

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SALINE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH
Pleasant Valley Church, Bradley County, Arkansas,
September 1, 2, 1933

OFFICERS

Elder J. E. White ----- **Moderator**

J. H. Meek ----- **Clerk and Treasurer**

SALINE ASSOCIATION

The Thirty-Seventh Annual meeting of the Saline Association of Free Will Baptists met with Pleasant Valley Church on Friday, September 1, 1933, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The house was called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. E. White, reading lesson from Matthew, 6th chapter. Prayer by Elder O. A. Ashcraft. First called for church letters. The letters from different churches were read and approved, as follows: Macedonia, Free Hill, Pine Hill, Harmony, Willoughby, Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Valley, Mt. Pleasant, Spring Hill. Motion and second to adjourn for preaching at 11 o'clock, and to meet at 1:30 P. M.

At 11 o'clock Elder W. P. White preached the introductory sermon, Lesson Text Gallations, 5th chapter.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Pursuant to adjournment the house was called to order by the Moderator. Song by Louie Brown, No. 80 in Gems of Gladness. Prayer by J. R. Hartley.

Next in order was election of officers, which resulted in the election of Elder J. E. White as moderator and Elder R. M. Moore, assistant moderator, and J. H. Meek, clerk and treasurer, and Ray Curry, assistant clerk.

Appointment of Committees—

Devine Service—W. T. Woodruff, Minnie Funderburg, Leonard Doggett.

Committee on Resolutions—J. R. Hartley, D. Swinney, J. H. Harrelston.

Committee on Finance—L. L. Brown, Tom Neal, W. W. Clark.

Committee on Temperance—R. F. Taylor, Cora Harrelston, Cora Parnell.

Committee on Sabbath School—R. M. Moore, W. A. Bryant, Bessie Curry.

Committee on Obituaries—Carl Rowell, L. E. Jones, Ethereal Taylor.

Committee on Non Represented Churches—A. G. Barnett, B. H. McClellen, R. E. Scroggins.

Committee on Union of Churches—W. P. White, Joe A. Brown, J. W. Dyer.

Committee on Credentials—Jessie Brown, J. N. Pate, Louis Rowell.

Election for singing class leader, which resulted in the election of L. L. Brown.

Next, enrollment of the delegates from the different churches:

Macedonia—Elder J. R. Hartley, Elder J. E. White, Ruling Elders B. H. McClellon, J. H. Harrelston; Deacons W. A. Bryant, E. L. Parnell, J. W. Dyer, Duncan McClellon, Virgia Barnett, Cora Harrelston, Cora Parnell, W. C. Bryant, J. P. Parnell, Sallie White.

Free Hill—Elder O. A. Ashcraft.

Pine Hill—Elder R. M. Moore.

Harmony—Elder W. P. White; Deacons R. F. Taylor, J. N. Pate, W. W. Clark; Ruling Elder J. H. Meek; L. L. Brown, Jessie Brown, Bessie Curry, Joe A. Brown, Dora Clark, Ray Curry, Herston Curry, Ethereal Taylor.

Spring Hill—Carl Rowell, Louis Rowell, Eva Rowell, Dovie Rowell, W. T. Woodruff, Deacon.

Willoughby—Tom Neal, Sister Neal, Nanie Bradley.

Pleasant Grove—Murry Funderberg.

Pleasant Valley—R. E. Scroggins, Troy Parnell, Lenar Doggett, Homer Myers, D. Swiney; Deacons Luke Jones, W. Y. Mann.

Mt. Pleasant—Elder J. M. Estelle, J. L. Johnson, Sister Johnson.

Motion and second to adjourn until 8:30 A. M. Saturday morning, Elder R. M. Moore to preach the night service.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Pursuant to adjournment met at 8:30 A. M. Song led by L. L. Brown. Title, "While the Years Roll On." Scripture Lesson by the Moderator, Ezekiel, 37th chapter, down to the 14th verse. Prayer by J. H. Meek.

Called for report of Committees:

We, your committee on Temperance, beg to make the following report: We disapprove of all intoxications, we condemn the action of any authority to amend or repeal the 18th Amendment, wine is a mockery, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Prov. 4:5.

Cora Harrelston,

Cora Parnell,

R. F. Taylor,

Committee

SABBATH SCHOOL—We, your committee on Sabbath School, make the following report: We find four churches have Sabbath School, we insist that all our ministers try to organize a Sabbath

School where they pastor. Pray for the cause, yours in Christ.

