

MINUTES
FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
SALINE ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Held With
PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH
Drew County
AUGUST 30, 31, SEPTEMBER 1, 1940

Next Session will be held with Willoughby
Church, Drew County, Arkansas

Elder Lewis Barker, Moderator -- Warren, Ark.
Dallas Jones, Clerk ----- Star City, Ark.

PROCEEDINGS:

Of the 44th Annual Session of Saline Association, met with Pleasant Grove church August 30, 31 and September 1, 1940.

Called to order at 10 o'clock by Moderator J. E. White.

Opening song No. 10, led by H. C. Dyer. Scripture reading Matt. 26:29, 47, by Moderator J. E. White.

Reading of letters and seating of delegates:

MACEDONIA—Bros. Homer Myres, H. C. Dyer; sisters Eva Thompson, Christine Myres, Ella Mae Dyer, Lydia Barker, Hazel Brown and Vivian Dyer.

YORKTOWN—Sisters Hunter, Eva Tucker, Violet Moore, Ruth Muckleroy and Ola Mae Moore and Bro. Havis Moore.

MT. PLEASANT—Bro. W. J. Grant; Sisters Martel Meeks, G. S. Jenkins.

PLEASANT VALLEY—Bros. R. E. Scroggins, Fay Mann, John Sweeny.

HARMONY—Bros. Clyde Taylor, J. E. McMahon, J. C. Taylor, Joe Brown, W. W. Clark, W. P. White; Sisters Ruth Clark, Bonnie Taylor

WILLOUGHBY—Bros. G. C. Poole, Lorton Calvert, Stanton White; Sisters Wylie White, Lorton Calvert.

PINE HILL—Sisters Lee Wynn, Mandy Williams, Alma Wynn, Leo Morgan; Bros. John Williams and Dallas Jones.

SPRING HILL—Bro and Sister Alvin Baker and Bro. W. T. Woodruff.

ZION HOPE—Bro. and Sister J. E. Moreing.

PLEASANT GROVE—Bros. Murry Funderburg, Edgar Flemister and Sister Lizzie Funderburg.

FREE HILL—Bro. O. A. Ashcraft.

Right hand of fellowship was given Elder J. M. Crouch from Zion Hope Association.

15 Minutes Recess.

Song directed by H. C. Dyer. Prayer by Bro. W. P. White. Bro. G. S. Jenkins to preach the memorial sermon. Scripture, Matthew 6:33. Old time hand shake. Song, "Hand in Hand With Jesus." Dismissed by Rev. D. A. Bryan for noon hour.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Song service by Bro. H. C. Dyer. Prayer by Rev. G. S. Jenkins. Election of permanent officers: Moderator, Rev. Lewis Barker, assistant moderator, Rev. G. S. Jenkins; clerk, Dallas Jones; assistant clerk, Fay Mann; Class Leader, H. C. Dyer.

Song led by Sister Marie Brown, No. 56. Motion and carried to change election of officers of Sunday School Rally from Fifth Sun-

day meeting to the District Association. This is to be permanent. Election of officers: President, Dallas Jones; vice president, Eva Tucker; secretary, Les Morgan. Song by Ruth Brown, Alma Wynn, Christine Myres Home for Sunday School Rally: Pleasant Grove.

The following committees were appointed by Moderator:

Divine Service—Homer Myers, Edgar Flemister, Fay Mann, Eva Thompson and Bro. Barker.

Resolutions—W. W. Clark, Murry Funderburg and Cliff Dyer.

Temperance—Sister Jenkins, Sister Hunter and Sister Alma Wynn.

Sabbath Schools—Bro. McMahon, Johnny Sweeny, Ola Mae Moore, Bro. King, Ella Mae Dyer.

Finance—Violet Moore, Sister Meeks, Hazel Brown, Lee Wynn.

Obituary—Bro. Scroggins, Bro. Grant, Sister Vivian Dyer, Mandy Williams and Fay Brown.

Condition of None Represented Churches—John Funderburg, Clyde Taylor and John Williams.

Union of Churches—Havis Moore, W. T. Woodruff, Henry Jeter.

Credentials—Robert Scroggins, Edgar Flemister, Murry Funderburg.

Statistics—Leo Morgan, Sister Barker, Eva Tucker, Christine Myres, Bro. Taylor.

Dismissed by Bro. J. C. Moring.

FRIDAY EVENING

Called to order by Moderator. Prayer by Bro. J. C. Moring. Devotional services by Bro. O. A. Ashcraft. Forty-six testified. Preaching at 8 by Rev. Lewis Barker. Concluded by Bro. Hartley. Dismissed by Bro. W. P. White.

SATURDAY MORNING

Called to order by Moderator at 9 o'clock. Song by Bro. Dyer. Scripture reading by Moderator. Romans 12th chapter. Prayer by Rev. J. E. White. Song No. 129, led by Rev. R. M. Moore Also 113 and 96. Recess.

