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FRIDAY EVENING

The seventieth annual session of the Rich Mountain Association of Free Will Baptist Church of Jesus Christ met June 23, 24, 1978 at the Hatfield Free Will Baptist Church.

The services were opened with the song "Revive Us Again" led by Rev. Kevin Jewell. Rev. William Hicks led the opening prayer.

Rev. Kevin Jewell welcomed everyone to Hatfield and the yearly Associational meeting. He then led the congregation in singing "Nothing But the Blood" and "There is Power in the Blood". The service was then turned to the Moderator, Rev. Horace E. Thoburn D.D., who called the business meeting to order and asked Rev. Kevin Jewell to led in prayer.

Rev. Horace Thoburn asked the association to rise in appreciation of the good job that Linda Denton had done the past year as clerk.

The clerk then read the letters from Hatfield and Liberty churches. The delegates were seated with a right hand of fellowship.

The moderator appointed the Arrangements Committee and asked them to select one to bring the Saturday morning message as there would be a film shown Saturday night instead of a

sermon. The business session was adjourned and the meeting turned to Rev. Kevin Jewell. He asked for Dwight and Arvella Evans to sing a special. They sang "Tears Will Never Stain the Streets of that City". Rev. Kevin Jewell then began his message with a prayer. The title of his message "Behold, I Show You a Mystery". Text was taken from 1 Corinthians 15. After a song of invitation led by Rev. Donnie Jewell, the service was adjourned until Saturday morning at 10:00a.m. Closing prayer was by Dwight Evans.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Saturday morning service was opened with the song "He Keeps Me Singing" led by Rev. Kevin Jewell with Sister Paulette Moore at the piano. Rev. David Joslin, Promotional Director for Arkansas Free Will Baptists, was ask to led in prayer. Rev. Kevin Jewell welcomed everyone to the meeting. Then he led the congregation in singing "Won't it be Wonderful There" and "Where We Never Grow Old".

Services were turned over to moderator, Rev. Horace E. Thoburn D.D., who ask Rev. David Joslin to say a few words. Rev. David Joslin said it was good to be in the service with us and encouraged us to "Keep on, Keeping on". Rev. Donnie Jewell was then ask to led in prayer.

Big Cedar church letter was read and accepted and the delegates seated. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace" led by Rev. Kevin Jewell with Sister Judy Jewell at the

piano.

Rev. Horace Thoburn then read the Rules of Order and the Constitution and asked for the Arrangements committee report. The Arrangements Committee had chosen Rev. William Hicks to bring the morning message.

Rev. Thoburn then appointed the committees:

ARRANGEMENTS:	Joe Nichols Sister Bonnie Richardson Sister Rodina Bailey
SUNDAY SCHOOL:	Rev. William Hicks Sister Rodina Bailey Sister Novella Davis
RESOLUTIONS:	Rev. Donnie Jewell Sister Violet Wilson
OBITUARY:	Rev. S.B. Metcalf Roger Wilson Sister Minnie Hicks
TEMPERANCE:	Rev. Bennie Fisher Sister Glenda Wilson Ed Metcalf
STATISTICS:	Sister Paulette Moore Sister Bonnie Richardson Sister Mildred Metcalf
FINANCE:	Rev. Kevin Jewell Kenneth Moore Elmer Bates

Rev. Horace Thoburn gave a 30 minute recess for committees to work on their reports. Rev. Kevin Jewell dismissed in prayer.

After a short recess the meeting was called back to order as moderator ask for the Executive Board report.

Rev. Donnie Jewell read the report and it was accepted. The moderator then asked for the Mission Board report. Rev. S.B. Metcalf said the Mission Board didn't meet at all last year and ask association to accept this as his report. Motion made and second.

Business was adjourned for morning session and services turned back to Rev. Kevin Jewell who ask Hoss Kennom and his wife to sing some specials. They sang "Nothing At All" and "Pray and Wait for an Answer". Kevin and Sherri Jewell sang "He's the Master of Blue Galilee".

Services was then turned over to the morning speaker, Rev. William Hicks. The title of his message was "Attending School". His text taken from 1 Samuel 17:13-46. Rev. Kevin Jewell led congregation in invitation song "Lord, I'm Coming Home". Services ended with closing prayer and blessing on food for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon service was opened with the song "The Lily of the Valley" led by Rev. Kevin Jewell.

The moderator asked for the reports from the committees. The Obituary Committee gave their report. The report was accepted and the committee was dismissed. For a tribute to those who have passed on, the moderator ask the congregation to sing "Precious Memories".

The Temperance Committee gave their report. The report was accepted and the committee dismissed.

The Statisticians Committee gave their report. The report was accepted and the committee dismissed.