W. A. Bryant,
Bessie Curry,
R. M. Moore,
Committee

OBITUARIES—We, your committee on Obituaries, find the Death Angel has visited the Saline Association and called 13 of our Brethren and Sisters in Christ, from our midst. From Pleasant Valley, Bro. Tomey Pope; Willoughby, J. Z. Martin, Tom Doggett, Lee Hamaker; Harmony, Bro. J. P. Herring, Charley Jacobs, S. B. Hays, and Sister Sallie I. Andrews; Macedonia, Bro. W. H. Tucker, Porter Tucker, Sister Mattie Bryant, and Sister Jacobs; Free Hill, Bro. West Jacobs. We trust that they all died in the Faith.

C. E. Taylor,
L. E. Jones,
Carl Rowell
Committee

CREDENTIALS—We, your committee on Credentials make the following report: As far as we know, that the ministers are all in good condition, and in brotherly love, and in good standing, as far as we can find out. We have nine ordained ministers in the Saline Association.

Jessie Brown,
Louis Rowell,,
J. N. Pate,
Committee

UNION OF CHURCHES—Brethren and Sisters, we, your committee on Union of Churches, make our report as follows: Thank God all of our churches are in the faith that was given to the churches by the Son of God, the Head of the Church. Thank God for this.

W. P. White,
Joe A. Brown,
J. W. Dyer,
Committee

NON REPRESENTED CHURCHES—We, your committee on Non Represented Churches, find that all the churches are represented.

R. E. Scroggins,
A. G. Barnett,
B. H. McClellon,
Committee

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows: Received from the Different churches \$.....; balance in hands of clerk \$8.00; total \$.....

L. L. Brown,
Tom Neal,
W. W. Clark,

Motion and second to adjourn for preaching service at 11 o'clock. Elder J. M. Estelle preached the Memorial Sermon. Scripture lesson St. John, 14th chapter, 1, 2 3 verses, Text, Rev. 14:13, Blessed Are The Dead Which Die in the Lord.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Pursuant to adjournment the house was called to order by the Moderator at 1 o'clock P. M. Song led by L. L. Brown, "I'll Live Up There." Prayer by Bob Rice. Called for Minister's Report:

Dear Brethren—I beg to submit the following report: I have pastored 2 churches and preached at one mission point, held 2 protracted meetings, helped in some others. I have not kept strict account of sermons but feel sure it would be around 100, funerals 6, marriages 1, received into the church 7, miles traveled approximately 1,800, received to date of Pleasant Grove \$40.00, and they have 4½ acres of cotton for me, which I will received later, Pleasant Valley amount received \$34.50. Total to date \$74.50. Pray for me.

Elder J. M. Estelle

Brethren and Sisters—I have preached 89 sermons, I have pastored one church. I have received 43 members, baptized 35. I have done some mission work, help received \$10.00.

Elder W. P. White, Warren, Ark., Rt. 1

Brethren, I have done what I could for the cause during the past year, number sermons not known, help received \$100.

Elder J. R. Hartley

Brethren, I beg to report my work: Have been endorsed as a mission worker as long as I live if I walk upright. I have preached 6 sermon, 2 funerals, married 2 couples. Pray for me that I may do more next year.

Elder O. A. Ashcraft

Dear Brethren—I have preached some, but on the account of my health I have not got to do much as I would have liked to. May God bless you all, and the cause of the Free Will Baptist everywhere.

Elder Lee Parkman

Dear Brethren—I want to report my work for the past year. I have pastored two churches, Harmony and Pine Hill, received from Harmony church \$48.04, received from Pine Hill church \$30.00. Miles traveled around 1,000. I have tried to preach 85 sermons. I have married 3 couples, 2 funeral services, I have baptised 10, by the help of the Lord. I have reorganized old Spring Hill church. Pray for me that I may do more in the future. Yours for the cause.

Elder J. E. White

I have preached 53 sermons, received \$21.70, baptised 6, funerals 2, miles traveled 1,085.

Elder R. M. Moore

I wish to submit report as clerk and treasurer of the Saline Association. Received from all sources \$12.50, disbursements, clerk hire. \$3.50, paid to W. T. McGee \$1.00 for minutes, total paid out \$4.50, amount in treasury \$8.00.

S. L. Woodard, clerk and treasurer

CALLLED FOR RESOLUTIONS

NO. 1—Resolve that we receive questions for discussion Bible questions.

W. P. White

Recommended by the committee. J. R. Hartley.

NO. 2—Resolve that we ask Brethren in Christ to remember the 21st and 22nd and 23rd days of December, 1933, to go to God in prayer for the advancement of the cause. 21st day of December, 1933, pray for God to send more workers into the vinyard. 22nd of December, 1933, pray for the Spirit of love and Unity within our Brotherhood. 23rd day of December, 1933, pray for the salvation of lost souls, and the spread of the gospel. J. E. White, R. M. Moore.

Recommended by the committee. J. R. Hartley.

No. 3—Recommended by the committee not to pass. J. R. Hartley.

No. 4—Resolve that we send delegates to the State Association. B. H. McClellon.

