

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION**  
OF  
**RICH MOUNTAIN  
ASSOCIATION OF  
FREE WILL BAPTIST  
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**



NEXT ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD WITH THE

**HATFIELD FREE WILL  
BAPTIST CHURCH**  
HATFIELD, ARKANSAS

**June 26-27, 1970**



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**FRIDAY EVENING**

The sixty-first annual session of the Rich Mountain Association of Free Will Baptist Churches met June 27-29, 1969 at the United Free Will Baptist Church at Zafra, Oklahoma.

The services opened with a song, "Kneel At The Cross," and prayer led by Rev. C. C. Rogers. Congregational singing was then led by Bro. J. C. Moore. Special songs included a duet by Isabell Ray and Johnnie Faye Kinkade from the Mena Church, a special by the Moore family, and a duet by Linda Knighten and Dorthy Moore.

Another congregational song and a prayer led by Rev. Bennie Fisher, after which Bro. Dwight Evans led a testimony service.

Rev. J. T. Burnett brought the introductory sermon, "The Poorness of the Spirit" from Matthew 5:3.

The church letters were then read by the assistant clerk.

The delegates were seated by a right hand of fellowship, as the congregation sang a song.

The Constitution was read by Rev. Roy L. Wilson.

The Rules of Order were read by Rev. S. B. Metcalf.

The Arrangements Committee was then appointed as follows: Virginia Knighten, Johnnie Faye Kinkade, Lula Shults, Phyllis McBride, H. E. Hess and Lucille Self.

Closing prayer was led by Rev. Artie Atchley.

**SATURDAY MORNING**

The opening song, "Only Trust Him" was led by Rev. S. B. Metcalf. Prayer was led by Rev. A. A. Miller.

The Moderator then read Isaiah 11:1-5. Prayer was then led by Rev. Roy L. Wilson.

The Midway church letter was then read and new delegates given the right hand of fellowship.

The Rules of Order were read by Rev. S. B. Metcalf.

The following committees were appointed:

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Violet Wilson, Almeda Looney, Ova Hooper, Bessie Mixon, Allen Looney and May Andrews.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Rev. Roy L. Wilson, J. C. Ray, J. C. Moore, Ray Metcalf, Rev. Artie Atchley and Nick Wilson.

**OBITUARIES:** Irene McCoy, Kathy Kinkade, Fred Hensley, John Roberts, Carla Wilson, Betty Pate and Rosa Moore.

**FINANCE:** Addie Evans, John Roberts, A. A. Miller, Betty Pate, Carla Wilson and Mrs. Fred Hensley.

**STATISTICIAN:** Dura Pierce, Linda Knighten, Zella Hooper, Betty Raby and Andy Mixon.

**TEMPERANCE:** J. T. Burnett, Bob Chastain, Darlene Roberts, Dollie Storey and Claude Davis.

After the committees were appointed we were dismissed for a short recess.

At the scheduled time services came to order with singing led by Rev. S. B. Metcalf. Prayer was led by Bro. Hurbert Hess.

The following reports were read, accepted and the committees dismissed: Obituaries, Arrangements and Temperance.

The congregation was dismissed until 11:00 A.M.

Services opened with singing led by Johnnie Faye Kinkade, with prayer led by Rev. J. T. Burnett.

Rev. Artie Atchley brought the morning message, (Matthew 7:25-29).

The closing song, "Blessed Assurance," was led by Bro. J. C. Moore and service was dismissed with prayer led by Bro. J. C. Ray.

### **SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

Service opened with singing led by Bro. Dwight Evans, and prayer led by Nick Wilson.

The moderator then read I Peter 5:1-11.

The following reports were read, accepted and the committees dismissed: Sunday School, Statistician, and Finance.

The Resolutions committee presented its report, which was adopted item by item as follows:

1. Be it resolved that we the Rich Mountain Association of Free Will Baptists create a mission board for the purpose of surveying surrounding communities to determine the possibility of beginning new churches. This board shall be composed of three ministers and two lay members.