Called to order by Moderator. Song service by Bro. Harvey Lawson. Preaching by Rev. J. E. Moring. Concluded by Rev. W. P. White. Dismissed for noon by Bro. H. C. Dyer. Dinner served on ground.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Called to order by Moderator Rev. Lewis Barker. Song by H. C. Dyer. Scripture reading by Moderator. Prayer by Elder Roy Moore.

Report of Committees:

DIVINE SERVICE—We the Committee of Divine Service appoint for Friday night to fill the pulpit Elder Lewis Barker. Concluded by Elder J. R. Hartley. Saturday night, Elder J. E. White, concluded by Elder Crouch.

OBITUARY—We your committee on Obituary find the death angel has visited and called from our midst Sister Mary Brown, Sister Myres, Sister Lennie Green, Bro. J. J. Dyer, Bro. Wylie Grubbs.

We express our sympathy for the beloved ones. We bow our hearts to God, who doeth all things well.

FINANCE—We your committee on Finance have collected and turned over to the Clerk, Eight Dollars and Thirty-five cents (\$8.35).

NON REPRESENTED CHURCHES—We, your committee on Non-Represented Churches, find that all of our churches are represented and are in union as far as we know.

STATISTICS—We, your committee on Statistics, beg leave the following report:

Pastorial Work	\$610.59
Help in Meetings	82.16
For Minutes	24.50
Sunday School	70.42
Rally Day	4.40
Repairs	63.00
TOTAL	\$862.07

SABBATH SCHOOLS—We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, believe that no church can be a success without a Sunday School, because it is a place where we can teach our children the true word of God while in their youth. We urge that every church, that has a Sunday School, do their best to enlarge it this coming year. And the church that does not have a Sunday School to organize one at once.

CREDENTIALS—We, your committee on Credentials, find that all ministers are in good status as far as we know.

TEMPERANCE—We, your committee on Temperance, find that strong drinks have taken more lives and caused more grief and broken more homes than any other sin. We, as Free Will Baptists, should take a greater stand than ever before to do away with this destructible sin, that we might preserve the morale of a rising generation.

Be it resolved that every pastor and minister of the Saline Association make a special drive through September for subscriptions for our state paper.

Be it Resolved, that each church in the Saline Association take Communion and wash feet like we used to in May of each year.

Election of Delegates to State Association were: Sister Meeks, Bro. Havis Moore, Mro. McMahon, Bro. Murphy, Bro. Lorton Calvert. Alternates: Bro. J. M. Morgan, Sister Jenkins, Sister Calvert.

Saline Association goes to Willoughby, 3 miles west of Warren, meeting at 9 o'clock on Friday morning before the First Sunday in September, 1941.

Be it Resolved, that each church send four dollars (\$4.00) by delegates for the printing of Minutes and clerk hire.

Elder J. C. Moring to preach introductory sermon, alternate: Elder D. A. Bryan. Memorial, Elder G. S. Jenkins, alternate: Elder J. E. White.

Ministers' Reports—

Elder J. R. Hartley: I have not been able to take regular work on account of my health. Have preached 14 sermons and piled chunks in five meetings. Pray for me that I may get able to take work again. Help received—\$1.50.

Elder Lewis Barker: Report a fair year of service. Number of sermons unknown. Amount of collection unknown. Saw several conversions. Pray for me.

Elder D. A. Bryan: I have pastored one church, preached 31 sermons, drove 564 miles, received \$28.40, reorganized one church. I beg you pray for me.

Elder J. C. Moring: Preached 67 sermons, pastored two churches, preached one mission point, baptized three, received eight into the church, received \$145.02. Pray for me.

Elder G. S. Jenkins: I wish to report that this has been a good year for me in His service. The Lord has blest. I have hepled in six meetings, preached 11 funerals, married seven couples, preached, in all, 148 times, baptized 26, received for preaching this year \$73.85. Pray for me.

Elders O. A. Ashcraft, R. M. Moore, W. P. White and J. E. White made a verbal report.

Business closed Saturday evening with a handshake of peace and harmony.

Motioned and seconded to elect a committee to investigate conduct of ministers.

G. S. Jenkins, W. W. Clark, J. E. White, Robie Hollis, and J. M. Crouch, committee to investigate ministers not reported. Murry Funderburg, J. E. White, H. C. Dyer dismissed by Rev. R. M. Moore.

We have in the treasury \$24.50 for minutes and clerk hire.

SATURDAY EVENING

Song directed by D. A. Bryan. Two songs directed by Leonard Doggett. Prayer by Bro. J. C. Moring. Song by Ollie Sweeney. Devotional service directed by W. W. Clark. Quartet by Leonard Doggett. Sermon by Bro. Fredick from Oklahoma. Fourth chapter of Mark. followed by Bro. Crouch. Made a call for sinners. Dismissed by Bro. J. E. White.

