



MINUTES OF THE



Twentieth Session of The Saline Association

Minutes of the twentieth Annual Session of the Saline Association, of the Church of Christ, known as Free Will Baptist when convened with Pine Hill Church, Sept. 1st. 2nd. 1916. The Moderator being absent; the Association was called to order, by Eld. J. M. Patrick reading the 5th. chap. of Matt. and prayer.

Motion that Eld. Patrick be Moderator protem, and brother J. A. Brown Clerk protem.

A call for letters from the churches, were answered as following.

Macidonia—J. M. Bryant, H. C. Dyer, Walter Bryant, Misses Maudie Burk, Rosia Campbell, Olie Doss, Jiniebell Hartman, and Ella May Doss.

Free Hill—J. M. Patrick, O. A. Ashcraft, and W. T. McKinney.

Harmony—Robert Taylor and W J Hays.

Pine Hill—J. T. Mullikins, W. S. Cook, J. D. Smith, Sisters M. A. Raley, M. L. Cook and Allice Morgan.

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Gum Grove—E. L. Parnell, J. R. Butler, and H. W. Wood.

Pilgrims Rest—J. R. Hartley, J. A. Brown, P. F. Baker, and Sisters E Raney, G E. Baker, and Lizzie Anderson

Pleasant Grove—G. W. Barnabass, E. J. Baker, J. M. Binkley H. J. Baker, B. Binkley and Sister Burk.

Willoughby—J. C. Bradley M. E. Gambell, C. L. Bradley, and E. W. Shipton.

Pleasant Chapple—G. M. McKinzie and Sister D. J. McKinzie.

Mount—Plesant By letter.

Friendship— No intelligence.

Phillippi “ “ “ “

Prairer Grove “ “ “ “

Moroe Bay “ “ “ “

Motion that we enter into the ellection of officers for the ensuing year. Eld. J. M. Patrick Moderator, and Eld. J. R. Hartley Clerk J. A. Brown Assistant.

Ajourned to meet 2. P. M.

After Noon Session

Met persuant to ajournment at 2. P. M.
Prayer by H. W. Wood.

Call for petitionary letters, received two: towit Plesant Chapple and New Prospect, by letters and delegates; the right hand of fellow ship were gived to delegates.

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Apointment of Committies

Devine Service—W. S. Cook, J. M. Bryant and J. M. McKirzie.

Temperance—M. E. Gambell, G. W. Barnabass, and W. J. Hays.

Sabath Schools—E. J. Baker and Clifton Dyer.

Obituaries—P. F. Baker, E. L. Parnell and R. F. Taylor.

Finance—J. M. Binkley, G. W. Doss and W. T. McKinney.

Credentials—Walter Bryant E, W. Ship-ton and J. D. Smith.

Motion to ajourn to meet Friday 9 A, M

Friday Morning Session

Met persuant to ajournment, house called to order by the Moderator: Scriptural lesson Ps 23; prayer by Moderator.

Questions?

Call for unfinished business. Question No. 6 from last Association: "What does the fig tree refere to, spoken of in the Scriptures? Tabled indefinitely.

Question No. 2 from last Association: What are the two witnesses? spoken of in Rev. 11:3-13. By W B Brown; Tabled indefinitely.

Question 4 from last Association: Why

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was there a difference between Jacob and E-
sau? Tabled indefinitely.

Call for report of Committee on Credentials; See report.

Call for report of Committee on Sabbath Schools; See report.

Call for report of Committee on Obituaries; See report

Call for report of Committee on finance; See report.

Call for report on devine service; See re-
pot.

Report of Committies

We your committee on Credentials, beg leave to submit the following report: We find 14 Ordained Minister, and 5 Licensed preachers in the Saline Association, to wit.

W H Golden Kingsland Ark.

J F Brown

J J McDaniel.....

J M Patrick, Rowel

O A Ashcraft.....Herbine Ark.

J R Hartley, Rison

G E White

J R Buttler.....

H T Wood.....Ailsworth Okla

Bettie Wood.....

J M Estell Hamburg Ark.

M E Bridges Rest

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W P White.....New Edenburg, ' ,

Licentuates

J. J. Trammell.....New Edenburg Ark

Lee Parkman

J D WilsonKingsland Ark.

W Hindon Shawnee Oklahoma.

M. E. Gambell Warren Ark.

We find two of our preachers, out of order; T D White of Rison Arkansas he has departed from the faith and doctrine of the Free Will Baptist, and has indorsed other doctrine. H H Glover has returned his papers and quit

W C Bryant

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Committie J D Smith

E L Clifton

Temperance—We your Committee on Temperance submit the following; We condemn intemperance in every form, because of its blite to humanity; its curse to society; its opposition to Christanity: It destroys homes, it destroys health, brings discord among the best of friends. Therefore we ask all of the people of God to work and pray until this evil is drove from our land. G W Barnabass

G. W. Barnabass

Committee W J Hays

M E Gambell

Sabbath Schools—We your Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to submit the following report. We find the majority of our churches, are running Sunday Schools; we in-

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sist on all Christians, taking more interest in the Sabbath School work; for we believe that the sabbath School is a great place to train the young mind for Christ and his cause.