2. Be it resolved that we sponsor a news bulletin to be printed twice monthly for the purpose of keeping our people in the various churches informed as to the activities of the other churches. Be it resolved that we secure a mailing list from the various churches that we might be able to send this bulletin to interested persons outside our local churches. The cost of this bulletin to be provided by the various churches according to the number they wish to receive.

3. Be it resolved that we meet Friday evening, Saturday and Saturday evening for our quarterly meetings, and also our yearly Associational meeting. Delegates to be appointed to the various quarterly meetings as well as the Association.

(Due to the fact that some of our churches wish to have preaching service on the Sundays involved, that visitors who come in for church service may not be disappointed, we recommend closing our associational meetings with the Saturday evening service.)

4. Be it resolved that the churches contribute to the minute fund in relation to church membership and the number of minutes needed rather than having each church contribute an equal amount.

5. Be it resolved that the delegates from each church have the authority to fill the vacancies in their delegations created because of an elected delegate's failure to be present by 10:00 A.M. Saturday morning. In the event that no delegates, deacons or the pastor of a particular church is present that the associational body may vote to receive as voting delegates any members of said church which are present.

Rev. Roy L. Wilson read the treasurer's report. The report was accepted.

Bro. J. C. Ray gave a report of the Executive Board. The report was accepted.

Officers were elected and quarterly meetings and the next association were placed, as noted later in this minute.

A vote of thanks was given the host church.

The business session was adjourned with a song and prayer led by Bro. Hurbert Hess.

### **SATURDAY EVENING**

Services opened with a song led by J. C. Moore and prayer by Rev. A. A. Miller.

Special song by Andy and Bessie Mixon.

The devotional service was led by Bro. John Roberts.

Rev. S. B. Metcalf then brought the evening message, "The Joy of Salvation"—John 15:1-27.

## SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday School was called to order by Bro. J. C. Moore, who also led the congregation in singing.

Prayer by Rev. W. F. Smith.

Sunday School was enjoyed by everyone after which the congregation was dismissed for a short recess.

The morning worship service opened with a song, "In the Shadow of the Cross," led by Rev. S. B. Metcalf. Prayer by Rev. Bennie Fisher.

Rev. Roy L. Wilson brought the morning message, "The Greatest Purchase Ever Made"—Matthew 13:14-50.

Closing song, "Jesus is Calling," followed by prayer led by Bro. J. C. Moore.

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON

After a brief period of singing, Rev. W. F. Smith brought a message, "God's Conversation With Man"—I Samuel 3:1-10.

Service was adjourned with a song and prayer led by Bro. J. C. Moore.

## QUARTERLY MEETINGS

1st —	Mena .....	August
2nd —	Midway .....	November
3rd —	Liberty .....	March
4th —	United .....	May

## ASSOCIATION

Hatfield ..... June 26-27, 1970

## INTRODUCTORY SERMON

Rev. Roy L. Wilson will preach the introductory sermon at our next association.

## OFFICERS

Moderator: Rev. J. T. Burnett, Waldron, Ark.

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Roy L. Wilson, Hatfield, Ark.

Clerk: Rev. Roy L. Wilson, Hatfield, Ark.

Assistant Clerk: Dorothy Moore, Star Route, Hatfield, Ark.

## Delegates to the State Association

John Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hensley, Johnnie Faye Kinkade and Linda Knighten.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. S. B. Metcalf .....	3 years
Rev. Artie Atchley .....	2 years
J. C. Ray .....	1 year

## PROMOTIONAL DIRECTORS

Vacation Bible School .....	J. C. Moore
C. T. S. ....	Jack Kinkade

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. S. B. Metcalf, Route 1, Cove, Ark., Phone 387-2971.

Rev. A. A. Miller, Route 1, Hatfield, Ark.

Rev. W. F. Smith, Big Cedar, Okla., Phone Clayton, Okla., 651-2251.

Rev. Bennie Fisher, Hatfield, Ark., Phone 389-2943.

Rev. C. C. Rogers, 603 Tenth Street, Mena, Ark., Phone 394-3134.

Rev. Roy Wilson, Route 1, Box 43, Hatfield, Ark. Phone 389-2503.

Rev. Artie Atchley, Route 1, Box 132, Cove, Ark. Phone 387-2291.