The Finance Committee gave their report. In their report they recommended to pay clerk, Linda Denton \$35.00 for printing association minutes and doing such a fine job as clerk in the past year. Also, they recommended to pay the printers of the Gospel Voice, Sherri Jewell and Linda Denton, \$15.00 each for printing the Gospel Voice. The report was accepted and the committee dismissed.

The Resolutions Committee gave their report. The report was read and accepted and committee dismissed.

The assistant clerk gave the Treasurer's report in the absence of the clerk. The report was accepted.

A vote of thanks was given the host church for the delicious meal and entertaining the Association this year.

The Big Cedar church asked for the Association to be held at their church next year, June 29-30, 1979. The vote was unanimous. Rev. Bennie Fisher was elected to preach the introductory sermon on Friday night of the Associational meeting.

The Liberty church asked for the next quarterly meeting July 27, 28, 29, 1978. The body voted unanimously to do so.

Bro. Kenneth and Paulette Moore were selected to be

delegates to the State Association.

Rev. William Hicks and Rev. S.B. Metcalf were both nominated for a 3 year term on the Executive Board replacing Rev. Bennie Fisher. Rev. S.B. Metcalf was elected.

Rev. Donnie Jewell was nominated and elected for a 3 year term on the Mission Board replacing Rev. S.B. Metcalf.

Sister Judy Jewell was elected as clerk and Sister Paulette Moore as Assistant Clerk.

Rev. Bennie Fisher was elected as Moderator and Rev. S.B. Metcalf as Assistant Moderator.

Sister Sherri Jewell and Sister Glenda Wilson were selected to print the Gospel Voice.

There being no further business, the motion was made to adjourn.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Rev. Kevin Jewell welcomed everyone back to Hatfield. Due to the film being so long only one congregation song was sung. The title of the film was "Sound of the Trumpet". After the film an invitation "Is Thy Heart Right With God" was sung. A love offering was given to help pay on the rental of the film. Rev. Kevin Jewell thanked Rev. Donnie Jewell for running the projector and showing the film. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Dwight Evans.

NEXT ASSOCIATION

Big Cedar Free Will Baptist Church, June 29, 30, 1979

OFFICERS

Moderator: Rev. Bennie Fisher, Rt. 1, Hatfield, Arkansas
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Clerk: Judy Jewell, Rt. 1 Box 10, Hatfield, Arkansas
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Assistant Clerk: Paulette Moore, General Delivery, Muse,
Oklahoma

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. S.B. Metcalf.....3 Years
Rev. Donnie Jewell.....2 Years
Larry D. Denton.....1 Year

MISSION BOARD

Rev. Donnie Jewell.....3 Years
Dwight Evans.....2 Years
Doyle Morrison.....1 Year

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE:

We, the Arrangements Committee submit the following
report: Saturday Morning: Rev. William Hicks.

Joe Nichols
Bonnie Richardson
Rodina Bailey

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

We, your Sunday School Committee submit the following
report: We find by looking over the letters from the
churches, that all 3 churches have a Sunday School. The
three together have 3 Sunday School Superintendents and

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT CONTINUES:

an average attendance of 133. The churches are Liberty, Big Cedar, and Hatfield.

Rodena Bailey
Novella Davis
Rev. William Hicks

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

We, your committee on Obituary, submit the following report: We find that God in His Infinite love has called from our midst during the past year:

Clarence Peters, Big Cedar Free Will Baptist Church
Rev. C.C. Rogers, Big Cedar Free Will Baptist Church
Rev. W.F. Smith, Big Cedar Free Will Baptist Church
These all passed in the living faith of God. Our loss is heavens gain.

Rev. S.B. Metcalf
Minnie Hicks
Roger Wilson

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

We, your committee on temperance, submit the following report: We recommend that the churches teach and preach temperance in all walks of life. We should abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages in any form, and the use of harmful drugs of the various types. We recommend in view of the conditions of the day and times, temperance in all things such as the various cults, dress, etc. In general, temperance in all walks of life.

Rev. Bennis Fisher
Ed Metcalf
Glenda Wilson

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

We, the Executive Board, meet in October to examine Bro. David DePriest for ordination. After talking with him we recommended that the Hatfield Church proceed with the ordination service. This concludes all business that we, the Executive Board, had any part in this last year.

Larry Denton
Rev. Donnie Jewell
Rev. Bennie Fisher

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

We, your Resolutions Committee, submit the following report: We have looked over the present resolutions and know of no new resolutions to be made.