Therefore we request that our preachers take a greater interest, and that they insist on each church organizing and maintaining a Sunday Schhool.

W J Hays

Commettee; M E Binkley.

E J Baker

Obituaries—We your Committee on Obituaries beg leave to submit the following report. We find that it has pleased the Almighty God, to call from our midst six of our members to the great beyond: Brother Allen Green, brother J E, Raley, brother E James Sisters Minie Adair, Mollie West and Matilda Anderson; whom we mourn their departure; but we feel that our lose is Heaven's Eternal gain.

E L Parnell.

Committee P F Baker

Bob Taylor

Finance—We your Committee on finance sudmit the following: We find on-hand for printing minutes, \$13 20 thirteen dollars and twenty cents; for clerk hire \$5, 00; we find \$6.50; for to pay expences of dellegates to Stsate Asociotion. We recommend that \$16. 00; dollars be raised to pay expences of del-

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legates to the State Association.

Chairman G. W. Doss
W T McKiney

Devine Service—We your Committee on devine service submit the following report. The stand was filled Thursday 11 A. M. by Eld. J R Hartley, followed by Eld J. M. Patrick. Scriptural lesson 1 Cor. 13: Song, "What a friend we have in Jesus" by the Choir. Text John 3 16. A great revival was enjoyed at this service. The stand was filled 7:30, P. M by Elder J M Patrick: Text 1 Cor. 1 13.

W S Cook Chair.

Resolutions.

Resolve that we have the articles of faith adopted by the State Association, printed in our Minutes.

Resolve that when churches and pastors are making their report, in speaking of how we receive members, that we say "Recieved for Baptism, and not by baptism.

by J R Hartley,

Resolve that each pastor endeavor to organize a Sabbath School in every church they pastor. By M E Gambell.

Resolve that we represent in the State Association, by letter and dellegation: and that Elders H W Wood, J M Patrick, J R Hart-

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ley bare the letter. By M E Bridges

Resolve that we correct error of last Association, which was committed, by voting to compel each church to hold conference each month. But that each church use its prerogative as laid down in the constitution.

By J R Hartley.

Resolve that we hold our next Association with Willoughby church, two miles West of Warren, Bradley county Ark. And that Elder H W Wood preach the introductory sermon, and Elder J F Brown his alternate.

Resolve that we extend our thanks to the good people of and around Pine Hill Church, for their kind hospitality during our stay with them. By J R Hartley

Motion that we adjourn to meet with Willoughby church Thursday 10 A. M. before the first Sunday in Sept. 1917

Eld. J M Patrick Moderator

Eld. J R Hartley Clerk and Treas.

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MINISTERS REPORT

I beg leave to submit the following report
I have pastored two churches. Sermons
preached, no record. Money received \$6.30

Eld. H W Wood

Dear Brethren, I beg leave to submit the
following report. Churches pastored two:
Sermons preached no record. Organized 1
church. Members received, 88. Money re-
ceived, \$94. 60cts.

Eld. W P White

Brethren, I submit the following report.
My health being poor, I have not done much
preaching the past year, I assisted Brother
Wood in one meeting. Money received \$6. 00
Pray for me.

Eld. J R Buttler.

Brethren I beg leave to submit the follow-
ing report. I have pastored two churches,
Sermons preached, no record kept. Pre-
formed several marriage ceremonies. Pray
for me.

Eld. O A Ashcraft.

Brethren, I have pastored one church, as-
sisted in five meetings. Pray for me.

Eld. J M Patrick

Brethren I submit the following report.
I have preached at two mission points. Ser-
mons, no record. Marriage ceremonies one.
I ask the prayers of all.

Eld. W H Golden

Dear Brethren, I beg leave to submit the
following report. Churches pastored, two.

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Sermons preached, no record. Preached at one mission point. Money received, \$21. 50cts

Eld, J R Hartly.

RULES OF ORDER

- 1st. The house called to order by Moderator.
- 2nd. Enrolling names of messengers.
- 3rd. Organizing by electing Officers.
- 4th. Report of churches heard.
- 5th. Call for corresponding letters.
- 6th. Visiting brethren invited to take seat with us.
- 7th. Called for petitionary letters.
- 8th. Apointment of committees.
- 9th. Report of committees.
- 10th. Questions for discussion.
- 11th. Resolutions.