Rev. J. T. Burnett, Boles Route, Waldron, Ark. Phone 637-8743.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Report of the Arrangements Committee.

We your Committee on Arrangements submit the following report.  
Saturday Morning: Rev. Artie Atchley.  
Devotional Saturday Evening: Bro. John Roberts.  
Saturday Evening: Rev. S. B. Metcalf.  
Sunday Morning: Rev. Roy L. Wilson.  
Sunday Afternoon: Rev. W. F. Smith.

VIRGINIA KNIGHTEN  
JOHNNIE FAYE KINKADE  
PHYLLIS McBRIDE  
H. E. HESS  
LUCILLE SELF

### 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.

The 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."—Mark 10:14.

We found by looking over our church letters that all six churches have a Sunday School. The six churches together have twenty classes, twenty teachers, six Sunday School Superintendents, six secretaries and 163 average attendance. Mena, Midway, Hatfield, Big Cedar, Zafra United and Liberty. All use Free Will Baptist Literature.

ALMEDA LOONEY  
ALLAN RAY LOONEY  
OVIE HOOPER  
MAY ANDREWS  
BESSIE MIXON  
VIOLET WILSON

### Report of the Finance Committee.

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following report.

We find a balance of \$40.67 in the treasury and the churches have contributed \$165.00. This makes a total in the treasury of \$205.67.

JOHN ROBERTS  
CARLA WILSON  
BETTY PATE  
MRS. FRED HENSLEY  
ADDIE EVANS  
A. A. MILLER

### Report of the Resolutions Committee.

We, your Resolutions Committee submit the following report.

1. Be it resolved that we the Rich Mountain Association of Free Will Baptists create a mission board for the purpose of surveying surrounding communities to determine the possibility of beginning new churches. This board shall be composed of three ministers and two lay members.

2. Be it resolved that we sponsor a news bulletin to be printed twice monthly, for the purpose of keeping our people in the various churches informed as to the activities of the other churches. Be it resolved that we secure a mailing list from the various churches that we might be able to send this bulletin to interested persons outside our local churches. The cost of this bulletin to be provided by the various churches according to the number they wish to receive.

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(Due to the fact that some of our churches wish to have preaching service on the Sundays involved, that visitors who come in for church service may not be disappointed, we recommend closing our associational meetings with the Saturday evening service.)

4. Be it resolved that the churches contribute to the minute fund in relation to the church membership and the number of minutes needed rather than having each church contribute an equal amount.

5. Be it resolved that the delegates from each church have the authority to fill the vacancies in their delegations created because of an elected delegate's failure to be present by 10:00 A.M. Saturday morning. In the event that no delegates, deacons or the Pastor of a particular church is present that the associational body may vote to receive as voting delegates any members of said church which may be present.

REV. ROY L. WILSON  
J. C. RAY  
J. C. MOORE  
RAY METCALF  
REV. ARTIE ATCHLEY  
NICK WILSON

#### **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 eight ordained ministers and seventeen deacons.

The total church membership for the churches is 297. Thirty-two members were added to the churches, with twelve being dismissed. We had an average number in Sunday School of 226. Four members died during the past year.

The churches paid:

Pastors .....	\$3,128.46
Evangelists .....	363.00
Building and Repair .....	1,404.10
Literature .....	926.97
Advertising ((Radio programs, etc.) .....	438.00
Miscellaneous .....	606.99
State Association .....	70.00
Local Association .....	98.00
Total value of church property .....	28,700.00

BETTY RABY  
DURA PIERCE  
ZELLA HOOPER  
LINDA KNIGHTEN  
ANDY MIXON

#### **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::

Bro. W. F. Moore of Zafra United Free Will Baptist Church.  
Sister Emma Kelsey, Big Cedar.  
Bro. Sam Thompson, Big Cedar.  
Bro. Alvin Davis, Midway.

IRENE McCOY  
KATHY KINKADE  
FRED HINSLEY  
JOHN ROBERTS  
CARLA WILSON  
BETTY PATE  
ROSA MOORE

## 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 I, For the drunkard and glutton shall clothe a man with rags." Proverbs 23:21-29-35.

