total abstainers."—Proverbs 20:1. We call your attention to the obligation in our church covenant, Section 1: "for the drunkard and glutton shall clothe a man with rags."—Proverbs 23:21-29-35.

ALMEDA LOONEY.
MYRTLE RANEY.
RONNIE RICHARDSON.

Report of the Finance Committee.

We, your Committee on Finance submit the following report.

We find a balance of \$35.23 in the treasury and the churches have contributed \$131.00. This makes a total in the treasury of \$166.23.

ANNIE METCALF.
RAY METCALF.
ADDIE EVANS.
ARTIE ATCHLEY.

Report of the Statisticians Committee.

We, your Committee on Statistics submit the following report.

For the six active churches of the Rich Mountain Association, we have 7 ordained ministers and 18 ordained deacons.

The total membership for the churches is 266, with 10 being added and 9 dismissed. We have an average attendance of 157 in Sunday School. We have four deceased members.

The Churches paid:

Pastors	\$ 2,038.09
Evangelists	487.33
Building and Repair	415.18
Literature	538.44
Publications	45.00
Miscellaneous	714.31
State Association	36.00
Local Association Fund	96.00
Total Value of Church Properties	33,000.00

BETTY PATE
MRS. WADE HOOPER.
MRS. VIOLET WILSON

Report of the Treasurer.

To the Rich Mountain Association of Free Will Baptist Churches. I, your Clerk and Treasurer, submit the following report.

Balance in Treasury	\$ 31.23
Associational Minute Fund	72.00
State Minute Fund	15.00
Entertainment Fund for State Association	15.00
Cooperative Fund	5.00

TOTAL	\$140.23
Paid for Printing Minutes	\$ 70.30
State Minute Fund	15.00
Entertainment Fee	15.00
Cooperative Fund	5.00
TOTAL	\$105.00

\$ 34.93

For period from July 11, 1966, to July 9, 1967.

Report of the Executive Board.

The Executive Board met to examine Brother Artie Atchley for ordination as a Minister. After examination we recommended him to be ordained.

The Executive Board met for this purpose November 27, 1966.

S. B. METCALF.
JIM BURNETT.
C. C. ROGERS.

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; I Cor. 16:1-3; Heb. 14:34.

Resolution No. 2—Be it resolved that we, members of the Rich Mountain Association, do pledge ourselves to conform to the requirements of God's work, first by confessing our faults to one another, and praying one for another that we 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 fifth chapter of Matt. 23, 24, in which, reads as follows: "Therefore, if thou bring thy gift to the altar and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee leave 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 make it safe for all coming times we are asking the hearty adoption and faithful observance of this resolution.

Resolution No. 3—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. 4—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. 5—Be it resolved, that a church does not recommend any one to be ordained for the ministry until they have preached at least one year with license.

Resolution No. 6—Be it resolved, that we ask each church of the association to commune and wash the saints' feet at least once a year.

Resolution No. 7—Be it resolved, that the moderator need only read the rules of order after organizing and seating any new delegates.

Resolution No. 8—Be it resolved, that each committee read their report to the association and that it be passed by the association before they turn it over to the clerk.

Resolution No. 9—We recommend that each church have a Vacation Bible School each year, the teachers, of which, to be selected by the individual church.

Resolution No. 10—Be it resolved, that the minutes of the Association be signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

Resolution No. 11—Be it resolved, that the Host Church make all arrangements for the Fifth Sunday Meetings with the Executive Board to take charge of all Business Sessions at the Fifth Sunday Meetings.

Resolution No. 12—Be it resolved, that we from the depths of our hearts do thank the ones that have labored to earn and prepare the food and took care of this Fifty-Ninth Session of the Association.

Resolution No. 13—Be it resolved, that the association furnish an annual Ministers Certificate to each Minister in good standing with the association.

Resolution No. 14—Be it resolved, that our Association meet on Friday night before the second Sunday in July of each year.

Resolution No. 15—Be it resolved, that we elect our Moderator, and Clerk and Treasurer at the close of our business session of each year, instead of at the beginning as in the past. The present officers to remain in office until the close of business in 1968.

Resolution No. 16—Be it resolved, that the Association give the Moderator the authority to appoint a Promotional Director for each of the following duties: Vacation Bible School and C.T.S. or League work.

CONSTITUTION OF 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.