Rules of Association

- 1st. The Moderator shall fill the Chair, and preserve order in the association.
- 2nd. The privilege and authority of the Moderator shall be respected by all members. Yet he shall not be arbitrary in exercising them. He shall decide all question or order and propriety. But the decission of the association shall be binding on all parties.
- 3rd. The Moderator shall vote in no case

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unless the Association be equally divided; in such cases, he shall cast the deciding vote. He shall have the privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he shall first call some one else to the chair.

4th. But one member shall speak at a time who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall not be interrupted unless he departs from the subject or make use of personal reflections. He shall not speak more than twice on any subject without permission of the Moderator, unless to explain.

5th. No member shall leave the house without permission from the Moderator.

6th. When a question is presented for discussion, it shall be written and handed to the clerk and read. Then the person putting in such question, shall have the opening and concluding speech. The Moderator shall take the decision of the Association on all question.

7th. Motions if seconded, must be considered, unless withdrawn by the ones making them.

8th. All resolutions must be written and handed to the Moderator who shall read over them and hand them to the Clerk for public reading.

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9th. All questions brought before the Association, shall be in writing, and none but Bible questions shall demand attention, and in no case will the Moderator receive a question that is not a bible question. Questions must come through some member of the Association, or they will not be discussed.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. The Annual Association of the Church of Christ, in the Saline District of Arkansas, shall be composed of the church officials, of Ministers of the Gospel of this church together with delegates sent from the different churches to represent them in the Association. Delegates not to exceed three for the first fifty members. then one for every twenty five or fraction thereof, whose names shall accompany the Association letters as delegates,

Article 2 The Association when assembled for organization, shall proceed to make choice of a moderator Clerk and Treasurer by vote of the Association, who shall hold their respective office for one year. The Moderator shall preside in the chair during the Association meeting and preserve order. He shall see that the Constitution and the rules of the Association are strictly observed. He shall take opinion of the Association on all questions properly brought before it. The

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Clerk shall record the names of all delegates, including ministers and all officials from the different churches, and make a proper and correct minute of the proceedings of the Association.

Article 3 Each church, shall be free and independent in matter of church government. But the Association may expell any church that departs from the principles of the New Testament Scriptures, as are recorded in the King James Translation. This body shall only be an advisory body.

Article 4 This Association declines any fellowship with any society or institution of men, of whatever name called, which is without authority from the Scriptures of devine truth. Nor will she knowingly correspond, or receive correspondence from any Association which holds such in her correspondence.

Article 5 All matter of difficulty between churches, or an individual church, that can not after due effort be reconciled, shall be brought before the Annual Association for their deliberation. But she will not take cognizance of either of the above crimes, unless due course of procedure shall have first been taken.

Article 6 Churches of our Faith who have no creed, other than the King James

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Translation of the Holy Scriptures, and have accepted no other church name than the Church of Christ, and practice the ordinances as we do, may be admitted into our body by producing a letter, and by being represented in person, according to article 1. of this constitution, if found orthordox and orderly.

Article 7 The Churches of this district, shall faithfully represent themselves according to this constitution by letter, and giveing the number received in the church from each source in seperate columns; the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, withdraw from, or died during the year.

Article 8 Should any fail to represent herself more than twice in succession, the body shall have the right to send solicitors to visit said church, and inquire into the matter and make a report to the next Association meeting. This article shall be construed to apply to ministers of the Gospel the same as to churches, when they fail to represent themselves in the Association more than twice in snccession, or send a report of their work.

Article 9 Should a Minister belong to any church in our reformation or district, depart from the faith or principles of the doctrine of the New Testament Scriptures, of the King James version, the church shall deal

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with him as respects the exclusion of him and the drawing in of credential provided she call two or more sister churches in the association to assist her in the proceedings, and said churches when assembled in association may proceed to hear the charge and take action on exclusion and drawing in of credentials. And should application be made for restoration, the church should proceed in like manner as in the exclusion and drawing in of credentials.

Article 10 There shall be a book provided by the association for its sole use, in which shall be recorded all of the proceeding of the association, and the minutes of the same shall be printed, and sent out to the respective churches, according to the amount sent in for the printing of minutes.

Article 11 The Association shall have rules to be governed by while in session, which shall not conflict with any article in this constitution. Said Rules when adopted, may be amended from time to time by a majority of the association present at any annual assembly of this Association.

Article 12 The Annual Association may amend or repeal any part of this constitution at its annual meeting, provided two thirds of the churches in the district are represented in

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said association; and provided two thirds of the ministers, and church officials are present, and provided futher that two thirds of the members present shall vote for said amendment, or repeal.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one true and living God the Father the Son and Holy Spirit and these three are one in divine essence Power and Glory. Rom.1:20; St.John 1:1.