REV. J. T. BURNETT  
ROBERT CHASTAIN  
CLAUD DAVIS  
DOLLIE STOREY  
DARLENE ROBERTS

## Report of Treasurer.

To the Rich Mountain Association of Free Will Baptists, I, your clerk and treasurer submit the following report:

Balance in the treasury (July 5, 1968)	\$ 53.79
Received for Associational minute fund	99.00
Received for State minute fund	18.00
Received for entertainment of State Association	60.00

TOTAL IN TREASURY \$230.79

### Expenses Paid:

For Printing Minutes	\$103.00
State Minute Fund	18.00
Entertainment of State Association	60.00
Identification Cards for Ministers	8.50
Bank service charges	.62

TOTAL EXPENSES \$190.12

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Balance in Treasury \$ 40.67

## Report of the Executive Board.

On July 12, 1968 the Executive Board met at the home of J. C. Ray. We discussed and approved giving an identification card to each minister belonging to our Association, namely Rev. S. B. Metcalf, Rev. Benny Fisher, Rev. Roy L. Wilson, Rev. W. F. Smith, Rev. A. A. Miller, Rev. Artie Atchley, Rev. J. T. Burnett and Rev. C. C. Rogers.

On September 1, 1968 the Executive Board met at the United Free Will Baptist Church at Zafra, Oklahoma. The Executive Board voted to endorse Bro. Fred Warner to meet with the Mena Church on October 5, 1968, for the purpose of promoting the work of the State Association.

The Executive Board met June 28, 1969, for the purpose of passing on the recommendation of giving the ministers listed in our minutes a card of approval for the coming year. The board voted approval for all ministers listed.

## 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 Sixty-first 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 last Sunday in June 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.

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.

Resolution No. 17—Be it resolved, that the Moderator, Associational Clerk, and Ministers belonging to the Association be present at two of the three services at each quarterly meeting, and the Association. If unable to attend, be it resolved that they correspond by letter.

Resolution No. 18—Be it resolved that we the Rich Mountain Association of Free Will Baptists create a mission board for the purpose of surveying surrounding communities to determine the possibility of beginning new churches. This board shall be composed of three ministers and two lay members.

Resolution No. 19—Be it resolved that we sponsor a news bulletin to be printed twice monthly, for the purpose of keeping our people in the various churches informed as to the activities of the other churches. Be it resolved that we secure a mailing list from the various churches that we might be able to send this bulletin to interested persons outside our local churches. The cost of this bulletin to be provided by the various churches according to the number of copies they wish to receive.

Resolution No. 20—Be it resolved that we meet Friday evening, Saturday, and Saturday evening, for our Quarterly Meetings, and also our yearly Associational meeting. Delegates to be appointed to the various Quarterly meetings as well as the Association.

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Resolution No. 21—Be it resolved that the churches contribute to the minute fund in relation to church membership and the number of minutes needed rather than having each church contribute an equal amount.

Resolution No. 22—Be it resolved that the delegates from each church have the authority to fill the vacancies in their delegations created because of an elected delegate's failure to be present by 10:00 A.M. Saturday morning. In the event that no delegates, deacons or the Pastor of a particular church is present that the association body may vote to receive as voting delegates any members of said church which may be present.

## **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. eH bids up 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 orna-

ment which prepares and beautifies the soldier of the cross to march onward in the army of the Lord.—Hebrews 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; 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 is 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 sanctions 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, or 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 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 fellowship 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 — John Roberts, Darlene Roberts, Sylvania Shults, Carla Wilson and Betty Pate.

Members Received	3
Total Membership	94
Sunday School Enrollment	82
Number of Ordained Deacons	4
Paid Pastor	\$955.73
Paid Evangelist	148.00

Building and Repair	35.00
For Education	297.42
Miscellaneous	377.16
Other	75.25
Home Missions	22.71
For Minutes	15.00
State Association	13.00
Value of Church Property	7,000.00
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. Artie Atchley, Cove, Ark.	
Clerk—Irene McCoy, Hatfield, Ark.	