SUNDAY MORNING

Song service by Leonard Doggett. Scripture reading by Bro. Lewis Barker. Prayer by Bro. J. E. White. Duet by Pace twins. Quartet by Leonard Doggett. Quartet by Mr. Pace. Eleven o'clock service. Preaching by Bro. D. A. Bryan. Lesson, Second King. Conducted by Bro. J. E. White. Prayer by Bro. Hartley. Song by Mr. Pace. Dismissed for noon by Bro. H. L. Myers.

Sunday evening was spent in class singing and was an enjoyable evening with a number of quartets by Brown quartet, Pace quartet, Doggett quartet and a duet by Pace twins. Dismissed by Bro. J. R. Hartley.

DALLAS JONES, Clerk.

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; I Cor. 8:6; I John 5:7; 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 accepted, by being born to 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 up 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 16:9-19; Luke 24:50-43; 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 its 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 and new testaments, was given by Inspiration of GOD, is our waybill from earth to heaven, and only infallible rule of faith and practice. II Peter 1:19-21; II Tim. 3:14-17; Daniel 10:21; Acts 1:16-17; Math. 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 promises 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 was 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; Gen. 2:16-17; Rom. 11:11-35; Psalms 37:23-24; Rom. 5:18.

6. **REDEMPTION, SALVATION, ADOPTION**—We believe that Jesus Christ by his birth, death, burial, resurrection and ascension, paid the purchase price of the redemption of the whole human race, arranged a pardon for all who come to Him 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; Isa. 45:22.

7. **CONDITION OF SALVATION**—We believe that all persons dying in infancy and all idiots are saved by the atoning merits of

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, and 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; Math. 19: 13-22; II 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. I Peter 1:9-13-25; 2:9-24-25; 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 Holy Spirit, in which is represented the burial and resurrection of Christ; also represents our death to sin, and only those who have come under the presbytery of elders are qualified to administer the same. Math. 3:14-15-16; 3:5-6; First Peter 3:21; St. John 3:23; Acts 10:47; Math. 28:19.

10. **COMMUNION AND FEET WASHING**—We believe that the Lord's supper and the washing of feet are ordinances of the gospel of Christ; the Lord's supper was instituted by our Savior 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; I Cor. 11:20-29; St. John 13:1-18; Math. 26:26-27-28-29.

11. **THE SABBATH**—We believe that the Christian Sabbath should 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; Exodus 31:12-18; Deut. 5:12-15; Ezek. 20:12; Math. 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, he 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; Math. 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 able to the restitution of all things, from every kindred, nation, tongue and people. Ephes. 3:16-21; Heb. 12:22-23; First Peter 2:5; Ephes. 2:20-22; Acts 2:47; Math. 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. Second Thes. 1:1; Acts 16:5; Third John 1:10; Math. 18:17; Acts 20:28; Rev. 1:4-11-20.

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 continue would be eternally lost. II Cor. 9:10; II Peter 1:4-8; I Peter 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39. Apostasy: II Peter 1:8-9; I Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17; I John 5:16; Heb. 6:1-6; I Tim. 4:1-2; Heb. 3:12; St. John 15:1-7; Math. 12:31-32.

16. **CHRIST THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH**—We believe that Christ is the great heart of the Church, and that the government of the local church is with the body. Col. 1:18-19; Math. 16:18; Heb. 12:23; Math. 21:42; Ephes. 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 christian can and should abide in this state to the end of life, constantly growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. I Cor. 6:11; II Thes. 2:13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; II Thes. 5:19-23; St. John 17:17-18; II Tim. 2:20-21.

18. **THE SOUL**—The soul is endless, hence does not die with the body, but immediately after death enters into 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; Math. 10:28.

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

20. **JUDGMENT**—We believe that 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. II Thes. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; II Cor. 5:10; Math. 12:36-37; Rev. 20:12-13; Acts 17:31.

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded with a prayer.
2. Those who speak shall rise, address the Moderator, and personal reflections shall be avoided.
3. All motions made and seconded shall be open for discussion, but debate may be shut off at any time by a majority of the members of the Association.
4. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.
5. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes, unless so ordered at the time.
6. No one shall speak more than once on the same subject without special leave from the body.
7. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.
8. No member shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.
9. At the future sessions of this Association arrangements shall be made so as to insure two sermons, or other devotional exercises which shall be equivalent thereto, during each day of the session, and that the chair announce just before adjournments who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.
10. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular meeting of the Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Association called to order by Moderator, or in his absence, the Clerk.
3. Letters from the Association of this Association called for, read and messengers invited to seats.
4. Right hand of fellowship.
5. Call for letters from newly organized Associations.
6. Corresponding Associations.
7. Election of permanent officers.
8. Reading Rules of Order and Minutes of last Association by Chairman or Clerk.
9. Appointment of the following Committees: (a) Resolutions; (b) Finance; (c) Arrangements of Preaching; (d) Temperance; (e) Sabbath Schools; (f) Obituaries; (g) Condition of Non-Represented Churches; (h) Union of Churches; (j) Credential; (k) Statistics.
10. Report of Committees appointed at last Association, and other unfinished business.
11. Report of new committees.
12. New business.
13. Adjournment.