Recommended by the committee. J. R. Hartley.

Elder R. M. Moore was elected to preach the introductory sermon at Pleasant Grove church on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1934, at 11 o'clock A. M., and Elder J. R. Hartley was elected to preach the memorial sermon on Sature at 11 o'clock A. M., and Elder J. M. Estelle, alternate.

Election of delegates to the State Association which convenes with church near Atkins, on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October 1933, as follows: Edgar Flemister, Joe Coward, L.

L. Brown, S. L. Woodard, Lorton Calbert. Alternates H. C. Dyer, Joe A. Brown, Stanton White, Louis Rowell.

Motion and second to adjourn to meet with Pleasant Grove church near Ladelle, Drew County, on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1934, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Elder J. E. White, Moderator
J. H. Meek, Clerk and Treasurer

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. GOD—We believe in one true and living, Triune God; composed of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal in divine essence, purpose, power and glory. St. John 1:1; 1 Cor. 8:6; St. John 10:30.

2. CHRIST—We believe that Jesus Christ is the Divine Son of God. Was with the Father and the Holy Spirit at the time of the creation, left the courts of Heaven and came to this earth. Took upon Himself the form of humanity, sin excepted, by being born of the virgin Mary, manifested His power, was crucified, placed in Joseph's new tomb, arose from the dead the third day, completing the great plan of salvation, walked and talked with His disciples. Publicly ascended to Heaven, and that He will descend again to gather His jewels home. Isaiah 9:6; St. John 1:14; Luke 1:26-28; Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 16:9-9; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12; Mark 15:22-41.

3. HOLY SPIRIT—We believe that the Holy Spirit has visited true believers in all ages and especially since the ascension of the SON back to the Father, and His coming on the day of Pentecost. Has taken up His office work among all nations of people, as a divine reprover, comforter and guide. Judges 6:34; 11:29; St. John 16:8-14; Isaiah 63:10-12, Eph. 4:30; Acts 8:17-20.

4. THE BIBLE—We believe the Bible which is composed of the Scriptures of the Old Testaments was given by inspiration of God, is our waybill from earth to Heaven, and the only infallible rule of Faith and practice. 2 Peter 1:19-21; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; Daniel 10:21; Act 1:11-17; Matt. 21:42.

5. THE FALL OF MAN—We believe that God created man good, gave him a just law by which he should be governed, with promise of reward for faithfulness and with penalties of punishment for disobedience. Gave man power of free moral agency to choose the right and reject the wrong. But our first parents heeded the voice of the great enemy of souls, voluntarily transgressed the law of God, fell with all their posterity, under the just penalty of the same, and were unable of their own power to extricate or save themselves from the great dilemma into which they had fallen.

God gave to them the hope of salvation through the coming of Christ. Gen. 1:27; 2:16-17; Rom. 11:11-35; Psalms 37:23-24; 5:18.

6. REDEMPTION, SALVATION, ADOPTION—We believe that Jesus Christ by His birth, death, burial, resurrection and ascension, paid the purchase price for the redemption of the whole human race, arranged a pardon for all who come upon Gospel terms; and a law of adoption into the kingdom of Heaven, and an eternal inheritance into the glorified kingdom above. Heb. 9:12; Gal. 3:13; 4:4-5; Titus 2:14; Heb. 1:4; St. John 3:16; Isaiah 45:22.

7. CONDITIONS OF SALVATION—We believe that all persons dying in infancy and all idiots are saved by the atoning merits the Son of God without any act upon their part; that persons coming to the years of accountability, transgressing the law of God, must upon their part, exercise faith in Jesus Christ through repentance toward God, at the completion of which pardon takes place in the mind of the Father and by the Holy Spirit they pass through the ordeal of regeneration, are washed in the blood of the lamb and are planted in the kingdom of Christ. John 3rd chapter; Matt. 19:13-22; 2 Cor. 7:10; Luke 18:16-17; St. John 4:11-16; Psalms 98:3.

8. SALVATION FREE—We believe that God desires the salvation of all; Christ died for all; the Gospel invites all; the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and be saved upon the terms of the Gospel. 1 Peter 1:9-25; 2:9-25; Rev. 22:17.

9. BAPTISM—We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ; also represents our death to sin, and only those who have come under the Presbytery of the Elders are qualified to administer the same. Matt. 3:14-16; 3:5-6; 1 Peter 3:21; St. John 3:23; Acts 10:47; Matt. 28:19.

10. COMMUNION AND FEET WASHING—We believe that the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of the Gospel of Christ; the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Saviour to commemorate His broken body and shed blood for the sins of the world, and to show our remembrance of Him till he comes. All Christians have a right to the Lord's supper and should be invited; "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat."