#### **MENA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Delegates—Henry Gentry, Dura Pierce, Sister Story, Ova Hooper and  
Fred Hensley. Alternates: Johnnie Faye Kinkade, Kathy Kin-  
kade and Sharon Ray.

Members Received	11
Members Dismissed	9
Total Membership	90
Sunday School Enrollment	65
League Enrollment	25
Woman's Auxiliary	12
Number of Ordained Deacons	5
Number of Licensed Ministers	2
Paid Pastor	\$920.00
Paid Evangelist	200.00
Building and Repair	656.47
For Education	383.15
Broadcast (KENA)	438.00
Miscellaneous	140.75
Other	128.36
Vision	12.00
For Minutes	20.00
State Association	10.00
Value of Church Property	10,000.00
Ministers belonging to our Church—Rev. Artie Atchley, Cove, Ark. Rev. J. T. Burnett, Waldron, Ark.	
Pastor—Rev. J. T. Burnett, Waldron, Ark.	
Clerk—Mrs. Wade Hooper, 910 S. 2nd St., Mena, Ark.	

#### **MIDWAY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Delegates—Dorothy Looney, Almeda Looney, Allen Looney, Doyce  
Crawford and Janita Bliss.

Total Membership	27
Members Received	1
Members Dismissed	1
Members Deceased	1
Sunday School Enrollment	10
Number off Ordained Deacons	1
Paid Pastor	\$211.73
For Minutes	15.00
Miscellaneous	44.08
Vision	5.00
For Education	25.85
For State Association	13.00
Value of Church Property	2,500.00
Pastor—Rev. S. B. Metcalf, Rt. 1, Cove, Ark.	
Clerk—Mrs. Wilma Griffin, Board Camp, Ark. 71932.	

### LIBERTY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Delegates — Janice Denton, Wanda Denton, Leona Denton, Zack Denton, Icie Self and Juanita Denton.

Members Received .....	15
Total Membership .....	35
Sunday School Enrollment .....	25
Number of Licensed Ministers .....	1
Number of Ordained Deacons .....	2
Paid Pastor .....	\$201.00
For Education .....	64.59
Miscellaneous .....	30.00
Other .....	57.00
For Minutes .....	15.00
State Minutes .....	13.00
Value of Church Property .....	1,200.00
Ministers belonging to our Church—Rev. C. C. Rogers, 603 Tenth Street, Mena, Ark.	
Pastor—Rev. C. C. Rogers, 603 Tenth Street, Mena, Ark.	
Clerk—Lucille Self, Star Route, Hatfield, Ark.	

### BIG CEDAR FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Delegates—Omer Yeaman, Lucille Davis, Ethel Peters, Lenora McBride and Phillis McBride.

Total Membership .....	27
Members dismissed by letter .....	2
Members Deceased .....	2
Sunday School Enrollment .....	15
Number of Ordained Deacons .....	2
Paid Pastor .....	\$400.00
Building and Repair .....	47.00
For Education .....	44.47
Miscellaneous .....	15.00
For Minutes .....	15.00
For State Association .....	5.00
Butane .....	28.00
Value of Church Property .....	2,500.00
Ministers belonging to our Church—Rev. W. F. Smith, Muse, Okla.	
Pastor—Rev. C. C. Rogers, 603 Tenth Street, Mena, Ark.	
Clerk—May Andrews, Big Cedar Route, Page, Okla. 74950.	

### UNITED FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Delegates—Bessie Mixon, Linda Knighten, Rosa Moore, Betty Raby and Andy Mixon. Alternates: Virginia Knighten, Jackie Moore and Addie Evans.

Members Received .....	2
Members Deceased .....	1
Total Membership .....	24
Sunday School Enrollment .....	29
Number of Ordained Deacons .....	3
Paid Pastor .....	\$440.00
Paid Evangelist .....	15.00
Building and Repair .....	924.42
For Education .....	111.89
Janitor .....	141.00
Butane and Lights .....	126.63
For Minutes .....	18.00
State Association .....	13.00
Value of Church Property .....	3,500.00
Pastor—Rev. Roy L. Wilson, Rt. 1, Box 43, Hatfield, Ark.	
Clerk—Dorothy Moore, Star Rt., Hatfield, Ark.	