2 We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Words of God, and the only infalable rule of faith and practice, 2 Tim, 4:2. John 10:30.

3 We believe that God created man good and gave him holy commandments, whereby he should live holy: But man, voluntarily disobeyed the commandments of God, transgressed the law and fell under just condemnation of the same, whereby all men are sinners, not by constraint, bnt by choice, being pertakers of of the sinful nature attained by the fall, But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffer- of death; crowned with glory, and honor; that he by the grace of God should tast death for every man. Gen. 1:27. Gen. 2:16-17. John 3:16. Heb. 2:9

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4 We believe that Christ by his death burial and resurrection purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all men upon the principles of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent, therefore look unto me and be ye saved all ye ends of the earth, for I am God and there is none else. Matt, 3:17; Isiah 45:22, John 20:21.

5 We believe that all adult persons must be regenerated and born of the spirit of God if they inherit eternal life. John 1:6-14 Gal: 6:15, Titus 3:5, John 3:1-13, Rom. 8:9.

6 We believe that regeneration is an instantaneous renewal of the heart by the Holy Spirit whereby the penitent sinner receives a new life, becomes a child of God and is disposed to serve him. Hence as babes require food for bodily development, the new born babe in Christ requires spiritual food, that they may develop by a gradual growth into full statute of Christ and manhood. John 3:6. Ezk. 36:26-27. Jer. 32:29. Tit. 3:5. Heb. 12:14. Gal. 5:1-21. Eph. 2:10. Rom. 8:16. John 1:12. Matt. 13:31. Mark 4:26.

7 We believe that the doctrine of Sanctification, or Holiness, as taught in Bible is applicable to the soul or inner man and to it alone, and that the sanctification of the body

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will not take place until the Resurrection of the dead, when this mortal shall put on immortality, and this corruptible body shall put on incorruption. 1 Cor. 6;11. Rom. 7;8. Phil. 3 21. 1 Cor. 15;44.

8 We believe that all 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 enter in through the gates of the city." 1 Cor 10; 11-13. Rev. 22;14 Rom. 11;20-21. John 3; 24. Heb. 10;26. John 15;26.

9 We believe a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women who have obtained fellowship with each other and have given themselves to the Lord and one another, having agreed to keep up good discipline according to the rules of the Gospel John 1;7. Matt. 18;15-20.

10 We believe the Church is the family of God, in the aggregate, composed of all the redeemed, from righteous Abel to the restitution of all things, from every nation, kindred and tongue. Matt. 16;18. Acts 2;47. Heb. 12;23. Eph. 1;22,

We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the Church, and the government thereof is with the body. Eph. 5;23. Col. 1;18.

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Matt. 18;17-18.

We believe that baptism by immersion is the apostolic mode, even the burial of a believer in water and that Christ who is our life, showed this humble example to the children of God, and bid us walk there in. Matt. 3;5-16. Matt. 28;19-20. Mark 1;9-11. Acts 8;28.

13 We believe that God in his goodness, displays power of grace in a great degree, in calling and qualifying his servants, by the teaching of the Holy Ghost, and by the instruction of his blessed word; to go forth and proclaim life and salvation without price. He bids us freely to come and nothing prevents the salvation of any, but their own stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come. I Tim. 4;16. 1 Cor. 1;23. 1 Tim. 1;15-16. John 3;4-18.

14 We believe only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, have a right to baptism, and only those who have been called of God and have come under the hands of a presbytery of Elders have a right to administer the same. Tit. 1;15. Mark 16;16. Matt. 3;8-9. Acts 10;47.

15 The soul is immortal, hence does not die with the body, but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery according to the spiritual character

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here possessed. Eccl.. 12;7. Phil 1;28. Luke 23;43. Rev. 6;9.

16 We believe that there will be a general or universal Judgment, when all men shall be judged according to the deeds done in the body, whether good or bad; and immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment; and the righteous into eternal happiness. Rom. 1;5. Eccl. 1;14. Matt. 12;36-37. Rom. 14;10. Heb. 9;27. Matt. 12;41. Matt. 24;46. Mark 9;34 46. 2 Thess. 1;8-9. Rev. 14;11. Luke 16;23.

17 We believe it is the duty of each church, to assemble themselves together at least once a month; and it is the duty of the pastor of the church, when setting forth the Lord's Supper, and washing the Saints' feet, to invite all Christians according to the rule of the Gospel. Mark 14;24-25. John 15;4-5. 1 Cor. 11. 1 Cor, 1;2-10. Heb. 10;25.

18 We believe in a divine call to the ministry; and that the ministers shall heed the admonition of Paul to Timmothy study the Scriptures: and that the church donate of their substance, as the Lord has prospered them, to the support of their pastor; that he may have better opportunities to store mined with spiritual food so necessary to Christian development. To this end we recommend