1. The Association shall be composed of Ordained Ministers, Deacons, Church Clerks, and members of the different Churches, chosen as delegates, and not to exceed five (5) 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. Delegates 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 is to have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor to have ecclesiastical power over the churches; but reserve the right to withdraw from any church becoming disorderly. The association shall have the power provided however it is for a good cause, to revoke the license or credentials of any minister licensed or ordained by any church within its jurisdiction. The association shall also have the power to exclude any delegates from its session when they or their church are disorderly or fail to keep a good report.

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

5. Newly constituted churches may be admitted by the Association by petitioning by letter, and delegates if orderly and orthodox.

6. No question from any church shall come under 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 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, lest 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.

12. We believe that God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ indorsed 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 Cor. 16:2.

13. The churches should 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 churches of the Association. Try to select delegates that will be present to represent you.—Hebrews 10:25.

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 the 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 ordinance and are to be taught and preached 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 that 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; I John 5:7; Isaiah 48:16-19.

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.—II Thess. 3:16-17; II Peter 1:21.

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, crowned 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 no one else." Isa. 45:22; Matt. 4:17; Acts 17:3, 20, 21.

5. We believe that all who have reached the age of accountability

must be regenerated and born of the Spirit of God if they inherit eternal life.—John 3:3; I John 1:13; II Cor. 5:17.

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.—Rev. 21:14; Matt. 10:22; James 1:12.

8. We believe that baptism by immersion is in 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.

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

10. We believe that God displays his power to grace to a great degree by 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.—I Cor. 12:3; Eph. 3:7; Rev. 22:17; Isa. 55:1; Matt. 28:19-20.

11. We believe that Baptism and The Lord's Supper and the Washing of Saints' Feet to be Gospel ordinances.—St. John 13:3-5; I Corinthians 11:30, 34; St. Mark 16:15-18; and Matthew 28:18-20.

12. We believe the first day of the week to be the Lord's Day, and the apostles taught us to set it aside to worship God.—Romans 14:16; Romans 6:14-15; Romans 10:4; St. Mark 16:2; I Corinthians 16:2, and St. John 20:1, 19, 20.

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 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 the everlasting shame and banishment from the presence of God.—Matt. 25:31; 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 secluded. Now listen to Christ. "He that offends one of these little ones that believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he was 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 one true faith, and that His church is 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 believe 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. 12:15. 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 wait 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 act, 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 claims to Christian rights, as this proves to be a personal matter; For we clearly see the 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, are all 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 cannot 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.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association called to order by the moderator and in his absence, by the clerk.
3. Letters from churches composing the association called for, read and the delegates seated.
4. Corresponding Associations.
5. Right hand of fellowship.
6. Call for letters from newly organized churches.
7. Reading Constitution and Rules of Order by moderator.
8. Appointment of Committees: (A) Arrangements, (B) Sunday School, (C) Resolution, (D) Obituaries, (F) Temperance, (G) Statisticians and (H) Finance.
9. Report of Committees appointed at last association and other unfinished business.
10. Report of new committees.
11. New business.
12. Selecting place for next association.
13. Select the one to preach the introductory sermon the following year.
14. Vote of thanks to the Host Church for caring for the delegates to the association.
15. Selection of delegates to State Association.
16. Election of officers.
17. Adjournment.

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. Where 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 not be discussed.
6. If a proposition or motion under debate contains two points, it shall be divided if requested, and a vote taken.
7. Motions 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 organizing of the Association.
13. Alterations may be made in these Rules at any regular session of the Association.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith, in Jesus 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 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 in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, public worship, and the observance of the ordinance 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 successes 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 education and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday Schools and evangelical 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.

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 followship of God's people. Done in conference _____, 19____.

_____, Moderator
_____, Clerk

FORM OF DEACON'S 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

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 _____.

Offering: Minute Fund \$_____. Orphan Home \$_____.

Done in conference this _____ day of _____, 19____.

_____, Moderator
_____, Clerk

CHURCH REPORTS

HATFIELD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Delegates — Roger Wilson, Carla Wilson, Barbra Pate, Betty Pate, Larry Stricklin, Ronnie Richardson.

State of Religion — Fair.

Members Received 4 — Dismissed 4.

Total Membership _____ 79

Condition of Sunday School — Good.