Violet Wilson
Rev. Donnie Jewell

STATISTICS COMMITTEE:

We, your committee on statistics, submit the following report: For the 3 active churches of the Rich Mountain Association, we have 9 ordained deacons. Our total membership is 184 active members. Three members died during the past year. The churches paid the following:

Pastor's Salaries.....	\$ 4,540.00
Evangelistic Work (Revivals, etc.)..	462.85
Building & Repair.....	2,463.14
Literature.....	940.36
Vacation Bible School.....	70.69
Miscellaneous.....	2,819.00
Cooperative Plan.....	491.71
Home Missions.....	62.03
Education.....	146.00
Orphanages.....	160.32
Local Association.....	60.00
State Association.....	60.00
Total Value of Church Property....	43,000.00

Paulette Moore
Alice M. Metcalf
Bonnie Richardson

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

We, your finance committee, submit the following report:
We find a balance of \$325.41 in the treasury. The churches have contributed \$60.00 for Associational minutes and \$60.00 for the State Association for a total of \$445.41. We, also, recommend a payment of \$35.00 be made to the Associational clerk for preparations of this year's minutes of the associational meeting.
Be it resolved that the Association pay the two printers of Gospel Voice \$15.00 each.

Rev. Kevin Jewell
Kenneth Moore
Elmer Bates

TREASURER'S REPORT:

I, your clerk and treasurer, submit the following report:

Balance in treasury June 30, 1977.....\$ 72.62

Received

For State Association.....	80.00
For District Minutes.....	70.00
Offering for Gospellettes.....	35.93
Total funds received.....	185.93

Expenses

To clerk, Linda Denton.....	\$ 30.00
To State Association.....	80.00
Minute Supplies.....	42.15
Flowers for funeral (Rev. C.C. Rogers).....	10.30
Total Expenses	162.45

TREASURER'S REPORT CONTINUES:

Balance in treasury June 30, 1977.....	\$ 72.62
Total Contributions Received.....	185.93
	<u>\$258.55</u>
Less Total Expenses.....	162.45
Balance in treasury June 30, 1978.....	<u>\$ 96.10</u>

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE GOSPEL VOICE:

Balance in treasury June 30, 1977.....	\$153.52
Received from churches.....	126.00
	<u>\$279.52</u>

Less Expenses:

for printing one year Judy Jewell	\$25.00
postage	8.98
supplies	<u>16.23</u>

	50.21
Balance in treasury June 30, 1978.....	<u>\$229.31</u>

Linda Denton, Clerk

RESOLUTIONS

(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.

(2) Be it resolved that we, the 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 5:6. That we will do, God being our helper. Moreover, we each one of us, 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 Matthew, Verses 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 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 make it safe for all coming times, we are asking the hearty adoption and faithful observance of this resolution.

(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.

(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.

(5) Be it resolved, that a church does not recommend anyone to be ordained for the ministry until they have preached at least one year with license.

(6) Be it resolved, that we ask each church of the association to commune and wash the saints' feet at least once a year.

(7) Be it resolved, that the moderator need only read the rules of order after organizing and seating any new delegates.

(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.

(9) We recommend that each church have a Vacation Bible School each year, the teachers of which to be selected by the individual church.

(10) 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 session of the Association.

(11) Be it resolved, that the Association furnish and annual Minister's Certificate to each minister in good standing with the Association.

(12) Be it resolved, that our Association meet on Friday night before the last Sunday in June each year.

(13) Be it resolved, that we elect our Moderator and Clerk and Treasurer at the close of our business session of each year.

(14) Be it resolved, that the Association give the Moderator the authority to appoint a Promotional Director for each of the follow-

ing duties: Vacation Bible School, and C.T.S. or league work.

(15) Be it resolved, that we the Rich Mountain Association of Free Will Baptist, create a mission board for the purpose of surveying surrounding communities to determine the possibility of beginning new churches. This board shall consist of three ordained members, serving for 1, 2, and 3 year terms, alternating each year.

(16) Be it resolved, that we sponsor a news bulletin to be printed once a month 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. We ask that each church send \$10.00 every three months to cover the expenses of supplies. We further ask that the person or persons printing this news bulletin be paid \$25.00 per year for their work.

(17) Be it resolved that we meet Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings for the Quarterly meetings.

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

(19) Be it resolved, that the delegates from each church have the authority to fill the vacancies in their delegation 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, the Association body may vote to receive as voting delegates any members of said church which may be present.

(20) Whereas, the use of dangerous drugs is rapidly increasing, and aiding in destruction of the minds of our young people: Be it resolved that we speak out in opposition to, and endeavor to make our people more aware of the dangers of these drugs.

(21) Whereas, witchcraft, occult and astrology are clearly defined in the Bible as originating with Satan: Be it resolved

that we encourage our members to be more alert to the dangers to the Christian who becomes involved in these Satanic practices.