The washing of feet was instituted by our Lord at the same time that the supper was instituted as an act of humility to show our love for each other and both ordinances should be perpetuated

by all Christians until His second coming. Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:20-29; St. John 1:1-18; Matt. 26:26-29.

11. THE SABBATH—We believe that the Christian Sabbath be observed as a day of rest and for the worship of God; that we should abstain from all sinful amusements and secular employments; works of mercy and piety excepted. Exodus 20:11; 31:12-18; Deut. 5:12-15; Ezek. 20:12; Matt. 28:1; Luke 23:56; Acts 13:42-48; Mark 2:27.

12. CALL TO THE MINISTRY—We believe in a divine call of the ministry; that God in His goodness and power of grace, impresses His ministers with the burden of lost souls, to the extent that the call becomes irresistible with personal contentment; that when they yield to the call and exercise their native gifts according to the Scriptures, with a full reliance upon Him, accompanies them in the person of the Holy Spirit to guide them in the way of truth and to bless their labors according to His purpose. Jonah 1:1; Jer. 1:5; Mark 3:14; Acts 1:22-26; Matt. 28:19.

13. THE INVISIBLE CHURCH—We believe that the invisible or Spiritual Church is the redeemed in the aggregate, is the family of God, is composed of all true Christians of every congregation from righteous Abel to the restitution of all things, from every kindred, nation tongue and people. Eph. 3:16-21; Heb. 12:22-23; 1 Peter 2:5; Eph. 2:20-22; Acts 2:47; Matt. 16:18.

14. THE VISIBLE CHURCH—We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women having obtained fellowship with the Lord and with each other, agreeing to keep up a good discipline and doctrine according to the rules of the Gospel. 2 Thes. 1:1; Acts 16:5; 3 John 1:10; Matt. 18:17; Acts 20:28; Rev. 1:4-20.

15. PERSEVERANCE—We believe that all true believers in Christ should persevere in divine grace, and in the knowledge of the truth; and that God's grace is sufficient to help them to overcome all the obstacles of life, and that all the combined forces of the great enemy of souls on earth and in hell (or in his eternal abode) are not able to pluck them from His hand so long as they walk in the path of duty; but those who sidestep and wilfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty they would backslide and if persistently continued would be eternally lost. Sec. 1:12; 2 Cor. 9:10; 2 Peter 1:4-8; 2 Peter 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39; Apostasy: 2 Peter 1:8-9; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17; 1 John 5:16; Heb. 6:1-6; 1 Tim. 4:1-2; Heb. 3:12; St. John 15:1-7; Matt. 12:31-32.

16. CHRIST THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH—We believe that Christ is the great Head of the Church, and that the government of the local church is with the body. Col. 1:18-19; Matt. 16:18; Heb. 12:23; Matt. 21:42; Eph. 1:22; Acts 16:4-5.

17. SANCTIFICATION—Sanctification is a work of God's grace, by which the soul is cleansed from all sin and wholly consecrated to Christ. It takes place in regeneration, and the Christians can and should abide in this state to end of life, constantly growing in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 6:11; 2 Thes. 2:13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; 2 Thes. 5:19-23; St. John 17:17-19; 2 Tim. 2:20-21.

18. THE RESURRECTION—We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the righteous and the wicked. When the resurrection shall take place, the soul and body shall be united, the righteous shall be received into everlasting happiness to reign with God forever, but the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment. Matt. 28:6; St. John 5:28-29; 1 Cor. 15:51-58.

19. THE SOUL—The soul is endless, 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 here possessed. Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; Rev. 6:9; Luke 16:19-25; Matt. 10:28.

20. JUDGMENT—We believe there will be a general, universal judgment, when all men shall be judged according to their works, whether they be good or bad, and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into eternal happiness. 2 Thes. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; 2 Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36-37; Rev. 20:12-13; Acts 17:31.

STATISTICAL REPORT

CHURCHES AND CLERKS	Received				Dismissed				Males	Females	Total	Minutes
	For Baptism	By Letter	By Voucher	Total	Died	Withdrawn	By Letter	Total loss				
MACEDONIA, H. C. Dyer				4	4	13		17	90	118	208	\$2.25
FREE HILL, Cora B. Doss											70	
PINE HILL, Lela Morgan	7		10	17							87	
HARMONY, Ray Curry, Warren Star Route	4	1	1	6	4			4	100	120	220	2.00
WILLOUGHBY, Sallie Neal, Warren	1			1	3			3	9	21	30	
SPRING HILL, Louis Rowell				14							14	1.10
PLEASANT GROVE, Tom Funderburg, Monticello Route				2	1			1	38	72	110	1.50
PLEASANT VALLEY, S. L. Woodard				2	1			1	30	45	75	2.20
MT. PLEASANT, R. D. Hollis	3		3	6			1	1	43	38	81	1.50