Average Number of Pupils _____ 37

Number of Officers 3 — Number of Teachers 5 _____ 8

Paid Pastor _____ \$673.28

For Education _____ 246.15

Paid Evangelist _____ 120.00

For Children's Home _____ 19.25

For Minutes _____ 19.00

For State Association _____ 6.00

Miscellaneous _____ 30.00

Ministers belonging to our Church — Rev. S. B. Metcalf, Cove, Ark.;

Rev. A. A. Miller, Rt. 1, Hatfield, Ark.; Rev. Bennie Fisher,

Rt. 1, Hatfield, Ark.; Rev. Roy L. Wilson, Rt. 1, Hatfield, Ark.

Pastor — Rev. Roy L. Wilson, Rt. 1, Box 43, Hatfield, Ark.

Clerk — Violet Wilson, Rt. 1, Hatfield, Ark.

MENA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Delegates — Dura Pierce, Anna Park, Ova Hooper, Myrtle Raney and Ola Parker.	
State of Religion — Fair.	
Members Received 5.	
Total Membership	90
Condition of Sunday School — Good.	
Average Number of Pupils	60
Number of Officers 2 — Number of Teachers 5	7
Paid Pastor	\$480.00
For Education	119.00
Paid Evangelist	98.51
Home Mission	524.50
Building and Repair	10.58
For Publication	39.00
Enclosed for Minutes	20.00
For State Association	6.00
Ministers belonging to our Church — Rev. C. C. Rogers, 603 Tenth Street, Mena, Ark.; Rev. Artie Atchley, Rt. 1, Box 132, Cove, Ark.	
Pastor — Rev. C. C. Rogers.	
Clerk — Mrs. Zella Hooper.	

ZAFRA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Delegates — Dorothy Moore, Jackie Moore, Dollie Kelsey.	
State of Religion — Fair.	
Members Received 1 — Members Dismissed 1 — Died 1.	
Total Membership	12
Condition of Sunday School — Good.	
Average Number of Pupils	20
Number of Officers 2 — Number of Teachers 3	5
Paid Pastor	\$340.30
Paid Evangelist	93.00
For Education	49.22
Broadcast (KENA)	20.00
Enclosed for Minutes	15.00
For State Association	6.00
Miscellaneous	92.01
Pastor — Rev. Bennie Fisher, Hatfield, Ark.	
Clerk — Betty Raby, Rt. 1, Hatfield, Ark.	

LIBERTY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Delegates — Roy Gipson, Dwight Evans, Icie Self, Bessie Mixon, Mary Chastain.	
State of Religion — Good.	
Total Membership	29
Condition of Sunday School — Fair.	
Average Number of Pupils	13
Number of Officers 3 — Number of Teachers 4	7
Paid Pastor	\$156.00
Paid Evangelist	125.82
For Education	58.23
Enclosed for Minutes	15.00
For State Association	6.00
Pastor — Rev. Artie Atchley, Box 132, Cove, Ark.	
Clerk — Addie Evans, Star Rt., Hatfield, Ark.	

BIG CEDAR FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Delegates — Omer Yeamon, Ethel Peters, Barbra McBride, Sharon McBride, Phyllis McBride.

State of Religion — Fair.

Members Dismissed 4 — Died 1.

Total Membership	30
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Condition of Sunday School — Fair.

Average Number of Pupils	15
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Number of Officers 2 — Number of Teachers 4	6
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Paid Pastor	\$200.00
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Building and Repairs	64.88
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For Education	46.74
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Enclosed for Minutes	15.00
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For State Association	6.00
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Ministers belonging to our Church — Rev. W. F. Smith, Muse, Okla.

Pastor — Rev. Bennie Fisher, Rt. 1, Hatfield, Ark.

Clerk — May Andrews, Big Cedar Star Route, Page, Okla.

MIDWAY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Delegates — Doyce Crawford, Dorothy Looney, Almeda Looney, Dorothy Holcomb, Juanita Bliss.

State of Religion — Fair.

Members Received none — Died 1.

Total Membership	26
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Condition of Sunday School — Fair.

Average Number of Pupils	12
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Number of Officers 2 — Number of Teachers 1	3
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Paid Pastor	\$183.31
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Paid Evangelist	50.00
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For Education	19.10
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For Publication (Vision)	6.00
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Enclosed for Minutes	12.00
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For State Association	6.00
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Pastor — Rev. S. B. Metcalf, Rt. 1, Cove, Ark.

Clerk — Mrs. Wilma Griffin, Board Camp, Ark.