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

From long experience, we the members of the Free Will Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptised 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 Baptist, 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 any 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 delegate 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 and 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 contrary to the Articles of Faith of the Original Free Will Baptists as set forth in our National Treatise, the charge shall be proven or dropped.

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 then 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. Galatians 6:1,2; Matthew 18:15-18.

11. We believe that God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament. Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." I Corinthians 16:2.

12. 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 baptised 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 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 Testaments 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 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. Hebrews 2:9; Genesis 1:31; Genesis 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." Isaiah 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 Timothy 8:1-8; II Timothy 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; Ephesians 3:7; Rev. 22:17; Isaiah 55:1; Matthew 28:19,20.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper and the Washing of Saints' Feet to be Gospel ordinances. John 13:3-5; I Cor. 11:30-34; Mark 16:15-18; 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; 6:14,15; 10:4; Mark 16:2; I Cor. 16:2; 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. Hebrews 10:25; Acts 2:42.

14. We believe that none have a right to baptism except 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 excluded. 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 I Cor. 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. 12:5. 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 Corinthians 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." Is it 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 repentance, faith, baptism, and Christian duties all are personally accountable to God and not 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 wine 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. Association called to order by the Moderator and in his absence by the clerk.
2. Letters from churches composing the Association called for, read, and delegates seated.

3. Corresponding Associations.
4. Right hand of fellowship.
5. Call for letters from newly organized churches.
6. Reading Constitution and Rules of Order by moderator.
7. Appointment of Committees: (A) Arrangements, (B) Sunday School, (C) Resolutions, (D) Obituaries, (E) Temperance, (F) Statistics, and (G) Finance.
8. Introductory sermon.
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. 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. 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 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 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 ordinances 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 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 to 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 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 _____.

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 Jesus Christ:

We, the _____ Church, have been organized according to the

faith of Free Will Baptists.

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

Our church was organized _____, 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

BIG CEDAR FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Delegates: Paulette Moore, Novella Davis, Omer Yeamon, Robert Francisco.

Total membership.....	31
Members received.....	0
Members dismissed.....	0
Members dismissed.....	0
Members deceased.....	3
Average attendance.....	25
Number of ordained deacons.....	1
Paid Pastor.....	\$940.00
For minutes.....	15.00
For State Association.....	20.00
For Education (Literature).....	132.69
For Evangelistic work.....	85.00
Building and Repair.....	223.47
Orphanage.....	50.00
Miscellaneous.....	386.60
Value of church property.....	\$8,000.00

Pastor: Rev. Bennie Fisher, Rt. 1, Hatfield, Arkansas

Clerk: May McDonald, Star Rt. 2 Box 105, Hodgen, Oklahoma

HATFIELD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Delegates: Violet Wilson, Roger Wilson, Glenda Wilson, Joe Nichols, Bonnie Richardson, Alternates: Ola Parker, Marvin Parker.

Total Membership.....	115	
Member received.....	12	
Members dismissed.....	1	
Members deceased.....	0	
Sunday School enrolment.....	115	
Number of classes.....	7	
Average attendance.....	88	
Church Training Service Enrolment.....	15	
Average attendance.....	10	
Woman's Auxiliary enrolment.....	7	
Average attendance.....	5	
Mid-week service average attendance.....	25	
Number of Ordained Deacons.....	7	
Number of Licensed Ministers.....	0	
Paid Pastor.....	\$3,600.00	Evangelistic work.....\$ 176.65
Building and Repair. 1,461.79		Literature..... 688.69
Vacation Bible School 70.69		Miscellaneous..... 2,432.40
Cooperative Plan.... 491.71		Home Missions..... 62.03
Education..... 146.00		Value of Church property30,000.00
Orphanage..... 110.32		District Minutes..... 25.00
State Association... 20.00		

Pastor: Rev. Kevin Jewell, P.O. Box 191, Hatfield, Arkansas

Clerk: Opal Nichols, P.O. Box 5, Hatfield, Arkansas

LIBERTY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Delegates: Minnie Hicks, Rodena Bailey, Mildred Metcalf, Arvella Evans, Ed Metcalf.

Total membership.....	38
Members received.....	0
Members dismissed.....	2

(Liberty Church report continued)

Members deceased.....	0
Average in Sunday School.....	20
Number of classes.....	4
Number of Ordained deacons.....	1
Evangelistic work.....	\$ 201.20
Building and repair.....	777.88
Literature.....	118.98
For District minutes.....	20.00
For State Association.....	20.00
Value of Church property.....	5,000.00

Pastor: Rev. Donnie Jewell, Rt. 1 Box 10, Hatfield, Arkansas

Clerk: Jan Denton, P.O. Box 82, Hatfield, Arkansas

